

Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

MAY 17, 2009

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

HOLY ORDERS Young men who wish to find out more about the priesthood should contact Father Almada.

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)

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.



**Stewardship
Offertory May 9/10, 2009**

\$6,528.00

Attendance

740

ASCENSION THURSDAY In the state of Pennsylvania, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is Thursday, May 21, and a holyday of obligation for all Catholics. The Mass schedule for Ascension Thursday, May 21, is as follows: 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church on Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 a.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church on Thursday, 12 Noon at St. Mary Church on Thursday and 7:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church on Thursday.

PILGRIMAGE Saint Juan Diego Parish is planning a pilgrimage to St. Paul Cathedral and St. Stanislaus Church in the Strip District on Tuesday, June 16. This pilgrimage also includes lunch at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. This trip is a repeat of the one offered in September. It is in recognition of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. The bus will leave from St. Mary Church at 10:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. The cost for this trip is \$48 and if you would like to attend, please call the Parish Office. Our last pilgrimage sold out quickly, so please call the office as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY The meeting of the Christian Mothers and Rosary Society for the month of May has been moved to this **Wednesday, May 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center, due to the Mass schedule for Ascension Thursday. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to attend.



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues this Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.

BLEST ARE THEY The Blest Are They group will have a Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Please RSVP by May 16 to Bea Aluise at 412-781-8975, Barb Imhof at 412-781-5731 or Edith Solomon at 412-486-7573. Also mark your calendar for Saturday, July 18 for our annual 4:00 p.m. Mass at Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

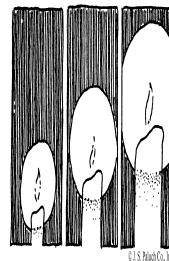
ROSARY All are welcome to recite the rosary each evening during the month of May beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's grotto.

PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSION Dr. Mary Ann Gubish, the diocesan director for envisioning ministry, will conduct a second information session for pastoral and finance councils. The session will be on Tuesday, May 19, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. and will build on the information presented in the first session. This session will be held in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. All members of the finance and pastoral councils are strongly urged to attend this foundational workshop. This workshop is open to all interested parishioners.

***Please do not forget to make a bequest
to Saint Juan Diego Parish in your will.***

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

In memory of
**Ignatius "Ed" Varvaro and the
deceased members of
the Scinico Family**
by
Wife and Children



Born to New Life



Please pray for

**Cecelia Stefanski
Lois Cafino**

May they rest in peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Eucharistic adoration will be held from on Tuesday, May 26 at Madonna of Jerusalem Church from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon and on Tuesday, June 2, from 12 Noon until 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this special time of devotion to our Lord.

OBERAMMERGAU Father Almade is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany leaving from Pittsburgh on August 26, 2010 and returning on September 3, 2010. This World famous Passion Play is only offered once every ten years. You will also have the opportunity to visit Munich in Germany and Salzburg and Innsbruck in Austria. For more information, please pick up a pamphlet in the vestibule of Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

NEW NOTE CARDS Lovely Saint Juan Diego note cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office during the week or after each Mass on the weekend in the sacristy. The cards are 6 for \$5 and they are a wonderful way to show others who our new patron saint is.

ELECTION DAY Next Tuesday, May 19 is Election Day. Please do not forget to let your voices be heard through your vote. The John Paul I Pastoral Center is a voting place. The Parish Office will be open on Election Day and all are welcome to stop in for a visit.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY All in the Young Adult Ministry are invited to PNC Park on Saturday, June 27 at 7:05 p.m. for the Pirates vs. Kansas City Royals game. There will be a Mass prior to the game at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Mary of Mercy in Downtown Pittsburgh followed by a tailgate party. For information, call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY Young Adult Sunday is celebrated the last Sunday of every month. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has declared that August 2, 2009 is Young Adult Sunday across the diocese. The usual Mass for July will be celebrated on July 26 but a family picnic will be planned for August 2. Anyone willing to help organize this event, please call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 77 households (196 individuals) received food or other assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry during the month of April. The trend identified in March continued through April with a decrease in the number of food requests but an increase in requests for rent, utility, furniture and transportation assistance.

