

Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

MARCH 29, 2009

FIFTH 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.

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.

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)



This Week in the Church

Sunday, March 29

Blessed Ludovico of Casoria

Monday, March 30

St. Peter Regalado

Tuesday, March 31

St. Stephen of Mar Saba

Wednesday, April 1

St. Hugh of Grenoble

Thursday, April 2

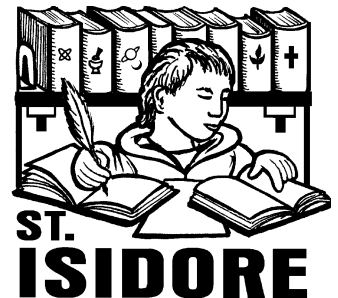
St. Francis of Paola

Friday, April 3

St. Benedict the African

Saturday, April 4

St. Isidore of Seville



Stewardship
Offeritory March 21/22, 2009

\$5,803.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

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 Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Scholastica Church, Aspinwall, and this Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church, Blawnox.

CONFESSIONS Father Almada 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.

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.

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!

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

In memory of

John and Helen Yodanis



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA The annual St. Anthony Novena will begin on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna Church, continuing every Tuesday for nine weeks. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ST. ANDREW KIM CENTER The Korean Catholic Community has asked to rename the rectory at St. John Cantius the "St. Andrew Kim Center." Father Almada has gladly given permission. (The church name remains "St. John Cantius.") St. Andrew Kim was the first native Korean priest and the son of Korean converts. He attended seminary in China and returned to China to be ordained. Upon return home, he arranged for missionaries to enter Korea by a route to elude border patrol. He was arrested, tortured and beheaded near Seoul, South Korea. He is representative of the faithfulness of many Koreans to the Catholic faith. His feast day is September 20.

SIGNS In a few weeks, look for new signs in front of all three of our churches, the John Paul I Pastoral Center, the St. Andrew Kim Center, and in St. Mary Cemetery. These signs are ways of proudly identifying parish buildings and ministries, and an expression of evangelization.

WISH LIST Below is a wish list for items that either have been purchased or will be purchased by Saint Juan Diego Parish. These are extraordinary items related to our new parish. Donations in memory of living or deceased loved ones are gratefully appreciated.

Chasuble of Our Lady of Guadalupe with 5 embroidered images of apparitions to Saint Juan Diego \$2,500.00

Prayer Cards \$ 300.00

Icons of Saint Juan Diego \$ 300.00 each
(3 purchased, one for each church)

Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe \$ 300.00 each
(2 purchased)

Signs

St. John Cantius Church \$ 500.00
 St. Mary Church \$ 500.00
 Madonna of Jerusalem Church \$ 500.00
 John Paul I Pastoral Center \$ 500.00
 St. Andrew Kim Center \$ 500.00
 St. Mary Cemetery (5) \$ 500.00 each

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and donations will be printed in upcoming bulletins.

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.

VERONICA'S VEIL Veronica's Veil, America's Passion Play, will begin its 90th season of presentation on Saturday, March 21 and will run through Sunday, April 5 at the Veronica's Veil Auditorium on the South Side. The play will be presented on three weekends during this Lenten season. For reservations, please call 412-431-5550.

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE High school juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, April 19. Registration is from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. followed by an introduction to St. Vincent College and a student panel as well. The day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For more information, please call 1-800-782-5549.

GOLF TOURNAMENT The 6th annual Oakland Catholic Eagle Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 27 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. This tournament will benefit Oakland Catholic High School. For more information, please call Karen at 412-682-6797.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Basic Needs Assistance Program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is in need of volunteers with social work or clerical support experience. Conveniently located in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District, the office is easily accessible by public transportation. To volunteer for this program, contact Judy at 412-456-6975.

NEW MINISTERS We continue to look for new ministers, especially for the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Training classes will be held after Easter. If you are interested in becoming a lector, extraordinary minister of communion or altar server, please call the Parish Office.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS The deadline for publication in the Easter bulletin for flower memorials is April 1. Donations will continue to be taken after that date and the names received after April 1 will be published in a later bulletin.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. Through your gifts, you, like Jesus, become a servant of the poor and know that your kindness will be greatly rewarded.

