

# Saint Juan Diego Parish

Reverend Frank D. Almade, V. F., Pastor

**JANUARY 10, 2010**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

## 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 with Father required. Baptisms will take place during any Sunday Mass or after Sunday Mass.

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

**HOLY ORDERS** Young men who wish to find out more about the priesthood should contact Father Almade.

**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)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain

Website: www.tkccp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**Stewardship**  
**Offertory January 1, 2010**

\$2,530.00

**Attendance (January 1, 2010)**

488

**Offertory January 2/3, 2010**

\$5,290.00

**Attendance (January 2/3, 2010)**

537

**SECOND COLLECTION** The second collection next weekend will be taken for St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for hearing and speech. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION** Supporters of abortion on demand make the false claim that human life begins at birth. Biology says otherwise. Human life begins at conception. The miracle of the growth of human life in the womb needs our attention. To help Saint Juan Diego parishioners, Cathy Zuza and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Respect Life committee have prepared a ten month series of bulletin inserts. Each educational insert will chart the growth of human life from conception to birth and beyond. These inserts will be in our parish bulletin starting today, January 10, 2010. Watch for them. Share them with your family (especially young people) and friends.

**RESPECT LIFE** All who are able are encouraged to attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 22, 2010. We will affirm the support of the right to life of the unborn child and the protection of their mothers from abuse. In peaceful demonstration and through visits to our Congressman, we will let our voices be heard. For information, call 412-781-6550. Those who cannot travel to Washington are urged to pray for the protection of all human life.

**KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** Bishop Zubik will celebrate Mass with the Korean Catholic Community on February 14 in honor of the 2010 Korean New Year, also known as "Seol-Nal." The Korean Catholic Community will plan a festival during the Bishop's visit and they will present Bishop Zubik with a traditional Korean dress. The time for Mass will be announced in an upcoming bulletin. Welcome, Bishop Zubik!

**ENVELOPE PACKET** In your most recent envelope packet, you will find an envelope with a brown border and green print. The front of the envelope says, "Capital Improvement Fund" with the following quote, "God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." (2 Corinthians 9:8) This envelope is to be used for pledges that have been made to the Saint Juan Diego Capital Campaign fund. In addition, any offering given in these envelopes will be used for the Saint Juan Diego Capital Campaign fund.

**ADULT LECTURE SERIES** The diocesan adult lecture series will present a talk by writer Father Dwight Longenecker titled "St. Benedict and St. Therese: The Little Rule and the Little Way" on Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at St. Paul Seminary, Crafton. The lecture is free and open to the public. For additional information, please call 412-456-3112.

**Please pray for**

**Anthony Pantone**  
**Edith Szyper**  
**Edward Nicklas**  
**Ronald Miller**

May they rest in peace.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS** Additional Christmas flower donations have been given in memory of:

The Stan Uminski Family by Mary Ann Uminski  
The Hoerster Family by Mary Ann Uminski  
Adeline and Melvin Schuster by Children and Grandchildren  
Stefanja and Martin Krajewski by Patty Martucci  
Lou Krajewski by Patty Martucci  
Casimira Martucci by Patty Martucci

Again, many thanks to all who donated for the beautiful poinsettias that adorn our churches.

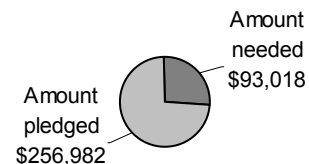
**Saint Juan Diego Parish**

**Capital Campaign**

**Pledges**

as of 1/6/2010

Help us reach our \$350,000 Goal



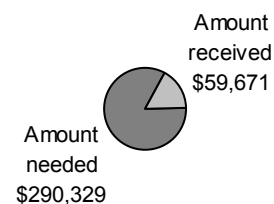
**Saint Juan Diego Parish**

**Capital Campaign**

**Amount received**

as of 1/6/2010

Help us reach our goal of \$350,000



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** During the month of November 89 households (235 individuals) received food assistance and 2 households received help with rent and utilities. Additional through the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, our Pantry provided clothing for 21 persons.

