

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

FIFTH 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

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

MATTHEW 7:7 PRAYER GROUP

Monday: 7:15 p.m. in Madonna Church

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church
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, February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita

Monday, February 9

St. Jerome Emilani

Tuesday, February 10

St. Scholastica

Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday, February 12

St. Apollonia

Friday, February 13

St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph

Saturday, February 14

Saints Cyril and Methodius



St. Scholastica, Virgin

**JESUS CURED
MANY WHO
WERE SICK**

Stewardship
Offertory January 31/February 1, 2009

St. Mary	\$2,603.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$2,274.50
St. John Cantius	\$ 710.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

FIRST RECONCILIATION Our second graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Monday, February 9 at 6:45 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available for anyone who wishes to attend with Father Carlo Napoli and Father Almada available, especially for parents, siblings and parishioners. Please keep our little ones in your prayers as they receive this wonderful sacrament.

LENT The season of Lent will begin this year on Ash Wednesday, February 25. The Mass schedule (with distribution of ashes) is as follows: 7:30 a.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church, 12:00 Noon at St. Mary Church and 7:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Also, the daily Mass on Wednesdays will move to 7:00 p.m. for Lent in Madonna Church.

2009 FLOWERS AND CANDLES Candles and flowers are available for just about every weekend for this year. The offering for candles is \$25 and the cost for flowers is \$50. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to remember your loved ones in a special way through flowers and candles.

NEIGHBORLY HOSPITALITY Our neighbors at St. Joseph Parish, O'Hara, had a water main break in their current church building three weeks ago. As a result, until their new church (under construction) is completed in late fall, we have offered our churches to their parishioners for funeral Masses or weddings. So over the next several months, please note that we will mention in our bulletin the St. Joseph parishioners who celebrate these ceremonies in our churches.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 19. This month will feature the shower for Sister's Place and all members are asked to bring a household good or baby item to help mothers in need.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Stations of the Cross will be held on each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Different groups will present the stations throughout Lent. The schedule is as follows:

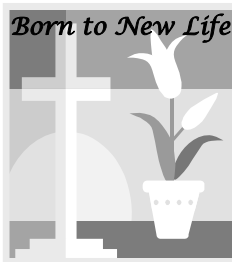
February 27	CCD Program
March 6	Holy Name Society
March 13	Christian Mothers and Rosary Society
March 20	Prayer Group
March 27	Youth Group
April 3	Living Stations

All are welcome to join us in prayer and reflection during this Lenten season.

ST. MARY CEMETERY In preparation for the spring, the cemetery workers request that you remove all decorations from the graves no later than March 1.

Our website is www.catholicsharpsburg.org

Born to New Life



Please pray for

**Mary Hollihan,
Mary Jane Gallo,
Josephine Dorn,
Barbara Miller
and
Shirley McKinley**

May they rest in peace.

LENTEN REGULATIONS Following is a list of rules that are to be followed by all Catholics during the Lenten season.

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.



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BICENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY This Thursday, February 12, marks the 200th birthday of one of the greatest presidents of our nation, Abraham Lincoln. He endured many struggles, made many enemies, fought wars, but never wavered in his great faith. His faith was evident by his many good works to help all who were being persecuted and his many references to God during his orations. A quote for the ages from Mr. Lincoln is, "It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him." Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln!

THANK YOU Cathy Zuza, a member of our pro-life committee, would like to thank all who helped pass out and collect postcards against the Freedom of Choice Act. Your help made it possible to process them quickly. We mailed 755 cards to our senators and representatives. If you did not get any cards, please take the time to write, call or email your Congressman.

ANOTHER NOTE OF THANKS The Youth Group would like to thank the parishioners of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg and all those who attended bingo this past weekend for their generosity in giving donations for "Souper Bowl Sunday." All of the donations will help our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. A special thank you to Marie Warrene for her support from the bingo. Your kindness is truly appreciated!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Are you looking for a medical mission experience close to home? Then join our "volunteers with heart" team of clinical and non-clinical professionals at the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center in downtown Pittsburgh. The mission of the center is dedicated to providing excellent primary health care at no charge to those who neither have health coverage nor are able to afford health insurance, regardless of religious affiliation. Physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, nurses and individuals with clerical and organizational skills are always needed and appreciated. Your time commitment is up to you. Free parking is provided. If you would like to share your gifts in the service of helping others, call Maureen at 412-456-6699.

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.

World Marriage Day—February 8, 2009

*Heartfelt Congratulations to our couples
celebrating special anniversaries this year!!*

Frank and Agnes Gorshin	9/27/41	Joseph and Annette Hilinski	5/12/44
Russell and Rose Williams	2/17/45	John and Margaret Ferraro	9/12/45
Gabriel and Mary Sciulli	10/19/46	Frank and Anne Vecchio	12/27/47
Albert and Ruth Perry	1/31/48	Joseph and Ralphine Missenda	7/20/49
Leo and Carmella Rudzki	2/11/50	Charles and Ellen Gerber	6/17/50
John and Alice Herchuck	2/ 6/51	Robert and Lois Celender	6/16/51
John and Eileen Fabrick	10/ 6/51	Tom and Vinicia Schiavone	1/27/54
Rocco and Evelina Panza	9/ 9/56	Bob and Sophie Myers	3/ 2/57
John and Jacqueline Lugara	8/31/57	Larry and Kassy Trozzo	9/20/58
Pietro and Maria Ferraro	4/25/59	Walter and Dorothy Bronowicz	8/ 1/59
Joseph and Germaine Pfeifer	9/26/59	David and Joyce Seifried	2/ 8/64
Charles and Marilyn Romea	3/15/69	Bob and Geri Kusluch	9/ 6/69
Dennis and Michele Sullivan	6/ 8/74	Tom and Kathy Shine	10/5/74
Bill and Suzanne Rowen	4/28/79	John and Pam Susi	3/ 3/84
Anthony and Kathy Pugliese	4/28/84	Carlo and Rita Lista	10/08/84
John and Janet Staud	4/29/94	Kirk and Tina Taylor	12/30/94

