

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 29, 2008

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
 201 Ninth Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215
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 Christ the Divine Teacher
 Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
 E-mail.....CCinSharpsburg@yahoo.com

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

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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PAUL'S CONVERSION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Readings for the Week of June 29, 2008-July 5, 2008

Sunday, June 29, 2008
 Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-10

Monday, June 30, 2008
 Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Psalm 50; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday, July 1, 2008
 Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Psalm 5; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday, July 2, 2008
 Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday, July 3, 2008
 Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117; John 20:24-29

Friday, July 4, 2008
 Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Psalm 119; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday, July 5, 2008
 Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85; Matthew 9:14-17

Stewardship
Offertory June 21/22, 2008

St. Mary	\$2,098.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$2,172.50
St. John Cantius	\$ 374.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

SECOND COLLECTION The second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence for our Holy Father's special charities. The second collection next week is the monthly Parish Share collection.

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Father Almade is pleased to announce that Marilyn Ganster, a St. Mary parishioner, will be the coordinator of our religious education program for the 2008-2009 school year. Marilyn is a retired public school teacher and has been a catechist here for several years. Welcome, Marilyn, and how fortunate we are to have you here!

CCD REGISTRATION If you have not yet registered your child or children for the upcoming 2008-2009 CCD year, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to take care of this for you. Just a reminder that those who will be confirmed in the fall must also be registered for two additional upcoming sessions.

PEWS We have nine pews which were in the cemetery chapel available for sale. They are ten feet long and they are lovely, but they need a little tender, loving care to be restored. A freewill donation for the pews will be gratefully accepted. Call the parish office to reserve your pew.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH PROTECTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE The Diocese of Pittsburgh is firmly committed to establishing policies and practices where the safety of young people is paramount. The diocese first established policies for dealing with clergy sexual abuse of minors in the 1980s. The diocese has fully implemented the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the Catholic Church in the United States. Annual audits of diocesan and parish performance of the Charter have shown the diocese to be exemplary.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh strongly recommends to those making allegations of sexual abuse of a minor (by a priest, deacon, staff member or church volunteer) to report such allegations to civil authorities. The diocese offers outside counseling services to any who are victims of abuse. A direct toll-free hotline (1-888-808-1235 or 412-456-3060) is available to reach Mrs. Rita Flaherty, the diocesan victim assistance coordinator. For more information, visit the diocesan website, www.diopitt.org.

WEB SITE As mentioned a few weeks ago, young parishioner Brandon Posa is developing a web site for our churches. The site is progressing quite nicely and further information will continue to be added over the summer. Please feel free to visit the website at WWW.CATHOLICSHARPSBURG.ORG. and call the parish office with any suggestions or comments. A big thank-you to Brandon for undertaking this project!

Please remember your parish in your will.

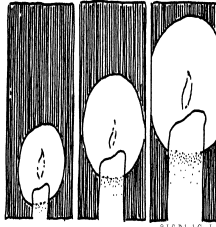


Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

**MARGARET AND FRANK A. POSTAVA,
SR., FRANK AND MARGARET POSTAVA
AND DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS**

by family



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

In memory of

GEORGE WILLIAMS

by wife, Ann and family



Please pray for

BRYAN AKERS

Son of Billy and Sandy Akers

May he rest in peace.



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 30 to register your child for this wonderful time!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES

We have openings available throughout the summer months for altar flowers and sanctuary candles. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to request these.

PRIEST AVAILABLE

Father Almade 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.



FOURTH OF JULY

The parish office will be closed on July 4 in observance of the birthday of our nation. In addition, please note that Mass on that day will be celebrated at St. Mary church at 10:00 a.m. May God bless America and grant us and all of this world His peace.

NEW MINISTERS For the past two weeks, Father Almade has trained new lectors and extraordinary ministers of communion. All new ministers will be commissioned at Mass on Wednesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. However, please pick up a schedule for ministers in the sacristy during all Masses this weekend as you have been added to the schedule. Also, we continue to welcome all new lectors and eucharistic ministers. Please accept our gratitude for heeding God's call to help spread the Good News!



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Heartfelt congratulations to Robert and Rosemary Gally who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this weekend. Robert and Rosemary have three daughters, Shelly, Rosemarie and Robin, as well as six grandchildren. May God bless them and their family as they commemorate this wonderful occasion!

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Kocent and Amanda Kocent, daughters of Robin and Michael Kocent and granddaughters of Robert and Rosemary Gally. Amanda is a recent high-honor graduate of Fox Chapel High School who will attend Mercyhurst College this fall to study business.



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Jessica is a graduate of Mercyhurst College with a degree in secondary education and social studies and she is also the recipient of the Mother Borgia Egan Award for leadership. Best wishes to both of these young ladies!

WORLD YOUTH DAY Bishop Zubik will celebrate a Mass for all youth in the diocese on June 30, 2008 to prepare for World Youth Day in Australia. A program of praise and worship will be led by the seminarians beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. The sacrament of penance will also be available starting at 6:00 p.m. and all youth of the parishes are encouraged to attend this very special event.

