

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

Saint Mary Parish + Madonna of Jerusalem Parish + Saint John Cantius Parish

Very Reverend Frank D. Almade, V. F., Administrator

AUGUST 24, 2008

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
6:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
7:30 pm St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

Sunday

8:30 am St. John Cantius Church
10:30 am St. Mary Church
10:30 am St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

BAPTISMS by appointment. Pre-Baptism session required. Baptisms will take place during any Sunday Mass.

MARRIAGES Six months' notice required. Please call Father to arrange an interview.

ANointing OF THE SICK Available at the conclusion of all weekend Masses or call Father Almade. Kindly inform us of hospitalized or shut-in parishioners.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday : 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. MOJ

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. MOJ

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. John Paul I Center

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church

Saturday: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain

Website: www.tkccp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This Week in the Church

Sunday, August 24

St. Bartholomew

Monday, August 25

St. Louis of France

Tuesday, August 26

St. Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday, August 27

St. Monica

Thursday, August 28

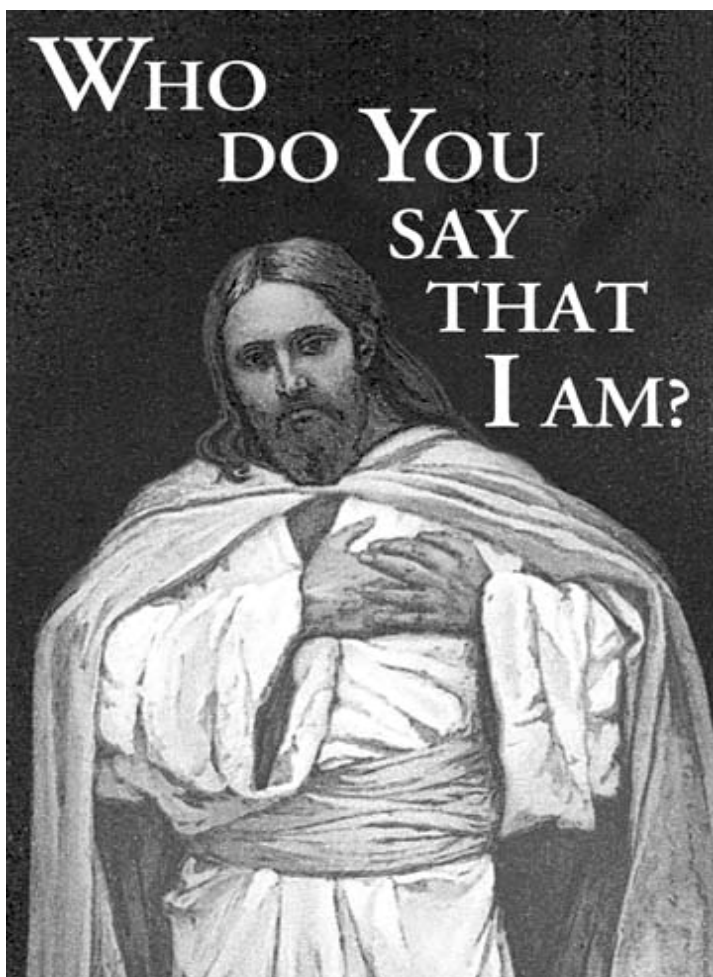
St. Augustine

Friday, August 29

Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, August 30

Blessed Jeanne Jugan



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| Stewardship | |
| Offertory August 17/18, 2008 | |
| St. Mary | \$2,545 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$2,014 |
| St. John Cantius | \$ 861 |

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| Assumption | |
| St. Mary | \$1,145 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$ 700 |
| St. John Cantius | \$ 266 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

LABOR DAY The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg will have one Mass on Monday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church. The Diocese of Pittsburgh sponsors a special Labor Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Benedict the Moor Church, Hill District, with Bishop Zubik prior to the start of the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade. All are welcome at both Masses.

CCD REGISTRATION We are still accepting registrations for children in CCD classes for 2008-09. Classes will be held in the John Paul I Pastoral Center beginning Monday, September 22. In addition, we are in need of several catechists to help in the faith formation of our children. To register or to volunteer as a teacher, please call Rosemarie at the Parish Office.

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE Beginning on Wednesday, September 3, there will no longer be Mass in the evening. All weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be at 7:30 a.m. The opportunity for confession will remain on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every week.

CONFIRMATION We are very pleased to announce Bishop Paul Bradley will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary Church on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. There are 12 young candidates for this sacrament, as well as several adult candidates. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

SERIES ON "YEAR OF 3 POPES" 1978 was the year of three popes. Pope Paul VI died after 15 years of serving as pope on August 6. Pope John Paul I was elected on August 26 and died suddenly on September 28. Pope John Paul II was elected October 16. Father Almada will continue talks on each of these pontiffs: on Thursday, September 25, on Pope Paul John I and Thursday, October 23, on Pope John Paul II. All talks with opportunity for questions and discussion are from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center and are free and open to all.


