

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 5, 2008

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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)

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.

This Week in the Church

Sunday, October 5

St. Faustina

Monday, October 6

St. Bruno

Tuesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, October 8

St. John Leonardi

Thursday, October 9

St. Denis and Companions

Friday, October 10

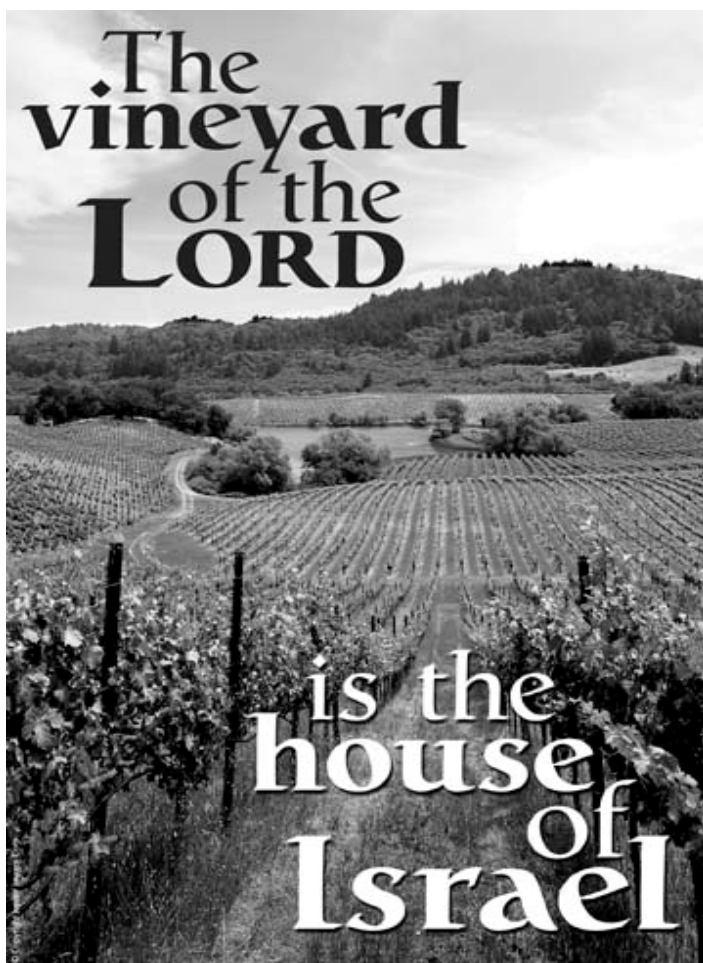
St. Francis Borgia

Saturday, October 11

Blessed Angela Truszkowska



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Stewardship
Offertory September 27/28, 2008

St. Mary	\$2,109
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,983
St. John Cantius	\$ 623

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

CONFESSIONS There will not be Confessions this Wednesday, October 8, in Madonna Church, due to Confirmation at St. Mary Church at 7:00 p.m. Father Almada will hear Confessions as usual on Saturday in Madonna Church and any time by appointment.

CONFIRMATION We are very pleased to announce Bishop Paul Bradley will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary Church this Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. There are 12 young candidates for this sacrament, as well as 12 adult candidates. All are invited to attend this special Mass. Also, please remember our candidates in your prayers this week. The following prayer will be prayed over the candidates by the Bishop:


All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their Helper and Guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

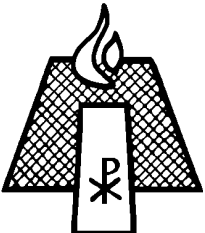
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION The Diocese of Pittsburgh has scheduled Eucharistic Adoration daily through June 29, 2009 in honor of the Year of St. Paul. The schedule for the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg is as follows: Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Madonna of Jerusalem and Saturday, 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. 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."

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.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND LADIES GUILD The October meeting for the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild will be held on Wednesday, October 22 and not on Thursday, October 16. Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting.

