

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 21, 2008

TWENTY-FIFTH 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.....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 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.

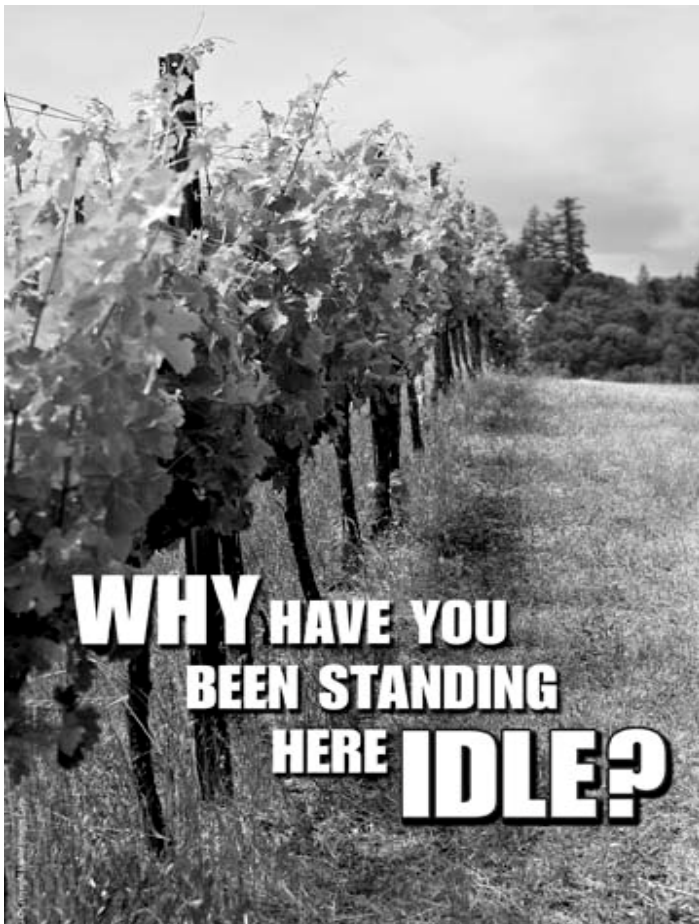
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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, September 21

St. Matthew

Monday, September 22

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Tuesday, September 23

St. Padre Pio da Pietrelcina

Wednesday, September 24

St. Pacifico of San Severino

Thursday, September 25

St. Elzear and Blessed Delphina

Friday, September 26

St. Cosmas and St. Damian

Saturday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul



Stewardship	
Offertory September 13/14, 2008	
St. Mary	\$3,025.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$2,672.50
St. John Cantius	\$ 766.00

Catholic University	
St. Mary	\$325.00
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$175.00
St. John Cantius	\$136.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

CCD NEWS It is not too late to register your child for our CCD classes which begin tomorrow, September 22. The classes are from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. We look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning and fun!

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW NAME Please do not forget to submit your comments and suggestions for a new name for our parish, pending the approval of the diocese. Additional forms are located in the back of each church and please put them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.

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.

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 this upcoming 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.

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.

Our website is www.catholicsharpsburg.org

Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

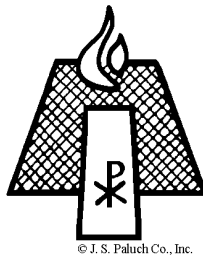
Jacob Strawn
by
Family



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

In memory of

Casimir and Barbara Kuchta
by
Family

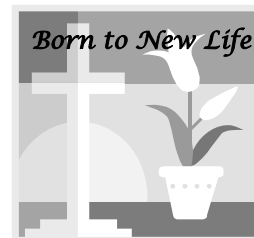


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Please pray for

Thomas Dembowski
Brother of Rose Wega
and
Mary Christy

May they rest in peace.



Congratulations!

Heartfelt congratulations to Larry and Kassy Trozzo as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on September 20. They are the proud parents of Larry, Theresa, Jennifer and Dale. May God bless Larry, Kassy and their family at this very special time!

