

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

OCTOBER 19, 2008

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
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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 Almade. 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

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)

OFFICE HOURS

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

This Week in the Church

Sunday, October 19

St. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebuef and Companions

Monday, October 20

St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Tuesday, October 21

St. Hilarion

Wednesday, October 22

St. Peter of Alcantara

Thursday, October 23

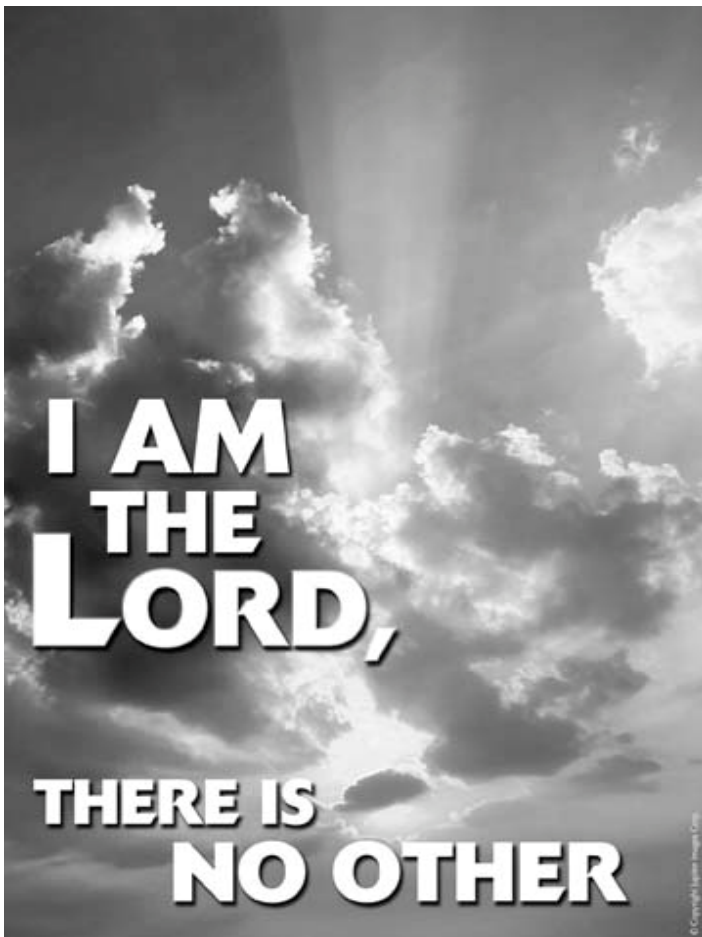
St. John of Capistrano

Friday, October 24

St. Anthony Claret

Saturday, October 25

Blessed Antonio de Sant'Anna Galvao



Stewardship
Offertory October 12/13, 2008

St. Mary	\$2,739
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$2,654
St. John Cantius	\$ 980

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

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

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.

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.

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."

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT All children of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg and their families (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) are invited to take part in our first ever Children's Christmas Pageant. We will be presenting the Christmas Story according to the Gospel of St. Luke. To participate, you must be willing to commit to one hour of rehearsal per week plus a dress rehearsal. If you are interested in participating or in helping with this production, please contact Joyce Seifried at 412-781-0165 or call the Parish Office for more information.

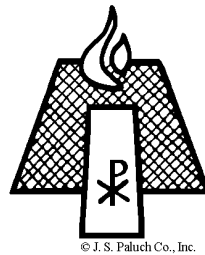
Our website is www.catholicsharpsburg.org

Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

Benjamin A. Urso

by
Children



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

In memory of

Benjamin A. Urso

by
Grandchildren

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.

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.cdteatholicacademy.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.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES In the Jubilee 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.

ABUSE PROTECTION The Diocese of Pittsburgh is 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.

MASS SCHEDULING This week, 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. Please read and follow the instructions carefully and please do not forget to include your offering for your request. We will open Mass requests on Tuesday, November 11.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS Jan Pakler, a photographer from the Herald, was kind enough to take many pictures during our recent Confirmation liturgy. The photos are lovely and if you wish to look at them and purchase them, please to go www.paklerphoto.com. Many thanks to Jan for her time and skill.

