

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 26, 2008

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
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Web site.....www.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 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

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 26

Blessed Contardo Ferrini

Monday, October 27

Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza

Tuesday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude

Wednesday, October 29

St. Narcissus of Jerusalem

Thursday, October 30

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

Friday, October 31

St. Wolfgang of Regensburg

Saturday, November 1

The Feast of All Saints



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**Stewardship
Offertory 18/19, 2008**

St. Mary	\$1,930
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,769
St. John Cantius	\$ 485

In addition, \$2,565.00 was sent to the Diocese of Pittsburgh from the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg to help the victims in Galveston, Texas recovering from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Your generosity is touching.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

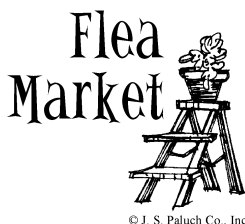
ALL SAINTS Saturday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. However, since it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. A Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church for this feast and immediately following Mass will be Eucharistic Adoration until 2:00 p.m. Father Almada asks that three people be in Church with the Blessed Sacrament during adoration. Please sign up on the sheets provided. All are welcome to attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Diocese of Pittsburgh has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration daily through June 29, 2009 in honor of the Year of St. Paul. As mentioned above, this Saturday, November 1, Eucharistic Adoration will begin following 10:00 a.m. Mass until 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this special time of devotion to our Lord. 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."

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.

FLEA MARKET A flea market featuring Christmas items will be held at St. Mary School 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!



RAFFLE WINNER The winner of the snowman and gift box raffle from the Bingo was Cheryl Leahy, ticket #775.

Remember next week is Parish Share Sunday!

Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

**Sam & Rose, Saverio, Louis Panza,
Frances Adams and Rita Frollini**

by
niece and nephew,
Donna and Tim Donovan

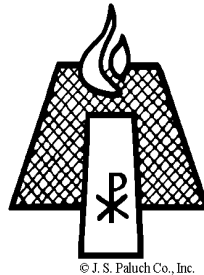


**Altar and Sanctuary
Candles are burning
this week**

In memory of

**Joseph and Mary Kulik, brothers and
sisters and nephew, Norman**

by
Stella



Please pray for

**Irene Durkot and
Joseph Bagnato**

May they rest in peace.



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.cdteachercatholicacademy.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.

ROSARY The rosary will be recited every evening this week at the grotto at St. Mary Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude on Friday, October 31. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY SUNDAY The national Catholic Cemetery Conference has declared Sunday, November 2, as Catholic Cemetery Sunday to encourage visits to our Catholic cemeteries and promote prayers for all of those who have gone before us. To commemorate this important event, the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will sponsor a prayer service in most of the diocesan cemeteries on this date. For the time and locations of this service, please see the ad in the Pittsburgh Catholic this weekend and next weekend or call 1-877-886-7526. All are welcome to attend this annual and prayerful remembrance of our deceased.

WAYNE WEIBLE is a Protestant news reporter who became Catholic through the appearances of Mary at Medjugorje. He will be speaking at St. Edward Church in Blawnox on Sunday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 412-828-4066.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend will take place from November 14 through November 16 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, PA. For more information or to register, please contact Mary and Lou Locante at 412-635-7775.

D'LUSTIGEN ISARTALER BAVARIAN CLUB

The D'Lustigen Isartaler Bavarian Club will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday on November 8, at St. Catherine of Sweden Church. A memorial Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a local German choir. A worship aide with both English and German will help you to participate with Fr. Warren Murrmann of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe. A dinner and dance follows with German food and beer available to purchase immediately after Mass in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance. For reservations, call Theresa Goeller at 412-487-1870 or Rose Stegman at 412-781-2838.

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC

The Pittsburgh Catholic will publish the first "Disability Awareness" supplement in the upcoming October 31 issue. Please be sure to read this interesting supplement.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Rejoice! Whether the time you spend with your spouse today be brief, long or long distance, look at your beloved with fresh eyes. Recognize and remember why you promised to love each other forever. Although you can do this any time, breaking bread at dinner could be a prompt.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Halloween is the night before All Saints Day. Today's Gospel asks us to concentrate on loving our neighbor. Our closest neighbors are the people with whom we live. Anyone can be "saint" in front of strangers but the daily acts of patience, acceptance, forgiveness, listening and dying to oneself within the family are religious acts. Family life is the turf of sanctity.

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.

CRAFT SHOW

St. Ursula Parish, Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, is holding a Fall Craft Show on Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. across from the Hampton Fire Hall in the school cafeteria. Come and select from a wide variety of "Homemade in America" crafts and specialty items. Great homemade food and baked goods will be available for purchase throughout the day.

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.

