

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

AUGUST 3, 2008

EIGHTEENTH 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 Almada. 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.

Readings for the Week of August 3, 2008-August 9, 2008

Sunday, August 3, 2008

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145, Romans 8:35,37-39;
Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 4, 2008

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Psalm 119; Matthew 24:22-36

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Psalm 102,
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

Thursday, August 7, 2008

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51, Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 8, 2008

Nathaniel 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41;
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4; Psalm 9; Matthew 17:14-20



WELCOME! Please welcome Father Bill Dorner back to Sharpsburg as he celebrates 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 2. Father Bill completed his deacon internship here in Sharpsburg. He is celebrating his first anniversary as a priest. Father Bill is currently parochial vicar at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Conway, Beaver County. Father Bill celebrated Mass here in Sharpsburg a week after his ordination and his homily was touching in his expression of gratitude and love for the people. He also challenged us to continue to pray for vocations and stepped out in faith that this would occur within three years. Are you being faithful to this prayer?

CONGRATULATIONS! Sister Thaddeus Markelewicz will return to Sharpsburg to celebrate her 45th jubilee in religious life on Sunday, August 3 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary Church. Sister is the executive director of McGuire Memorial Home in New Brighton. This amazing institution, a ministry of the Felician Sisters, serves the most severely mentally and physically handicapped young people in a sensitive and loving manner. We are grateful to Sister Thaddeus for her many years of dedication to our Lord's service and we rejoice with her for the blessings God has bestowed upon her.

Stewardship
Offertory July 26/27, 2008

St. Mary	\$2,046
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,659
St. John Cantius	\$ 473

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION The Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, is Friday, August 15. The Mass schedule is as follows: Thursday, August 14, 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Friday, August 15, 7:30 a.m. at Madonna, 12 Noon at St. Mary and 7:00 p.m. at Madonna.



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FLEA MARKET A flea market will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Mary School and Rectory. Many items, including desks, chairs, religious items and others, will be available for sale. Since St. Mary Parish is in the process of selling the school, lyceum and rectory, this time will also be an

opportunity for parishioners to "take a last look around." All buildings will be open during the flea market.

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.

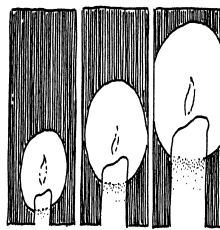
LABOR DAY The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg will have one Mass on Monday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church. The Diocese of Pittsburgh sponsors a special Labor Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Benedict the Moor Church, Hill District, with Bishop Zubik prior to the start of the Pittsburgh Labor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

Flowers at the Altar

In thanksgiving for blessings received
by
Sister Thaddeus Markelewicz CSSF



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

In memory of
Albert and Bernadette Simmons
by
Mike and Althea Phelan



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In Memoriam

Please pray for

**Tammy Shearer and
Sharyn (Sybo) Ashburn**

May they rest in peace.

CEMETERY HELP WANTED Two temporary positions are available for field workers at the cemetery from August through October. Applicants should be at least eighteen years of age or older and please call the Cemetery Office at (412) 784-8960 for an application.

DIOCESAN ABUSE HOTLINE Please do not forget that the diocese has established a toll-free number for any victims of abuse. The number is 1-888-808-1235 and your call will be confidential.

GUYASUTA DAYS Volunteers are needed to work in the booth for our parish for Guyasuta Days which are from August 4 through 9. Help is needed from Tuesday through Friday for two two-hour slots beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 10:30. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Support your community by visiting the Guyasuta Days in Kennedy Park.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL Only a handful of seats are left for this special trip. Father Almada cordially invites any interested parishioner or CCS friend to join him on a one-day trip to St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 16. We will begin the day at St. Mary Church with prayer and depart at 10:00 a.m. After arrival at St. Paul Cathedral, a guided tour will be given by one of their parishioners. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by Father Almada, followed by lunch at Duranti's Restaurant. After lunch, a short journey will be made to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in the Strip District and the bus will return to Sharpsburg by 3:00 p.m. The cost for this wonderful day, including lunch and tip, is \$45. Please call the Parish Office to register as soon as possible.

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.

Please remember your parish in your will.

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 Almade will present three talks on each of these pontiffs: Thursday, August 21 on Pope Paul VI, 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 7:00 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 Almade 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 Almade at (412) 784-8700.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY Please join us on August 10 for a celebration of Young Adult Sunday. We will celebrate Mass together at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church with a continental breakfast immediately following Mass at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. All young adults, age 18 to 40, are encouraged to participate in this event and to get involved in the Church to use their God-given gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world. Please contact Tom Troyan at (412) 782-4860 for additional information.



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ST. VINCENT de PAUL In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. Like the story of the "loaves and fish", this month through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul we are able to assist families with food, utilities and rent. Thank you!

DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS Auditions for the 2008-2009 Diocesan Choir season will be soon be held. The Choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, nationally known Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major Diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral throughout the year, as well as an ecumenical Christmas Festival at Heinz Hall. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne in the Diocesan Music Office at (412) 456-3042 before August 7.

FAMILY FEST Families of the diocese are invited to share in a special Family Fest for the Year of St. Paul. This very special event will take place on Saturday, August 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary. A Mass with Bishop Zubik presiding will highlight the event. There will be a catered picnic lunch, games, races, a tour of the seminary and lots more. The cost is \$5 per person or \$25 for the whole family. To register, make your check out to the Diocese of Pittsburgh and send it to the Office of Family Life and Catechesis, Diocese of Pittsburgh, 111 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The deadline for registration is August 18 and for more information, please call (412) 456-3160.

