

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

Saint Mary Parish + Madonna of Jerusalem Parish + Saint John Cantius Parish

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
6:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
7:30 pm St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

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

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church

Saturday: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain

Website: www.tkccp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This Week in the Church

Sunday, November 2

The Feast of All Souls

Monday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres

Tuesday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Wednesday, November 5

Venerable Solanus Casey

Thursday, November 6

St. Nicholas Tavelic and Companions

Friday, November 7

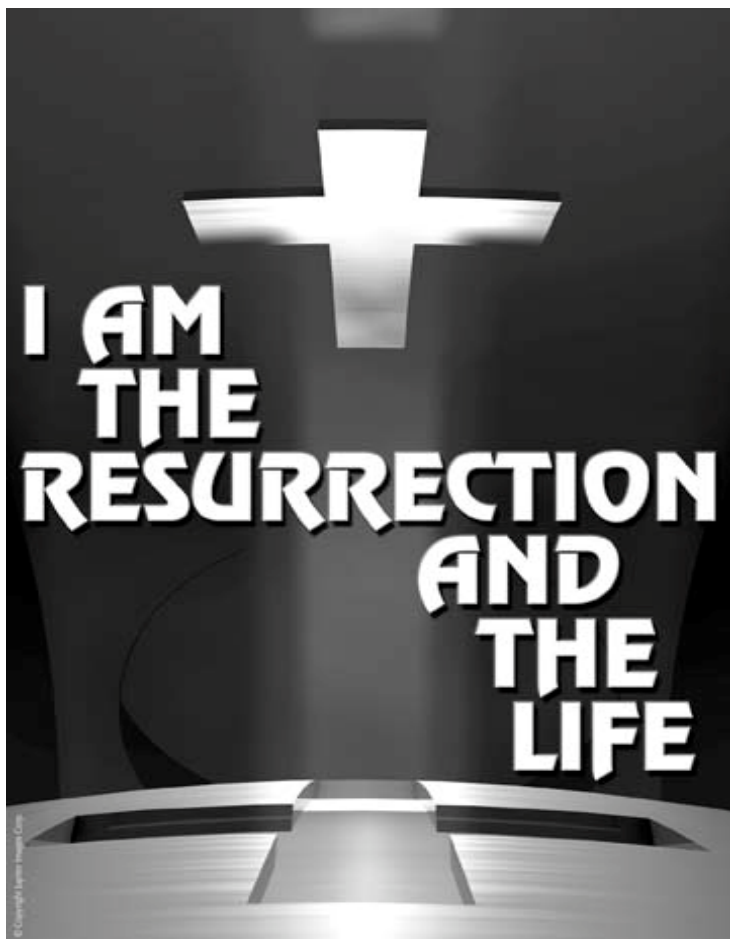
St. Didacus

Saturday, November 8

Blessed John Duns Scotus



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**Stewardship
Offertory October 25/26, 2008**

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| St. Mary | \$2,135.00 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$1,960.50 |
| St. John Cantius | \$ 472.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

MASS SCHEDULE As Father Almada announced at all Masses last weekend, the Mass schedule for our three churches will not change for the upcoming winter months. The two Saturday Masses will be celebrated at Madonna of Jerusalem, 8:30 a.m. Mass will be offered at St. John Cantius and 10:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Church.

SECOND COLLECTION The second collection today is for Parish Share. We are grateful for your kindness.

TIME CHANGE Please do not forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Sunday morning as we return to standard time. The days will now continue to grow shorter until the Winter Solstice in December.



LUNCHEON BINGO The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will hold their annual "Deer" Luncheon Bingo on Monday, December 1. The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo will start at 1:00. For more information or for tickets, please call Evelyn Troyan at 412-781-9368.

SISTER ERNESTINE ALBERTER Sister Ernestine Alberterer, a Sister of Divine Providence, is celebrating her 85th anniversary in religious life. Sister Ernestine lived at St. Mary Convent and taught CCD for us in the late 1980's and early 1990's. She attended Sunday night bingo each week with her dear friend, Sister Carmella (who is now deceased). If you remember Sister Ernestine and would like to send her a card, please write to her at Sisters of Divine Providence, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Allison Park, PA 15101.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NOVENA This Tuesday morning, November 4, we will conclude praying Faithful Citizenship Novena. As the bishops state, "The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world."

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day. The John Paul I Center will be a polling place, but the Parish Office will indeed be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and everyone is urged to fulfill their civic duty by voting during this very important election.

MASS SCHEDULING We will continue to accept requests for Masses for 2009 this week. We will use the same method for scheduling as in the past and the stipend for each Mass request is \$10. Please read and follow the instructions carefully on the form that was in the bulletin and if you do not have a form, you can obtain one in the vestibule of each church. Please do not forget to include your offering for your request. We will open Mass requests on Tuesday, November 11.