PARISH RENEWAL 2008 The parish family of St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw, PA, invites all to a time of spiritual renewal and reflection hosted by Father Frank Sutman, a Dominican priest from Dover, MA. The program begins Sunday, October 19 and continues through Wednesday, October 22. The theme of the renewal is, "It Isn't Who I Am, But Whose I Am! - Our Gospel Pure and Simple." Evening sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service, talk and a question and answer period concluding at 8:30 p.m. Fr. Sutman will also preside at a 10:00 a.m. renewal Mass Monday through Wednesday, preaching on topics different from the evening sessions. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT SERIES A retreat for single and married women will be held on Saturday, November 8, at Mount Alvernia in Millvale. Women are invited to deepen their relationship with God and the theme of this retreat is, "Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary use words." The keynote speaker is Sister Alice Dunlop and participants will have an opportunity for Adoration of the Eucharist, stations of the cross and the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The fee is fifty dollars for adults and includes lunch, supper and snacks. For information or to register no later than November 1, please call 412-681-0283.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL OPPORTUNITY AWARD DINNER St. Anthony Programs, together with the St. Anthony Charitable Foundation and St. Anthony School Programs, will host this dinner on Friday, October 24. This dinner will honor two awardees: Knights of Columbus Bishop's Project and Dr. William Cohen, Director, Down Syndrome Center of Children's Hospital. Dinner will be held in the East Club Lounge at Heinz Field and the silent auction and cocktail reception will start at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150 each and for more information, please call 724-940-9020 ext. 104.

HOLY HOUR FOR MEN Bishop Zubik will host a holy hour for men with the theme, "The Church Alive" on October 25 at St. Paul Seminary on Noblestown Road. Refreshments will be served at 8:00 a.m. with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by Bishop Zubik at 8:30 a.m. This will be followed by personal testimonies from Rich Dovi and Mark Joseph on the theme: "Getting Excited About Our Faith." The program will end at 10:00 a.m. Please RSVP to pat@cmfpitt.org.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC Please do not forget to take home a copy of next week's Pittsburgh Catholic. It will contain a voter's guide focusing on the candidates' views on issues that are important to Catholics today. In addition, a pull-out section with a calendar of events, including Catholic School students recognized for living out their Catholic faith will also be contained in this issue.

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 BENEDICT CANONIZES FOUR SAINTS Pope Benedict XVI canonized four new saints on October 12 in St. Peter's Square. He declared sainthood for **St. Alphonsa Muttathupandathu**, a nun from southwestern India who was known for her holiness during a lifetime of suffering. Thousands of pilgrims from India, including many nuns and priests, applauded and cheered as St. Alphonsa's brief biography was read aloud. St. Alphonsa was born in 1910 and determined she wanted to become a nun after reading about lives of the saints. When a marriage was arranged for her at age 14, she deliberately burned her foot so that her disfigurement would allow her to avoid the engagement. She joined the Franciscan Clarist Congregation at age 17 and taught, but was soon confined to her convent because of a succession of illness. At the same time, her life was marked by periods of great spiritual joy. She died peacefully in 1946.

In addition, Pope Benedict also canonized **St. Narcisca de Jesus Martillo Moran**, a 19th-century Ecuadorian known for her deep prayer and penitence. She remained a laywoman, serving as a catechist while working as a seamstress. She died at the age of 37 in 1869 and doctors were amazed that she lived so long on so little food.

Also canonized was **St. Gaetano Errico**, an Italian priest who founded the Congregation of Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in the 19th century. He was known for the many hours he spent in the confessional and for seeking out the sick, the abandoned and the spiritually afflicted in his native area of Naples. He died in 1860 at the age of 69.

St. Maria Bernarda Butler, a Swiss nun who founded the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary, Help of Sinners, was the fourth saint canonized. As a young woman, she broke off an engagement and intended to live as a contemplative sister. But she was convinced instead to embark on a missionary journey to Ecuador, where she formed her new order that worked especially among native families. She told her sisters to open their houses to the poor and to give them preference over all other activities. A violent persecution caused her to flee with her community to Colombia, where she died in 1924.

