

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 8, 2008

TENTH SUNDAY 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
 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

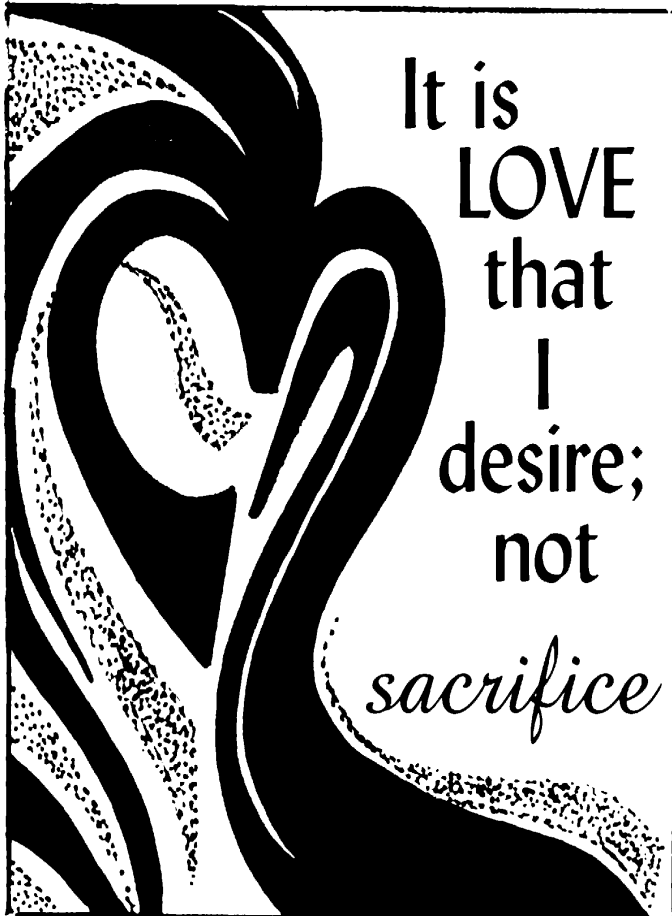
KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

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.

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**Readings for the Week of
 June 8, 2008-June 14, 2008**

Sunday, June 8, 2008

Hosea 6:3-6; Psalm 50; Romans 4:18-25; Matthew 9:9-13

Monday, June 9, 2008

1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 121; Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

1 Kings 17:7-16; Psalm 4; Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Acts 11:21-26,13:1-3; Psalm 98; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 12, 2008

1 Kings 18:41-46; Psalm 65; Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 13, 2008

1 Kings 19:9,11-16; Psalm 27; Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday, June 14, 2008

1 Kings 19:19-21; Psalm 16; Matthew 5:33-37

**Stewardship
Offertory May 31/June 1, 2008**

St. Mary	\$2,820.45
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$3,335.00
St. John Cantius	\$ 815.00

Mission Appeal Offerings for Fr. Jim Huvane, Maryknoll

St. Mary	\$1,104.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,128.00
St. John Cantius	\$ 327.00

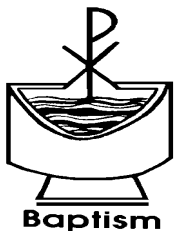


ST. ANTHONY NOVENA will conclude with Mass on Friday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. **There will not be devotions on Tuesday, June 10.** St. Anthony Rosary Chaplets are available for purchase at the Novena and in all the churches after Mass on Sunday for \$10.

IMPORTANT PARISH MEETINGS The Moving Forward Committee and Father Almade 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 Kathy or Tom Troyan at (412) 782-4860.

Also, if anyone in grades 8 through 12 as interested in a World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Kentucky, please contact Tom regarding additional information.



CONGRATULATIONS To the newest members of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg who were baptized on Sunday, June 1: Logan Michael Whitehead and Lucas William Gamble. May God shower His most choice graces upon these precious children and their families always!

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE Our parking lots are small, and therefore we cannot waste space. Please park in neat rows. Pull up to the car in front of you as close as possible, to allow more cars behind you to park. We need the love we preach in church to extend even to our parking lots!

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.

BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBORS Just like the wintertime, summer can be a dangerous time of year for the elderly. Please be kind and check on your neighbors to see if they need anything to help "beat the heat."



Please pray for

**JOSEPH LIBERTO
CATHY HURST
ROSE LATUSZEWSKI
DENNIS GIARDINO
JUNE NAPLES**

May they rest in peace.

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 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.

Please remember your parish in your will.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS As June is the most popular month for weddings, here are some thoughts about marriage.

- Communication is 55% non-verbal, 38% tone of voice and 7% words.
- Fidelity in marriage is about more than just not having an affair. It means doing daily acts of thoughtfulness that keep your relationship exciting.
- If you have changed in the past year, have you shared your thoughts and feelings with your spouse?
- For some couples, children come easily. Others long for a child and wait painfully each month to conceive. If you have children, no matter how frustrated or tired you may be, pray for those who would trade places with you in a heartbeat.
- A common recommendation to courting couples is to "marry your best friend." Scripture sets a high bar. "No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends." (John 15:13)

CREMATION FACTS Following are some teachings regarding cremation and the Catholic Church.