The cost (both actual and donated value) to serve these 77 households includes:

Fresh Meat and Produce	\$574.00
Furniture	\$195.00
Transportation	\$65.00
Housing (Rent, etc.)	\$1,580.00
Utilities (Gas, electric, water)	\$299.00
Memorial Masses	\$40.00
Total Actual	\$2,753.00

Baby Products, clothing, misc. household	\$1,812.00
Canned foods, cereal, bakery, etc.	\$6,429.00
Meats, fish, other frozen foods	\$418.00
Total Donated	\$8,659.00

Grand Total **\$11,412.00**

April volunteer effort=273 hours

Through the efforts of donors and Vincentians, we will continue to provide goods, services and financial assistance to our neighbors in need. Because of your generosity and that of other organizations within the community, we have been able to help those who did not have the means to help themselves. We thank you for your support of the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. May God bless you.

"IN THE BEGINNING" St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw, has planned a weekend trip on July 18 and 19. On July 18 will be a stage performance of "In The Beginning", the story of Creation, followed by dinner and the show "Singing in the Rain" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater. Sunday morning will be Mass in Philadelphia at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann, followed by a visit to the gift shop and other historic signs in Philadelphia. The cost is \$283.00 per person, including transportation, hotel, the theaters, breakfast and all taxes and gratuities. For more information, please call 412-486-0165.

COOKBOOK St. Edward Parish in Blawnox has published its first cookbook, Our Daily Bread, containing over 300 delectable recipe. Included in the book is the history of St. Edward Parish, along with a picture of the first church dating to 1917. This book is a wonderful memento for someone who has moved from the area, as well as making a great gift for brides, new neighbors, college students or collectors. The cookbooks are available for \$10 at Curbside Coffeehouse in Blawnox or call Phyllis at 412-828-8997 or Marian at 412-828-7602 to reserve a copy.

HOSPITAL VISITS Father Almada wants to visit parishioners who are in a hospital or nursing home. However, only if a family member calls the Parish Office to inform Father of a parishioner or loved one in the hospital can he visit. For many years, it has been a nationwide policy that hospitals or other healthcare facilities are not permitted to notify churches about parishioners who are patients. So if a parishioner, former parishioner or loved one is in a hospital or nursing facility and you want Father Almada to make a visit, please call the Parish Office with the pertinent information.

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.

POPE ANNOUNCES YEAR FOR PRIESTS On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Holy Cure d'Ars, John Mary Vianney, the Holy Father announced on March 16 that a special Year for Priests will be celebrated from June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010 on the theme: "Faithfulness of Christ, faithfulness of priests." The Holy Father will inaugurate the year presiding at the celebration of Vespers on June 19, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and a day priestly sanctification in the presence of the Relic of the Cure d'Ars brought to Rome by the Bishop of Belley-Ars. The Holy Father will close the Year on June 19, 2010 presiding at a world meeting of priests in St. Peter's Square. This jubilee year, Pope Benedict XVI will proclaim John Mary Vianney patron of all the priests in the world.

WEDDINGS We welcome parishioners (and children of parishioners who don't currently live in Sharpsburg) who are planning to get married to schedule their wedding in one of our three churches. Remember, diocesan policy requires at least six months notice for marriage preparation before scheduling a Catholic wedding. It is always better to talk to the priest before attempting to find a hall for the reception. Speak with Father Almada for more information.

CARD AND POKENO PARTY The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 709, Sharpsburg is sponsoring a card and pokeno party on Saturday, May 30. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from Nancy Downs at 412-361-1980, Lorraine Peiozze at 412-720-4138 or Joan Martin at 412-781-2658.

ALL AMERICAN BINGO St. Nicholas Church in Millvale will hold an All American Bingo on Saturday, May 30. Admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. The bingo includes 15 regular games, specials and a fill-up. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and games begin at 12:00 Noon. For tickets in advance, please call Debbie at 412-821-3934.

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.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., MAY 16

4:00 PM MOJ CARMELLA LYONS by Children and Family
6:00 PM MOJ FLORA ROCCO & ROCCO FAMILY by
Daughter, Elaine Eckert

SUN., MAY 17

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH
10:30 AM STM MARGIE HUGHES by Husband and Family

