

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

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

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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, September 14
 The Triumph of the Cross

Monday, September 15
 Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 16
 St. Cornelius

Wednesday, September 17
 St. Robert Bellarmine

Thursday, September 18
 St. Joseph of Cupertino

Friday, September 19
 St. Januarius

Saturday, September 20
 Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions



Stewardship
Offertory September 6/7, 2008

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| St. Mary | \$2,922.00 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$2,548.50 |
| St. John Cantius | \$ 946.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

CONFIRMATION We are very pleased to announce Bishop Paul Bradley will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary Church on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. There are 12 young candidates for this sacrament, as well as several adult candidates. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY Next Sunday, September 21, is Catechetical Sunday in the United States. At 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary Church, our teachers for the upcoming CCD year will be commissioned and all families are welcome to attend Mass and meet the teachers. In addition, CCD classes will begin Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center and we look forward to seeing the students for the new school year.

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 continue talks on each of these pontiffs: on Thursday, September 25, on Pope Paul John I and Thursday, October 23, on Pope John Paul II. All talks with opportunity for questions and discussion are from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center and are free and open to all. Also, please look in upcoming editions of the Pittsburgh Catholic for articles containing Father's talks.

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: Wednesday, October 1, from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. at St. John Cantius, 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.

30TH ANNIVERSARY Father Almade was ordained a priest on September 30, 1978. This year he celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination. All are welcome to attend his Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. A reception will follow in the John Paul I Center. Anyone who is willing to volunteer to help with the set-up and clean-up of the center should call the Parish Office for details.

AUTUMN SONG The Aquinas Guild of St. Scholastica Church welcomes all women of surrounding parishes to their annual luncheon and fashion show being held on Saturday, October 11, at the Pittsburgh Field Club. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and a fashion show by Carabella follows the noon lunch. Tickets are \$35 and among the other events will be auctions and bake sales. In addition, donations are being gratefully accepted for the auctions. For tickets call Mary Ellen Maher at 412-767-5863 or to make a donation, call Sue Goodwin at 412-967-0791 or Bo Benckart at 412-968-0828.



Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

Mary Procopio

by

Husband, John, and Family

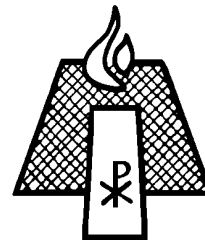
**Altar and Sanctuary
Candles are burning
this week**

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Born to New Life



Please pray for

Raymond Fox,

Father of Randy Fox, head field
worker at St. Mary Cemetery

Adaline Zalewski

and

Chester Krynski

May they rest in peace.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will hold a dinner on Thursday, September 18 at the Etna Elks in Sharpsburg. Your choice for entrée for dinner is stuffed chicken breast or shrimp and the cost is \$10. Please put your name, money and choice of entrée in an envelop marked "Christian Mothers and Rosary Society" and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. The deadline for registration is September 12 and if you need a ride, please meet at the John Paul I Center at 5:45 p.m. on the 18th. For more information or to become a member of this wonderful organization, please call Evelyn at 412-781-9368 or Barbara at 412-781-5732.

THE PITTSBURGH GUILD OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION The Pittsburgh Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all healthcare professionals to attend its next meeting on Sunday, September 21, at UPMC-Mercy Hospital. Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. in Holy Family Chapel with Bishop Zubik as the celebrant, followed by breakfast and lecture presentation in Clark Auditorium. See www.cathmedpittsburgh.org for more information.

TEACHING THE PARABLES OF JESUS This course will be taught by Father Ed Schleicher on Tuesdays beginning September 23 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Middle Road. This is a good course for adults who want to increase their bible knowledge. Call Marge Wesolek at 412-486-5521 to register.

ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR Duquesne University will hold its 42nd annual college fair on Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the A. J. Palumbo Center. High school juniors and seniors can meet with representatives from over 150 of the best colleges and universities in the nation. Please call Duquesne's Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222 for more information.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP 2008 For the next several weeks, questions and answers about the upcoming election and the Church will be published.

