

Saint Juan Diego Parish

Reverend Frank D. Almada, Pastor

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

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.

ALL SAINTS

ALL SOULS

Stewardship
Offertory October 24/25, 2009

\$4,450.00

Attendance

606

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Saint Juan Diego Parish is holding a benefit Christmas concert on Sunday, December 20 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church. Performers include William Dell and Wee Jams and an octet from the Fox Chapel High School Orchestra. Watch for ticket information in future bulletins.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Bishop Zubik has asked parishes and pastors to continue having Eucharistic Adoration during the Jubilee Year of the Priest (June 2009-June 2010). With the enthusiastic support of the Parish Pastoral Council, Father Almada is planning to start a new parish tradition: having a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on the Feast of Saint Juan Diego, December 9. After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Eucharist will be exposed for prayer in Madonna of Jerusalem Church all day. At 6:00 p.m., there will be a dinner for all parish volunteers in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. At 7:30 p.m., there will be Evening Prayer and Benediction to conclude the celebration of our parish's patron. Father Almada has invited the new regional vicar, Father Phil Farrell, to preside and preach at Benediction (subject to his acceptance). Please mark Wednesday, December 9 on your calendar for prayer and celebration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, as we honor our patron.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM If your child is interested in participating in our Christmas Program, please fill out the form that was given to your children during CCD. Practice will begin on Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. The program will take place on Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

PAPERWORK Anyone who attended the recent Protecting God's Children workshops or who has received their background clearance in the mail is must send their original paperwork to the Parish Office for our records. We will be happy to make copies for your records.

BLEST ARE THEY The annual Blest Are They Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. A social gathering will immediately follow in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

CCD NEWS The students of first and second grade took a field trip to St. Mary's Courtyard last Monday evening. They celebrated Halloween for the residents with costumes and food.

On November 2, Father Almada will offer a presentation for parents and other adults on "Saints and Souls," beginning about 6:45 p.m. in Madonna Church, for one hour. Bring your questions. Free and open to all.

On November 16 at 6:30 p.m., confessions will be heard at Madonna of Jerusalem Church for the students of our CCD Program. Anyone else who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is invited to join the children.

Our website is www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

Flowers at the Altar

In memory of
Margaret, William and Judith Ann Bytnar
by
Conrad Bytnar



Born to New Life



Please pray for

Theresa Carricato

May she rest in peace.

FIVE THINGS THE IRS WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT IDENTITY THEFT

1. If you receive a letter or notice from the IRS which leads you to believe someone may have fraudulently used your Social Security Number, respond immediately to the name and address or phone number printed on the IRS notice.
2. If you receive a letter from the IRS that indicates more than one tax return was filed for you, this may be a sign that your Social Security Number was used fraudulently.
3. Another sign that you may be the target of identity theft is an IRS letter indicating you received wages from an employer unknown to you.
4. The IRS never initiates communication with taxpayers about their tax account through email. If you receive an email or find a web site that you think is pretending to be the IRS, forward the email or web site URL to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.
5. The Federal Trade Commission is also available to assist taxpayers with identity theft issues. You can reach them at 877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next worldwide marriage encounter weekend will be held November 20-22 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. For more information, contact Mary and Lou Locante at 412-635-7775.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Jesus went up the mountain and he began to teach them saying, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy..." Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you can show your love for our Lord and your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY During the month of September, 81 households (200 individuals) received food assistance and 9 households received help with utilities.

The cost (both actual and donated value) to serve these 90 households includes:

Fresh Produce	\$ 452.00
Purchased meat/cheese	\$ 200.00
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	\$1,203.00
Total Actual	\$1,855.00
Canned foods, cereal, bakery	\$6,208.00
Meats and other frozen foods	\$ 539.00
Other (baby products, paper, etc.)	\$1,547.00
Total Donated	\$8,294.00
Grand Total	\$10,149.00

September volunteer effort=242 hours

Many, 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. Please keep the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in your prayers.

MOVIE COMING A movie is coming to Sharpsburg to be filmed on November 4, 5 and 6. "The Next Three Days" stars Russell Crowe and Elizabeth Banks. The movie crew has contracted with our parish to park their trucks and trailers in the St. John Cantius and St. Mary parking lots these days. Therefore, on those days, only Madonna Church will be used for any funerals. We appreciate your cooperation.

COURSE ON POPE'S ENCYCLICAL Father Almada will teach a three-week course on Pope Benedict XVI's new encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate," at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, on November 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Free and open to all in Synod Hall. Call 412-621-4951 to register.

FLEA MARKET A flea market to benefit the residents of the Etna Commons will be held on Saturday, November 7 at the Etna Commons Gym from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

OBERAMMERGAU Father Almada 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 St. Mary Church or call 412-571-1111.

SPAGHETTI DINNER The Knights of Columbus, Guyasuta Council, will sponsor a spaghetti dinner at the new St. Joseph Pope John Paul II Hall on Dorseyville Road on Sunday, November 8 from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, drinks and dessert. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

WEIGHT WATCHERS A Weight Watchers class meets each Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. for approximately half an hour in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Anyone interested in joining may call the Parish Office for additional 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.

**On November 15, an extra
\$5 will be paid out for
each regular game.**

**Tell your friends to join us
for this special night!**

CONGRATULATIONS! Our Holy Father has again recognized the gifts of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and has chosen one of our priests to serve as a bishop. Msgr. Bernard Hebda, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh who has worked in the Vatican for the past 13 years, was appointed Bishop of Gaylord, Michigan. He will be ordained a bishop and installed on Tuesday, December 1 in Gaylord. Bishop-elect Hebda is the third Pittsburgh priest this year named to head another diocese, following Bishop Ed Burns in Juneau, Alaska, and Bishop Paul Bradley in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

ABUSE PROTECTION The Diocese of Pittsburgh and Saint Juan Diego Parish are 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.