ST. MARGARET FOUNDATION Many thanks to the St. Margaret Foundation for supplying our three churches with defibrillators. They are located in the rear of St. John Cantius and Madonna of Jerusalem and at the side entrance of St. Mary. Anyone interested in learning CPR and the proper way to use a defibrillator is asked to call Fred and Susan Harchelroad at (412) 963-6075. Small groups from each parish are needed.

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.

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.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP 2008 Following is the second set in our series of questions and answers from the Catholic Bishops of the United States from their statement *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* issued to provide guidance for the upcoming election.

Is the Catholic Church a one-issue Church? No, Catholics should not be one-issue voters. A candidate's position on one issue is not enough to guarantee our support. However, if a candidate takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil (e.g. abortion or racism), a voter legitimately can disqualify that candidate from receiving his or her support.

Does the Church take a position on particular political parties or candidates? The Bishops do not tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. That decision lies with each person in light of his or her informed conscience. The Bishops' purpose is to help Catholics to form their consciences according to Church teaching and God's truth.

It is important to note, however, that as Catholics, our votes and actions should be guided more by our faith convictions and adherence to the Truth of the Gospel than by allegiance to an interest group or political party.

What is the Church's position on endorsing political candidates? The Church's role in this arena is to educate Catholics on Church teaching to enable them to exercise their conscience and free will to make informed decisions. Endorsements would be both inappropriate and impossible—no political party and too few political candidates fully embrace all of Church teaching. Catholic social teaching does not fit neatly into the typical ideological categories of "right" or "left," "liberal" or "conservative."

How does a Catholic vote when no candidate supports the full Catholic position? Catholics cannot vote for a candidate who supports any intrinsic evil (such as abortion) if the voter's intent is to support that position. To do so would qualify as intentional cooperation in grave evil. However, a Catholic who rejects such a moral evil may vote for such a candidate, but only for other morally grave reasons. Additionally, the Catholic voter cannot simply dismiss that intrinsically evil position as somehow unimportant in the context of other issues. A candidate's support of an intrinsic evil is a critical issue that cannot be brushed aside.

If all the candidates support an intrinsic moral evil such as abortion, the voter may decide not to vote for any candidate, or may decide to vote for the candidate most likely to pursue other moral goods.

How is the virtue of prudence different from waffling on the important issues? Prudence enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). Catholics may respond to social issues in different ways, but we must never use immoral means to achieve a good end.

When unjust laws exist, in our efforts to protect human life and dignity, we may support legislation that restores justice only partially, as a way of limiting the harm done by the law. For example, a Catholic may support legislation that limits the use of the death penalty, if legislation abolishing the death penalty is unlikely to pass.

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.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER St. Francis of Assisi is one of the best loved saints and is known for his gospel way of life. There is a fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in this area that is comprised of a group of lay men and women living the gospel way of life through the example of St. Francis. The Fraternity is called John Paul the Great and you are invited to join them on Saturday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in O'Hara with an open house and refreshments following Mass. For more information, please call Jackie at 724-882-2396.

ST. PIO MASS The annual Mass in honor of St. Pio will be celebrated on September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Augustine Church in Lawrenceville. The glove worn by St. Pio to protect the stigmata wound on his hand will be on display and light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Capuchin Ministry Center Hall.

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.

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.

FALL CRAFT SHOW St. Ursula Parish in Allison Park is seeking crafters for participation in their fall craft show on November 15. The cost for a table is \$25. For table reservations, please call Luann at (412) 487-4602 or Loretta at (412) 486-3672 no later than October 29.

Please remember your parish in your will.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

I've received many compliments on the 10:30 am Mass last Sunday at St. Mary's Church, celebrating the first anniversary of the Korean Catholic Community in Sharpsburg. I am grateful for the folks from both CCS and KCC who planned the liturgy—Jaehee Kim, organist and director for the lovely KCC choir, Kathi Lindsley, Rosemarie Haas, and Peter Cho. It was very good that Father Choi and I could celebrate, praying in two languages but in the one Catholic Faith.