The cost (both actual and donated value) to serve these 91 households includes:

Fresh Produce	\$ 558.00
Purchased meat/cheese	\$ 175.00
Purchased other foods	\$ 100.00
Rent	\$ 330.00
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	\$ 283.00
<b>Total Actual</b>	<b>\$ 1,446.00</b>

Canned foods, cereal, bakery	\$ 7,883.00
Meats and other frozen foods	\$ 1,144.00
Pet foods (1st English Lutheran Church)	\$ 80.00
Other (baby products, paper, household, etc.)	\$ 2,168.00
Christmas decorations	\$ 261.00
Grocery gift certificates	\$ 870.00
<b>Total Donated</b>	<b>\$12,406.00</b>

**Grand Total \$13,852.00**

November volunteer effort=249 hours

Many thanks for the continued generosity of the Saint Juan Diego Parish, as well as our many benefactors within the community. With your help, we are blessed to continue the work of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederick Ozanam. Please keep the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in your prayers.

# 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.

**2010 CENSUS** Every ten years, the United States conducts a census of its population. The census data are used for legislative reapportionment, and distribution of federal funds for government-provided services, such as those offered by Catholic Charities. Indirectly, this data will also provide the Church with information about the demographics of each parish. You will receive a ten question census form in March. Please take a few minutes to complete the form and return it by mail. By doing so, you will assist both your country and your church. A complete and accurate count is valuable to all.

**"OUR HOPE IS IN GOD"** In his homily of January 3, the Holy Father said, "Our hope is in God, but not in the sense of a generic religiosity or of a fatalism dressed up as faith. We trust in the God who in Jesus Christ fully and definitely revealed His will to remain with men and women, to share their history and to guide us all to His Kingdom of love and life. It is this great hope that animates and sometimes corrects our human hopes. Humanity's real reason for hope is this: history has a meaning because it is 'inhabited' by the Wisdom of God. Nonetheless, the divine plan is not accomplished automatically, because it is a project of love and love generates freedom and demands freedom. The Kingdom of God will certainly come—or rather, it is already present in history and thanks to the coming of Christ has already defeated the negative power of evil—but each man and woman is responsible for welcoming it into their own lives day by day. And hence the year 2010 will be more or less 'happy' in the measure to which each person is able to collaborate with the grace of God." Pope Benedict called upon the faithful to turn to the Virgin Mary "in order to learn this spiritual attitude from her. The Son of God became flesh through her, and not without her consent. Each time the Lord wishes to take a step forward with us, towards the 'promised land', He first knocks at the doors of our heart and, so to speak, awaits our 'yes' in the little choices as in the great. May Mary help us always to welcome God's will with humility and courage so that even the trials and sufferings of life may help to hasten the coming of His Kingdom of justice and peace."

**Please remember to make a bequest to  
Saint Juan Diego Parish in your will.**

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY** The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. New members are always welcome!

**YOUTH NEWS** The youth and young adult ministries are selling discount cards for \$10. The card is valid for 15 vendors and expires December 1, 2010. Plans are also being made for attending the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22, 2010. For more information, please contact Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860 as soon as possible.

**OBERRAMMERSGAU** Father Almada is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany leaving from Pittsburgh on August 26, 2010 and returning on September 3, 2010. This World famous Passion Play is only offered once every ten years. You will also have the opportunity to visit Munich in Germany and Salzburg and Innsbruck in Austria. For more information, please pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule of St. Mary Church or call 412-571-1111.

**ABUSE PROTECTION** The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and Saint Juan Diego Parish are 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.

## Schedule of Masses for the Week

### **SAT., JAN. 9**

4:00 PM MOJ ROBERT SCINICO by Loving Family  
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

### **SUN., JAN. 10 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:30 AM SJC ALUISE AND TOMANIO FAMILIES by Mary Tomanio  
10:30 AM STM ROBERT VITA by Hugh and Mary Jane Dowds

