

# 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 7, 2008

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER**  
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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 6:30 p.m. MOJ  
 Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. MOJ

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

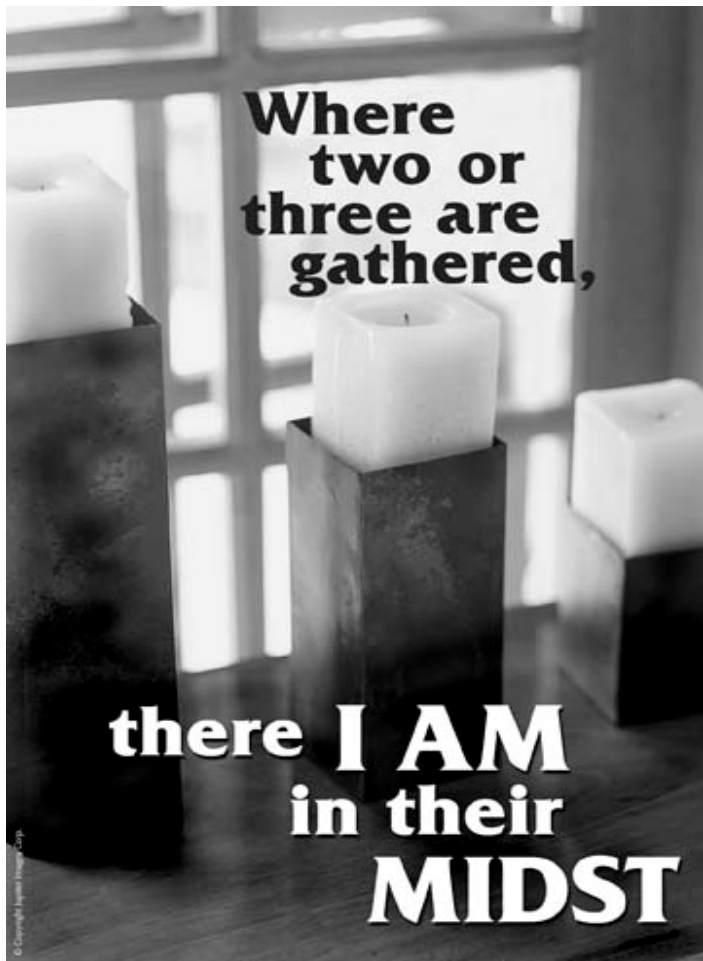
Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. John Paul I Center

**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 7**  
 Blessed Frederick Ozanam

**Monday, September 8**  
 The Birth of Mary

**Tuesday, September 9**  
 St. Peter Claver

**Wednesday, September 10**  
 St. Thomas of Villanova

**Thursday, September 11**  
 St. Cyprian

**Friday, September 12**  
 The Holy Name of Mary

**Saturday, September 13**  
 St. John Chrysostom



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<b>Stewardship</b>	
<b>Offertory August 30/31, 2008</b>	
St. Mary	\$2,186
Madonna of Jerusalem	\$1,761
St. John Cantius	\$ 434

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!**

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** Uniting the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg with the Korean Catholic Community, a special Mass will be celebrated on September 14 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church. Father Choi will concelebrate with Fr. Almade and the Korean Catholic Community choir will also join the celebration. Following Mass will be a light refreshment in the vestibule of St. Mary church and all are welcome to attend.

**SECOND COLLECTION** A second collection will be held next weekend for the Bishop's Education Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**WELCOME** We welcome St. Mary's High School Class of 1958 as they gather together to celebrate their 50-year reunion at 10:30 Mass this morning. Congratulations to all!


**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 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.

**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. There will also be times for Eucharistic Adoration in the spring. Please see the weekly schedule of parishes in the Pittsburgh Catholic.

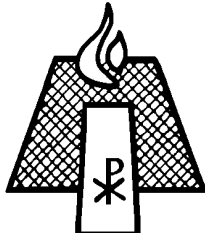
**PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC** Please do not forget to take home a copy of the Pittsburgh Catholic over the next few weeks as the paper will contain special supplements about religious jubilarians and Bishop Zubik's first year as Bishop of Pittsburgh.