Why did the Catholic bishops write *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*? Every four years since 1976, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have issued a statement on our political responsibility as Catholics. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (FCFS) is the most recent of these publications.

In FCFS, the Bishops encourage us to form our consciences and apply our faith to making sound political choices and moral judgments about public issues. It is the particular responsibility of the laity to work for a just ordering of society and FCFS challenges Catholics to fulfill that duty.

Does the Church have the right and responsibility to address political issues? The Church has a God-given responsibility to teach the Gospel and in particular to apply its moral teaching to public life. In turn, Catholics are morally obligated to participate in forming a just society and promoting the well-being of others.

Our government and the law recognize the Church's right to participate in society without setting aside her convictions. When people of faith bring their beliefs and principles into the political realm, our country's respect for diverse religious beliefs and its foundational moral character are enhanced, not threatened.

Furthermore, the Church has much to offer in the political and public arena, including a consistent moral framework for analyzing issues, and a wealth of experience in serving those in need. The Church is involved in the political process without being partisan; she seeks to engage political and public officials from every party in serious moral analysis of issues.

With what moral issues does the Church show concern? The essence of Church advocacy can be summarized in her commitment to the "consistent ethic of life": we have a moral obligation to defend human life from conception to natural death, and to respect the human dignity of all. This framework does not treat all issues as equivalent, but establishes the respect for human dignity and human life as foundational. FCFS clearly sets for the view that Catholics are not "one issue" voters; the Church is concerned with all situations in which human life or dignity is threatened.

FCFS focuses on four main areas of concern: (1) protecting human life, (2) upholding family life, (3) pursuing social justice, and (4) practicing global solidarity.

Is one of these issues more important than the others? The intentional taking of innocent human life (as in abortion or euthanasia) is intrinsically evil and is not just one issue among many. It must never be condoned. Other direct threats to the dignity of human life (such as human cloning, research on human embryos, genocide, torture and terrorism) are also intrinsically evil.

However, this moral distinction can never be used to justify indifference to other serious threats to human dignity (such as hunger, poverty, or lack of health care), or apathy toward the obligation to do good. We are obligated both to oppose evil and to do good.

A promotional poster for a bingo event. At the top, the word "BINGO!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "at MADONNA" is written in a smaller, bold font. The event details are listed: "DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.", "BINGO BEGINS AT 7 P.M.", and "in the John Paul I Center". A "Free Coffee!" offer is highlighted in bold. A restriction "No one under 14 permitted." is also included. At the bottom, a call to action reads "LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!" followed by "For more information, call Marie at 412-781-3388." The background features a faint image of a bingo card with numbers and the word "BINGO" repeated diagonally.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers who would like to assist staff in its downtown office with Dollar Energy applications for individuals in need. Volunteers would be required to attend a one-day training session and would be needed one day a week throughout the fall and/or winter. For more information, please call Kathy at 412-456-6996.

FALL FESTIVAL The Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh will hold a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Hall on the Monastery Campus, Perrysville Avenue. Beverages and rolls will be served from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be available from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The festival will have stands featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, homemade candy, Monastery Bread, a Chinese auction, jellies and jams, kids' games and a silent auction. For more information, call 412-931-2844.

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 St. Scholastica Church.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PITTSBURGH Birthright of Pittsburgh, a pro-life agency since 1971, offers new volunteer training and orientation sessions on October 11 and 18. The sessions are from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Birthright Office on Craig Street in Oakland. Volunteers are needed for clients, newsletter writing, fundraising, sorting baby clothes, presentations and mailings. This agency helps pregnant girls and women by providing alternatives to abortion with the help of a dedicated staff of volunteers. To register for training, please call 412-621-1988.

Please remember your parish in your will.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

This 'n' that...

