

# Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

**JULY 5, 2009**

**FOURTEENTH 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.

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

**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

## 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.



**RENOVATIONS BEGIN** Madonna of Jerusalem Church will close temporarily beginning on Sunday, July 12, for about 10-12 weeks for repairs. At the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 11, the Eucharist will be removed from the church and transferred to classroom 2 in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. The Sunday and weekday Mass schedule will remain the same during renovations in different locations. Daily Mass at 7:30 a.m. will be held in this classroom while Madonna of Jerusalem Church is closed. Saturday evening Masses will be held in St. Mary Church beginning on Saturday, July 18. Funeral Masses will be held either in St. John Cantius Church or St. Mary Church, according to the family's wishes. Closing the church will allow the repairs to be done more quickly and effectively. Work on Madonna of Jerusalem church includes: rebuilding the structural foundation of the vestibule floor, minor repairs to the roof, cleaning out gutters and downspouts, masonry repairs and sealing the building, asbestos abatement, plaster repairs, new interior painting, new pew seats and new carpeting (with tile in the vestibule). Thank you for your understanding during the temporary closing of Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

**OTHER REPAIRS** Repairs are also planned for St. John Cantius and St. Mary churches. In St. John Cantius, there will be repairs to the pews and kneeler hardware, new lighting in the vestibule and new carpeting. In St. Mary Church, there will be a new concrete handicapped ramp into the Penn Street entrance, upgraded lighting in the nave, repair of roof leak and replacement of several doors to the basement. Also, soon, we hope the new signs will be placed in front of all three churches, the St. Andrew Kim Center (formerly St. John Cantius rectory) and the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

**Stewardship**  
**Offertory June 27/28, 2009**

**\$4,520.50**

**Attendance**  
**688**

**SECOND COLLECTION** The second collection next Sunday will be for our Parish Share Program. We are grateful for your generosity!

**UPCOMING TALKS** Next weekend, July 11 and 12, our series will conclude with guest speaker, Dr. William Batz, General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who will speak on *The Vocation of Work in the World*. We hope you have enjoyed this special series and please let Father Almade know your thoughts about the topic of vocation.

**40 TO 65** We are trying to see if there is any interest in a group meeting socially for talk or spiritual discussion once a month at various locations. If you are interested in forming a group like this, please call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

**INVITATION TO ADULTS** Saint Juan Diego Parish is partnering with St. Mary Assumption Parish, Glenshaw, to welcome new Catholics. Any young adult or adult who is not presently Catholic and is interested in becoming Catholic should talk with Father Almade or Jim Finn of St. Mary Assumption Parish at 412-486-4100. Classes will begin in mid-September to learn what is necessary to receive sacraments and become a member of the Catholic Church.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Bishop Zubik has asked parishes and pastors to continue having Eucharistic Adoration during the Jubilee Year of the Priest (June 2009-June 2010). With the enthusiastic support of the Parish Pastoral Council, Father Almade is planning to start a new parish tradition: having a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on the Feast of Saint Juan Diego, December 9. After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Eucharist will be exposed for prayer in Madonna of Jerusalem Church all day. At 6:00 p.m., there will be a dinner for all parish volunteers in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. At 7:30 p.m., there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction to conclude the celebration of our parish's patron. Father Almade has invited the new regional vicar, Father Phil Farrell, to preside and preach at Benediction (subject to his acceptance). Please mark Wednesday, December 9 on your calendar for prayer and celebration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as we honor our patron.

**CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY** Due to the overwhelming response to the pre-school program for the 2009-2010 school year, the school is considering opening a four-year old afternoon class starting as 12:50 p.m. and ending at 2:45 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, please call the school at 412-781-7927.

**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for couples who have been married for 50 years. The celebration will begin with Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on November 8 at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 50th anniversary any time during 2009, please call the Parish Office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than September 6, 2009. Invitations from the Bishop will be sent out to all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

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



## Schedule of Masses for the Week

### **SAT., JULY 4**

4:00 PM MOJ MARY PROCOPIO by Husband, John and Family  
6:00 PM MOJ PAUL J. ZWIGART by Wife, Betty

### **SUN., JULY 5**

8:30 AM SJC JOSEPH KRZYSTOPOLSKI by Wife and Daughter  
10:30 AM STM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO  
PARISH

