

# Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

**MARCH 22, 2009**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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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.

## 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)

## 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)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church  
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.

## This Week in the Church

### Sunday, March 22

St. Nicholas Owen

### Monday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

### Tuesday, March 24

St. Catherine of Genoa

### Wednesday, March 25

Annunciation of the Lord

### Thursday, March 26

Blessed Didacus of Cadiz

### Friday, March 27

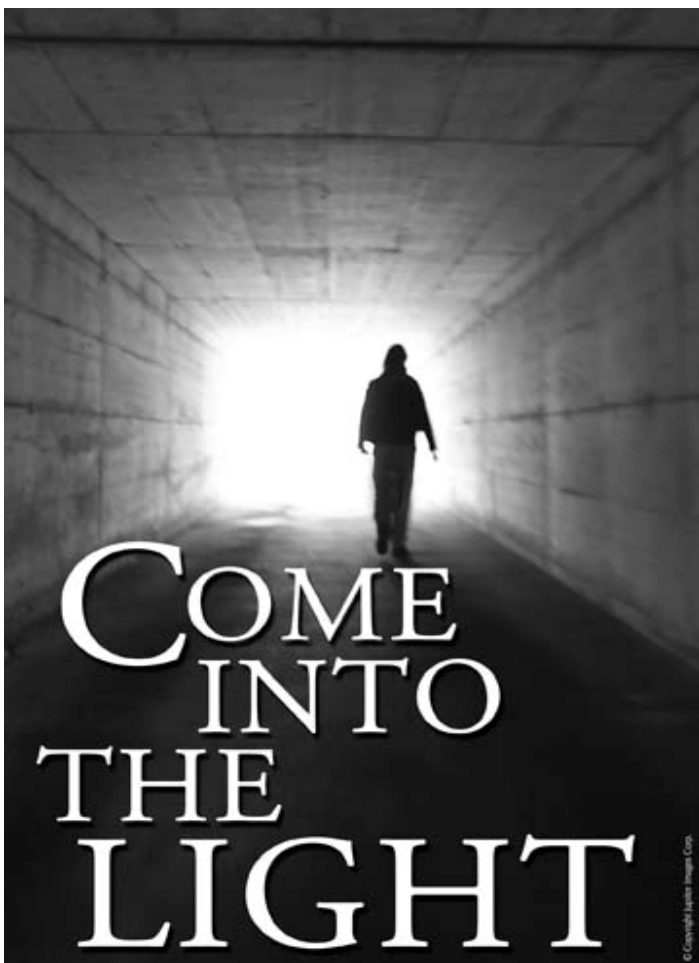
Blessed Francis Faa di Bruno

### Saturday, March 28

St. Hesychius of Jerusalem



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!**

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE 1,088 WOW!**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** Our schedule for Holy Week at Saint Juan Diego Parish is as follows:

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

Blessing of palm outside and Procession into Church before all Masses

Saturday, April 4, 4:00 p.m and 6:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. at St. John Cantius Church

Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m. at Saint Mary Church

**Holy Thursday, April 9**

Mass of the Last Supper, 7:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Church will be open until 12 Midnight for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Good Friday, April 10**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 12 Noon at St. Mary Church  
Way of the Cross procession, 2:00 p.m. from St. Mary Church to Madonna Church

**Holy Saturday, April 11**

The Great Easter Vigil, 9:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. at St. John Cantius Church

Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** The priests of our cluster of parishes (Sharpsburg, O'Hara, Aspinwall and Blawnox) have scheduled Lenten penance services, so as to allow Catholics to properly prepare for the Feast of Easter. Penance services will be held on this Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, O'Hara, after 7:00 p.m. Mass; Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Scholastica Church, Aspinwall, and Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church, Blawnox.

