

Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

MARCH 8, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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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)

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.

This Week in the Church

Sunday, March 8

St. John of God

Monday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

Tuesday, March 10

St. Dominic Savio

Wednesday, March 11

St. John Ogilvie

Thursday, March 12

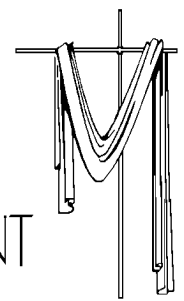
Blessed Angela Salawa

Friday, March 13

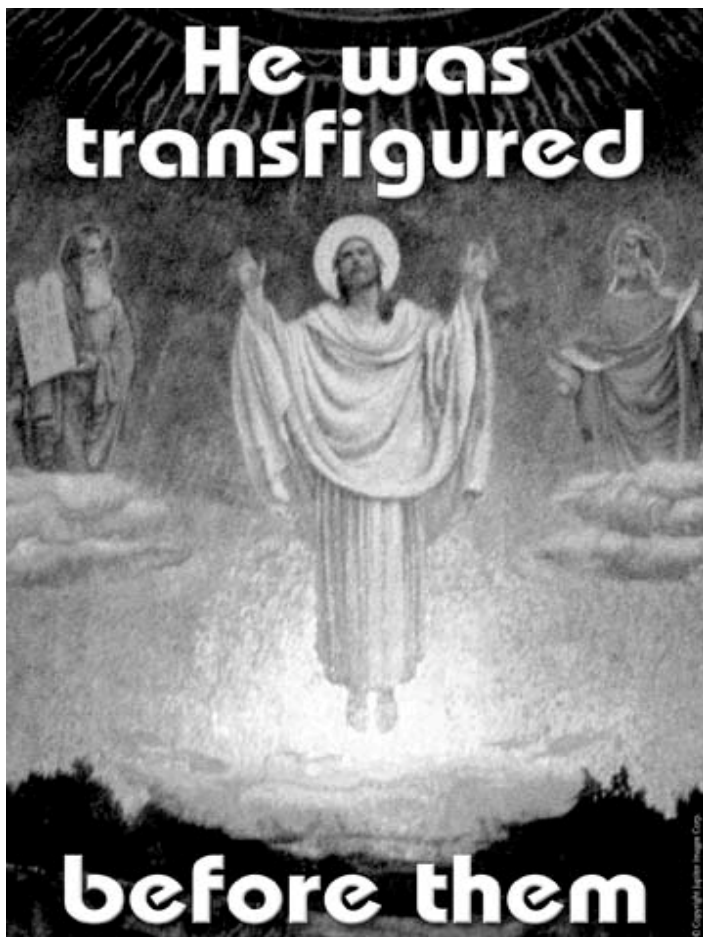
St. Leander of Seville

Saturday, March 14

St. Maximilian



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP
TO SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH!**

WELCOME, BISHOP ZUBIK!

ONE MASS ONLY
IN
SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH
NEXT SUNDAY
MARCH 15, 2009
AT 10:30 AM
IN ST. MARY CHURCH
FOR THE INSTALLATION
OF THE FIRST PASTOR.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

RECEPTION An informal reception in honor of Father Almade's installation and our new Saint Juan Diego Parish will be held immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 15. The reception will be at the John Paul I Pastoral Center and cookies are needed for that day. If you can donate cookies, they will be gratefully accepted on Friday, March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you are willing to help with the set-up and clean-up for the reception, or you can bake cookies, please call the Parish Office at 412-784-8700.

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

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

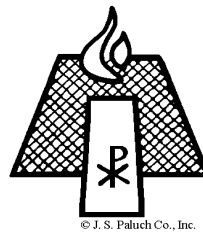
Holy Saturday, April 11

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



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

In memory of
The Farbacher Family
by
Rosella Farbacher

PARKING Since only one Mass will be celebrated at Saint Juan Diego Parish next weekend, please note that all three of the parking lots will be open and available for parishioners. Please be considerate of your neighbors in the parking lot and also those who need the handicapped-accessible spaces.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES The priests of our cluster of parishes (Sharpsburg, O'Hara, Aspinwall and Blawnox) have scheduled four Lenten penance services, so as to allow Catholics to properly prepare for the Feast of Easter. Penance services will be held on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, O'Hara, also 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.

ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL St. Joseph Preschool in O'Hara Township is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. The preschool offers classes for two, three and four year olds. Need-based tuition scholarships are offered. Please call 412-963-7205 for further information.

"THE SOUND OF MUSIC" Fox Chapel Area High School will present "The Sound of Music" next week. Performances will be on March 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. and on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the box office. Several students from our parish will be performing in this musical.

CHORAL VESPERS AND PENANCE SERVICE St. Joseph Church in Bloomfield will host choral vespers and a penance service on the feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The music will be provided by the Choir of Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph Parish and all are welcome.

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 13	Holy Name Society
March 20	Prayer Group
March 27	Youth Group
April 3	Living Stations

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

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!

SILENCE CELL PHONES Cell phones have become almost a basic necessity of life. However, during Mass it is inappropriate to allow a phone to ring and especially to answer the caller. Please turn your phone off or allow it to vibrate to let you know you have missed a call. We ask that you allow those attending Mass or any other service in church to reverently spend time in prayer growing closer to our Lord.

NFP PROMOTER WORKSHOP The Diocese of Pittsburgh is looking for individuals and couples who are willing to serve as promoters of Natural Family Planning (NFP), a proven, scientific and morally acceptable way for married couples to either postpone conception or help them achieve a pregnancy. A free, one-day workshop to train promoters in the scientific basis of NFP, the beauty of the Church's teachings on human sexuality, and practical aspects of how to share this information with others is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Gilmary Center. No experience is needed; all necessary training will be provided. For more information, contact the Diocesan Office for Family Life and Catechesis at 412-456-3160.

DIOCESAN PENANCE SERVICES During Lent, 2009, Bishop David A. Zubik will be holding penance services with individual rite of reconciliation at nine different parishes encompassing the 16 deaneries of the diocese between February 26 and March 18. For our Allegheny Valley Deanery, Bishop Zubik will be celebrating reconciliation at Our Lady of Joy, Holiday Park, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. Several priests will also be hearing confessions. All parishioners are invited to attend and go to confession.

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.

EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED The semi-annual evening of reflection for those who are separated or divorced, sponsored by the Office of Family Life and Catechesis of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be offered on Wednesday, March 25, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary, Crafton. The presenter will be Fr. Eugene Lauer and the topic of the evening is, "Unanswered Prayers: An Ongoing Christian Mystery." There is no charge for the evening, but a freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, call 412-456-3160.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more importantly to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the office bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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.

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.

MISSION RENEWAL St. Ursula Parish, Allison Park, is holding a mission renewal on March 9, 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. in their church. Capuchin Father Remo Salvatore will preside as they celebrate the theme, "The Mass—Heart of our Life and of Parish life." The format for Monday evening will be evening prayer followed by a presentation on the Liturgy of the Word. Tuesday will have evening prayer followed by a presentation on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Wednesday will be a celebration of Mass. Each evening will end with refreshments and informal sharing in the parish social hall. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Please take time to read the insert regarding the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The second collection for this effort will be held on March 22.

AWAY Father Almada will be away the weekend of March 22. Please warmly welcome Father Jim McDonough at the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Saturday Masses and Father Carlo Napoli at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

TAX DEDUCTIONS It's that time of year again when we prepare our tax returns. If you would like to receive a receipt of your offering to your parish for 2008, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to send it to you.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY There will not be a regularly scheduled meeting for the youth ministry on Friday, March 20. The group will lead Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 27 and living stations on Friday, April 3.

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!

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Welcome to Saint Juan Diego Parish!

164 years after the founding of the first parish in Sharpsburg, twelve years after the three parishes in Sharpsburg began to work together, nine months after parishioners confirmed the recommendation of the Moving Forward Committee to merge three parishes into one, keeping open all three church buildings, and five months after I sent the petitions for merger to the diocese, we are one new parish! Next Sunday Bishop David Zubik will come to our parish and celebrate Mass with us in St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m., and install me as pastor. (I hope to see you there!) Next Sunday will be a day to look forward with hope. For a moment, however, I would like to reflect on our history and heritage.