The four saints offer a beautiful example of holiness and deserve the attention of the universal church, said the Holy Father.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

“Father, may Christ make us an everlasting gift to you...” --Eucharistic Prayer III

The Catholic Communities of Sharpsburg were treated to a wonderful gift last week when Bishop Paul Bradley came to St. Mary Church to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 24 young people from the Korean Catholic Community, Madonna of Jerusalem Parish, St. John Cantius Parish and St. Mary Parish. I am very grateful to Bishop Bradley for his cordial and prayerful presidency at Mass.

Those who attended heard him describe in his homily two acronyms for the word “gift.” He said, “Our candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation receive the Holy Spirit as a **gift** from God.” He went on to ask our young people to remember G-I-F-T as “**G**od’s **I**nspiration **F**or **T**oday and Tomorrow.” He also suggested four scripture passages for G-I-F-T. After telling the story of the Good Samaritan who ministered to his beaten up neighbor on the road to Jericho, Jesus said, “**G**o and do the same.” (Luke 10:37) Just before Jesus ascends to the right hand of his Father after his resurrection from the dead, he tells his disciples, “**I** am with you always.” (Matthew 28:20) In the story of the lilies of the field, Jesus calls his disciples to trust in God completely, and states, “**F**ear not, for it is your Father’s desire to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32) And Jesus told the apostles, “**T**rust in God. Whatever you ask for in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.” (Mark 11:22)

The message of **gift** is an inspiring message, not only for our newly confirmed and their sponsors and family members, but for all of us. I would only add another related passage, which has motivated me throughout my priestly ministry. Jesus sends the twelve out to preach the Good News of the kingdom of God to the people, and states, “The **gift** you have received, give as a **gift**.” (Matthew 10:8) We have received so much from God—life, faith, family, love, friends, forgiveness, material possessions, vocations and purpose, the hope of eternal life—and is it not right to share with others what we have received in such great measure?

In the spirit of giftedness, I am grateful to all who prepared our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, parents and catechists. I am grateful to those who prepared the liturgy, led the music, cleaned and decorated the church, and served at the altar. And I am grateful for our young people who stepped forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Spirit of Christ bring forth rich gifts of peace and vocation in your lives!

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In the same spirit of gratitude I thank all the parishioners who came to celebrate with me on Sept. 30 my 30th anniversary of priesthood ordination. Your presence at the Eucharist was special, as was your love and friendship at the reception afterwards. Thank you so much!

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., OCT. 18

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

MON., OCT. 20

7:30 AM MOJ BRYAN AKERS by Nancy E. Hudac

TUE., OCT. 21

7:30 AM MOJ FRANK GALLO & LENA GALLO by wife and sister, Ann

WED., OCT. 22

7:30 AM MOJ KAREN GOLEMBIEWSKI by mother, brothers and daughter, Cara

THU., OCT. 23

7:30 AM MOJ MARCELLA TARASI by Christian Mothers and Rosary Society

FRI., OCT. 24

7:30 AM MOJ ANGELINE RUDZKI by Henry J. Rudzki

SAT., OCT. 25

4:00 PM MOJ JOHN FERRARO AND MR. & MRS. DOMENIC DeBONIS by wife and daughter

6:00 PM MOJ THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., OCT. 26

8:30 AM SJC HELEN & AMEDEO MASICO by Ethel, Peter and Carolyn Marsico

10:30 AM STM WALTER SYBO by sister, Patty

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES AND ALTAR FLOWERS

Beginning with the third weekend in November, candles and flowers are available for purchase. If you would like to request candles or flowers for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives, there is no problem with giving others their due. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's Gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.

MARRIAGE MOMENT Being different can be good. What traits do you and your spouse have that are different yet complement each other? (Consider things like attention to detail versus seeing the whole picture, quicker thinker versus thorough planner, extrovert versus self-reflective, etc.) Viva la difference!

Please remember your parish in your will.

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