MON., MAY 18

7:30 AM MOJ PATSY ALUISE by Sister, Mary Tomanio

TUE., MAY 19

7:30 AM MOJ WILLIAM STAMPAHAR by Loving Wife & Family

WED., MAY 20 NO MORNING MASS

4:00 PM MOJ JOHN HERCHUCK by Loving Parents

THU., MAY 21 ASCENSION THURSDAY

7:30 AM MOJ AUGUST AND MARGARET POSTAVA AND
FAMILY by Marianne Reed and Family

12:00 N STM FRANK AND MARCELLA TARASI by Family

7:00 PM MOJ FRANCIS, SR. AND HENRY PEITZ by Francis and
Janice Peitz

FRI., MAY 22

7:30 AM MOJ SALVATORE, MARIA & DOMENIC IEROVANTE
by Daughters and Sisters

SAT., MAY 23

4:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH

6:00 PM MOJ FRANK C. AND SADIE T. PANZA by Mary Ann
and Anthony Panza and Family

SUN., MAY 24

8:30 AM SJC JERRY, BRIDGET and AL SUSI by Ray and
Rosella Borowski

10:30 AM STM JOHN PAUL PANZA by Sal and Gerri Panza and
Family

**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 the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment; love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you." By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you fulfill this commandment.

MARRIAGE VALIDATIONS Are you or someone you know "not married in the church"? Civil marriage by a judge or a justice of the peace is not the same as receiving the sacrament of Marriage. Confused about your standing in the Church? Call Father Almado and talk about your situation in a confidential manner. It may be easier for you to validate your marriage and receive the sacrament of Marriage than you think.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND CANDLES There are several openings still available throughout this year for altar flowers and candles. The offering for flowers is \$50 and the offering for candles is \$25. If you are interested in honoring loved ones with these special tributes, please call the Parish Office.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN If you attended the recent workshop at St. John Cantius, you should have received a certificate of attendance. Please submit the certificate to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Our website is www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almado

This past Monday evening the CCD program celebrated the end of the 2008-2009 school year with a Mass and social. Children participated as readers, gift-bearers, servers, and ushers. Program manager Marilyn Ganster and I think it was a good year for our young people. As you may recall, a year ago – in response to complaints about a leaky roof, poor plumbing and damp conditions – we moved the CCD program from the St. Mary school building to the John Paul I Pastoral Center. There aren't as many classrooms as the school, but the John Paul I Center is clean, bright and air-conditioned(!), and our teachers have worked hard to make the students welcomed and comfortable. Each grade made a visit to St. Mary's Courtyard personal care home during the year and brought gifts and song to the residents there, as a Christian service experience.

My thanks go out to all our dedicated catechists: Grade 1 – Audrey Callahan and Gabrielle Panza. Grade 2 – Pam Susi and Susan Harchelroad. Grade 3 – Ann Spagnolo. Grade 4 – Gerri Kusluch. Grade 5 – Celeste Callahan and Rachel Smith. Grade 6 – Mary Bonicky and Matt Bonicky. Grade 7 – Rosemarie Haas and Rachel Haas. Grade 8 – Tom Troyan. Thanks too for our special tutors and subs – Kathi Lindsley, Kathy Troyan, Michael Haas, Beth Cancilla. Thanks to office aides Bertha Maciejewski and Mary Ann Panza and crossing guards Paul and Ann Fabian, Andy Imhof, Maria Landolina and Brenda Panza. And special thanks to program manager Marilyn Ganster, who has worked very well with our catechists and students to provide religious education we can be proud of.

Looking ahead to next year, we hope to build on our success. Pam Susi is again planning a summer Bible school. Look for the dates and how to register in a future bulletin. Marilyn Ganster and I have already begun responding to the needs of some youngsters who do not have sacraments, with the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). As I mentioned in a previous bulletin, Saint Juan Diego Parish is partnering with St. Mary Assumption Parish, Glenshaw, for any adults who want to come into the Catholic Church. Our youth ministry continues to meet monthly. I am thinking about offering an interactive one hour class for parents and interested parishioners each month during CCD on Mondays. (If you have a topic you would like me to address, let me know.) And we can always use more volunteers, as catechists, aides, tutors or office helpers.

A successful religious education program for children only works if the parents cooperate. I am grateful for the parents/guardians (and sometimes grandparents) who bring the kids each Monday for CCD. But the CCD program is only one leg of a three-legged stool. The other two legs are prayer and Catholic living at home, and attending Mass each Sunday or Saturday evening in church. All three "legs" are necessary for the children to grow into adults who practice and love their Catholic faith. Please offer your own thanks to all who made our CCD program a success, and continue to pray for our young people, who are the future of our parish.