EMERGENCY CELL PHONE USE Did you know that the emergency number worldwide for a mobile phone is 112. If you are not in your existing coverage area, dial 112 and the phone will search for an existing network with which to connect. Also, if your cell battery is very low, to activate hidden battery power, press *3370#. Your cell phone can be used to open your car if you locked your keys and have remote keyless entry. Call someone at home on their cell phone from yours. Hold your cell phone about a foot from the car door and have the person press the unlock button on the spare set of keys at home, holding it near the phone on their end. It just may work.

UNITED WAY The United Way campaigns are beginning throughout this area. Please do not forget Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in your generosity with the matching funds from your company. Catholic Charities' code number is 95. Catholic Charities is a wonderful group who provide help to all of the needy in our area.

POPE BENEDICT SAYS THE WORLD CAN FEED EVERYONE

Marking the annual World Food Day event held on October 16, Pope Benedict XVI has written a message to the director general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. The Pope called for openness, sustainability and fair division in the distribution of world food resources as he stressed that hunger relief efforts are inspired by the recognition of the significance of the human person. According to the Vatican Information Service, the Pope wrote that the event "enables reflection upon achievements in the fight against hunger and upon the obstacles facing the FAO in the new challenges threatening the life of the human family. With the means and resources the world has at its disposal, it is possible to supply sufficient nourishment and to satisfy the growing needs of everyone." The Holy Father criticized public corruption and the increase in military spending for diverting resources away from serving people's primary needs. He said that a campaign against hunger must "rediscover the significance of human beings in their individual and community dimensions." Pope Benedict concluded by saying both guaranteeing access to land and defending the rights of agricultural workers are conditions essential to increasing levels of food production and to preserve the identity of indigenous communities.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

By the time you read this column, the 12th Synod of Bishops in Rome will be concluded. The theme of this synod was “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.” We in the Catholic Church have come a long way from the days when the parish priest “ordered” the faithful not to read the Bible, because they might not understand it, or might get wrong ideas, or (crazy as it seems) they might become Protestant. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) explicitly urged all Catholics to have, read, study and treasure the Bible. In this the Council Fathers drew upon 2,000 years of the Church which has meditated upon all the books of the Bible, both Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) and New Testament.

John Allen, a respected Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, recently wrote that the most recent synod had widespread agreement on several “big-picture” points, including: (1) The “Word of God,” in the Catholic understanding, is broader than the written texts of scripture. It refers principally to a person, Jesus Christ, so it is theologically inaccurate to describe Christianity (at least in its Catholic form) as “a religion of the book.” (2) Scripture must be read in the context of the Church, its tradition, doctrinal teachings and worship. (3) The Bible is not simply books of ancient literature, but inspired writings which must be read through the theology and faith life of the Church. (4) The Bible is “a natural bridge” for better relations with other Christians and with Jews. (5) The Church is obligated not merely to proclaim the Word of God, but also to listen to it. (See John Allen’s blog on the Synod of Bishops at www.ncrcafe.org)

What does this mean for you? First, that the four readings from the Bible you hear at Sunday Mass are not just window-dressing. They are meant to enlighten you and me regarding the mystery of God’s love for us through Jesus Christ. Second, that every household should have a good, up-to-date English translation Bible at home—and read it! A Bible that has never been opened is like buying a spanking new car, parking it in front for all to see, and then never driving it. We need to consider, ponder, meditate, muse, puzzle over, fight with, and ultimately learn from the Bible.

Many Catholics find Bible study in groups very worthwhile. Last January I started a Bible study from 12 noon to 1 p.m. every Monday in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. We walked our way through the Gospel of Matthew in the first part of the year. Now we are reading the Acts of the Apostles. You are most welcome to attend. Just come, and see what a friendly group of people we have! If that time doesn’t fit your schedule, perhaps you can gather with others at another time. But with others or alone, studying or praying, do read the Bible. It’s the Catholic way to grow in Christ’s life!

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., OCT. 25

4:00 PM MOJ JOHN FERRARO & MR. AND MRS. DOMENIC
DEBONIS by wife and daughter
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHAPSBURG

SUN., OCT. 26

8:30 AM SJC HELEN AND AMEDEO MARSICO by Ethel,
Peter and Carolyn Marsico
10:30 AM STM WALTER SYBO by sister, Patty

MON., OCT. 27

7:30 AM MOJ GOLDIE VINSKI by Rose Woods

TUE., OCT. 28

7:30 AM MOJ MARY CHRISTY by Christian Mothers and
Rosary Society

WED., OCT. 29

7:30 AM MOJ CHRISTINE KRESS by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Troyan and
Family

THU., OCT. 30

7:30 AM MOJ GEORGE COUNIHAN by Jean Rusch

FRI., OCT. 31

7:30 AM MOJ ROSARIA LIPARI by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riccelli

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

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

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 \$50 for adults and includes lunch, supper and snacks. For information or to register no later than November 1, please call 412-681-0283.

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.

Please remember your parish in your will.

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