

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

JUNE 1, 2008

NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
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 CCD.....412-781-5150
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 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.....412-781-2866
 Christ the Divine Teacher
 Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
 E-mail.....CCinSharpsburg@yahoo.com

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
 6:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
 7:00 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: 7:00 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
 June 1, 2008-June 7, 2008**

Sunday, June 1, 2008
 Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32; Psalm 31; Romans 3:21-25,28;
 Matthew 7:21-27

Monday, June 2, 2008
 2 Peter 1:2-7; Psalm 91; Mark 12:1-12


Tuesday, June 3, 2008
 2 Peter 3:12-15,17-18; Psalm 90; Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 4, 2008
 2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12; Psalm 123; Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, June 5, 2008
 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Psalm 25; Mark 12:28-34

Friday, June 6, 2008
 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Psalm 119; Mark 12:35-37

Saturday, June 7, 2008
 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Psalm 71; Mark 12:38-44


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Stewardship
Offertory May 24/25, 2008

St. Mary	\$1,479.50
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$2,156.00
St. John Cantius	\$ 495.00



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church and will conclude on Friday, June 13. St. Anthony Rosary Chaplets are available for purchase at the Novena and in all the churches after Mass on Sunday for \$10.

IMPORTANT PARISH MEETINGS The Moving Forward Committee and Father Almado would like to share their deliberations with all parishioners of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg at two parish meetings. These will be held on Tuesday, June 10, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. and on Thursday, June 12, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Refreshments will be served. The Moving Forward Committee has been examining our situation and wants to give you the facts of our current circumstances and where we might go as a community of faith. Please plan to attend.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS The Youth Group will have an outing to Fun Fest on Friday, June 20, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Activities will include bowling, games and food will also be served. The cost for each child will be \$11 and please RSVP no later than June 13 to Cathy or Tom Troyan at (412) 782-4860.


BIBLE STUDY Bible study will resume on Monday, June 2 at 12:00 Noon at the John Paul I Center. All are welcome.

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE OF CHILDREN The Diocese of Pittsburgh is very active in the prevention of abuse of children and young people. The diocesan toll-free number for abuse response is 1-888-808-1235 and we will periodically publish this in the bulletin.

In accordance with this, during his recent visit to the U.S., Pope Benedict XVI addressed the American Bishops regarding the many problems the United States has faced regarding priests and other church workers who abused children. "Responding to this situation has not been easy and, as the president of your Episcopal conference has indicated, it was 'sometimes very badly handled.' Now that the scale and gravity of the problem are more clearly understood, you have been able to adopt more focused remedial and disciplinary measures and to promote a safe environment that gives greater protection to young people. While it must be remembered that the overwhelming majority of clergy and religious in America do outstanding work in bringing the liberating message of the Gospel to the people entrusted to their care, it is vitally important that the vulnerable always be shielded from those who would cause harm. In this regard, your efforts to heal and protect are bearing great fruit not only for those directly under your pastoral care but for all of society."

"All of us have a part to play in this task—not only parents, religious leaders, teachers and catechists, but the media and entertainment industries as well. Indeed, every member of society can contribute to this moral renewal and benefit from it."


"It is important that you continue to show your concern, to support and to lead by example. In this way, you will help the youth encounter the living God and point them toward the life-transforming hope of which the Gospel speaks."



Please pray for

GARY TOMMASIN

May he rest in peace.

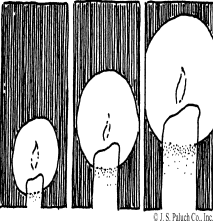


Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

DONALD R. ALUISE

by wife, Bea and children



Altar and Sanctuary Candles are burning this week

In memory of

SALVATORE, MARIA AND DOMENIC IEROVANTE

by daughters and sisters

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN? We are currently accepting registration for Kindergarten 2008-2009. Please call for further information or to arrange a tour. Tuition assistance is available to qualified applicants. We nurture faith while inspiring excellence! Please contact Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy at (412) 781-7927 or www.cdtcatholicacademy.org.

FLEA MARKET will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Kennedy Field on 13th and North Canal Streets in Sharpsburg on each Saturday through September 27. The flea market is sponsored by the Sharpsburg Holiday Committee and all proceeds benefit the children in the community. Vendor spaces are available at \$10 per space and a concession stand will also be open. For information, call Pat at (412) 782-1395.

OLDIES DANCE On June 14, an Oldies Dance will be held at the Sharpsburg VFW. For more information, please call Pat at (412) 782-1395.