ADULT CONFIRMATION Were you baptized and made your first holy communion, but never confirmed in the Catholic Church? This is your opportunity for adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Father Almada is offering a three-week series for adults who wish to receive the sacrament on Thursdays, September 4, 10 and 18 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Father Almada at (412) 784-8700.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church's call to faithful citizenship? Want to see videos or podcasts about the church's faith in action? Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org for a world of information. The bishops state, "Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will."

Please pray for

FRANK A. BENNARDO

May he rest in peace.




Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

Joseph Krystopolski

by

Wife, Helen, and Daughter, Dorothy



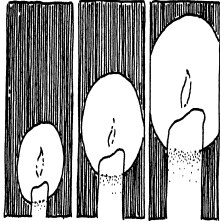
**Altar and Sanctuary
Candles are burning
this week**

In memory of

John and Helen Bursich

by

Francis (Bud) and Janice Peitz



CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy is now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grades. They are excited to show you their school and financial assistance is available to qualified candidates. Please call to arrange a tour or for more information call (412) 781-7927 or www.cdteatholicacademy.org.

ELECTION DAY As you know, this upcoming election is a very important one as we elect a new president and vice president. Election Day is November 4; please fulfill your civic obligation by participating in this election. If you are not a registered voter, register now to express your faith.

19TH ANNUAL SOCIAL MINISTRY INSTITUTE Bishop David Zubik will be the keynote speaker at the 19th annual Social Ministry Institute sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Friday, September 19, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Green Tree. Recognizing that there is much work to be done in the Lord's vineyards, this year the Institute will focus on the invitation to each of the faithful of the Church to become a part of the "Church Alive." Mass, fellowship and workshops will also be offered. Registration is \$35 and call (412) 456-6975 for more information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT St. Bonaventure Bereavement Ministry is offering a seven-week grief support group this fall. Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to join this free series. A morning Grief Support Group will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. beginning on Friday, September 5, and ending on Friday, October 17. For more information or to register, please call (412) 486-2606 ext 101.

ABUSE PROTECTION The Diocese of Pittsburgh is committed to the prevention of abuse of children and young people. Our diocesan church has a strong record of responding to accusations of sexual misconduct by clergy or church personnel. The toll free number to contact in case of sexual abuse is 1-888-808-1235.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting families with food, utility and rent bills. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS Noted author Rev. Christopher Rengers, O.F.M.Cap., will present a free lecture on Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of the Angels' Holy Family Social Hall on 44th Street in Lawrenceville. Light refreshments will be served.

FALL FESTIVAL The Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh will hold a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Hall on the Monastery Campus, Perrysville Avenue. Beverages and rolls will be served from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The festival will have stands featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, homemade candy, Monastery Bread, a Chinese auction, jellies and jams, kids' games and a silent auction. For more information, call (412) 931-2844.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE Do you know someone who is divorced, separated or widowed? A Beginning Experience weekend, September 12 through 14 at St. Joseph's Spirituality Center in Baden, offers an opportunity for healing one's loss in a caring atmosphere. This retreat is supported by the Office for Parish Life and Family Life. For information, please call Bernadette Warner at (412) 257-0134.

FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM Are you an empty nester? Looking for a rewarding part-time or full-time job? Do you enjoy helping people? Have you graduated from high school and don't know what you want to do? The Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh announces a free educational program to teach you how to become a Direct Support Professional (DSP). DSPs help people with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation/developmental disabilities) who live in group homes to live productive and meaningful lives. Please call Lorraine at (412) 381-0277 to find out how you can participate in this exciting, free eight-week training course beginning in October.

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS The 2008 Walk to Defeat ALS will be held on Saturday, September 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. Beth Cancilla, our former Parish Secretary, and her family head up "Frank's Army", and you are invited to help them raise funds to fight this deadly disease. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

30TH ANNIVERSARY Father Almada was ordained a priest on September 30, 1978. This year he celebrates his 30th Anniversary of ordination. All are welcome to attend his Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. A reception will follow in the John Paul I Center.

FATHER ALMADE will return from vacation on Tuesday, September 2.

NEW ON WEBSITE Our website, ww.catholicsharpsburg.org has histories of each of the four Sharpsburg parishes. Read about our history today.

BINGO!

at MADONNA

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.
BINGO BEGINS AT 7 P.M.
in the John Paul I Center

Free Coffee!

No one under 14 permitted.

SMOKERS/NON-SMOKERS WELCOME!!!

LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

For more information, call Marie at 412-781-3388.

BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO Born into a prosperous, devout family in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Miguel entered the Jesuits in 1911 but three years later fled to Granada, Spain because of religious persecution in Mexico. He was ordained in Belgium in 1925.

He immediately returned to Mexico where he served a Church forced to go "underground." He celebrated the Eucharist clandestinely and ministered the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics.

He and his brother, Roberto, were arrested on trumped-up charges of attempting to assassinate Mexico's president. Roberto was spared but Miguel was sentenced to face a firing squad on November 23, 1927. His funeral became a public demonstration of faith. He was beatified in 1988 and his feast is celebrated on November 23.

ECONOMY AFFECTS MARRIAGES It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stress in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held from September 26 through September 28 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Findlay Township. For more information, please call Mary and Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775.

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY An in-depth study of the Book of Exodus that will run September through May on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (We will follow the Fox Chapel Area School District calendar.) The first class is Tuesday, September 9 in the St. Scholastica Parish Hall. Any woman is welcome to join the group. In addition to learning about our Lord and His Church, you will also have a great opportunity to fellowship with others in our community. The registration fee is \$50 and covers all materials needed for the 30-week course. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Vertosick at (412) 963-1104. Deadline for registration is September 1.

Please remember your parish in your will.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Recently I came across a treasure trove of quotes by **Will Rogers** (1879-1935), the Cherokee-American humorist, social commentator, and actor from Oklahoma. Here's a sampling:

On human nature: "Try to live your life so that you wouldn't be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip." "Never miss a good chance to shut up." "Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in." "There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works." "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." "I never yet met a man I didn't like." "When the Okies left Oklahoma and moved to California, they raised the average intelligence level in both states." "The best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what is the matter—he's just got to know." "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment." "You can't say civilization don't advance, for in every war they kill you in a new way." "Nothing you can't spell will ever work."

On truth, wisdom and stupidity: "An ignorant person is one who doesn't know what you have just found out." "If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out." "Everyone is ignorant, only in different subjects." "People are getting smarter nowadays; they are letting lawyers, instead of their conscience, be their guide." "An onion can make people cry, but there's never been a vegetable invented which could make them laugh." "Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as truth."

On politics and government: "Everything is changing. People are taking the comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke." "I guess truth can hurt you worse in an election than about anything that can happen to you." "I belong to no organized party. I am a Democrat." "Elections are a good deal like marriages. There's no accounting for anyone's taste. Every time we see a bridegroom we wonder why she ever picked him, and it's the same with public officials." "After seeing our representatives, George Washington would sue us for calling him 'father.'" "Be thankful we're not getting all the government we pay for." "There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you." "I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." "The man with the best job in the country is the Vice President. All he has to do is get up every morning and say, 'How's the President?'" "We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." "The trouble with practical jokes is that very often they get elected."

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., AUG. 23

4:00 PM MOJ SAMUEL BENNARDO by wife, Jennie, son and family

6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., AUG. 24

8:30 AM SJC MOLLIE REED & FAMILY by Marianne and Al Reed

10:30 AM STM ROBERT VITA by wife, Marie, and family

MON., AUG. 25

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

TUE., AUG. 26

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

WED., AUG. 27

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

No confession 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

THU., AUG. 28

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

FRI., AUG. 29

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

SAT., AUG. 30

4:00 PM MOJ MARY ALICE VITA by Sue and Bill Hill

6:00 PM MOJ ROBERT PIETRZAK by family

SUN., AUG. 31

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

10:30 AM STM MARGARET, LOUIS AND AUGUST PUGAR by grandsons

If you have a Mass scheduled and wish to bring the gifts to Father, please tell the ushers prior to Mass starting.

MARRIAGE MOMENT On hot, muggy summer nights, you might feel that the romance of your courtship is history. Summon up your energy and do something crazy, playful and cooling. Run through a sprinkler, take a moonlit walk, catch fireflies. Be silly. If nothing else, you will have a story to remember.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Like Jesus in today's Gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the names given us by our family come closest to capturing our identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC Bishop Zubik is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, September 27. A bus will leave at 6:00 a.m. from St. Edward Church in Blawnox and arrive back at 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 and includes a box lunch. Please call Mary Johns at (412) 828-3078 for additional information.

WEDDINGS FOR 2009 Any couples who are planning to receive the Sacrament of Marriage in one of our churches in 2009 should contact Father Almade. Diocesan policy requires a minimum of six months before a wedding can be scheduled.

FLEA MARKET is held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Kennedy Field on 13th and North Canal Streets in Sharpsburg on each Saturday through September 27. The flea market is sponsored by the Sharpsburg Holiday Committee and all proceeds benefit the children in the community. Vendor spaces are available at NO CHARGE per space and a concession stand is also open. For information, call Pat at (412) 782-1395.

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Attn: Rosemarie

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