YOUTH GROUP Our newly formed youth group meets the third Friday of every month. On July 18, we will meet for an evening of service projects and pizza will be served, along with a "make your own sundae" dessert. In addition, youth group parents are needed to help work the kitchen at the bingo on Sunday evenings during the month of July. For more information or to schedule a week, please call Tom Troyan at (412) 782-4860. All youth are cordially welcomed to join this great group for service and fun.

BLESSED ARE THEY The Blessed Are They Group will celebrate Mass together on Saturday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m. After Mass, a social will be held at the John Paul I Center. Please call one of the following ladies if you are planning to attend: Barb (412) 781-5732, Bea (412) 781-8975 or Edith (412) 486-7573.



Reminder: July Birthdays Please call in the names, ages, and dates of those who are celebrating special birthdays in July. All birthdays in increments of five years and all ages over 80 will be published next weekend.

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.

BLESSED DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI When Joseph de Veuster was born in Belgium in 1840, few people in Europe had any knowledge of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, six years later Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother, Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he went to the government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support.

Soon, the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Kope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

The feast of Blessed Damien of Molokai is May 10.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find the fourth “Moving Forward” report, which details the recommendations of the Moving Forward Committee for the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg. 175 parishioners attended the parish meetings on June 10 and 12, and offered their comments. If you were not one of those, please take a few minutes to read this report, and offer any comments to me about the five recommendations. This report will also be mailed to all parishioners.

Catholics still think that every year is like the previous year, and that the merry-go-round of parish activities just keeps running, decade after decade. But things change. Western Pennsylvania has experienced so much change that you can't just do the same things this year as last. In each parish it is necessary for the Pastoral and Finance Councils to work with the priests and staff to plan deliberately for next year's activities—in light of the mission of the parish. Keeping the mission of the parish always before you is critical. The business types call this “mission focus.” Once you identify the mission, then you plan to implement it. You look backward to see what worked and what didn't. Then you plan forward to carry out your mission.

Our mission as the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg is NOT to repeat the past. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in and through our beloved Catholic Church to the world around us, using deeds, rites and words. Decades ago Catholics used missions, schools, lyceums and churches—always the churches—to carry out this mission. But a look back also shows that the priests, Sisters and lay leaders mostly expected “the people to come to the church.” Today we can no longer expect that just opening the doors of the church will (like day after Thanksgiving sales) bring a multitude of people into Mass. We have to plan to go out and meet folks where they are. We have to plan what new activities we want to do in the name of Christ, how to recruit and train the volunteers to lead these activities, and evaluate whether these plans were effective.

We have to see the future not as a repetition of the past, but as a gift from God to implement the mission Christ gave the Church: “Go, teach all nations.” We can only do this in the future. And to use wisely and well this precious time, we have to plan the hows, whats, how-much-is-it-going-to-costs, and the with-whoms.

As you think about our report, read also Bishop Zubik's first pastoral letter in the ***Pittsburgh Catholic*** which was mailed to your home. As I write this on Monday, June 23, I have not yet myself seen or read his pastoral letter. But I know that it is intended to challenge us to plan for a more dynamic Church, more engaged Church, more active Church, more Spirit-filled Church. This is the message Bishop David has been telling us in his first ten months as our shepherd. Let's see if we can put his words (and more importantly, Christ's Word) into practice here in Sharpsburg.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., JUNE 28

4:00 PM MOJ PETER AND STELLA SUBASIC by
granddaughters and great-grandson
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., JUNE 29

8:30 AM SJC PFC DAVID A. FERRARO by parents
10:30 AM STM GEORGE WILLIAMS by wife, Ann and family

MON., JUNE 30

7:30 AM MOJ SALVATORE RICCELLI by son and
daughter-in-law, Michele and Francesca Riccelli

TUE., JULY 1

7:30 AM MOJ NICHOLAS KASUNICH by Mike and Darlene
Byrnes

WED., JULY 2

7:00 PM MOJ HARRY HITE by family

THU., JULY 3

7:30 AM MOJ PAUL ZWIGART by sons, Mark and Paul and
wife, Betty

FRI., JULY 4

10:00 AM STM JOSEPH KRYSOPOLOSKI by wife and daughter

SAT., JULY 5

4:00 PM MOJ BILLY AURIN AND BRYAN AKERS by
Akers and Aurin Families
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., JULY 6

8:30 AM SJC LOUIS A. FERRARO, JR. by wife, children and
grandson
10:30 AM STM RUTH PARKS by Betty Phelan

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

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.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion. It will be held from August 8 through August 10. Open to both men and women, the retreat will take place at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Rachel's Vineyard provides a beautiful experience of God's love, forgiveness and compassion for those struggling with abortion's aftermath. There is a fee to cover the cost of food and lodging, but financial aid is available. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are co-sponsors. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance at (412) 456-6999 by August 1.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM is a prom that will be held for adults with cognitive and physical disabilities sponsored by the Celebration of Life, a new charitable organization in the Pittsburgh area. It will be held on Saturday, July 19, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the social hall of the Sisters of Divine Providence, Elizabeth. To register, call (724) 327-9019.

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Attn: Rosemarie

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