

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 31, 2008

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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CCD.....412-784-8700
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Christ the Divine Teacher
Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
E-mail.....CCinSharpsburg@yahoo.com
Web site.....www.catholicsharpsburg.org

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.

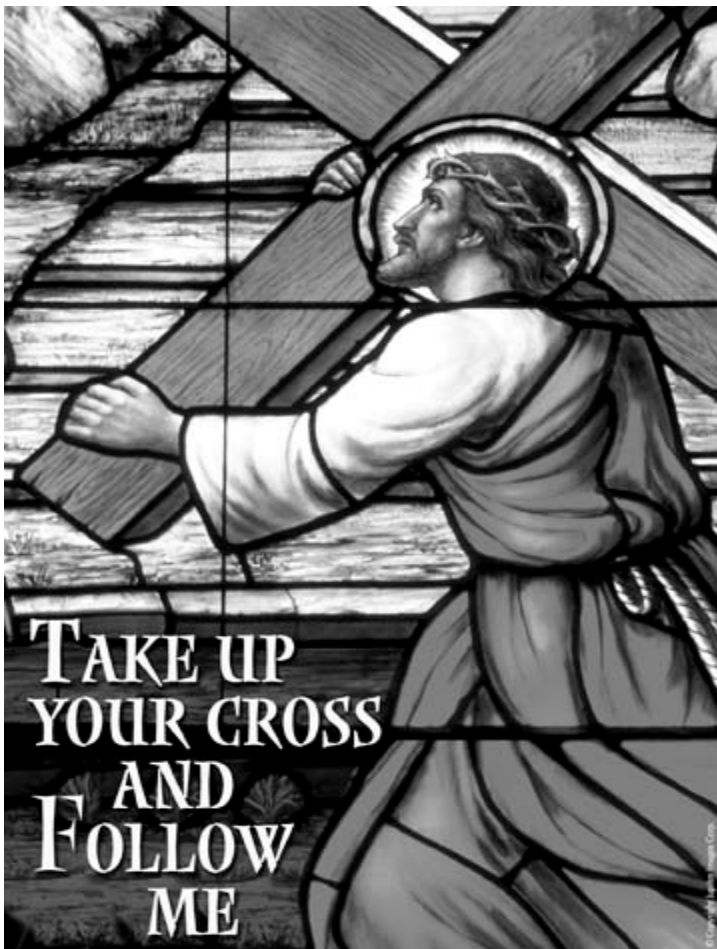
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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)



This Week in the Church

Sunday, August 31

Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Monday, September 1

St. Giles

Tuesday, September 2

Blessed John Francis Burte and Companions

Wednesday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

Thursday, September 4

St. Rose of Viterbo

Friday, September 5

Blessed Mother of Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday, September 6

Blessed Claudio Granzotto

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Stewardship	
Offertory August 23/24, 2008	
St. Mary	\$2,066
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$3,567
St. John Cantius	\$ 412

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

LABOR DAY The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg will have one Mass tomorrow, 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 this week 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 Almade 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Today we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

IS YOUR MARRIAGE BREAKING YOUR HEART? Hope and help are available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend September 19 through 21. Additional information can be obtained by calling (412) 277-3434.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND From September 26 through 28, a marriage encounter weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in marriage. This weekend will take place at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Findlay Township. For more information or to register, please call Mary and Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775.

Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

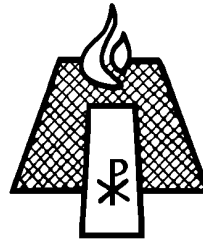
Tootsie Ranalli

by

Sal and Peg Cassandro



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

In memory of

Pappy Imhof

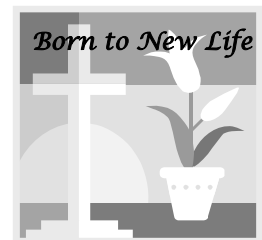
by

Grandchildren, Alec, Anthony and Adriana

Please pray for

Frank Bennardo

May he rest in peace.



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.cdtcatholicacademy.org.

30TH ANNIVERSARY Father Almade 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.

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY An in-depth study of the Book of Exodus will be held on Tuesdays from September through May. The first class will be this Tuesday, September 9, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the St. Scholastica Parish Hall and any woman is welcome to join this group. This is also a great opportunity to fellowship with others in the community. The registration fee is \$50 and covers all materials needed for the 30-week course. For more information or to register by September 1, please contact Kathy Vertosick at (412) 963-1104.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Diocese of Pittsburgh has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration daily through June 29, 2009 in honor of the Year of St. Paul. The schedule for the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg is as follows: Wednesday, October 1, from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. at St. John Cantius, Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem and Saturday, November 1, following 10:00 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these special times of devotion to our Lord.

Please remember your parish in your will.

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 this Friday, September 5, and ending on Friday, October 17. For more information or to register, please call (412) 486-2606 ext 101.

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.

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.

FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE The Annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held at the Alverno Senior Living Apartments on Hawthorne and Evergreen Roads Saturday, September 6, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Raffles, a bake sale, 50/50 drawing and much more. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9:00 a.m. and hotdogs with sauerkraut will be available at 10:00 a.m.