	<p>Flowers at the Altar In memory of MARY JON LYONS by Family</p>
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<p>Altar and Sanctuary Candles are burning this week In memory of Richard, Norman & Janice Marie Kulik by Stella Kulik</p>	 <small>© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.</small>
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	<p>Please pray for MARTIN KOZLOWSKI, SR. May he rest in peace.</p>
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THANK YOU A great big thank you to Jerry and Scott Auen for the wonderful work they have done to help beautify our churches. The guard rails have been repainted in the parking lots and they look great! Thanks, Jerry and Scott!

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for the next joy-filled 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. The cost of breakfast is \$18 and the registration deadline is October 17. For more information, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Dorothy at 412-364-6532.

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.

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.

ROSARY The rosary will 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.

SACRILEGIOUS This past week a (presumed) Consecrated Host was found underneath a pew in St. Mary Church. Please know that all communicants are to consume the Host reverently as soon as you receive it from the priest or eucharistic minister. If you do find a Host, immediately locate the priest or a Eucharistic minister. The Host will be picked up and then consumed. Let us all increase our respect for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Consecrated Host and Precious Blood.

DISASTER RELIEF Many thanks for your donations to help victims of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in the Gulf Coast. If you forgot to bring your offering, we will continue to accept donations this weekend and your generosity is appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY Our organist, Dorothy Heneroty, was involved in an automobile accident and is recovering from surgery. In addition, Father Bill Dorner's mother, Mrs. Adrienne Frollini, also underwent surgery this past week. Please pray for a speedy recovery for both of these ladies.

SPONSOR SLIPS If you need to request a sponsor slip for Baptism or Confirmation, please call the Parish Office with your information. Father Almade will meet with you following the Mass you attend on the weekend to sign the paper.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE The 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil at the Allegheny Reproductive Clinic and the Allegheny Women's Clinic in East Liberty began on Tuesday, September 23 and will continue through November 2. This vigil is taking place at abortion clinics in over 170 cities across the United States. For more information, please call 412-983-9366 or 412-726-2136.

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.cdtcatholicacademy.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.

ANNUAL TEA PARTY The Christian Mothers and Guild of All Saints, Etna, will hold their annual Tea Party on Saturday, October 18 from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. in the Activities building. Enjoy food, beverages, basket raffles, vintage bridal fashions and more. Donation is \$7 and call 412-781-4788 for tickets.

NEW PARISHIONERS We have had new parishioners join in the past several months. Please welcome Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peitz, Mr. Keith Green, Ms. Christina Abbott, Mr. William Zatezalo, Ms. Karen Pastor, Ms. Cassandra Welsh and Ms. Elsie Miller to our faith community.



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.

LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

For more information, call Marie at 412-781-3388.

PET BLESSING In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Father Almade will bless the pets of the parish on Monday, October 6 at 6:15 p.m. (just prior to the start of CCD classes) in the parking lot of Madonna of Jerusalem Church next to the rectory. All of our dear pet friends are welcome!

LIFE CHAIN A life chain will form across from the Giant Eagle at Waterworks Mall on Sunday, October 5 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This chain will offer prayers for those who have had abortions as well as those who are considering abortion. Signs and prayer cards will be available.

CARD PARTY St. Matthew Parish in on 53rd Street in Lawrenceville is holding their annual card party on Sunday, October 12. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and for more information, call Rose Srocki at 412-782-2979 or Dorothy Chirico at 412-782-4078.

THROUGH YOUR FATHER'S EYES is a mini-retreat for fathers and daughters. The Sisters of St. Francis would like to invite young women ages 12-20 and their fathers, uncles or other father figures to this retreat. It will begin with 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sisters' Motherhouse in Whitehall, followed by brunch and a short program. The retreat will touch upon God's influence on fathers and father figures and how their relationship with God can be shared with their daughters or young women.

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER St. Edward Church in Blawnox is holding its 7th Annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 12 from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per adult, \$4 per child age 4 to 12 and children under 4 are free. A bake sale, 50/50 raffle and a variety of theme baskets raffle is also available. For ticket reservations, please call 412-828-3182 or 412-828-8977.

FALL FASHION SHOW A Fall Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, October 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Boyd Community Center to benefit Autism Speaks. Tickets are \$15 and include an afternoon of fashion, food and basket raffles. Please call 412-963-1104 for tickets.