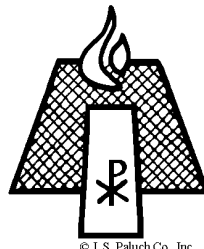
Flowers at the Altar

In memory of
Carmella Lyons
by
Family



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

In memory of
Sharon "Sybo" Ashburn
by
The Sybo Family

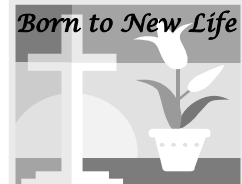


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Please pray for

CAROL ANN DAHLER

May she rest in peace.



NEW CANDLES New candles are now available for purchase in our three churches. The candles will burn for six days instead of just five and will change colors with the liturgical seasons. For the first four weeks of the month of November, the candles will be amber in color and then will change to blue for Advent. The cost of the candles will now be three dollars instead of two. We hope you like the new candles.



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FLEA MARKET A flea market featuring Christmas items will be held at St. Mary School and Lyceum on Saturday, November 8, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Other items will also be available so please feel free to stop and inquire. Thank you for your continued support!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES The priests of our cluster of parishes (Sharpsburg, O'Hara, Aspinwall and Blawnox) have scheduled four penance services, so as to allow Catholics to properly prepare for the Feast of Christmas. Penance services will be held on Monday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Scholastica Church, Aspinwall; Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem Church; Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church, Blawnox; and Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, O'Hara.

YOUTH GROUP Our youth group will meet on Friday, November 21 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The older children will undergo training for the AED devices that are located in each of the churches and movies will be shown for all. Mark your calendars for this fun and informational night. Hope to see all of you there!

Please do not forget your parish in your will.

C **EMETERY LOTS** As published in the insert in last week's bulletin, the price for lot sales in St. Mary's Cemetery will increase beginning on December 1. If you are considering making a purchase, now may be the time for you to do so. Interment fees will also increase effective December 1. The increases are posted on our website and available by calling Joyce at 412-784-8960.

POLISHFEST 2008 The Pittsburgh Polishfest is a family oriented free celebration of Polish music, song, dance, religion, ethnic foods, folk arts and crafts and cooking demonstrations. In addition, local folk dance groups will entertain and guests will have the opportunity to dance to a variety of polkas, obereks and mazurs. This celebration will take place on Sunday, November 9 at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning Commons Room on Bigelow Boulevard in Oakland. Proceeds will benefit the University of Pittsburgh Polish Room Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Lawrence Kozlowski at 412-231-1493.

PITTSBURGH AREA SLOVAK FOLK ENSEMBLE This group has worked to preserve and promote the historical, cultural and religious traditions brought from Slovakia by their ancestors for the past thirty-five years. On November 23 at 2:00 p.m. the group kicks off its World Tour by presenting "Drotar (The Tinker): A Tale Told Through Song and Dance" at the Antonian Theater at Carlow University in Oakland. For more information, please call 412-373-3873.

OPEN HOUSE High School juniors, seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, November 9. 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. Come to 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 information or reservations, please call 1-800-782-5549.

GRIEVING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS This afternoon of reflection is an opportunity for anyone who has lost a loved one through death to spend an afternoon reflecting scriptures and sharing some practical insights into the grieving process. This afternoon also provides time for sharing with others who are grieving a loss of a loved one in an atmosphere of trust and caring compassion. This will take place on Saturday, November 15, from 12 Noon to 3:30 p.m. at the St. Benedict Monastery on Perrysville Avenue. Bereavement and support for grieving families teams from St. Teresa of Avila, St. Sebastian and St. Ursula Parishes are cosponsoring the event. There is no charge for this presentation. For further information, please call Sister Irene at 412-367-9001 extension 540.

ST. PAUL: MISSION AND MYSTERY The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology Letter and Spirit Conference will be held November 14 and 15 at St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh. On Friday evening, the keynote address will be given by Dr. Scott Hahn. On Saturday, talks will be given regarding the biblical basis for bishops in Paul's pastoral epistles, the mystery of marriage in Paul, the mystery of Christ in Ephesians and the mystery of the Spirit in First Corinthians. Following these talks will be a panel discussion and a Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. by Bishop David Zubik. The day will conclude with a talk on sex, marriage and original sin: a defense of Augustine's reading of St. Paul. For more information, call 740-264-9535.

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.

HOLY FATHER SAYS WORD OF GOD IS CHURCH'S PRIORITY Pope Benedict XVI says the priority for the Church today is above all to nourish itself with the Word of God so as to bring forward the new evangelization. Pope Benedict said this at the close of the world Synod of Bishops on October 26. He celebrated the closing Mass expressing his desire that the conclusions of the synod "would be taken to every community," so that "the need is understood to translate the word that has been heard into gestures of love, since only in this way is the proclamation of the Gospel made believable, despite human weaknesses." The Holy Father insisted various times on the importance of the link between hearing the Word and evangelization, as a fundamental point of the testimony of Christians around the world. "Many people are seeking, perhaps without realizing it, to encounter Christ and his Gospel; many need to find in him the meaning of their lives," the Pontiff said. "To give a clear and shared testimony of a life according to the Word of God, demonstrated by Jesus, is therefore an indispensable criteria for verifying the mission of the Church. It is necessary for the faithful to have wide access to sacred Scripture so that people finding the truth can grow in authentic love. This is an indispensable requisite today for evangelization."

