

Saint Juan Diego Parish

Reverend Frank D. Almada, Pastor

NOVEMBER 8, 2009

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 October 31/November 1, 2009

\$5,210.00

All Saints

\$1,537.00

All Souls

\$346.00

Attendance

684 Tremendous!

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 Almade 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 Almade 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.

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.

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.

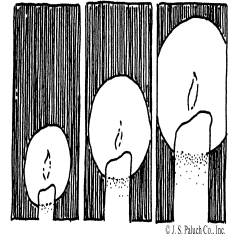
CCD NEWS On November 16 at 6:30 p.m., confessions will be heard at Madonna of Jerusalem Church for the students of our CCD Program. Anyone else who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is invited to join the children.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT The children of Saint Juan Diego Parish will present a Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. A social will be held immediately following the pageant and there is no admission charge. All are very welcome to attend this production.

CONNECTING OUR FAITH WITH THE DEATH PENALTY This interfaith dialogue will take place on Sunday, November 8 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in East Liberty. Father Almade is on the panel which includes Lutheran Pastor Donald Green, Rabbi Art Donsky, Rector Moni McIntyre from Holy Cross Episcopal Church and Reverend David Morse from the United Methodist Church of Western Pennsylvania. All are welcome to take part in the dialogue as the death penalty is reflected upon in light of the teachings of various faiths.

Altar and Sanctuary
Candles are burning
this week

In memory of
Richard Macieski, Jr.
by
Loving Family



Please pray for

Stella Kulik
Jean Guentner
May they rest in peace.



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!

OPEN HOUSE Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy is having an open house on Thursday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Come see and hear about the advantages of a Pre-K through 8 environment. Reservations are requested but not required. For more information, please call 412-781-7927.

PARK DEDICATION Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to George J. Sacco, a 97-year-old Fire Marshal for O'Hara Township and a Pennsylvania State Fire Instructor for having the new park located on Kirkwood Drive (across from St. Mary's Cemetery) named for him. The park was dedicated on Saturday October 24 and is a wonderful playground for the children of the area.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS St. Scholastica Parish, Aspinwall, is sponsoring two additional Protecting God's Children workshops in November. The first workshop is on November 12 beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the second one is on November 23 starting at 7:00 p.m. In addition, St. Ursula Parish in Allison Park is holding a workshop on Wednesday, November 11 starting at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who still needs this to fulfill diocesan regulations is urged to attend one of these sessions. If you would like to register for any of dates, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to take of the registration.

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.

COURSE ON POPE'S ENCYCLICAL Father Almade 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.

RESPECT LIFE The Our Lady of Guadalupe Respect Life cluster will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward's Church in Blawnox. All are welcome to attend.

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 St. Mary Church or call 412-571-1111.

ANNUAL CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW The Christian Mothers and Guild of All Saints Parish in Etna will sponsor their annual fall craft and vendor show on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the parish Activities Building. Raffles and refreshments will be available. There is no admission charge. For more information, please call Cathy at 412-781-4788.

GERMAN MASS A Mass will be celebrated in German on Saturday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Wildwood. The Mass will feature Germanic choirs followed by dinner and a dance with a Bavarian band in the church hall. Isartaler dancers will also perform. For tickets, please call Theresa Goeller at 412-487-1870.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE There will be a Taize Prayer service on Sunday, November 15 at St. Edward Church, Blawnox, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Taize is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings and periods of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. All are welcome to attend.

ADULT DAY SERVICES The adult day services of Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh has received a grant that has allowed them to give partial scholarships for care for the very frail elderly. If you are worried about your frail loved ones being home alone, try this adult day care program. Seniors are cared for in a loving environment. Meals, therapy, activities and medication are provided by a most caring staff led by a full-time nurse. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information, call George Gesser at 412-621-3342.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES As part of adult continuing faith formation, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is hosting its second in a series of talks specifically focused on prayer and spirituality. Dr. Susan Muto, executive director of Epiphany Association, is a renowned speaker, author and teacher who has led conferences, seminars, workshops, and institutes throughout the world. Her presentation is, "Practicing the Prayer of Presence", which will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at the St. Paul Seminary Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is free and all are welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

MASS SCHEDULING Don't forget that Masses will be scheduled for the 2010 new liturgical year beginning on Tuesday, November 10. It's not too late to submit a request for Masses for your loved ones!

