

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 15, 2008

ELEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
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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)



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Readings for the Week of June 15, 2008-June 21, 2008

Sunday, June 15, 2008

Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Monday, June 16, 2008

1 Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 5; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

1 Kings 21:17-29; Psalm 31; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Psalm 31; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Sirach 48:1-14; Psalm 97; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 20, 2008

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalm 132; Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 21, 2008

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89; Matthew 6:24-34

**Stewardship
Offertory June 7/8, 2008**

St. Mary	\$2,502.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,904.00
St. John Cantius	\$ 417.00

Catholic Relief Services

St. Mary	\$ 784.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$ 942.00
St. John Cantius	\$ 308.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

PETER'S PENCE During the weekend of June 28 and 29, the second collection will benefit Peter's Pence. Your donations will allow the Holy Father to help respond to those in need and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**A Blessing for Fathers
on Father's Day**



*Father's
Day*

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY

will have a meeting on Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul I center. The hostesses for this month are: Sophie Myers, Clare Giuffre, Martha Sikorski and Hilda Ferraro.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS

This workshop is mandatory for all those who minister in our church. One will be held on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library of St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw. Another will be offered on Saturday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall of St. Joseph Church in O'Hara. If anyone would like to register for this workshop, please call the parish office for more details.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11 at the John Paul I Pastoral Center from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Children ages 4 through 10 are welcome to join us for bible stories, crafts and outdoor activities. Snacks will be provided and the cost of registration for a child is \$10. Please contact the Parish Office no later than June 27 to register your child for this wonderful time!



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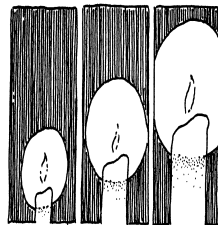


Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

GEORGE WILLIAMS

by wife, Ann and family



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

In memory of

RICHARD & JAN KULIK

by sister, Stella

PRECIOUS GIFTS

Yesterday a butterfly
Came floating gently through the sky.
He soared up through the atmosphere
Then drifted close enough to hear.

I said, "I'd love to fly with you
And sail around the way you do.
It looks like it would be such fun
To fly up toward the summer sun.

But I have not your graceful charm.
I haven't wings, just these two arms.
I've been designed to walk around.
My human feet must touch the ground.

Then magically he spoke to me
And told me what his wish would be.

He said, "What I'd love most to do
Is walk upon God's earth with you,
To squish its mud between my toes
Or touch my finger to my nose.

I'd love just once to walk around
With human feet to touch the ground,
But I have not two legs that swing,
I haven't arms, just these two wings."

And so we went our separate ways
In wonder and surprise.
For we'd both seen God's precious gifts
Through someone else's eyes.

Author Unknown

PRIEST AVAILABLE Father Almada 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 falmade@verizon.net.

Please remember your parish in your will.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2008 GRADUATES!**

Jacquelyn Coles, the granddaughter of Annette Vinski. She is a high honor graduate of Oakland Catholic High School. Jacquelyn is also a recipient of the St. Joan of Arc Medallion from Bishop Zubik.

Karli Swierczynski, the daughter of Doug and Rose Swierczynski and granddaughter of Rose Swierczynski. She graduated from Shaler Area High School with high honors and will attend the University of Pittsburgh to study pharmacy.

Patrick John Zuza, the son of John and Cathy Zuza. He graduated from Central Catholic High School and has received the Chick Evans Scholarship for golf caddies. Patrick will study architectural engineering at Penn State University.

Laura Bonicky, the daughter of Joe and Mary Bonicky. She graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Katie L. Guardino, the daughter of Daniel and Janice Guardino. She graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and will now attend the University of Pittsburgh for a Masters of Social Work and Geriatrics.

Danielle M. Paese, the granddaughter of Josephine Paese. She graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Theatre.

Matthew V. Rudzki, the son of Leo and Michelle Rudzki. He received of Bachelor of Arts degree in History and German from Washington and Jefferson College. Matthew will teach English in Austria. He has received a Fulbright Scholarship and plans to attend Duquesne University in the future.