Please read the Moving Forward insert in today's bulletin regarding a name for our proposed new parish. In June I presented the Moving Forward Committee's recommendation for our future—merge three parishes into one new parish, keep open all three churches, support the Korean Catholic Community, and do evangelization. This received near unanimous support from the 175 attendees at our parish meetings. I also asked for suggestions for a name for our proposed new parish. The committee felt that CCS needed wider consultation for a new name. So you are most welcome to submit your suggestions by tearing off the insert. Drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office, or email or snail mail your suggestions to us. I welcome your thoughts.

It's not too late to register children for CCD. I will commission our catechists (CCD teachers) at the 10:30 am Mass in St. Mary Church on Sunday, Sept. 21. The next evening, Monday, Sept. 22, is the first night of CCD classes, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the John Paul I Center. Call the parish office to sign your child up.

St. Mary Parish has a group of businessmen who want to purchase the St. Mary school, lyceum and rectory. We are working with the diocesan legal office to make the sale final. When all paperwork is completed, I will share will you more information.

Our flea market in the St. Mary school, lyceum and rectory in August was a spectacular success. We have taken in over \$9,000 in funds from the items sold. All funds help St. Mary Parish. The flea market also had the benefit of allowing many parishioners to take one long, last look at these buildings which served parishioners many years ago, but have fallen on hard times.

This Thursday the Pennsylvania Clean Indoor Air Act took effect. All public places and workplaces, as well as restaurants, will be required to prohibit smoking. The diocesan legal office has told us that the Act applies to all indoor parish bingos and other activities. Therefore beginning tonight Madonna of Jerusalem Bingo will comply with the Clean Indoor Air Act. There will be no smoking inside the John Paul I Center, before, during or after bingo (or any other event). We will provide outdoor space for our friends who smoke. For more information, go to www.health.state.pa.us , or call 1-877-835-9535.

In less than two months American voters will end the long, long 2008 presidential campaign. I urge all parishioners over 18 to register to vote, and to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4. To receive guidance in voting and participating in the political process, we are reprinting excerpts of the bishop's statement, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," in the bulletin. Also, each Tuesday for the nine weeks until Election Day we will have the Novena for Faithful Citizenship after the 7:30 am Mass in Madonna Church. For more information, visit our CCS website, www.catholicsharpsburg.org and check the drop-down for "Faithful Citizenship."

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., SEPT. 13

4:00 PM MOJ AUGOSTINO & ROSE PANZA AND ANTONIO & LUISA POSA by children, John & Emma Posa

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

SUN., SEPT. 14

8:30 AM SJC RALPH ACRI by children

10:30 AM STM IN CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

MON., SEPT. 15

7:00 PM MOJ IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED

TUE., SEPT. 16

7:30 AM MOJ HELEN A. HUDAK by Howard and Kathy Schostack

WED., SEPT. 17

7:00 PM MOJ MARY CLAIRE REUSS by her six daughters

THU., SEPT. 18

7:30 AM MOJ FRANK C. & SADIE T. PANZA by daughter, Mary Ann

FRI., SEPT. 19

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

SAT., SEPT. 20

4:00 PM MOJ MARY JON LYONS by family

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

SUN., SEPT. 21

8:30 AM SJC JEAN BARBER & EDWAD FITZPATRICK by Richard & Darlene Cerra

10:30 AM STM JOHN MERZLAK by wife, Irene, & children

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

YOUTH GROUP Our Youth Group will meet on Friday, September 19 at the John Paul I Pastoral Center from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Dinner and movies will be the agenda for this month and all ages are welcome. If you plan to attend, please call Tom Troyan at (412) 782-6840.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must always be on God. Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

MARRIAGE MOMENT Many spouses share many hours with members of the opposite sex while on their job. Don't be surprised if you are attracted to people at work. It's natural since presumably you share common interests. Naturally, however, set boundaries around the sanctity of your marriage lest anyone doubt that your spouse is your first priority.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The Law of Christianity in today's Gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. "No one goes up...except the one who has come down." Today, Jesus teaches us to lay "down" our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness and the happiness of others.

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