Many of you who have brought me bulletins from Cape May, Hilton Head, Florida, Las Vegas, and as far away as Australia, have noticed that it is not unusual to have celebrations of the Eucharist in two or more languages in one parish. Many, many parishes throughout our country have liturgies in Spanish—not surprising when Hispanics make up more than 25% of the U.S. Catholic population. Our history in the Diocese of Pittsburgh was that different ethnic and language groups stayed separate, and started their own parishes. That was the case here in Sharpsburg, with the Germans first in 1845, followed by the Italians in 1904 and the Poles in 1906. Over the past generation such separate nationality parishes have shown to be problematic. Today as new immigrants move into a community the wisdom has been, first, to encourage them to honor and celebrate their language and ethnic heritage, and second, to work within the existing parish structure and work out compromises on use of facility and scheduling of Masses. With the fine help of diocesan staffer, Greta Stokes Tucker, the Korean Catholic Community moved into the facilities of St. John Cantius Parish and worked with our CCS staff and myself. I am grateful for their presence, their youth, enthusiasm and outreach.

Another opportunity for the two communities to pray together is when Bishop Paul Bradley comes to St. Mary Church on Wednesday, October 8, to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. CCS has 12 young candidates, and KCC has 11 candidates. The candidates will have their sponsors and families with them that night, but please know all are welcome to attend this Mass, which begins at 7:00 p.m. We certainly have lots of room for folks at St. Mary's!

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Last Saturday morning a 24 hour "bug" took me by surprise. I'll spare you the gory details. Needless to say I was not able to preside at the two Saturday night liturgies at Madonna Church. I am very grateful for Father Bill Rutledge's help. He's an 86 year young retired priest of the diocese who resides at St. Mary Assumption Parish, Middle Road, who on 30 minutes notice came and celebrated the two Masses. Such a sudden (and blessedly brief) illness makes me give thanks to God all the more for the generally good health I have. It also gives me the chance to let you know that if I am sick (or going on retreat or vacation) I will make every effort to find a priest to take my place. However, please be understanding in the future when I (or priests in another parish) may be sick and unable to function.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., SEPT. 20

4:00 PM MOJ MARY JON LYONS by her family
6:00 PM MOJ THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., SEPT. 21

8:30 AM SJC JEAN BARBER & EDWARD FITZPATRICK by
Richard and Darlene Cerra
10:30 AM STM JOHN MERZLAK by wife, Irene and children

MON., SEPT. 22

7:30 AM MOJ CARMELLA LYONS by sister-in-law, Anna Mae
Guentner

TUE., SEPT. 23

7:30 AM MOJ MARY JEAN HAAS by family

WED., SEPT. 24

7:30 AM MOJ IEROVANTE and D'ANGELO FAMILIES by
Ann D'Angelo

THU., SEPT. 25

7:30 AM MOJ THE PEOPLE OF THE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

FRI., SEPT. 26

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

SAT., SEPT. 27

12:30 PM MOJ MEMORIAL MASS FOR MRS. MARY OLSZEWSKI
4:00 PM MOJ 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF
POPE JOHN PAUL I
6:00 PM MOJ JOSEPH B. SZWEDKO by wife, Mary Jane and
family

SUN., SEPT. 28

8:30 AM SJC FRANK AND MARGARET POSTAVA, SR. AND
FAMILY by family
10:30 AM STM 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF PETE AND
CAROLYN SCHEPIS

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish. Through your gifts, the Society is able help families with food, utility and rent.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes. Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard."

MARRIAGE MOMENTS If you are a couple with young children, you cannot fully control your "off" time. You are always on call. Spell each other generously.

PARENTING POINTERS "Dear God, You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways." (Dean, age 7) Looking both ways is not just a good traffic practice. Help your child see both sides of an argument or a controversial issue. It is a life skill that will help them get along with others who think differently from them.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN A workshop will be conducted on Thursday, September 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church in Harmarville for anyone interested in learning more about Masses for children. To register, call Marilyn at 412-828-3123.

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