*We extend best wishes for many more years to these couples
and to all of our wonderful married couples in the
Catholic Community in Sharpsburg!*

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Last Sunday, February 1, I was privileged to preach in First English Lutheran Church, 125 N. Main Street here in Sharpsburg. Pastor Howard Ravenstahl invited me, after he and four of his parishioners had attended my lectures on the "1978 – The Year of Three Popes" last fall. It was his effort to celebrate the annual Octave of Christian Unity. This week, which ended with the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on January 25, focuses attention on the sad reality of the divisions within the one Church of Christ. As Vatican II taught in 1965, "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council.... In recent times, God has begun to bestow more generously upon divided Christians remorse over their divisions and longing for unity."

The parishioners warmly welcomed me before, during and after worship. (Yes, Lutherans like Catholics enjoy coffee and donuts on Sunday morning after praying!) Pastor Ravenstahl could not have been more gracious to me. And we agreed that we have to look for more opportunities for him and me, and the other pastors in town, to get together, as well as our parishioners. As the Fathers of Vatican II noted, "Today in many parts of the world, under the influence of the grace of the Holy Spirit, many efforts are being made in prayer, word and action to attain that fullness of unity which Jesus Christ desires. This sacred council, therefore, exhorts all the Catholic faithful to recognize the signs of the times and to take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism." Jesus desired that all his followers be one (John 17:21). Let us work and pray that that day come quickly.

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As I write this on Monday evening after Super Bowl XLIII, I am still trying to digest/appreciate the electrifying victory of the Steelers over the Cardinals yesterday. Somebody asked me on Sunday, "Are you praying for the Steelers?" I said no, to their surprise. I did pray that no player get injured. But I sure as heck was rooting for victory at the top of my lungs!

Sport brings imperfect, yet valuable, metaphors for life. Steelers owner Dan Rooney, head coach Mike Tomlin, and player leaders Hines Ward, Ben Roethlisberger, Troy Polamalu, and James Harrison throughout the season preached selfless team play, support for teammates, hard work in pursuit of a common goal, and appreciating the gifts of all on the team. After the game, in surely what must be wrenching interviews, Cardinals head coach Ken Whisenhunt and star quarterback Kurt Warner were extremely gracious in defeat while defending the valiant efforts of their team in their improbable Cinderella playoff run. These are lessons not just for winning football teams, but for life, and for Christian life. Congratulations to the Rooney family, to all Steelers, and to the worldwide (and beyond!—thanks to International Space Station astronaut Mike Finche and his Terrible Towel in earth orbit) outrageously supportive Steeler Nation on their sixth Lombardi trophy. May all who strive for victory become better human beings in the process, win or lose.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., FEB. 7

4:00 PM MOJ TWILA ANDERSON by the Christian Mothers
and Rosary Society
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., FEB. 8

8:30 AM SJC MARCIANO FAMILY by Chuck and Marie
Warrene
10:30 AM STM IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS
ANSWERED by the Matthew 7:7 Prayer Group

MON., FEB. 9

7:30 AM MOJ BERNADINE AND DOMENIC MODAFFARI by
Angeline Carricato and Family

TUE., FEB. 10

7:30 AM MOJ FRANK ALMADE by Family

WED., FEB. 11

7:30 AM MOJ ANTHONY AND SUSIE SCALISE AND FAMILY by
Grandchildren

THU., FEB. 12

7:30 AM MOJ MARY JANE GALLO by Christian Mothers and
Rosary Society

FRI., FEB. 13

7:30 AM MOJ ALBINA ACRI RUSSICK by Children

SAT., FEB. 14

4:00 PM MOJ RICHARD MACIESKI, JR. AND RICHARD
MACIESKI, SR., by Russell and Rose Williams
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., FEB. 15

8:30 AM SJC WILLIAM C. AND KATHERINE B. HILL by
William R. and Susan Hill
10:30 AM STM HARRY HABAY by Wife and Children

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Eighty households (192 individuals) were served by the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry during January. This is a decrease from December of 4% (bad weather may have been a factor).

The cost (both actual and donated value) to serve these 80 households includes:

Fresh Meat and Produce	\$1,119.00
Utilities (Gas, Light, Phone)	\$198.00
Housing (Rent, etc.)	\$200.00
Indigent Burial	\$265.00
Memorial Masses (Deceased, Healing)	\$10.00
Total Actual	\$1,792.00
Paper, Baby & Dental Products, Toiletries, Clothing/Misc. Household	\$1,915.00 (Donated)
Canned Foods, Cereal, Crackers, Pastas, etc.	\$5,605.00 (Donated)
Total Donated	\$7,520.00
Grand Total	\$9,312.00

January volunteer effort = 252 hours

Many thanks for the continued generosity of all within the community. With your help, we are blessed to continue our work.

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