**CONFESSIONS** Father Almade has scheduled additional times for confessions during Holy Week. On Monday, April 6, confessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Confessions will also be held on Wednesday, April 8 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and following Mass on Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All are encouraged to participate in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the great feast of Easter.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Stations of the Cross will be held on each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Different groups will present the stations throughout Lent. The schedule is as follows:

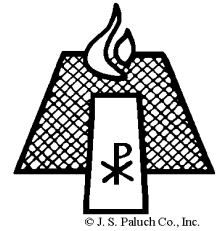
March 27 Youth Group

All are welcome to join us in prayer and reflection during this Lenten season.

**SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS** The last of Father Almade's presentations on Evangelization will take place at 12 Noon and at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26.

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

In memory of  
**Stanley and Clara Wasielewski**  
by  
Daughter, Toni and Sons



*Born to New Life*



**Please pray for**

**Frances DiGregory and  
Robin Szwedko**

May they rest in peace.

**HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** Once again, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to all who made last weekend's Mass with Bishop Zubik such a very special occasion. Thank you to the cookie bakers, the ministers, those who helped to decorate the hall and with set-up and clean-up, those who helped to clean and prepare St. Mary Church and all others who helped or participated in the Mass. We also thank Deacon Steve Pikula, Father Ken White, Father Alexia Anania, OFM, Father Carlo Napoli, TOR, Father Bernard Costello, Father Thomas Manion, Father Louis DeNinno, Father Bill Dorner, and Father Jang-Won Choi for concelebrating the Mass with Father Almade and Bishop Zubik. May God richly bless our new Saint Juan Diego Parish!

**SPRING CLEANING** Anyone who is available to help with spring cleaning at St. Mary's Church is asked to come on March 30, March 31 and April 1 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12 Noon. Men and women are needed and please don't forget your buckets and rags!

**QUIET CELL PHONES** Please turn off or switch to vibrate your cell phones while in church at Mass. Your thoughtfulness will enhance our community prayer.

**MSGR. RICE LECTURE** Father David Hollenbach, S.J. will deliver the annual Msgr. Charles Owen Rice lecture at Duquesne University on Thursday, March 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Duquesne Room (Student Union). He will address "Refugee Rights and the Transnational Good: Global Challenges and Catholic Social Teaching." Father Hollenbach is an internationally known theologian and ethicist. Admission is free. For more information, call 412-396-4504.

**CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY** Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy is now accepting registration for Pre-K through 8th grades for the 2009-2010 school year. For further information or to arrange a tour, please call 412-781-7927.

**ABUSE PROTECTION** The Diocese of Pittsburgh is committed to the prevention of abuse of children and young people. Our diocesan church has a strong record of responding to accusations of sexual misconduct by clergy or church personnel. The toll free number to contact in case of sexual abuse is 1-888-808-1235.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** This weekend's the second collection is being taken up for these three projects in the U. S.—Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity for our neighbors, sisters and brothers in our country.

**WE WERE HACKED!** Our parish email address, CCinSharpsburg@yahoo.com, has been compromised. Someone hacked into our address book and sent a false email regarding the parish secretary needing monetary help and the request is signed by Father Almada and Rosemarie Haas, the parish secretary. This is indeed a false request and if you happen to receive it, please ignore it. We apologize for this inconvenience. We have closed down the Yahoo site and hope to have a new parish email name soon.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** St. Ursula Parish Support for Grieving Ministry is offering a seven week grief support program—share with others who are grieving a loss of a loved one in an atmosphere of trust and caring compassion. Your shared experience of loss may be of help to another and, in turn, their experience may bring you a sense of comfort and peace. This free series runs seven consecutive Mondays beginning March 23 at 7:00 p.m. The sessions will meet in the Saint Ursula Parish Social Hall in Allison Park. For more information call Lorraine at 412-487-1094 or Sister Janice at 412-486-6700 extension 7.