Please do not forget your parish in your will.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

This Wednesday, October 8, Bishop Paul J. Bradley, auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, comes to St. Mary Church to celebrate two sacraments, the Eucharist and Confirmation. Twelve of our young people will be receiving the sacrament, along with ten members of the Korean Catholic Community, and two young adults from CCS. I am very happy that Bishop Bradley is coming to visit us, and to administer Confirmation. All are welcome to attend Mass, which begins at 7:00 p.m.

The sacrament of Confirmation has been the subject of much controversy in recent decades, mostly over the age of reception. Diocesan policies around the U.S. for the age to receive this sacrament range from 12th grade (age 18) to 3rd grade (age 8), in our neighboring diocese of Greensburg. Most of our young people receiving Confirmation next week are first semester ninth graders (age 13-14).

But differences of age (I was confirmed by Bishop John Wright in the fifth grade, at age 11) aside, Confirmation has an important role in the formation of Catholic Christians. The Church teaches that it is one of three sacraments of initiation (with Baptism and Eucharist). With these three sacraments, Catholics over the age of 16 complete their initiation and can be sponsors for candidates for Baptism or Confirmation. According to the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, "In Confirmation, the baptized person is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ." Usually a bishop administers the sacrament. His prayer for the candidates begs the heavenly Father for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for the seven gifts traditionally associated with the Spirit. The bishop then anoints the candidate on the forehead with chrism, and says, "Be sealed with the gift of the Spirit." (In case you were wondering, the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord.)

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Confirmation increases and deepens baptismal grace; it confirms our relationship with God as sons and daughters of the loving Father; it unites us more firmly to Jesus Christ; it renders our bond with the Church more perfect; and it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the Catholic Faith.

Many skeptics of this sacrament have labeled Confirmation "the sacrament of leaving the Church," since so many never return to religious education or attendance at Mass. But the sacrament is exactly the opposite: it is the end of the beginning of one's formation in faith, and begins a lifetime of growing in Christ and the following of his teachings through the Church. None of us after receiving Confirmation knows it all. Whatever our age, we have to continually work on our relationship with Christ, our practice of the Faith, the exercise of faith, hope and charity. Please pray for our young people as they receive this hopeful sacrament. Just as good, be faithful witnesses of those who live out their baptismal and confirmed discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., OCT. 4

4:00 PM MOJ PETRONE FAMILY by John Procopio
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., OCT. 5

8:30 AM SJC THOMAS & CATHERINE VELTRI by daughters
10:30 AM STM MR. & MRS. AUGUST PAZERSKI by children

MON., OCT. 6

7:30 AM MOJ HENRY SZYMANSKI by wife, Blanche, and
family

TUE., OCT. 7

7:30 AM MOJ MARY V. ALMADE by the Almade Family

WED., OCT. 8

7:30 AM MOJ ROSE HORNE AND CHILDREN, ROSEMARIE,
WILLIAM AND RICHARD by Vera B. Hammel

THU., OCT. 9

7:30 AM MOJ JOSEPH PAUBA by Mrs. Bertha Maciejewski
and family

FRI., OCT. 10

7:30 AM MOJ COMMUNION SERVICE

SAT., OCT. 11

4:00 PM MOJ ALDO PATITUCCI & TERESA & PIETRO
MORELLI by wife and daughter
6:00 PM MOJ ANTHONY ANTICO AND JOSEPHINE
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

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

OOPS Please forgive us for the omission of three catechetical aides whose names were omitted last week. Thank you to Gabrielle Panza, Kathy Troyan and Kathi Lindsley for their help!

RUMMAGE SALE St. Aloysius Church on Mt. Troy Road in Reserve Township is having a giant rummage sale on Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 12 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. All who attend will be eligible to be entered into a free raffle drawing for discounts at their upcoming November sale. 18 rooms of treasures, food, raffles and a bake sale will be available. For information, call 412-821-3610.

MARRIAGE MOMENT You know your spouse is not perfect, but still it is human to want him or her to be. Forgive an imperfection of your spouse today. It need not be major. It need not even be spoken.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Every family is visited by difficult times. These times can pull us together or push us apart. They can be the "cornerstone" which we would naturally "reject" but becomes the unifying point where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and a common love for one another.

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