### **MON., JULY 6**

7:30 AM MOJ ALDO SETTINO by Wife, Giovanna

### **TUE., JULY 7**

7:30 AM MOJ HELEN BOROWSKI by Family and Friends

### **WED., JULY 8**

7:30 AM MOJ THE SCIULLI FAMILY by Gabe and Mary

### **THU., JULY 9**

7:30 AM MOJ WILLIAM ZACHARIAS by Daughter and  
Son-in-Law, Tina and Kirk Taylor

### **FRI., JULY 10**

7:30 AM MOJ DOROTHY LAVIA by Theresa and Joe Rudzki

### **SAT., JULY 11**

4:00 PM MOJ MYRTLE AND JOSEPH GARCIA by Bud and  
Janice Peitz

6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO  
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### **SUN., JULY 12**

8:30 AM SJC MICHELINA AND DOMENIC CORRADO by  
Donna and Tim Donovan and Family

10:30 AM STM ROSE AND ED SOBEHART by The George  
Rapsinski Family

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

### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a four week course on "Journey From Faith to Justice: The Social Teach of the Church" at Saint Juan Diego Parish in October. It will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:30 p.m. on October 1, 8, 15 and 22 in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Father Almade will be the instructor. To register, call 412-456-3110 or the Parish Office at 412-784-8700.

**AMTRAK ADVENTURE** Our Lady of the Alleghenies Amtrak Adventure, presented by the All Saints Church Christian Mothers, is a one-day train trip. This trip will depart on Wednesday, September 2, from All Saints Church at 6:00 a.m. by motor coach for Greensburg where they will board Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian." Highlights of the trip will be Horseshoe Curve, the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens and Marian Shrines. The cost of the tour is \$79. For more details or to register by July 12, please call Cathy at 412-781-4788.

**MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE** The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille has helped couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on July 10-12, call 412-277-3434.

***Please do not forget to make a bequest***

## FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

*by Father Frank D. Almade*

Later this month I'll be taking about ten days of vacation, including two weekends (July 19 & 26) off. Sometimes parishioners tell me I didn't know priests were allowed vacation time.

Actually the church is quite generous in allowing priests to step aside from their ministry for a variety of reasons. The first is the spiritual retreat. All priests, like all baptized Christians, are called to lives of holiness. There are several means for priests (and others in Holy Orders, deacons and bishops) to grow in holiness. These include the carrying out their pastoral duties diligently, the encouragement to celebrate Mass every day, the obligation to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily, personal prayer, daily reading of Sacred Scripture, frequent confession, monthly days of recollection, and an annual retreat. The Diocese of Pittsburgh priest personnel policy states that all priests are entitled to take five days annually for a retreat. To help us, our assignment contributes \$250 toward the cost of the retreat.

Second, our local personnel policy allows each priest to one 24 hour period off each week. This includes the opportunity for an overnight away from the rectory (usually at "the family home" or the rectory of a priest-friend). Third, universal church law allows all clerics to take a vacation. The length of the vacation is determined by local law. In our diocese we priests are allowed to take four weeks of vacation, which includes three weekends. This can be taken all at once, or spread out throughout the calendar year. (But unused vacation days can't be saved up for use in the following year. Our personnel policy makes the annual vacation a "use it or lose it" proposition.) Finally, priests in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are allowed to request a six month sabbatical for rest and study, after 12 years in ministry.

Each of these policies provide for time away from the parish. The purpose of each of these is to provide space and time for the priest to relax in the company of family and/or friends, to pursue a hobby or personal recreation, in order that he may return to ministry renewed and ready to give his all. Of course, the pastor (and any parochial vicars) must provide for coverage for the needs of the parish. When I have gone on vacation, I've been blessed with the generosity of retired priests Fathers Bob Duch and Carlo Napoli, TOR, and marriage tribunal judge Father Jim McDonough. Two weeks ago, missionary priest Father Vince Stegman, CSSp, provided daily Mass while I was on spiritual retreat. And there are always exceptions. Last year I was very privileged to go to New York City to concelebrate Mass with Pope Benedict XVI in Yankee Stadium. In February I was spiritual director for a Project Rachel retreat (to provide healing for post-abortive women and men). In both cases I was away from the parish, but very much working as a priest.

I try to take advantage of these gifts of time, because when I do, I find I am refreshed and renewed, and more enthusiastic in the carrying out of my daily duties when I return. Thank you, dear parishioners, for allowing me these various times away.