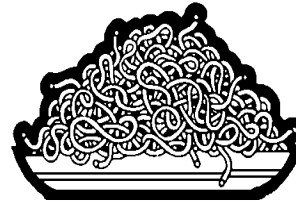
**GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR
GRADUATES WITH MUCH
HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN
THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!**

BLEST ARE THEY The Blest Are They group are invited to attend Mass on Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church and following Mass will be a social at the John Paul I Center.

BINGO!

at **MADONNA**

Spaghetti
Dinner



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**Please join us
next Sunday
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!!!

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed.

Born in Olgossa in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of seven, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan.

Two years later he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend, Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed, taking the name of Josephine.

When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, Josephine refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. In 1902, she was transferred to Schio (northeast of Verona), where she assisted her religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"

The Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita is February 8.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

A blessed, holy and happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, stepfathers, and fathers-to-be. Many people presume that only mothers (women) are truly religious. But fathers (men) not only can be religious, but also serve as a witness to our culture which seems to revere the "macho" man who ignores religion, God, and the tender aspects of caring. Fathers, do what you do best, that is, love and support your spouse and children. Your reward in heaven will truly be great.

As I wrote on Mother's Day, so also Father's Day takes on a very different tone when your father is deceased, like mine. So to all those whose fathers have gone to their eternal reward, I offer my prayers and sympathy. May they rest in the peace of Christ and be with the saints in glory forever. Pure and loving St. Joseph, patron of all fathers, pray for us and give us your example of faithfulness.

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Each Sunday the Church presents us with four readings (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel) for our reflection. This year ("A") we are listening to the Gospel of Matthew. Sometimes it is good to find the "arc" of the thought of Jesus as given to us by the evangelist Matthew. The next several weeks offer instructions on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

For example, today Jesus names his closest disciples, the Twelve Apostles, and sends them out on mission to proclaim the reign of God. He says to them, "The gift you have received, give as a gift." Next week Jesus commands them not to fear anyone. The following week we have an interruption, the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, upon whom Christ builds his Church. On the first Sunday in July Jesus offers the tender words of consolation, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you...for I am gentle and humble of heart." Subsequent Sundays offer rich parables—of the sower sowing seed, of a field filled with weeds and wheat, of buried treasure.

The readings for each Sunday Mass are not just for the priest (or deacon) to ponder and reflect upon, in preparation for a homily. The Sunday readings are for every member of the Church to think about and apply to the life situation you find yourself in. Pull out your bible on a summer evening and read the middle chapters of Matthew's Gospel (9-18). Ask yourself, what do I hear God saying to me as I read these stories? How might I become a closer follower of Jesus by putting these into practice?

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., JUNE 14

4:00 PM MOJ LUIGI PRINCIPE by daughter, Concetta and Robert Cozza and Family

6:00 PM MOJ PAUL J. SNYDER, JR. by wife, Barbara

SUN., JUNE 15

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

10:30 AM STM KAREN GOLEMBIEWSKI by brothers, Paul and Mark, mother and daughter, Sara

MON., JUNE 16

7:30 AM MOJ ANNE KULIKOWSKI by daughter

TUE., JUNE 17

7:30 AM MOJ CARL SETTINO by daughters, Betty & Rene

WED., JUNE 18

7:00 PM MOJ HARRY JOHN THENS, SR. by grandchildren, Peter and Kathleen

THU., JUNE 19

7:30 AM MOJ ROBERT ANDREW (BUTCH) BABINECZ by Mom and Dad

FRI., JUNE 20

7:30 AM MOJ ANGELINE THENS by Mary Jane Szwedko

SAT., JUNE 21

4:00 PM MOJ ALBERT J. LIPP by the Albert Lipp Family

6:00 PM MOJ JOHN F. COEN by the Coen Family

SUN., JUNE 15

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

10:30 AM STM WILLIAM ZACHARIAS, AGNES SEABERT AND FAMILY by Tina and Kirk Taylor

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.

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 July 11, 2008, please contact Retrouvaille at (412) 277-3434 or go online to www.helpourmarriage.com.

FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

St. Nicholas Church in Millvale will hold a flea market and bake sale on Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, June 22 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and basket of cheer. Church tours of the world famous Croatian artist Maxo Vanka will also be conducted.

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

on Mt. Troy Road will have a giant rummage sale on Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, June 29 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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