

Saint Juan Diego Parish

Reverend Frank D. Almada, Pastor

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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 with Father required. Baptisms will take place during any Sunday Mass or following 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 November 14/15, 2009

\$5,552.00

Attendance

630

SECOND COLLECTION Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection.

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 CONCERT 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.

CCD NEWS Our CCD students have collected gifts for baskets to be raffled off at the upcoming Deer Luncheon Bingo. Stop in the John Paul I Center to see the baskets and purchase tickets for the raffle. Tickets are 3 for \$1, 7 for \$2 or 20 for \$5 and all proceeds go to our Christian Mothers and Rosary Society.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Back again for a second year is a Christmas Pageant presented by the Children of Saint Juan Diego Parish. The pageant will take place on Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. Immediately following the pageant will be a parish social. Everyone is welcome to this free performance.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS St. Scholastica Parish, Aspinwall, is sponsoring an additional Protecting God's Children workshop in November. The workshop is on November 23 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Anyone who still needs this to fulfill diocesan regulations is urged to attend this sessions. If you would like to register for this workshop, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to take of the registration.

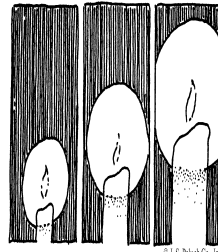
Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

Vincent D'Angelo

by

Wife, Ann, Children and Grandchildren



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

In memory of

Adeline Schuster

by

Toni, Steve and Doug Swierczynski
and Families

DEER LUNCHEON BINGO The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society are sponsoring a luncheon bingo on Monday, November 30 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. Please come and support this wonderful group!

THANK YOU We are grateful to the wonderful priests who have helped us this past week. We thank Father John Jordan, Father Carlo Napoli and Father Tony Gargotta for their kindness.

GRANT RECEIVED Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy has received a grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The grant was made possible by the Bishops Education Fund campaign, a second collection taken annually in September. We are grateful to Sister Dorothy Dolak and her staff for their great work in giving children the wonderful foundation of a Catholic Education.

YOUTH GROUP The Saint Juan Diego Youth Group will go Christmas caroling at St. Mary's Courtyard on Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. If you can attend, please call Tom Troyan at 412-782-4860.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS All are invited to join Bishop Zubik for the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass on Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. The celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. with the "Our Lady" procession. Enjoy the festive reception afterward in the Cathedral's social hall.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Additional forms for Christmas flower donations can be found on the tables in any of our churches. The deadline for the donations is Friday, December 11 and please make your check payable to Saint Juan Diego Parish.

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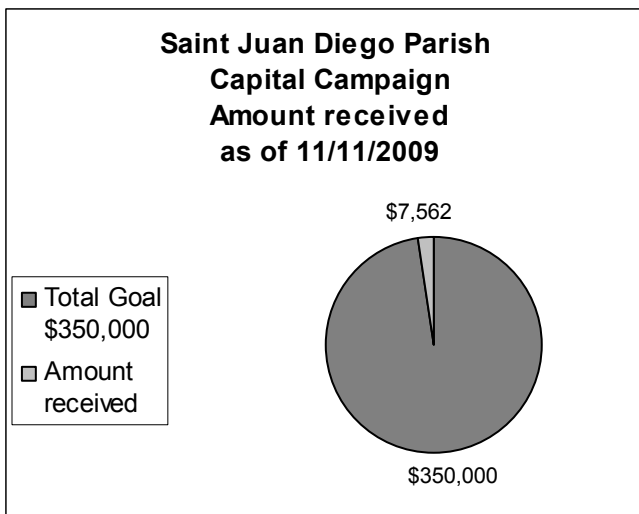
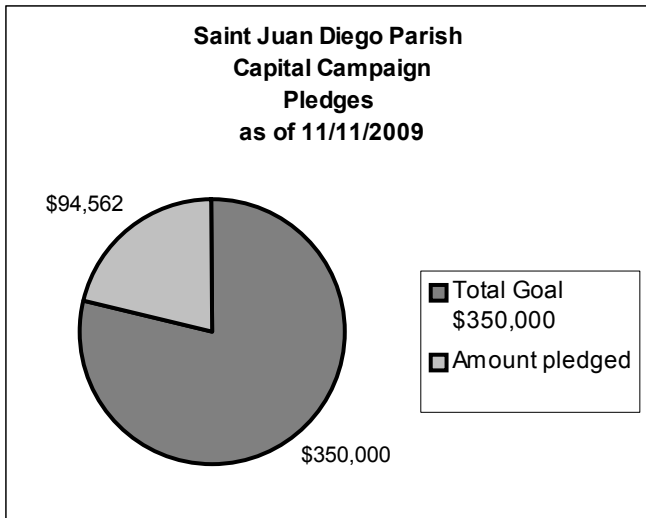
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS On Thursday, November 26, our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem. Non-perishable items will be collected to help our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. In addition, the offertory collection will be given to the food pantry to help the needy in our community.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY As we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His kingdom here on earth. Through your kind gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to help build the kingdom of God by assisting the needy.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

CRAFT SHOW St. Ursula Parish, Kirk Avenue, Allison Park, is looking for crafters and vendors to participate in the show to be held on December 5, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Spaces are available at \$25 per table. Please call Jan at 412-654-4721 for more information.

