

# The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

OCTOBER 12, 2008

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215

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Christ the Divine Teacher  
Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927  
E-mail.....CCinSharpsburg@yahoo.com  
Web site.....catholicsharpsburg.org

**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.

### 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)



### This Week in the Church

#### Sunday, October 12

St. Seraphim of Montegrano

#### Monday, October 13

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

#### Tuesday, October 14

St. Callistus I

#### Wednesday, October 15

St. Teresa of Avila

#### Thursday, October 16

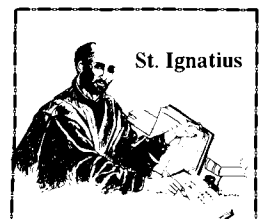
St. Marguerite d'Youville

#### Friday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

#### Saturday, October 18

St. Luke



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**Stewardship**  
**Offertory October 4/5, 2008**

St. Mary	\$1,986.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$3,065.50
St. John Cantius	\$ 772.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!**

**SECOND COLLECTION** There will be a second collection next weekend, October 18 and 19, for World Mission Sunday and we are grateful for your kindness.

**SERIES ON "YEAR OF 3 POPES"** 1978 was the year of three popes. Pope Paul VI died after 15 years of serving as pope on August 6. Pope John Paul I was elected on August 26 and died suddenly on September 28. Pope John Paul II was elected October 16. Father Almade will conclude his talks on Thursday, October 23, on Pope John Paul II. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion are from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center and this is free and open to all.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** The Diocese of Pittsburgh has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration daily through June 29, 2009 in honor of the Year of St. Paul. The schedule for the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg is as follows: Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem and Saturday, November 1, following 10:00 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these special times of devotion to our Lord and please look for a sign-up sheet in the sacristy of each church following Mass this weekend for volunteers to give a half hour of their time dedicated in prayer. There will also be times for Eucharistic Adoration in the spring. Please see the weekly schedule of parishes in the Pittsburgh Catholic.

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP NOVENA** Each Tuesday morning prior to 7:30 a.m. Mass we are praying the Faithful Citizenship Novena. It will end on Tuesday, November 4, which is Election Day. 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."

**BLESSED ARE THEY** The members of Blessed Are They and their families are invited to a Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 18, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please call Edith at 412-486-7573, Barb at 412-781-5732 or Bea at 412-781-8975 to let us know if you and your family will attend. We look forward to seeing you!

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY** The October meeting for the Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, October 22 and not on Thursday, October 16. Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting.

**ROSARY** The rosary will continue to be recited every evening during the month of October at the grotto at St. Mary Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

***Please remember your parish in your will.***



**Flowers at the Altar**

In memory of

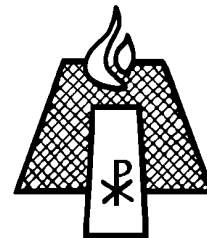
**Margaret, William and Judy Bytnar**

by

Husband and father, Conrad

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

In thanksgiving for 61 years of  
marriage for Gabe and Mary Sciulli  
and for  
Bob and Eleanor Pialeski



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**Born to New Life**



**Please pray for**

**Mary Engel  
and  
Dolores Hamilton**

May they rest in peace.

**DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES** In the year of St. Paul, Dr. Scott Hahn, professor, author and noted speaker, kicks off the Adult Lecture Series with his thoughts on "The Gospel According to St. Paul." Using the opening lines of St. Paul's letter to the Romans: "Paul, a Slave of Jesus Christ" and this passage from Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us," Dr. Hahn will investigate St. Paul's presentation of the Gospel message and what it means for Catholics and the world today. Dr. Hahn's presentation will be held at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists and the lecture is free of charge.

**YOUTH GROUP** The youth group will meet on Friday, October 17 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the John Paul I Center. Pumpkin carving will be among the activities that evening and please bring two dollars to help defray expenses.

**MASS SCHEDULING** Within the next few weeks, you will find an insert in the bulletin regarding Mass requests for the new liturgical year beginning on November 30, 2008. We will use the same method for scheduling as in the past and the stipend for each Mass request is \$10.

**CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY** Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy is now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grades. They are excited to show you their school and financial assistance is available to qualified candidates. Please call to arrange a tour or for more information call 412-781-7927 or [www.cdteachcatholicacademy.org](http://www.cdteachcatholicacademy.org). In addition, the school is also having a year-round fundraiser to earn free equipment and supplies. Please clip UPC's from Campbells, Pepperidge Farms, Swanson and Market Day products and save the lids from Prego and V-8 juices. These can be dropped off in the collection bin at the rear of any of our three churches.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Heartfelt congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week:

*Kevin Bonicky  
Kalene Capilongo  
Rachel Haas  
Sojung Han  
Noah Harchelroad  
Christian Imhof  
Younji Kim  
Benjamin Kubrick  
Michael Lancia  
Hyun Sook Lee  
Jae-Won Lee  
Jee-Soo Lee  
Sung-Joo Lim  
Emily Moore  
Gabrielle Panza  
Hyun-Jeong Park  
Jun Woo Park  
Angela Paterra  
Jessica Pilarski  
Brianna Ragguinti  
Jeong Woo Sohn  
Guyn Jee Song  
Philip Varvaro  
Alan Weiss*

## Confirmation



May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of these young people as they continue their journey in our faith.

**MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH** Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for the next joy-filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Green Tree Holiday Inn. Hear speaker Joan McHugh who will inspire you with hope as she tells about her 12-year trial with illness, including four bouts of cancer. Renew your faith in God's providential care with her story of healing of her body, mind and spirit. She is co-founder of Witness Ministries, an apostolate devoted to the Eucharist, and author/editor of 6 books, including My Daily Eucharist. The cost of breakfast is \$18 and the registration deadline is October 17. For more information, please call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Dorothy at 412-364-6532.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Catholic Charities is expanding its outreach to the Latino Community and is looking for bilingual volunteers to help in the agency's downtown office. If you have some proficiency in Spanish and want to assist with translation of documents, serve as a greeter or answer incoming calls, please call Brian at 412-456-6920.

**C** **EMETERY LOTS** 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. Please contact Joyce Seifried at 412-784-8960 for more information. We will publish the amount of the increase in a future bulletin.

# 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.

**POPE TO BISHOPS: TELL THE WORLD THAT GOD IS NOT DEAD** In inaugurating the Bishop's synod on the Word of God, the Pope called the Bishops to show the world "that evil and death do not have the last word, but Christ is the victor in the end. Always!" Benedict XVI opened the world synod of Bishops on the Word of God expressing the hope that it give birth to a new missionary dynamism in the regions of the world where it seems "God is dead." The Pope presided over the Mass of the synod, which will end on October 26 at the Basilica of St. Paul. The synod's theme is "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

"Nations that at one time were rich with vocations are now losing their identity, under the deleterious and destructive influence of a certain modern culture," the Holy Father noted in his homily. "There are those who, having decided that 'God is dead,' declare themselves to be the singular artificers of their destiny, the absolute lord of the world," he continued. "Clearing God away and not awaiting salvation from him, man believes he can do as he pleases and poses himself as the sole measure of himself and his action." "But when man eliminates God from his horizon, when he declares that God is 'dead,' is he truly more happy? Does he truly become free? When men proclaim themselves absolute owners of themselves and lords of creation, can they really build a society where freedom, justice and peace reign?"

Benedict XVI answered the question in the negative, explaining that the "daily news amply shows" that with this vision "the will to power, egoistic interests, injustice and exploitation, violence in all its forms" spread. "The end of all this is that man finds himself alone and society more divided and confused."

To accomplish their mission, the Pontiff said that the Church's "primary and fundamental" mission is to nourish herself on the Word of God. "In fact, if the proclamation of the Gospel constitutes her reason for her being and her mission, it is indispensable that the Church know and live that which she proclaims so that her preaching is credible, despite the weaknesses and poverty of the human beings who constitute her."

Citing St. Jerome, he added: "Whoever does not know the Scriptures does not know the power of God nor his wisdom. Ignoring Scriptures means ignoring Christ."

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES  
*by Father Frank D. Almada*

There's a lot of craziness "out there" in the American Catholic world regarding the upcoming presidential election. I thought it would be good to hear some sane and sensible words from our own Bishop Paul Bradley, vicar general for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He wrote this letter to the priests of the diocese on September 12.

"Dear brothers:

"Recently, a parish reprinted an article in a parish bulletin asserting claims against a presidential candidate. While it was a reprint of an article from another source, the fact that it was reprinted at all raises serious concerns.