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.

ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS A brilliant Jewish philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led her to Baptism in 1922. Twelve years later, she imitated Teresa by becoming a Carmelite Sister, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Wroclaw, Poland, Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Gottingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology, an approach to philosophy. Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922 and her next appointment as a lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living in Cologne, she moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister, Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

The Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is August 9.

MARRIAGE MOMENT When it's hard to forgive a spouse who has "done you wrong", try praying this way. "Oh, Lord, help me forgive those who sin differently than I do." Now is the time for healing, not self-righteousness.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds to go buy food." Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just five loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

ANNUAL RETREAT Eileen George of "Meet the Father Ministry" will hold her annual retreat and healing service at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on August 22 through August 24. Please call the retreat center at (412) 381-7676 for reservations. Pre-registration is required.

Our website is www.catholicsharpsburg.org

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

From July 14 to 21 I was on retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Cleveland, Ohio. Several parishioners very kindly asked me on my return how was my "vacation." I politely corrected them and said I was on retreat. What's the difference?

In one sense, a retreat is a vacation, a time to rest and get away from the busyness of life. But the purpose is not to "veg out" or play golf or see new tourist destinations. The purpose of a retreat is to open oneself more to God's grace and life. The particular kind of retreat I participated in was an individual directed Ignatian retreat. Let me explain.

St. Ignatius of Loyola was a Basque Spaniard soldier in the 16th century who had a dramatic conversion to Christ after being wounded in war. He received a vision, which he subsequently wrote down in his "Spiritual Exercises." These formed the basis of the training of men in the religious order he founded, the Society (Company) of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. But 50 years ago Jesuit priests started teaching the Spiritual Exercises to lay men and women. Today there are more Christians who know and use Ignatius's method and spirituality of prayer than every before. I am one of them. This was my ninth 8 day silent Ignatian retreat.

In the words of one commentator: "Ignatian spirituality offers to those of us who live busy lives a way to God. It helps us find our own appropriate way in mental prayer and in an active life in the world and the church. Ignatian spirituality seeks the God who is always at work in the world and in each heart. The purpose of the spirituality is to help us find how we are to work along with God to bring the reign of Christ to human life and to the everyday world as it is now."

In a directed retreat, silence is golden. No chit-chat in the halls, no idle conversation at meals, no TV or radio: silence is to allow God to speak to each retreatant. I was taught to attempt four one-hour periods of prayer daily, either in my room, the chapel or (if weather permits) outdoors. We also attend daily Mass, and meet with our director for about 20 minutes. Often my director gives me a passage from the bible (Jesus calming the storm on the sea, or the Last Supper, for example) to ponder and pray. I find the silence enriches me, and focuses me on what is important in my life—my relationship with the living and loving God, and the Son of God, Christ Jesus.

I am very grateful that the church orders priests to take an annual spiritual retreat. In fact, it is a practice that laity are increasingly doing as well. I am thankful for Fathers Carlo Napoli and Louie DeNinno for celebrating the Sunday Masses for the faithful. Please know that I prayed for all of you, and the entire Catholic Community of Sharpsburg, while on retreat. From the motto of the Jesuits: "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam." "All for the greater glory of God."

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., AUG. 2

4:00 PM MOJ MARGIE HUGHES by husband and family
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., AUG. 3

8:30 AM SJC JOE AND MARCIE KACHINSKI by a friend
10:30 AM STM IN THANKSGIVING FOR SISTER THADDEUS
MARKELEWICZ CSSF 45 YEARS AS A
FELICIAN SISTER

MON., AUG. 4

7:30 AM MOJ TONY AND ANN PUGLIESE by Rosemarie,
Michael and Rachel

TUE., AUG. 5

7:30 AM MOJ JOSEPH ORESIC by daughter, Marilyn and
family

WED., AUG. 6

7:00 PM MOJ MRS. ROSE HORNE, ROSEMARIE, BILL AND
RICHARD by the Home Family

THU., AUG. 7

7:30 AM MOJ SUSAN LONCARIC BY Evelyn Troyan and Betty
Phelan

FRI., AUG. 8

7:30 AM MOJ DOMENIC, ANDREW, ANTHONY, CARMEN,
CORRADO AND MARY KOHL by niece and
nephew, Donna and Tim Donovan

SAT., AUG. 9

4:00 PM MOJ MONTEMURRO AND CRESTA FAMILIES by
Eugene and Judy Cresta
6:00 PM MOJ FRANCIS PEITZ, SR. AND HARRY PEITZ by
Janice and Francis Peitz

SUN., AUG. 10

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG
10:30 AM STM STEPHEN E. ECKERT, SR. AND SEAN W.
ECKERT by family

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

RETREAT A retreat will be held for all students in grades 9 through 12 at Camp Allegheny in Ellwood City from Friday, November 21 through Sunday, November 23. The cost is \$85 per person and for additional information, please call Tom Troyan at (412) 782-4860.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BLESSEDS Zelie and Louis Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patroness of the missions, are to be beatified on Mission Sunday, October 19, at Lisieux, France. Zelie and Louis had nine children, four of whom died in early childhood. The other five, all daughters, became nuns. Cardinal Saraiva Martins made the long-anticipated announcement when he presided at a Solemn Pontifical Mass at Notre-Dame Church at Alencon in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Martin's wedding.

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

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