"THE CREATION" The Carnegie Mellon School of Music has chosen St. John Vianney Church in the Allentown neighborhood of the city of Pittsburgh for an historic event. They will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn with a performance of the great oratorio "The Creation" sung in English. This will feature the Carnegie Mellon Choirs and Orchestra conducted by Dr. Robert Page. This event will be open to the public and will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in St. John Vianney Church, 823 Climax Street. A freewill offering will be collected at the door and a light reception will follow the concert.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES On Easter Sunday, April 12, Bishops David Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 3:00 p.m. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

In his sensitive 2003 book, "It's Not the Same Without You: Coming Home to the Catholic Church," Mitch Finley writes, "Every Catholic parish, and every diocese, has an obligation rooted in the Gospel to seek reconciliation with inactive and alienated Catholics. When some 17 million Americans who identify themselves as Catholic also say that they no longer practice the faith, this is no small matter. Indeed, the largest religious group in the United States is made up of inactive Catholics, followed by active Catholics, with Baptists coming in third....."

"A big part of the problem of institutional Catholic disinterest in reaching out to lapsed or alienated Catholics is that historically the church has rarely thought in terms of a need for such a ministry. Prior to Vatican II, Catholics typically blamed inactive Catholics for moral lapses, and that was the end of the explanation.... Today's parish and diocesan ministers, and Catholics in general, do well to raise serious doubts about this customary perception of lapsed Catholics as morally culpable for being away from the church. Even if a fallen-away Catholic is at fault, to one degree or another, for being an inactive Catholic, 99 times out of 100 he or she also has a legitimate complaint against the church. Far more often than not, the fallen-away Catholic fell away because the church, either as an institution or in the person of one of its representatives, failed to live up to Gospel ideals. Absolutely essential to the reconciliation process with alienated Catholics is a willingness on the part of parish and diocesan ministers to admit when the church failed and be willing to ask forgiveness for that failure."

On Tuesday, April 7, Bishop David Zubik intends to address precisely this issue. That evening he will lead a Service of Apology, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland. "This Service of Apology is a moment for me as Shepherd of this local Church to say those three very important but oft forgotten words ***I am sorry*** and in so doing to seek forgiveness of anyone hurt by the Church."

Over the years I have too often heard stories of people who were badly hurt by someone in a leadership position in the Catholic Church. I am sure that in my 30 years of priestly ministry I have caused hurt in others. What can we do? Do as Jesus taught: seek reconciliation when we have hurt another. This diocesan Service of Apology is one baby step in this process. Bishop Zubik says, "If you have been harmed by the Church in any way, I invite you to come to the Cathedral on April 7. There will be nothing expected of you but your presence and your willingness to pray with me. No one will bother you. All that I ask is that you and I open our hearts to the grace of forgiveness."

I intend to go to this Service of Apology during Holy Week. Will you join me in attending? Each of you reading this column knows someone who has been hurt by our Church. Would you mention this Service of Apology to them, and gently invite them to attend? Tell them that the Church which may have hurt them is also willing to ask forgiveness and apologize, to help them on the road to healing and wholeness.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

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

MON., MAR. 30

7:30 AM MOJ RALPH AND ELIZABETH GILARDI by Capone and Noonan Families

TUE., MAR. 31

7:30 AM MOJ SPAGNOLO AND NAPOLI FAMILIES by Ann Spagnolo

WED., APR. 1

7:00 PM MOJ ANTONIO AND VINCENZA D'ACIERNO by Frank and Rose Sacco

THU., APR. 2

7:30 AM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

FRI., APR. 3

7:30 AM MOJ TONY, BARBARA AND RICH DAMIANO by Guy and Marie Carricato

SAT., APR. 4

PALM SUNDAY

4:00 PM MOJ FRANK CONFORTI by Wife, Rose Conforti

6:00 PM MOJ ANTOINETTE (TONI) PETRONE by Husband, Joseph

SUN., APR. 5

8:30 AM SJC ANGELA & MICHELE BONAVITA & FAMILIES by Mr. and Mrs. Michele Posa

10:30 AM STM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

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

PALM SUNDAY Please note that all Palm Sunday Masses will begin outside on the steps of each church. A procession through the church will follow.

RESTING IN GOD The Diocesan Department for Persons with Disabilities invites parents and caregivers of children and adults with disabilities to pause, rest and be renewed in God on Saturday, April 25 at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park. The morning of prayer and fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends with Mass at 11:30. Deacon Tim Killmeyer will offer his reflections on "Striving for Holiness" and guide the group to consider: "Can those of us who live normal, everyday lives, be called to holiness?" And as caregivers, "What does it mean to be holy; to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?" For more information, please call Sue Sunderland at 412-456-3119 ext. 1.

WRITING CHECKS? If you write checks for your offertory envelopes, for Parish Share and any other additional collection envelopes, flowers or candles, please make your checks payable to "Saint Juan Diego Parish." Thank you for your cooperation! This is a real sign we are a new parish!

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