

# Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

MAY 3, 2009

FOURTH 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.

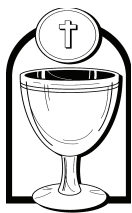


**Stewardship**  
**Offertory April 25/26, 2009**

**\$4,693.00**

**Attendance**

**729**



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**HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS** Our sincerest congratulations go out to our First Communicants of last weekend: Jason Gigler, Natalie Kurth, Carson Landolina, Taryn Nasiadka, Isaac Panza, Emidio Pattera, Richie Strawn and Sofia Varvaro. We are also very grateful to their teachers, Mrs. Pam Susi and Mrs. Susan Harchelroad, our Catechetical Administrator, Ms. Marilyn Ganster, and our musicians, Grace Callahan, Audrey Callahan, Celeste Callahan and Kathi Lindsley, for their help. God bless all of you!

**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.

**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.



St. Anthony

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA** Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues this Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.

**CCD NEWS** Our CCD program will have its final class on Monday, May 4. The next Monday, May 11, will be the close of our year with Mass at 6:30 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church and a social following. All are welcome to come celebrate liturgy with our children and thank God for a wonderful year of learning and growing.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY** The meeting of the Christian Mothers and Rosary Society for the month of May has been moved to **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.

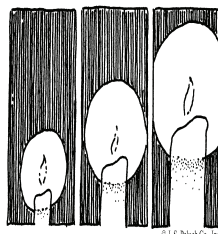
**ANOTHER CONGRATULATIONS** Brandon Posa was a recent nominee for the St. Timothy Youth Award from the Diocese of Pittsburgh and received a Certificate of Achievement. Brandon is not only our parish webmaster, but also volunteers in many ways with our parish. Thank you for all that you do, Brandon, and God bless you!

**Flowers at the Altar**

In loving memory of  
**Rose and Sam Domian**  
by  
Audrey and Carl Gatto



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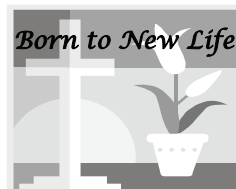
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**Altar and Sanctuary**  
**Candles are burning**  
**this week**  
In memory of  
**The Susi and DiGregory Families**  
by  
Marie Susi and Family

**Please pray for**

**Joyce Stross**  
**Howard Hunt**

May they rest in peace.



**SPAGHETTI DINNER** A special fundraising spaghetti dinner in memory of Frank S. Cancilla will be held at the John Paul I Center on Friday, May 15 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. The cost for adults is \$8 and for children over the age of 3 is \$4. All proceeds will benefit the ALS Association. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. All advance ticket purchases will be eligible for a drawing for a one-night stay in a deluxe room at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh.

Spaghetti  
Dinner



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**YOUTH MINISTRY** The youth ministry of Saint Juan Diego Parish's gathering for the month of May will be held on Friday, May 15. This month, we will help serve at the spaghetti dinner fundraiser being held at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Please report as early as possible, since the dinner begins at 4:00 p.m. Your dinner will be free and your help is greatly appreciated.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** Young adult ministry of the Diocese of Pittsburgh presents Young Adult Sunday kickoff at PNC Park. On Saturday June 27, the young adult ministry will attend the 7:05 p.m. game with the Pirates versus the Kansas City Royals. Before the game, all participants are welcome to join other young adults for the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary of Mercy parish at the Point. Tickets are \$20 each and if you are interested, please call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

**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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, from 7:00 until 9:00 in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** 83 households (200 individuals) received food from the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry during March. Historically, the number of families requesting food declines as the warmer weather approaches; this holds true for March. However, due to current economic conditions, requests for rent and utility assistance are increasing.

The cost (both actual and donated) to serve these 83 households includes:

Fresh Meat and Produce	\$1,021.00
Furniture	\$ 85.00
Housing (Rent, etc.)	\$ 800.00
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	\$ 681.00
Memorial Masses	\$ 20.00
<b>Total Actual</b>	<b>\$2,607.00</b>

Baby Products, Clothing,	
Miscellaneous Household	\$ 448.00
Canned foods, cereal, crackers,	
pastas, donated meats,	
fresh vegetables	\$4,724.00
Meat, margarine, cheese	\$ 110.00
Easter treats for children	\$ 296.00
Easter gift certificates	\$ 620.00
<b>Total Donated</b>	<b>\$6,198.00</b>

**Grand Total** **\$8,805.00**

March volunteer effort=298 hours

Many thanks for the continued generosity of Saint Juan Diego Parish, as well as the many contributions from individuals, businesses, schools, churches and other organizations within the community. With your help, we are blessed to continue the work of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederick Ozanam.

**CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy will be holding a pre-school open house on Sunday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Your child must be age 3 or 4 by September 1, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Monsignor Krauss Hall on the corner of Maple Avenue and 3rd Street in Aspinwall. Don't allow tuition to stand in the way of making a great educational choice for your child. Tuition assistance is available for qualified candidates. For more information, please call 412-781-7927.

**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.

**VINTAGE BRIDAL SHOW** A bridal and formal wear show and luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 17 beginning at 12 Noon at St. Matthew's Church Hall, 53rd and Carnegie Streets in Lawrenceville. Featured will be fashions by Patti Peer from Paper and Lace and you are asked to bring your wedding picture to place on display. Reservations are due by May 12 and the cost of a ticket is \$16. For more information please call 412-781-6991 or 412-781-2309.

**NEW NOTE CARDS** Lovely Saint Juan Diego note cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office. They are 6 for \$5 and please stop in if you would like to buy them.