Our website is www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

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!**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN The Saint Juan Diego Capital Campaign is now underway. Our goal is \$350,000. All registered parishioners received a letter from Father Almade this past week. Please pray about your pledge, sign the Pledge Card, make a first payment, and return the Pledge Card to the parish office. Thank you! We can achieve our goal if every household makes a generous pledge.

ABUSE PROTECTION The Catholic 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.

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.

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.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

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

MON., NOV. 9

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

TUE., NOV. 10

7:30 AM MOJ MILLIE GIARDINO by Rose Woods

WED., NOV. 11

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE
7:00 PM MOJ RICHARD MACIESKI, JR. by Loving Family

THU., NOV. 12

7:30 AM MOJ VIOLA GLOSS by Nancy Andiorio

FRI., NOV. 13

7:30 AM MOJ JOSEPH GUENTNER, JR. by Children, Millie, Joe
and Gene

SAT., NOV. 14

4:00 PM MOJ VINCENT, LUCY, SAM AND FRANK BRUNO by
Carmella and Leo Rudzki and Family
6:00 PM MOJ RICHARD E. RUSZKIEWICZ by Mrs. Marilyn
Ruszkiewicz and Family

SUN., NOV. 15

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH
10:30 AM STM DOLORES SMOREY AND JUDITH LABBY by
Christine Girty

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

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.

MANY THANKS Volunteer firefighters from Sharpsburg, Millvale, Aspinwall, Blawnox, Pleasant Valley and Cherry City responded quickly and effectively to a house fire on Clay Street, across the street from Madonna Church last Monday. Give thanks for the dedication of these volunteers. Consider joining one of these companies and giving back to your community.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Ask yourself, "Am I only giving from my surplus wealth?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

OLDIES DANCE The North Hills Knights of Columbus is presenting an oldies dance featuring the music of the 50's and 60's on Saturday, November 14. The dance will take place in the St. Nicholas Church social hall in Millvale. Tickets are \$7.50 per person at the door and includes snacks, soft drinks and beer. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and the proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus charities.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almada

One of the priorities before the U.S. Congress is health care reform. Some 45 million Americans are without health insurance. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform, which ideally will lead to universal health care for all persons. Health care is a human right, necessary for full human flourishing. Health care also must protect the life and dignity of all, from conception until natural death.

However, all current bills attempting to reform health care before the Congress are seriously deficient on the issues of abortion and conscience rights. These bills also do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

In the bulletin today, you will find a special flyer from the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference asking you to contact your Representative and Senators, to urge them to fix these bills which respond to our moral concerns. You can easily send an email message to your Representative and Senators, or write your own personal letter.

It is a sad fact that abortion on demand is legal in our country. However, our federal tax dollars do not pay for abortions. Proposed legislation in the health care plans would mandate public funding for abortion. For 30 years the U.S. Congress has voted to prohibit federal funding for abortions in all federal health programs, including Medicaid and the Federal Employees Health Benefits (through the Hyde amendment). We need to continue this policy. Our country needs comprehensive health care reform, and the Congress is close to that goal. But reform must address the important moral imperative of not using public funding to promote abortion. Please speak up for comprehensive health care reform, for respect for conscience rights, and against federal funding for abortions by writing to your Representative and Senators **today!**

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Our first Parish Open House was a very nice success last Sunday. Dozens of people visited our three churches, ooohed and aaahed at the size and grandeur of St. Mary's, at the renovations of Madonna, at the hospitality and friendliness of the Korean Catholic Community in St. John Cantius Church. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who welcomed visitors. Booklets describing the stained glass windows, symbols and history of St. Mary and Madonna Churches are in the back of each church. Maybe we can hold this Open House again next year.

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The Saint Juan Diego Parish Capital Campaign is here! All registered parishioners should have received a letter from me inviting them to pledge. Please, please, in the spirit of Christian Stewardship, make your pledge by signing the Pledge Card, enclosing your first payment, and returning the Pledge Card to the parish office, by mail, Offertory basket or hand delivery. Our goal is \$350,000. If every household in the parish makes a pledge, we can do it!