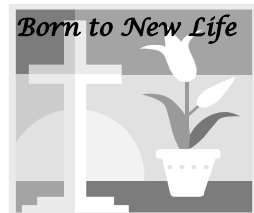
**Flowers at the Altar**  
In memory of  
**Donald (Chief) Ferraro**  
by  
Wife, Hilda and Family

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

In memory of  
**Nicholas Troyan**  
by  
Wife and Children



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*Born to New Life*

**Please pray for  
Clement Newcamp**

Brother-in-law of Rose Stegman

May he rest in peace.

**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](http://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.

**BOOK SALE** The Borough of Sharpsburg will hold a book sale in Council Chambers on Saturday, September 13, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 14, from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Books will sell for \$1 to \$2 and all proceeds will benefit the Sharpsburg Branch of the Laurie Ann West Library.

**ANNUAL BUFFET DINNER BINGO** The Sharps Hill Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary of Shaler will hold their annual buffet dinner bingo on Monday, September 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The donation for a ticket is \$8 and please call either Eileen at (412) 781-6492 or Roberta at (412) 782-6549.

**RESPECT LIFE** Our Lady of Guadalupe Respect Life Group, comprised of parishioners from churches in our area, will have a meeting on Monday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Edward's Hall in Blawnox. For more information, please call (412) 781-6550.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND ROSARY SOCIETY** The Christian Mothers and Rosary Society will hold a party on Thursday, September 18. 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. The deadline for registration is September 12 and for more information or to become a member of this wonderful organization, please call Evelyn at (412) 781-9368 or Barb at (412) 781-5732.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** Is it time to place your relationship at the top of things that need to be tended to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. The next weekend will be held September 26-28 at the Four Points Sheraton in Findlay Township. For more information or to register, contact Mary and Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775.

**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.

**POLKA MASS** St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville will celebrate a polka Mass on October 4 at 5:00 p.m. followed by food and dancing in the Lourdes Center starting at 7:00. The cost for the dance and dinner is ten dollars and there will also be auction baskets and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, please call Dee Gallagher at (412) 628-7132.

**FALL FESTIVAL** The Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh will sponsor a fall festival on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the Monastery Campus on Perrysville Avenue in Ross Township. Stands will feature arts and crafts, baked goods, homemade candy, Monastery bread, jellies and jams, Chinese auctions, a silent auction and children's games. Beverages and rolls will be served from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL** On Sunday, September 14, all are invited to participate in a special prayer time and a video on St. Paul at the Felician Sisters Provincial House in Corapolis, PA. Prayer will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel followed by a video at noon highlighting special places in St. Paul's journey and his contending with death in Rome, followed by light refreshments. A similar format with emphasis on particular letters of St. Paul will be held on Sunday, November 9, Sunday, December 14, Sunday, January 11, Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, May 3.

**FESTA ITALIANA** Festa Italiana will be held from September 12 through 14 at Riverplex (between Waterfront and Sandcastle) in West Homestead. Celebrate the Italian heritage and culture through authentic foods, entertainment, dancing and many other activities. A special Mass will be celebrated in Italian on September 14 at 10:00 a.m. by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco. For additional information, please call (412) 462-6666.

# 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.

**SEPTEMBER 11** As the seventh anniversary of the attacks upon our nation approaches, let us fly our flags in remembrance of those who lost their lives and let us remember them in prayer. Following is an excerpt from a prayer that Pope Benedict XVI offered on April 20, 2008 at Ground Zero during his visit to New York City.

**O God of love, compassion and healing, we ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—the heroic first-responders: our firefighters, police officers, emergency service workers and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.**

**We ask you, in your compassion, to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.**

**We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.**

**God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.**

***Please remember your parish in your will.***

**FAITHFUL CHRONICLES**  
*by Father Frank D. Almada*

Most of you who are reading this have had a boss in one or all of your jobs. Some of you have been boss to others at work. Being a boss is not easy. It means putting into action the mission of the organization, using the gifts and talents of your employees. It means constant attention to your customers, finances, and outside factors which influence your business. It demands continual quality improvement and planning for the future.