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



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.

**During each Sunday in November,
an extra \$5 will be
paid out during each regular game.**

**Tell your friends to join us
for these special nights!**

AWAY Father Almada will be away from the parish from Tuesday, November 24 through Wednesday, December 2. Part of this time will be a personal vacation but from November 30 to December 2, Father will be in Gaylord, Michigan with a group from Pittsburgh to attend the installation of Bishop-Elect Bernie Hebda.

ADVENT SERIES Dr. Susan Stangl is hosting an Advent series entitled, "Deeply Loving God." Dr. Stangl will reflect upon the adversities of life and the deepening love of God in our lives. Week 1 will be at St. Catherine of Siena, Crescent, PA, week 2 will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Harmarville and week 3 will be at St. Therese of Lisieux in Munhall. Each talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

WINTER SCHEDULE Please keep in mind that our Sunday Mass schedule is the same all year round. Remind friends and former parishioners that Mass is celebrated in St. Mary Church every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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

BIBLE STUDY Our weekly Bible study group is currently reading the Gospel of Luke. Please feel free to join us at the John Paul I Pastoral Center each Monday from 12 Noon until 1:00 p.m. However, our study group will not meet on Monday, November 30 due to the Deer Luncheon Bingo. Bible study will resume on Monday, December 7.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., NOV. 21

4:00 PM MOJ RAY AND MARY ANN SCOTT by Daughters and Grandson
6:00 PM MOJ STANLEY A. UMINSKI AND FAMILY by Mary Ann Uminski

SUN., NOV. 22 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

8:30 AM SJC VINCENT D'ANGELO by Wife, Ann, Children and Grandchildren
10:30 AM STM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

MON., NOV. 23

7:30 AM MOJ MARIA A. HOERSTER AND FAMILY by Mary Ann Uminski

TUE., NOV. 24

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

WED., NOV. 25

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

THU., NOV. 26 THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 AM MOJ VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS OF THE SAINT JUAN DIEGO CONFERENCE OF THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

FRI., NOV. 27

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

SAT., NOV. 28

4:00 PM MOJ MARY JON LYONS by Family
6:00 PM MOJ MICHELINA, DOMENIC AND JOHN CORRADO by Family

SUN., NOV. 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH
10:30 AM STM JOHN AND HELEN BURSICH by Francis and Janice Peitz

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES Following is a list of upcoming Advent Communal Penance Services for our cluster:

Monday, December 14	7:00 p.m.	St. Scholastica Church, Aspinwall
Wednesday, December 16	7:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Church, O'Hara
Thursday, December 17	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church, Etna
Thursday, December 17	7:30 p.m.	St. Edward Church, Blawnox
Tuesday, December 22	7:00 p.m.	Madonna of Jerusalem Church, Sharpsburg

In addition, St. Mary of the Assumption in Glenshaw will hold confessions on the following dates and times:

Thursday, December 10	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 12	11:30 a.m.
Monday, December 14	6:30 p.m.

All are encouraged to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in anticipation of the Birth of our Lord.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almada

I remember vividly the conversation. I was in college seminary, home for the summer, and the young dynamic assistant pastor at my home parish was taking me and other twenty-somethings out for pizza. I had been pondering our family, and my parents, and how loving and giving they were to my brothers and myself. A question had been nagging me. I asked the priest, "How can I thank my parents for all they have given to my brothers and me?" He said, "You can't." I was stunned. Huh? I can't thank them? Then he repeated himself and went on. "No, you can't thank them. But you can take their love, and what you have learned from their generosity, and give it to others, in imitation of them."

Over the years, I **was** able to say "thank you" to my parents before they died. I often visited my father in a nursing home after he had a stroke. I supported my mother as she dealt with lung cancer. But the priest was right. The best thank you was to imitate their saintly generosity of time and care and money and prayers. That conversation was truly a wisdom moment for me, and helped me to see the person of Jesus Christ, dying to oneself, living for others, in a fresh light.

That memory returns to me as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving this week. I'm sure all parishioners will gather around a table heaped with rich food and ringed with family. Hands will be joined and prayers will be said. But how do we really thank God for God's incredible goodness to us? By "paying it forward." By giving to those who have much less than ourselves what we have through God's grace received. This is true Christian stewardship of the gifts received. This is the way of Jesus, the God-man for others.

Keep this in mind as you enjoy our national holiday. Pray for the Spirit's insights into how to use the many talents you have, to care for the needy who come into your life. A blessed, healthy and holy Thanksgiving to all!

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The Saint Juan Diego Parish Capital Campaign is off to a good start. As of this writing I have received 76 replies from parishioners, which include 60 pledges and 6 gifts. You can track our progress in the amount pledged and total funds received on the poster boards in the back of every church and in the lobby of the John Paul I Pastoral Center, and on the pie-charts in the bulletin. If you have not yet made a pledge, there is certainly time to do so. Please pray about how you can respond in light of the principles of Christian stewardship. I welcome every pledge, from parishioners, former parishioners and friends from near and far. May God, who is the Giver of all gifts, bless our benefactors, and allow Saint Juan Diego parishioners to meet and exceed our Capital Campaign's goal of \$350,000. **Virgin of Guadalupe, help us! Saint Juan Diego, guide us!**