### **MON., JAN. 11**

7:30 AM MOJ ELEANOR REPPA by Father Almade

### **TUE., JAN. 12**

7:30 AM MOJ ELMER PFLUMM by Grace Pflumm

### **WED., JAN. 13**

7:30 AM MOJ THOMAS GORAL, SR. by Wife

### **THU., JAN. 14**

7:30 AM MOJ WILLIAM J. ZACHARIAS by Ray Bronowicz

### **FRI., JAN. 15**

7:30 AM MOJ CECELIA TROZZO by Ed, Linda, Bob and Karen Urso

### **SAT., JAN. 16**

4:00 PM MOJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE POSA, PANZA AND IMHOF FAMILIES by Andy and Sandy Imhof and Family  
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

### **SUN., JAN. 17 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 AM SJC HELEN MARGARET (JACOBS) MALYSZKA by Friends and Family  
10:30 AM STM RENA PEIFFER by Family

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

**ALTAR CANDLES AND FLOWERS** Altar candles and flowers are available throughout 2010. If you would like to have candles or flowers for a special Mass, please call the Parish Office.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS** A Weight Watchers class meets each Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. for approximately half an hour in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Anyone interested in joining may call the Parish Office for additional information.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS** "All I have is yours and all you have is mine." (John 17:10) Although these are the words of Jesus to God the Father, they also reflect the total self-giving of spouses to each other. What possession might you find difficult to share with your spouse? Maybe there is a good reason. Think about it.

**PARENTING POINTERS** Apologizing is not a sign of weakness. It shows you are big enough to admit your mistakes and models an important skill for your child. Is there anything you have done (or not done) during the past year that an apology would help heal? Be a big enough person to do it.

**BIBLE STUDY** Our weekly Bible study group is currently reading the Gospel of Luke. Please feel free to join us at the John Paul I Pastoral Center each Monday from 12 Noon until 1:00 p.m.

**Our website is [www.saintjuandiegopgh.org](http://www.saintjuandiegopgh.org)**

## FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

*by Father Frank D. Almade*

Every year in January, after the usual "new year" greetings and attempts at resolutions for change, our country faces the hard, cold reality of the anniversary of abortion on demand. On January 22, 1973 seven justices of the U.S. Supreme Court swept away restrictions on abortions in all 50 states with their two decisions, **Roe v. Wade** and **Doe v. Bolton**. Without political discussion or debate, the highest court legalized the taking of innocent human life in the womb throughout the nine months of pregnancy. It is estimated that over these 37 years more than 40,000,000 abortions have been performed.

The Catholic Church in the U.S. has been the most vocal and persistent voice decrying this assault on human life. Bishops have written pastoral letters (like the most recent one by Bishop Zubik in October, "The Church Living"), ordinary Catholics have written millions of letters to public officials, people have organized to help women who become pregnant to carry their child to term and assist in the transition to motherhood, and every year thousands journey to Washington, D.C. to "march for life" in a public display of opposition to legal abortion.

What can you do? Let me suggest some things that are within your reach. **Read** the bulletin insert this Sunday. This is the first of ten inserts (one a month in 2010) we will publish, which will explicate the growth of human life in utero, from the moment of conception to birth and beyond. Read also about the important links between violence against innocent life in the womb and other respect life issues: the right to health care for all persons; opposition to the death penalty; immigration reform which gives those persons who wish to come to our country the path to citizenship; support for jobs and living wages for all workers; opposition to nuclear weapons, terrorism, and war as instruments of national diplomacy. **Express support** for the public policy reforms in the Congress to widen health insurance for tens of millions of persons, while at the same time continuing the prohibition on federal funding of abortions. **Give public witness** by peacefully protesting outside abortion clinics, or by volunteering at a clinic supporting women who are pregnant. (I stress the *peacefully* here, because violence against doctors, other medical personnel who perform abortions, or women who seek abortions is against everything Jesus teaches. It also allows pro-lifers to be labeled hypocrites.) **Pray** for an end to abortion, violence against women, children, and the elderly, and wars everywhere. Pray also for the millions of women (and men) who have had abortions, that they may be able to seek and receive God's forgiveness for their acts.

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This is the first column I am writing after Christmas, and I want to thank all the parishioners who sent me cards, prayers, and in a few cases, gifts. I am overwhelmed by your generosity, to me and to the parish. I am most grateful for the privilege of being able to serve you and the entire Saint Juan Diego Parish. A blessed, healthy and holy new year to all.