**LENTEN MISSION** Holy Martyrs Parish in Tarentum will have a Lenten Mission from Saturday, March 28 through Wednesday, April 1. The mission will be given by Fr. David Nestler, a Franciscan priest and Director of the Pope Paul VI Pastoral Center in Wheeling, WV. The theme of the missions is: Clothing Ourselves in Christ—a Commentary on the Year of St. Paul. Fr. Nestler will preach at all weekend Masses and on Sunday evening he will lead Evening Prayer and give a talk entitled Living on the Edge. Fr. Nestler will lead a Penance Service on Monday evening, a Eucharistic Holy Hour Tuesday evening and Mass to conclude the mission on Wednesday evening. All evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**MONASTIC PRAYER** The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, PA, invite single women, ages 16 to 40, to join them in prayer during Holy Week, April 8-12, and personally experience monastic life for themselves. Their Benedictine, monastic vocation is centered in the monastery where they seek God in prayer, in work, and in community. For additional information, please call 724-834-3060.

**FISH FRY** Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy will hold their first Fish Fry on Friday, March 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinners will be served in the cafeteria of the school at 205 Brilliant Avenue, Aspinwall. Dinners are \$8.00; kids' meals are \$5.00 and a fish sandwich is \$5.00. Takeout order forms are available in the vestibule of Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

**CEMETERY NEWS** The crew at St. Mary Cemetery is in the process of cleaning up for the spring/summer season. At the present time, there are hundreds of objects which have been placed on graves (statues, balloons, fishing equipment, golf balls, beer cans, wine bottles, etc.) These objects present a serious safety hazard to the workers as they mow the grass and trim around the stones, as well as a potential hazard to visitors to the cemetery. If you wish to retrieve any of these objects, you may do so until April 1 after which time they will be discarded.

# 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.

**SERVICE OF APOLOGY** At 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7, Bishop David Zubik will be leading a special Service of Apology at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. If you, a loved one a friend or a family member has been harmed in any way by the Church, any bishop, priest, sister or layperson, please prayerfully consider attending. When we forgive and are forgiven, we are healed. And when we are healed, we are healthy, strong and able to truly celebrate Easter, able to live the mission that God designed for each of us.

**NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL** With a new parish comes a new pastoral council to assist the pastor in pastoral planning. They are: Donna Donovan, Mark Bukowski, Lou Borowski, Carole Edwards, James Hastings, Marie Warrene, Timothy Gigliotti, Joyce Seifried, Pat Markelewicz, Guy Carricato and Lorraine Weber. Their first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

**NEW FINANCE COUNCIL** With a new parish comes a new Finance Council to assist the pastor in budgeting, oversight of buildings and finances. They are: Tony Ferraro, Rose Wega, Linda Harrity, John Milcic and Chuck Beck. Their first meeting will be a joint meeting with the Pastoral Council on Tuesday, April 14 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSIONS** Dr. Mary Ann Gubish, the diocesan director for envisioning ministry, will conduct two information sessions for pastoral and finance councils. The first session will be on Tuesday, April 28 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. and the second session will be on Tuesday, May 19, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. All members of the finance and pastoral councils are strongly urged to attend these foundational workshops. These workshops are also open to all interested parishioners.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** On Good Friday, April 10, Saint Juan Diego Parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Your generosity is appreciated.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

*by Father Frank D. Almada*

***Dear Saint Juan Diego Parishioners: I was overwhelmed by your participation and prayer last Sunday at our very special Mass with Bishop Zubik in St. Mary Church. Everyone, everything, was simply wonderful. From the bottom of my heart I thank all who served—ushers, musicians, Eucharistic ministers, lectors (in six languages!), altar servers, sacristans, cookie bakers, reception cleaners, car parkers, church cleaners—all who came, and all who prayed for me as one parish. Thank you so much! May God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, richly bless you!***

***The following were my remarks at Sunday's Mass after Bishop Zubik ceremonially installed me as pastor:***

Bishop Zubik, thank you very much for returning to Sharpsburg for this special Mass and to install me as the first pastor of Saint Juan Diego Parish. This pastoral visit to St. Mary Church completes your "trifecta." In January of last year you returned to Madonna of Jerusalem Church, where you assisted Father Vecchio for many years as a weekend helpout. In June you came to St. John Cantius to pray with the Korean Catholic Community. Now you join us as a new parish united, diverse in our heritages and cultures, but united in the one Catholic faith we have all just professed in the Creed.