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

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.

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.

ANDREW KIM TAEGON, PAUL CHONG HASANG AND COMPANIONS

Andrew was the first native Korean priest and was the son of Korean converts. His father, Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839 and was beatified in 1925. After Baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year, he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul. Paul Chong Hasang was a seminarian, aged 45, who was martyred along with Andrew. The Feast of Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions is September 20.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC ON THE RADIO "Pittsburgh Catholic Conversations," a new monthly half-hour radio show, debuted on KQV AM 1410 radio on Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Dale Frank of the Mortgage Advisory Group, the program will be broadcast on the third Thursday of each month, then rebroadcast on the following Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to tune in to this wonderful show!

DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Southwestern PA Household Hazardous Waste Task Force, along with UPMC and other partners, is holding a Household Hazardous Waste disposal on Saturday, September 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the former Station Square Amphitheatre. Acceptable waste materials are aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs, gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, paint products, water sealers, pesticides and herbicides and pool chemicals. The fee is two dollars per gallon and only cash will be accepted. For more information, call (412) 488-7452.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC The Pittsburgh Catholic will publish supplements during the month of September. One will honor all jubilarians, one will examine Bishop Zubik's first year as Bishop of Pittsburgh and one will be a Senior Lifestyle supplement. Please be sure to take home copies of the Pittsburgh Catholic during September.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

In the Diamond Jubilee anniversary book for St. Mary Parish, dated December 18, 1927, there is a fascinating section entitled "Parish Regulations." I could quote many intriguing tidbits, but the one I want to highlight today is on Sick Calls. It reads:

"Sick calls are always cheerfully and promptly answered. They should be reported at the parish house in an early stage of the sickness, and if possible, in the morning or at noon, by an adult person, who can give the necessary information. Do not send children. Do not wait until the last moment. Night calls will never be refused, though they should be the exception."

This instruction for the Sacrament of Extreme Unction, or as we now call it, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, is amazingly contemporary. It anticipated by forty-five years the revision and updating of this sacrament, from the "last rites" before death to a prayer to Christ the Divine Physician for healing and support in the face of sickness. The Roman instruction for the sacrament from 1972 teaches: "The Letter of St. James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them up and save them. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously [not gravely or dangerously] impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament....A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present."

The thrust of this instruction is an ample and generous welcome for any who are sick to receive this sacrament. Again from the rite: "The priest should ensure that the abuse of delaying the reception of the sacrament does not occur, and that the celebration takes place while the sick person is capable of active participation." It is always a more prayerful celebration of this sacrament of healing when one or more family members are present. The sacrament is not meant to be received at the last hour before death.

This is why I have instituted the policy of making the sacrament available after any of the four Sunday Masses. Just come to the front of the church after Mass and wait for the priest to conclude greeting the people. Then he will anoint the ones who request it. Also, for years the priests from Aspinwall, Blawnox, Etna, O'Hara, and Sharpsburg have organized emergency sacramental coverage for patients of UPMC St. Margaret Hospital. Ask the nurse on duty to contact the hospital operator, who will contact the priest on duty. We priests are truly glad to come to anoint anyone, whether at home, or in the hospital for someone preparing for surgery, a patient who is elderly and recovering from a fall, or one who is in the emergency room. As the St. Mary's 1927 instruction wisely says, "Do not wait until the last moment [to be anointed with this sacrament]."

Schedule of Masses for the Week

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

MON., SEPT. 1 LABOR DAY

10:00 AM STM WALTER DRABICKI by Pat Markelewicz

TUE., SEPT. 2

7:30 AM MOJ LAURA OZIMEK by husband, Frank

WED., SEPT. 3

7:30 AM MOJ AUDREY VECCHIO by family

THU., SEPT. 4

7:30 AM MOJ GLORIA A. OLSZEWSKI by the Olszewski Family

FRI., SEPT. 5

7:30 AM MOJ DECEASED CLASSMATES OF 1947, 1948, 1949
AND 1950 SHARPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL by Leo
and Carmella Rudzki

SAT., SEPT. 6

4:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

6:00 PM MOJ FRANK ROMANO by children and grandchildren

SUN., SEPT. 7

8:30 AM SJC DONALD (CHIEF) FERRARO by wife, Hilda
and family

10:30 AM STM MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY S. TROZZO AND
SHARON MOLNAR by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Trozzo

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

FLEA MARKET A flea market is held each Saturday through September 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Kennedy Field on 13th and North Canal Streets in Sharpsburg. 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 more information, please call Pat at (412) 782-1395.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's Gospel, Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me." Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually be an obstacle.

MARRIAGE MOMENT Marriage educators often emphasize that it takes work to make a marriage last. Do a labor of love for your spouse today. It needn't be onerous. A simple favor like getting a snack, running an errand, offering a back rub would be a nice start. Eventually everyday could be Labor Day.

LABOR DAY The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30 a.m. In addition, there will not be a Bible Study class on September 1. The class will resume the following Monday, September 8, at 12:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

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