1. The body of a deceased Catholic Christian is also the body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation and fed with the Bread of Life. Thus, the Church's reverence for the sacredness of the human body grows out of a reverence and concern both natural and supernatural for the human person. The body of the deceased brings forcefully to mind the Church's conviction that the human body is in Christ a temple of the Holy Spirit and is destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Therefore, the preference of the Catholic Church is for a funeral Mass with the body (preceded by a wake for family and friends) and burial of the body in a Catholic cemetery.
2. In the early days of the Church, persecutors burned bodies in mockery of Christian belief in the resurrection. Today, the Church believes these hostile factors are no longer prevalent. Thus, the Church will permit cremation as long as it is not chosen for reasons hostile to Catholic teaching, when the intention to cremate does not reject the doctrine of the resurrection of the body on the last day, and when there are other good reasons to justify the practice.
3. The Church strongly prefers that cremation takes place after the full funeral liturgy with the body present.
4. Respectful final disposition of cremated remains involves interment or entombment. Burial options include a family grave or cremation garden. Above-ground entombment is done in a niche, either in a mausoleum wall or an outdoor columbarium structure.
5. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air or on the ground or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased is not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Burial at sea differs from scattering. An appropriate and worthy container, heavy enough to be sent to its final resting, may be dropped into the sea.
6. Jewelry, dishes, statuary and space capsules are examples of containers for cremated remains now being offered to the public. These are not acceptable in Catholic funeral practices.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION On Father's Day, we will be collecting diapers and baby supplies to help parents in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

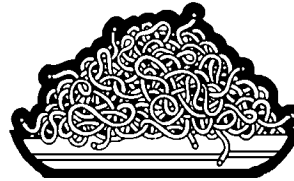


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, July 7 through Friday, July 11 at the John Paul I Pastoral Center from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Children ages 4 through 10 are welcome to join us for bible stories, crafts and outdoor activities. Snacks will be provided and the cost 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!

BINGO!

at **MADONNA**

Spaghetti
Dinner



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. JOHN NEUMANN John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at the age of 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio, where he became popular with the German people.

He lived for two years at St. Philomena Parish in the Strip District of Pittsburgh and served Catholics throughout western Pennsylvania. At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, he became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. St. John Neumann took seriously the Lord's words about going and teaching all nations. He used his gift of organizing to help spread the Good News. Today, the Church is in dire need of men and women to continue to teach the Good News. When we approach Christ, he supplies the necessary talents to answer today's needs. The spirit of Christ continues his work through the instrumentality of generous Christians.

The Feast of St. John Neumann is January 5.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

+ Welcome again to Bishop David Zubik, who today returns to Sharpsburg to celebrate the Eucharist for the Korean Catholic Community at St. John Cantius Church at 11:30 a.m. Since his formal installation as 12th bishop of Pittsburgh on September 28, Bishop Zubik has been “the energizer bunny” in his attempt to visit all the parishes, communities and institutions of the diocese. Many of you remember his wonderful visit and liturgy with CCS in January in Madonna of Jerusalem Parish. Bishop David, you are always welcome in Sharpsburg!

+ This week the Moving Forward Committee and I are hosting two special parish meetings to explain our thoughts and suggestions for the future of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg. I urge as many parishioners as possible to attend, both to listen to the presentation and offer your thoughts and feelings about them. The two meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., and Thursday, June 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., both in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Light snacks will be served. For those who are unable to attend these parish meetings, we will also publish in a future bulletin the outline of the committee’s recommendations and a summary of people’s responses.

+ We need your help. Our dedicated corps of volunteers is being stretched. We need more lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers for our four Sunday Masses each weekend. If you would like to help in one of these liturgical ministries, please give the parish office a call and come to the training session on Monday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Please consider this a personal invitation. If you do not like being “on the altar” in front of the assembly, we also welcome new Eucharistic ministers who will take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our parishes.

+ June is the month for graduations. I extend my congratulations to all graduates of our parishes, whether it be from Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy, high school, college, trade school, professional school or graduate school. Graduations are both endings and beginnings. May you use wisely and well the wisdom you have learned, for the building up of the Kingdom of God and for the neediest in our midst.

+ I am pleased to announce that very soon the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg will have a presence on the World Wide Web (aka the Internet). Parishioner and computer geek Brandon Posa has set up our own website, www.catholicsharpsburg.org. He and parish secretary Rosemarie Haas are working on the contents for the website! Look for it on a computer near you.

+ Finally a well deserved word of appreciation for our neighbor, Father Robert Duch, who is retiring and ending his service as pastor of St. Scholastica Parish, Aspinwall, at the end of this month. Father Bob has been a steady and thoughtful leader in this community for many years. He promises to still help out parishes (including ours, as I’ve already signed him up to help me out in August so that I can go on vacation) in retirement. Well done, good and faithful servant! Ad multos annos!

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THE PARISH MEETINGS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10 FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL 1:30 P.M. AND ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12, FROM 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

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

MON., JUNE 9

7:30 AM MOJ BENNARDO AND LaSCOLA FAMILIES by daughter, Jennie

TUE., JUNE 10

7:30 AM MOJ BETTY, BOB & JAKE by Florence Soeder

WED., JUNE 11

7:00 PM MOJ PHILOMENA & PAT MIGNELLA by sister, Edith, and family

THU., JUNE 12

7:30 AM MOJ ALDO SETTINO by wife, Giovanna, and family

FRI., JUNE 13

7:30 AM MOJ PEIFFER AND SZWEDKO FAMILIES & ALEX by Mary Jane Szwedko

3:00 PM STM WEDDING OF JOE BAILEY & MEGAN KOVIC

7:00 PM MOJ IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY by devotees

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

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.

POSITION AVAILABLE Full-time RN or LPN Charge Nurse for facility in McCandless Township caring for geriatric religious Sisters. Evening shift 2:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, no weekends or holidays. Excellent benefits and salary range. Transportation needed. Call Sisters of Divine Providence at (412) 635-6302 or send a fax to (412) 318-3325.

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