PRIEST AVAILABLE Father Almado welcomes the calls and concerns of parishioners. He is available to talk with you on a confidential basis, at your convenience. He can be reached in the daytime office hours at 412-784-8700, in the evening on his cell phone at 412-613-6421, or by email at falmado@verizon.net.

GROWING YOUR MARRIAGE Are you happily married? Do you wish to grow in your practice of the Catholic faith through the sacrament of marriage? Teams of Our Lady is an international movement of married couples who pray daily and meet monthly to benefit from God's grace in the sacrament of marriage. At the monthly meetings, six couples and a priest chaplain enjoy a covered dish dinner, review their past month, pray and discuss a book chapter. Interested? Contact Jim and Betty Hanigan at (412) 441-0185 or Father Almado (who is a chaplain of Teams #1 in Pittsburgh).

THE VISITATION "Moved by charity, therefore, Mary goes to the house of her kinswoman...While every word of Elizabeth's is filled with meaning, her final words would seem to have a fundamental importance: 'And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her from the Lord' (Luke 1:45). These words can be linked with the title 'full of grace' from the angel's greeting. Both of these texts reveal an essential Mariological content, namely the truth about Mary, who has become really present in the mystery of Christ precisely because she 'has believed.' The fullness of grace announced by the angel means the gift of God himself. Mary's faith, proclaimed by Elizabeth at the visitation, indicates how the Virgin of Nazareth responded to this gift."

Pope John Paul II

PRAYER GROUP The prayer group will resume meeting on Monday, June 2. Please join us as we begin to study the Gospel of John.

FOLLOW UP As a follow-up to Father Almade's chronicles listing the saints canonized over the past thirty years, there will be short biographies in the bulletin about these holy people over the next several weeks.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Look for information in a future bulletin regarding our upcoming vacation bible school. We look forward to spending special time with your children and with Jesus this summer!

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REMINDER If you have a graduate in your family, please notify the parish office so we may publish their name in an upcoming bulletin.

CEMETERY NEWS Father Almade received several favorable comments this past weekend regarding the condition of the cemetery. If you have any comments, please feel free to contact the cemetery secretary, Joyce Seifried. Many thanks to the workers for the wonderful job!

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 6 Litany of the Sacred Heart will be recited at 7:15 a.m. prior to 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Please remember your parish in your will.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

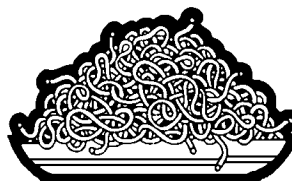
Congratulations to all members of our parish who are celebrating special birthdays during the month of June. Happy Birthday to:

June 4	Richard Zeh	85
June 5	Justin Landolina	15
June 14	Vince Paonessa	90

BINGO!

at **MADONNA**

Spaghetti
Dinner



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Please join us
on **June 22** for
a free dinner
with paid
admission.

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. JUAN DIEGO Juan Diego was born in 1474 near Mexico City. His great faith was evident in that he walked fifteen miles to attend daily Mass in now what is Mexico City. He was a weaver, farmer and laborer. On a December morning, as he was walking past a hill, Juan heard music and saw a glowing cloud that was encircled by a rainbow. He heard a woman's voice calling and when he looked at her, he saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary and she told Juan to ask the bishop to build a church on that site. Juan did so, but the bishop required proof of his meeting with the Blessed Mother. However, Juan was informed that his uncle was dying and he missed his meeting with Mary. She met him on the path he was walking and told Juan that his uncle was cured. Mary then told Juan to climb to the top of the hill where they first met and he was amazed to see flowers growing in the frozen soil. He gathered the flowers into his cloak and took them to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the flowers that fell out were not native to Mexico and the Blessed Mother's image was imprinted on the inside of Juan's cloak.

Juan Diego had a deep love and devotion for the Holy Eucharist and Pope John Paul II praised him for his simple faith and held him as a model of humility for all of us. Perhaps we could attend an additional Mass to show our devotion to the Eucharist or take a walk outside and look at the many miracles God has given to us. Juan Diego praised God for His goodness to him. May we follow in St. Juan Diego's footsteps and always give glory and praise to God.

The Feast of St. Juan Diego is December 9.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

When I was in college, once in a while a professor did not show up for class on time. The debate began—how long should students wait? Campus legend said students had to stay only 10 minutes for an instructor, 15 for an assistant professor, and 20 for a full professor. Usually the prof was only a couple minutes late, so the question was moot. But it was hard to keep some students in their seats for even one minute—too impatient.