If you read the newspapers daily, as I do, you see ambition on every page. Politicians want to win the next election, actors want to earn an Oscar, scientists work for a Nobel Prize or other honor, Ben Roethlisberger, Hines Ward and Troy Polomalu are already training to win their third Super Bowl. But such ambition is usually frowned upon in the church – with one exception. I believe that we priests should not be ambitious for fame, honor, power or privilege. But the one honorable ambition is to be a pastor, a shepherd, a servant of souls. As a pastor, a priest is able to do as Jesus taught and did—be a servant to all, to be first by being last. Jesus once said, "Are we not just unworthy servants, only doing our duties as commanded?" This is what has again been affirmed in this ceremony of the installation of a pastor. I am called to be servant to these wonderful people gathered here in prayer, all the members of Saint Juan Diego Parish, and all our neighbors in Sharpsburg. We together in turn then work together to expand our outreach: in evangelization of the Word of God, in concern for the needy and poor, in asking forgiveness of those we have harmed, again as Jesus did and taught. And let me commend you, Bishop, on your announcement of a Service of Apology on the Tuesday of Holy Week at St. Paul Cathedral. It is an excellent public expression of our Christian call, and very much needed, as you and I both know. I hope to attend myself, and to urge at least a few of our parishioners to attend as well.

I beg God's grace that I may become a humble servant to this loving parish community, that we may be icons of God's love for all peoples. I trust in God's grace for you, Bishop Zubik, as our diocesan shepherd, and for all who minister in the name of Jesus Christ. Saint Juan Diego, pray for us! Virgin of Guadalupe, pray for us!

## *Schedule of Masses for the Week*

### **SAT., MAR. 21**

4:00 PM MOJ WILMA FARRELL by Daughter, Denise  
6:00 PM MOJ BILL BRENENBORG by Wife and Children

### **SUN., MAR. 22**

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO  
PARISH  
10:30 AM STM JOSEPH V. and ROSALIA P. LEO by Children  
and Grandson

### **MON., MAR. 23**

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

### **TUE., MAR. 24**

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

### **WED., MAR. 25**

7:30 PM MOJ DOMENIC AND MICHELINA CORRADO by Donna  
and Tim Donovan and Family

### **THU., MAR. 26**

7:30 AM MOJ STANLEY AND CLARA WASIELEWSKI by  
Daughter, Toni and Sons

### **FRI., MAR. 27**

7:30 AM MOJ HELEN A. HUDAK by Howard and Kathy  
Schostack

### **SAT., MAR. 28**

4:00 PM MOJ CRESTA AND RUSSANO FAMILIES by Mr. and  
Mrs. Settimio Cresta and Family  
6:00 PM MOJ MICHAEL R. URSO, SR. by Michael R. Urso, Jr.  
and Family

### **SUN., MAR. 29**

8:30 AM SJC ROSA AND FRANCESCO FERRARO by  
daughter, Anna Marie and Family  
10:30 AM STM JOHN AND HELEN YODANIS by Children

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

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** In today's Gospel God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

**LIVING STATIONS AT MADONNA** The Youth Ministry of Saint Juan Diego Parish will present Living Stations at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3 at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. (Please note later time than usual.) All are invited to attend this most special version of our Lord's suffering and death as depicted by the young people of our parish.

**EVENING OF REFLECTION** St. Scholastica Parish, Aspinwall, will host an evening of reflection on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Father Scott Seethaler, a Capuchin-Franciscan priest from St. Augustine Friary in Lawrenceville will conduct the evening program. All are invited to hear Father Scott's words of inspiration and hope in today's troubling world.

***Please remember to make a bequest to our new  
Saint Juan Diego Parish in your will.***

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