Take the role of boss and apply it to the bishop of Pittsburgh. He has about 270 "vice presidents" in his priests on active duty, another 100 retired priests to look after, 45 active deacons, and 214 "branch offices" (that is, parishes) to lead, with maybe 1,000 paid professionals and another 26,000 key volunteers. Add to this list 100 elementary schools and 12 high schools with 25,000 students, religious education programs for another 45,000 young people, and a diocesan seminary with 15 seminarians. The bishop also has a tiny personal staff, and diocesan staff of some 200 professionals. Some of these the bishop directly supervises, most he has indirect control of. How does he carry out his leadership responsibilities?

Over the past few years several priests and diocesan staff have proposed a new idea to help the bishop be a better boss. Vicars would represent the bishop in geographic regions of the diocese. These vicars would be priests assigned fulltime, who would coordinate the life and ministry of parishes, support the priests in their spiritual and ministerial lives, and promote collaboration and planning between and among parishes in their district. These regional vicars would work closely with the bishop.

Bishop Zubik has set in motion a process to listen to his chief advisory bodies (priest council, diocesan pastoral council, college of deans, diocesan staff) regarding this proposed new structure over the next three months. A committee is reviewing vicariate structures in other dioceses, and weighing what format might best work for the Pittsburgh diocese. All priests have received background information about this proposed vicariate structure, and are to attend deanery listening sessions with Bishop Zubik over then next six weeks.

What does this mean for you? Probably nothing at the moment. If—and I stress that no decision about this vicariate model has been made—if this new structure is put in place, it won't start until Christmas 2009. Bishop Zubik has said that regional vicars must help to implement his vision of growing this local church and making every Catholic an evangelizer for Christ and his Church. But this very discussion going on emphatically states that parishes cannot presume the status quo. Every parish has to examine its ministries, liturgies, buildings and organizations and ask, "Is this the best way for us to be Church and grow the Church? How can we collaborate, communicate, coordinate better? How can we use our human and fiscal resources better, and work more closely with our neighbors?" Pray that the Holy Spirit guides our bishop and diocese as we examine how Bishop Zubik can become an even better shepherd of souls.

## Schedule of Masses for the Week

### **SAT., SEPT. 6**

4:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG  
6:00 PM MOJ FRANK ROMANO by children and grandchildren

### **SUN., SEPT. 7**

8:30 AM SJC DONALD (CHIEF) FERRARO by wife, Hilda and  
family  
10:30 AM STM MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY S. TROZZO AND  
SHARON MOLNAR by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Trozzo

### **MON., SEPT. 8**

7:30 AM MOJ ANTHONY J. BONDI by Sister and Brother, Jean  
and Gus

### **TUE., SEPT. 9**

7:30 AM MOJ FRANCES WEINHEIMER by Christian Mothers  
and Rosary Society

### **WED., SEPT. 10**

7:30 AM MOJ BARBARA KUCHTA by Sister-in-law, Anna Marie  
Criss

### **THU., SEPT. 11**

7:30 AM MOJ MARY PROCOPIO by husband, John

### **FRI., SEPT. 12**

7:30 AM MOJ EMILIA RICCELLI by Son and Daughter-in-law,  
Michele and Francesca Riccelli

### **SAT., SEPT. 13**

4:00 PM MOJ AUGOSTINO & ROSE PANZA & ANTONIO &  
LUISA POSA by Children, John and Emma Posa  
6:00 PM MOJ FOR 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

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

**THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE** Is your marriage troubled? Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages and the next program begins with a weekend on September 19. For more information, please call (412) 277-3434.

**MARRIAGE MOMENT** Are you a morning person and your spouse is not? People have different prayer rhythms but for many couples, first thing in the morning is a good time to pray before the tasks of the day complicate your schedule.

**PARENTING POINTERS** As our children move out of the home and into young adulthood, our style of parenting changes. Although they will always be our sons and daughters, there comes a time when we are no longer responsible for their relationship with God or morals. All we can do is teach by our example, hold them in prayer, let go, and let God.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** The key word in today's Gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change can only come from within.

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