How time has changed me. If I were a student today, and the prof was late, my first thought was to hope no harm had come to her and say a prayer for her. My second would be to wait at least 30 minutes.

Patience is one of those things nobody has enough of. It seems that everyone you bump into wants to *get it done, finish the task, seal the deal—AND NOW!* (You may be impatient already with me, wondering where I am going and why I'm not getting there faster!) Patience is certainly a virtue, but one you'd rather exercise later, when you had more time. It's so 19th century.

Let me offer some thoughts on patience, which is needed in our fast-paced society more than ever.

First, Christians have to work at being patient. Being patient means controlling the instinct to transfer the anxiety you have within you (*Why doesn't she pump gas faster? Does he have to put special insurance on eight different letters?*) to the person you are impatient with. It means that you hold your tongue with your caustic remark. You can grow in patience, but only with self-control.

At the heart of impatience is the notion that me and my time are more valuable than you and your time. (*If they knew how important I was, they would step aside and let me jump the line to check out immediately.*) Because I am more important, I am entitled to go first. This feeling of entitlement comes from arrogance and a feeling that I am superior to you.

Christian patience rather says I am to be your servant and helper. I might help actively by doing something, or passively waiting without comment or fussing for you to complete whatever you are doing.

I have found myself growing more patient by reflecting from two angles. When I have been impatient, and pushed ahead or gotten angry with someone to urge them on, has the time gained been worth it? I may speed past this slowpoke in the wrong lane to catch one green light. But don't I have to stop at the next red light, and the next, and the next? How did much time did impatience buy me?

I have also conscientiously tried to change the voice in my head which shouts "*Hurry up! Hurry up! I have to get moving!*" I keep repeating to myself, "There is enough time to do the things that are important."

See if you can change your response to the next moment you have to wait, from irritating and angry words to patiently remaining calm.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., MAY 31

4:00 PM MOJ WILLIAM G. HAMMEL, JR. & WILLIAM G. HAMMEL III by Vera B. Hammel

6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., JUNE 1

8:30 AM SJC HELEN GEMPE by family

10:30 AM STM LUPNACCA & ZEH FAMILIES by Richard and Mary Zeh

MON., JUNE 2

7:30 AM MOJ STEPHEN PALCZYNSKI by daughter

TUE., JUNE 3

7:30 AM MOJ GIUSEPPE & IDA MARSICO AND AUGUSTINO & ROSE PANZA by Rocco and Evelina Panza

7:00 PM MOJ St. Anthony Novena

WED., JUNE 4

7:00 PM MOJ FRANK PIASECKI by Jean Piasecki and daughter, Carol

THU., JUNE 5

7:30 AM MOJ MR. & MRS. RALPH FIORITA, SR. by daughter and son-in-law

FRI., JUNE 6

7:30 AM MOJ SALVATORE, MARIA & DOMENIC IEROVANTE by daughters and sisters

SAT., JUNE 7

4:00 PM MOJ SIMBARI AND SPARBANA FAMILIES by Richard Simbari & Leslie Faulhaber

6:00 PM MOJ JOHN P. ZUZA by Zuza Family

SUN., JUNE 8

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

10:30 AM STM MR. & MRS. JOHN GANSTER by daughters, Janet and Marilyn

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

*****NEWS OUTSIDE SHARPSBURG*****

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH FESTIVAL

St. Mary of the Assumption, Middle Road, will hold their annual parish festival June 19 through June 21. Dinners will be served nightly and there will be a raffle, games, rides, bingo, crafts and a gigantic flea market.

FLEA MARKET The Etna Commons will hold a flea market on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the gym. All proceeds will benefit the residents of the Etna Commons.

1ST ANNUAL RUDOLPH'S RUN Oakland Catholic High School will sponsor the 1st Annual Rudolph's Run benefiting the George Rudolph Scholarship Fund on Saturday June 21, at the Schenley Park Bridle Trail. For more information, please call Karen Ferrari at (412) 682-6797.

POSITION AVAILABLE A North Hills Religious Community is seeking a part-time clerical assistant. Excellent communication, computer and organizational skills a must. Approximately 24 hours per week. Send resume to Sisters of Divine Providence, Human Resources Dept., 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101 or call (412) 635-5435.

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Attn: Beth

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