"Reprinting such an article gives the impression that the parish, the Diocese of Pittsburgh, or the Church as a whole supports or advocates one particular candidate over another. In the document, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Bishops of the United States clearly state that it is not their intent or role to tell anyone to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate. They 'recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience.'

"The Diocese of Pittsburgh regularly distributes Political Action Guidelines that outline what political activity is permitted and what is prohibited by law. What is prohibited is to endorse or oppose either directly or indirectly a candidate for public office. Distributing or allowing others to distribute partisan campaign literature under Church auspices or on Church property, or to place partisan political advertisements or statements in bulletins, newspapers or circulars are also prohibited.

"The 2008 Internal Revenue Service publication, *Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations* states, 'Under the Internal Revenue Code, all IRC section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches and religious organizations, are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.'

"The Church has a God-given responsibility to teach the Gospel, morality, and justice, and to encourage Catholics to apply those to the public arena, particularly when dealing with the sacredness of human life. However, the Church may not endorse any candidate for public office. No political party and few political candidates fully embrace all Church teaching. Reporting on issues within a political campaign must always be done in a nonpartisan fashion that discusses the Catholic perspective on issues without endorsing or rejecting any political candidate."

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
+Paul J. Bradley  
Vicar General/Auxiliary Bishop

I urge everyone to read the bishops' careful and wise instruction, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. (It's available on line at [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org) or by calling me for a copy.) I also urge everyone to learn the positions of the candidates and their parties, to ponder what is best to defend human life, build family life, promote social justice, and pursue global solidarity. Vote on Nov. 4. Then follow-up with elected officials next year so that our nation makes these moral imperatives the national priorities that will make our nation and world safer.

## *Schedule of Masses for the Week*

### **SAT., OCT. 11**

4:00 PM MOJ ALDO PATITUCCI & TERESA & PIETRO MORELLI by wife and daughter  
6:00 PM MOJ ANTHONY ANTICO AND JOSEFINE GAITANIELLA by children, David and Joan

### **SUN., OCT. 12**

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG  
10:30 AM STM MARGARET, WILLIAM & JUDY BYTNAR by Conrad Bytnar

### **MON., OCT. 13**

7:30 AM MOJ ROSE LATUSZEWSKI by Patricia, Bernie and Mrs. Sweich

### **TUE., OCT. 14**

7:30 AM MOJ HERMAN, BERTHA AND JEROME STEGMAN by Rose Stegman

### **WED., OCT. 15**

7:30 AM MOJ VITO AND MARY MERIGLIANO by daughter and son, Josephine and Domenic

### **THU., OCT. 16**

7:30 AM MOJ CATHERINE BEST by Catherine Banderski

### **FRI., OCT. 17**

7:30 AM MOJ IN THANKSGIVING FOR GABE & MARY SCIULLI AND FOR BOB & ELEANOR PIAESKI by Gabe and Mary Sciulli

### **SAT., OCT. 18**

2:00 PM STM WEDDING OF MELISSA GAUS & AL CRAIGHEAD (Transfer from St. Joseph Church, O'Hara)  
4:00 PM MOJ BUD & MARGARET AURIN by children and grandchildren  
6:00 PM MOJ THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

### **SUN., OCT. 19**

8:30 AM SJC BENJAMIN A. URSO, by wife, Theresa, & family  
10:30 AM STM THE CAPONE FAMILY by 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** Experienced RN/LPN for full-time Charge Nurse in facility in McCandless Township caring for geriatric religious Sisters. Evening shift 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, no weekends. Excellent benefits and salary range. Transportation needed. Call 412-635-6304 or fax resume to 412-318-3325.

**PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM** Father Frank Sutman, a Dominican priest, will be conducting a parish renewal program at St. Mary Church, Middle Road, from Sunday, October 19 through Wednesday, October 22. The theme of the renewal is, "It Isn't Whom I Am, But Whose I Am! - Our Gospel Pure And Simple." The evening sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service, a talk and a question and answer period concluding at 8:30 p.m. Father Sutman will also preside at a 10:00 a.m. renewal Mass Monday through Wednesday. All are invited to attend.

**PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC** The next airing of the half-hour radio show, "Pittsburgh Catholic Conversations," will be broadcast on October 16 at 7:00 p.m. on KQV Radio, 1410 AM. The second segment of the show will center on "Faithful Citizenship." In addition, the newspaper is publishing a monthly pull-out section, a Catholic Community calendar of events and a voter's guide. Look for these inserts in the October 24 issue.

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