We live in a “throwaway culture.” Most of the time when something breaks (tv, cell phone, plate, company) we just throw it away and get a new one. In this way of thinking old is bad and new is always good. This is a rather narrow and wasteful way of living. Life is so much more complicated, and rich. Old is sometimes bad (leftovers becoming moldy in the refrig), but old is often good (the bible, a painting by Monet, Mazerowski’s World Series winning HR in 1960). Looking backwards at what is old helps us to see the struggles of those who lived long before us. History makes us appreciate that getting to now was not easy, and took courage and fortitude.

This is especially true when it comes to church and the Catholic faith. We revere the past because without the saints we would never have learned about Christ and God’s love. We treasure the past because it is a “school of learning and growing.” We honor the past when we pray the Our Father (almost 2,000 years old) or the Creed (first version in 385 A.D.), or when we remember Benedict, the 265th successor of St. Peter the Apostle.

Our heritage of four parishes in Sharpsburg begins with Blessed Francis Seelos, the Redemptorist priest who lived with St. John Neumann in the Strip District and who is beatified for his energetic ministry and holiness. Our heritage includes dozens of hard working priests (see the list of Sharpsburg pastors dating to 1845 in the Mass booklet for next Sunday’s liturgy with Bishop Zubik.), hundreds of devoted women religious, thousands of active parishioners in leadership positions, and tens of thousands of the faithful who received their sacraments in our churches. Our history includes elementary and high schools, religious education for children in public schools, literary societies, youth groups, outreach to the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, choirs and musicians, artists and sacristans, fun times and disasters (fire, flood). It is good to appreciate the ministries of those who came before us. In the words on a five year old, “They done good!” So as we are on the verge of another chapter of the Catholic Church serving Jesus Christ in Sharpsburg, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for members of your family, and all the faithful, religious and clergy who have brought the precious gift of faith to us today.

REMINDER: The only Mass that will be celebrated at Saint Juan Diego Parish for the weekend of March 14 and March 15 will be at St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., MAR. 7

4:00 PM MOJ ANNA STANCZAR by Sam and Darlene Stelitano

6:00 PM MOJ ANTHONY J. SCALISE by wife and family

SUN., MAR. 8

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF
SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

10:30 AM STM DOMENIC IEROVANTE by wife, Dolores and family

MON., MAR. 9

7:30 AM MOJ FILOMENA POSA by daughter, Rita & Carlo Lista

TUE., MAR. 10

7:30 AM MOJ DARRYL GUERRIERI by Kathy & Tony Ferraro

WED., MAR. 11

7:00 PM MOJ JOHN HERCHUCK by Cousin, June

THU., MAR. 12

7:30 AM MOJ BERNICE FERRARO by Christian Mothers and
Rosary Society

FRI., MAR. 13

7:30 AM MOJ PAUL SNYDER, JR. by Ed Lunz

SAT., MAR. 14

4:00 PM MOJ **NO MASS**

6:00 PM MOJ **NO MASS**

SUN., MAR. 15

8:30 AM SJC **NO MASS**

10:30 AM STM BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK, PRESIDING
INSTALLATION OF FIRST PASTOR
MASS 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.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY The monthly meeting of the Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

MARRIAGE MOMENT Humorists suggest that once couples marry, they lose their freedom. True, we are not free to enter into other intimate relationships or to make important decisions based solely on our own desires. The tradeoff is the comfort of being loved unconditionally.

PARENTING POINTER Parents sometimes feel like success always occurs in private (like a tender bedtime moment) and failure in public (like at the grocery store). If you notice another's child doing something praiseworthy, compliment the child of course, but pass it on to the parent, too. Sometimes we need that.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend to help celebrate new beginnings in your marriage will be held from March 20 through March 22 at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Township, PA. For more information, please call Mary and Lou Locante at 412-635-7775.

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