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE Join other couples from throughout the diocese at a Day of Reflection for married couples on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Green Tree. The \$60 per couple fee includes all materials, a continental breakfast, lunch and a romantic dinner. Make it an optional Friday and/or Saturday getaway at the Holiday Inn by booking from our block of reserved rooms. Leading the day are nationally known marriage enrichment consultants Andrew and Terri Lyke. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Family Life and Catechesis and by the Department for Black Catholic, Ethnic and Cultural Committee. For more information, call 412-456-3160.

RETREAT AFTERNOON On Sunday, November 9, the Felician Sisters will host an afternoon of retreat on St. Paul at their convent chapel in Coraopolis. It will include rosary at 11:30 a.m., talks on St. Paul at noon and at 3:00 p.m. There will be time for adoration and praying the outdoor stations of the cross. For information call 412-264-2890.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

On Friday evening our community was filled with boys and girls dressed as monsters, witches, princesses, hobos, Batmans, Catwomen, Jokers and assorted other oddballs. Homes are “decorated” with skeletons, goblins, flying bats, and creatures from “Night of the Living Dead.” There are also adults who wear costumes portraying 15-minutes-of-fame celebrities, such as Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan, Brittany Spears, Brad Pitt, and Christina Aguilera. How did such weird Halloween activities become common? How did Halloween fall so far from dressing up as saints on the eve of All Saints Day?

The really scary part of Halloween for me is that our children look at celebrities as role models. They may be movie stars, TV actors, players from all the major sports, or the newest also-ran from “American Idol.” Unfortunately these celebs are the same folk who just got out of drug rehab for the fourth time, or have three children out of wedlock, or can’t seem to speak two sentences without the f-bomb. Children, teens and not-a-few adults seem to think these activities are worthy of emulation—just as long as your name is nationally known and you get top billing on “Entertainment Tonight” and the internet blogs.

Is it old-fashioned, or radically counter-cultural, for parents and other adults to have conversations with young people about who they look up to? Our faith (and human experience) says that fame is fleeting. Character, virtue, and perseverance are what we should pursue. Again, is it old-fashioned, or truly an expression of the Catholic vision of life in Christ, to say that we should do the right thing whether anyone knows it or not, that there is a difference between being successful and being virtuous? Abraham Lincoln once said, “Character is like a tree and reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”

Who, then, do children and young people look up to? Yes, as the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints, I can trot out such great women and men to imitate as Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Charles Borromeo, Frances Cabrini, Joseph and Mary. But maybe you can speak about All Souls who you knew, too. Your grandmother whose love for her husband extended through several years of his dementia. A neighbor who welcomed each new family on the block with a plate of homemade cookies and a smile. A boss who never lorded it over her workers, whose values and compassion were on daily display. A dad who has a great sense of humor, unselfconsciously expresses his love for his wife and family, and is a regular with his family at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

Strike up a conversation with someone this week about saints you revere and real loving persons you know. Let the celebrities fade into the obscurity they deserve.

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It’s been said before, but this election is clearly a watershed event for our nation. On Tuesday, Nov. 4, go to the polls with your Catholic values and teaching, and VOTE.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., NOV. 1

10:00 AM STM DEE DEE SACCO by family
4:00 PM MOJ SHARYN ASHBURN by the Sybo Family
6:00 PM MOJ JOSEPH & ROSE JOYCE & DECEASED
FAMILY MEMBERS by daughter, Janet Besterman

SUN., NOV. 2

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG
10:30 AM STM MARCELLA TARASI by Rose Woods & Family

MON., NOV. 3

7:30 AM MOJ EDWARD STANCZAK by Family

TUE., NOV. 4

7:30 AM MOJ MICHELINA P. CORRADO by Tim and Donna
Donovan

WED., NOV. 5

7:30 AM MOJ FLOR DEL PRADO by Josie and Oscar Ricasa

THU., NOV. 6

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

FRI., NOV. 7

7:30 AM MOJ HELEN GRSETIC by friend, Evelyn

SAT., NOV. 8

4:00 PM MOJ STANLEY A. UMINSKI & FAMILY by Mary Ann
Uminski
6:00 PM MOJ BRYAN AKERS by great-aunt, Jeanette Brill

SUN., NOV. 9

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG
10:30 AM STM ANTHONY W. TROZZO by wife, Helen, and family

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

HELP WANTED Full-time nurses aides are needed for the evening shift with rotating weekends in a McCandless Township facility caring for geriatric religious sisters. Upgraded salary range and excellent benefits. Call the Sisters of Divine Providence at 412-635-6302.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE "Come to me, all who are burdened, I will give you rest." Our loved ones, who have stepped through the door of death, are now at rest, free of all burdens. In going home to the Lord, they brought their love and concern for us with them. Death cannot totally separate families; our love binds us together forever.

MARRIAGE MOMENT The election is at hand. Is it possible to love and respect those with different political opinions? Consider how you resolve serious differences of opinion with your spouse. Learn from your marriage. We must go on living together.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
This weekend will take place November 14 through 16 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. To register, call Mary and Lou Locante at 412-635-7775.

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