# 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.



**Next Sunday, May 10, we will have a special BALLOON night. A door prize will be given away after each regular game!**

**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.

**ELECTION DAY** 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.

**PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY** The Diocese of Pittsburgh has designated Sunday, May 10, as Pastor Appreciation Day. Please be so kind as to thank Father Almade for his wonderful work with our parish next weekend.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM** A letter was sent out two weeks ago regarding various requirements for the Safe Environment Program. Thanks for your prompt response. If you are a volunteer in the Church and have not received anything, please call Brenda at the Parish Office.

**CAMP "R"** The Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh's Camp "R" is preparing for its 69th anniversary of camping this summer. The co-ed residential camp is located in Laurel Hill State Park, ninety minutes from Pittsburgh. The camping season begins July 5 and ends the week of August 14. For a brochure and more information, please call 412-621-3342.

**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.

## Schedule of Masses for the Week

### **SAT., MAY 2**

- 4:00 PM MOJ EDWARD "PAPPY" IMHOF by Alec, Anthony and Adriana  
6:00 PM MOJ ROMAN NIEMIEC by Barbara and Frank Niemiec

### **SUN., MAY 3**

- 8:30 AM SJC JOSEPH, MARTHA, FRANK & ANASTASIA ROLEWICZ, RICHARD & MARIE MYERS & SON by Bob and Sophie Myers  
10:30 AM STM RALPH AND ELIZABETH GILARDI by the Capone and Noonan Families

### **MON., MAY 4**

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

### **TUE., MAY 5**

- 7:30 AM MOJ BENNARDO FAMILY by Daughters, Frances, Carol, Rose and Liz

### **WED., MAY 6**

- 7:30 AM MOJ WALTER AND SYLVIA BRONOWICZ AND DAUGHTER by Family

### **THU., MAY 7**

- 7:30 AM MOJ GEORGE PETRONIC by the CCD Staff

### **FRI., MAY 8**

- 7:30 AM MOJ BILL AURIN by Family

### **SAT., MAY 9**

- 4:00 PM MOJ AURELIA FERRARO by Family  
6:00 PM MOJ WILLIAM G. HAMMEL, JR. AND WILLIAM G. HAMMEL III by Vera B. Hammel

### **SUN., MAY 10**

- 8:30 AM SJC CONCETTA, MICHAEL & JOANNE CARRICATO by Angeline Carricato and Family  
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.**

**MEMORIAL DAY** Please call the Parish Office to have your loved ones in the military remembered on our special list for veterans. May God richly bless all of the brave men and women who have so bravely defended our nation!

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us. Your kind gifts help us bring the love and care of Jesus to the poor.

**"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.

**PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** Incarnation of the Lord Parish, 4071 Franklin Road, North Side, will sponsor a program on depression on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Sister Shelley Farabaugh, OSB, LCSW, Ph.D. Please call 412-931-2911 ext. 7 to register.

## FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almada

\*\*\*Let me add my congratulations to the inaugural group of First Communicants for Saint Juan Diego Parish: Jason Gigler, Natalie Kurth, Carson Landolina, Taryn Nasiadka, Isaac Panza, Emidio Patera, Richie Strawn and Sofia Varvaro. I also want to congratulate all the parents of these children, their catechists, Pam Susi and Susan Harchelroad, and the administrator of our religious education program, Marilyn Ganster. Our First Communion Mass was greatly enhanced by our musicians: Kathi Lindsley, Audrey Callahan, Celeste Callahan, and Grace Callahan. If we don't watch out, Saint Juan Diego Parish is going to get a reputation for having lively excellent liturgies at 10:30 on Sunday morning in St. Mary Church!

\*\*\*Bishop Zubik announced last week that he is accepting the recommendation of the task force he created a year ago. Beginning in July the Diocese of Pittsburgh will no longer have 16 deaneries, but be divided into four Regional Vicariates. The bishop announced the name of one of the Regional Vicars, Father Bob Guay, currently pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Conway (same parish where Father Bill Dornier serves). He'll name the other three Regional Vicars in a month or so. The boundaries for the four vicariates have not yet been set, so I don't know which one our parish is in. Look for more on Regional Vicariates in the *Pittsburgh Catholic*.

\*\*\*A long-standing Sharpsburg custom is praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart before 7:30 am Mass every first Friday. In March we started a new custom. On the second Friday of every month before the 7:30 am Mass we will recite the Litany of Saint Juan Diego. We printed this litany as an insert in the bulletin in March. However if you want a copy for your own personal prayer, just call the parish office and we'll be happy to send you another copy.

\*\*\*Don't forget the St. Anthony Novena every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in Madonna Church. We'll conclude the Novena on Tuesday, June 9.

\*\*\*I continue to hear very positive comments from parishioners and priest friends about the creation of our parish and our patron's name. With the formation of our parish has come a nice "evangelization bounce." We have a half dozen child baptisms scheduled for May and June, several families have enrolled as new parishioners, and a couple more weddings scheduled for 2010. These are small but significant signs of growth for Saint Juan Diego Parish. Please continue to tell your neighbors and family members that we're here – in our three beautiful churches – we're joyful, and we're not going anywhere!

\*\*\*The parish's Pastoral Council and Finance Council met for the first time on April 14. We spent much of the time getting to know each other a little bit better. If you have any questions, or want to express your opinion, please contact Pastoral Council members Donna Donovan, Mark Bukowski, Lou Borowski, Carole Edwards, Marie Warrene, Tim Gigliotti, Joyce Seifried, Pat Markelewicz, Guy Carricato, Lorraine Weber and Jim Hastings. These parishioners are on the Finance Council: Chuck Beck, Anthony Ferraro, Linda Harrity, John Milcic, and Rose Wega. The Pastoral Council next meets on May 5 and June 2; the Finance Council on May 12 and June 9.