ADVOCATE PROGRAM FOR MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL The Diocese of Pittsburgh has a Lay Advocate Program in the Marriage Tribunal. Lay Advocates assist pastors and canon lawyers in preparing people who are seeking annulments. This volunteer programs demands 12 hours of training and a 3 year commitment. If you are a registered parishioner and wish to be considered for this diocesan ministry, please contact Father Almada.

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

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., OCT. 31

4:00 PM MOJ ROBIN SZWEDKO by Leon and Sherri
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH

SUN., NOV. 1 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

8:30 AM SJC MARGARET, WILLIAN AND JUDITH ANN
BYTNAR by Conrad Bytnar
10:30 AM STM DEE DEE SACCO by The Sacco Family

MON., NOV. 2

7:30 AM MOJ THE ATTINGER FAMILY by Daughter and
Sister, Anna Morian

TUE., NOV. 3

7:30 AM MOJ EDWARD STANCZAK by Sam and Darlene
Stelitano

WED., NOV. 4

7:30 AM MOJ HELEN QUARANTILLO by Kathy and Tony Ferraro

THU., NOV. 5

7:30 AM MOJ LUCIA CLEMENTI by Mary Ann Boytim

FRI., NOV. 6

7:30 AM MOJ FRANK, CATHERINE AND KAY WILLIAMS by
Russell and Rose Williams

SAT., NOV. 7

4:00 PM MOJ BLEST ARE THEY
6:00 PM MOJ HELEN GRSETIC by Friend, Evelyn

SUN., NOV. 8

8:30 AM SJC JOSEPH V. GALKA by Family
10:30 AM STM THOMAS GREGURICH by Family

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

CODE

**STM-St. Mary Church SJC-St. John Cantius Church
MOJ-Madonna of Jerusalem Church**

MASS FOR ALL SAINTS Because the Feast of All Saints falls on a Sunday this year, it takes the place of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Those who attend Mass on Saturday evening fulfill their Sunday obligation. (They do not have to go to Mass on Sunday, also.)

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The Beatitudes are the charter for family life. Parents constantly address "hunger and thirst, mercy and peacemaking," coax a "meek" child to speak up and teach the children to be "clean of heart." When we "mourn" a loved one, our family is there to "comfort" us. Believe Jesus: you are "blessed" in living as a family.

EVENING OF REFLECTION An evening of reflection for those who are separated or divorced is being sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation on Thursday, November 12 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the auditorium of St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. Fr. Peter Horton will speak on "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People." For further information, call 412-456-3160.

***Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour this weekend!!***

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almada

Today, November 1, the Feast of All Saints, I formally begin the ***Saint Juan Diego Capital Campaign***. Over the past three weeks I have tried to answer your questions about our young parish's first ever ***Capital Campaign***. We have spent \$350,000 of our parish's savings on major and minor repairs to our churches. I am very grateful for the generosity of past generations of parishioners and pastors who left us savings. By this ***Capital Campaign*** we can replenish our savings account, and make sure the next generation of Sharpsburg Catholics will have a secure future for Saint Juan Diego Parish. Our goal is \$350,000.

The primary means to make this campaign a success is a pledge, a monthly donation over 36 months. This pledge (not a legally binding contract) is your contribution to the ***Capital Campaign***, over and above your regular Offertory contributions and PSP donation. All SJD parishioners (including members of the Korean Catholic Community) will receive a letter in the mail on Tuesday asking for your participation in this ***Capital Campaign***. Make your pledge, sign the pledge card, and return it to the parish office by mail, Sunday Offertory basket, or hand delivery. I suggest that a "basic" participation is \$35 per month, for 36 months, for a total donation to the ***Capital Campaign*** of \$1,260.

However I know that there are some parishioners who have the capacity to give more, much more. Some can make a pledge of \$2,500, some \$5,000 or \$10,000, maybe a handful may make pledges of \$15,000, \$25,000 or more. I beg you to assess your household resources, to thank God for His gifts to you, to ask how you can return these gifts with increase, and to make a substantial pledge to our Capital Campaign. You choose how your pledge is paid—monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually, or annually. Of course, if you wish to make a donation, I am most grateful. Experience (and my car loan) has taught me that the pledge with monthly payments allows me to donate far more than a one-time gift. Donations of stock, bonds or real property are also welcome.

The ***Saint Juan Diego Capital Campaign*** has the unanimous support of the Finance Council and Pastoral Council, I am very pleased to say. It has also received the approval of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. All funds directed to our ***Capital Campaign*** are exempt from Parish Share Program assessment. I have also made my own personal pledge and first payment to the ***Capital Campaign***.

Now it is in your hands. Over the two years I have served as your parish priest, I have come to know your devotion to the Catholic Faith and generosity. ***I have high confidence that Saint Juan Diego parishioners will come through, that you will meet and exceed our campaign goal of \$350,000 over the next 36 months.*** If you know of any former parishioners, or relatives of deceased parishioners, who might be willing to help us achieve our campaign goal, please encourage them to give. And, above all, let us pray to our most generous God that we may use all our gifts wisely and well for Christ-like purposes. ***Virgin of Guadalupe, help us! Saint Juan Diego, help us!***