MADONNA DEL CASTELLO

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BULLETIN DEADLINE
Monday at Noon

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily: Monday .....7:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.
Saturday (vigil mass) .....4:00 p.m.
Sunday .....11:00 a.m.
Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
After Sunday Mass.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at noon at St. Anselm Church and by appointment.

BAPTISMS
Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE
Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

Monday, April 14 7:00 P.M.
Cecelia R. Stecik (Bernie Stecik)
Tuesday, April 15 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass
Tuesday, April 15 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 16 8:00 A.M.
Sam & Sara Maksimchuk (Theresa & Sam Maksimchuk)
Thursday, April 17 (Madonna) 7:00 P.M.
(Deceased Priests, Deacons, Bishop's & Religious)
Friday, April 18 (Word of God) 1:00 P.M.
Reading of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion
Saturday, April 19 (Madonna) 7:00 P.M.
Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
Sunday, April 20 9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass
Sunday, April 20 11:00 A.M.
Youth & Elderly
Sunday, April 20 12:30 P.M.
Word of God Mass

Altar Servers

Thursday, April 17 7 P.M.
All Servers
Saturday, April 19 7:00 P.M.
Krista Bagwell, Eliza Bagwell, Savannah Stophel, Nichole O'Dell, Maia Petrarca, Angela Petrarca
Sunday, April 20 11:00 A.M.
Dominic Capezzuto & Andrew Klabnik

Eucharistic Ministers

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Thursday, April 17 7 P.M.
Cathy Wreath, Al Haski
Saturday, April 19 4:00 P.M.
David Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Dave Petrarca
Sunday, April 20 11:00 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard Defazio, Mike Pascal, Marian Iovino

Lectors

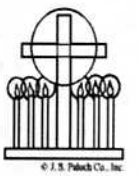
Thursday, April 17 7 P.M.
Olive Magnotta
Saturday, April 19 4:00 P.M.
Peggy Gibson
Sunday, April 20 11:00 A.M.
Janice Bonacci

PSP DONATION

In memory of:

DAVID A. IOVINO from DeGrano & Haubrick Family, Pat & Guy Mazzella, Domenic & Lois Petrarca.

The Tabernacle Lamp is for
PAUL, LENA, NICK DIANA TOMKO
From Rich Feczko & Sons.



The Altar Candles are in memory of
TONY & DOLLY BLOISE
From The LeDonne Family.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, Bishops David Zubik, William Winter and William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 2:00 p.m. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

PALM CROSSES

The youth group of Madonna will be selling palm crosses at each mass this weekend, Palm Sunday. Cost is $15 each.

LADIES OF CHARITY

There will be a Ladies of Charity meeting on Monday, April 14 at 6:30 pm in Bishop Dattilo Hall. Please join us if interested.

VENERATION OF A RELIC OF ST. ANSELM

Will be after the 7 pm. Mass at Madonna on his feast day, Monday, April 21. The use of relics has a basis in Sacred Scripture (see II Kings 2:9, Acts 19:11 & 12). Miracles & favors continue to be associated with the intercession of a saint & the veneration of their relics. Relics remind us of the holiness of the saint & their cooperation with God's grace. They inspire us to ask God for the grace to live a faith-filled life.

BLESSED PALM DISPOSAL

Do not throw them in the garbage since they are a blessed sacramental that you can you can display in your home as a blessing. You may bring them to church for burning or burn them yourself in a fire that is not used for fuel or cooking. Bury the ashes.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass at St. Paul's 10:00 A.M.
Madonna Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.
Churches open until 10 P.M.
Good Friday: **Word of God**—Stations of the Cross Noon
Word of God Good Friday Liturgy 1:00 P.M.
NO HOLY HOUR—Church open until 9 P.M.
Holy Saturday: **Word of God**—Blessing of Easter Baskets 11:30 A.M.
Madonna Easter Vigil 7:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday: **Word of God** Mass at 9:00 A.M.
Madonna Mass at 11:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass at 12:30 P.M.

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEFORE THE HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER VIGIL CEREMONIES.

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Thursday & Good Friday note: The tabernacle will be empty for the Holy Thursday Mass (The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the Blessed Mother altar) & Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Please do not genuflect to the tabernacle; bow to the altar instead.

Holy Thursday collection is for diocesan seminarians' formation.

Good Friday is a day of fasting (ages 18-59, one full meal & two lighter meals & abstaining from meat (14 & older)

Good Friday collection is for the Holy Land.

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross: The rite calls for the use of just one cross instead of several. Since the practice began centuries ago by venerating the wooden relics of the True Cross, it is appropriate to use a cross instead of a crucifix. People will approach the cross in two columns. They may bow, kiss or touch the wood of the cross. A genuflection is optional.

Incense: The cloud of incense smoke symbolizes prayer rising to God (see Psalm 141:2 & Revelation 8:3-5). It also honors sacred persons & things in liturgical worship. Incense will be used on Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation.

OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, APRIL 17, FRIDAY, APRIL 18 & MONDAY, APRIL 21.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with and to all who patronized and all who helped make this years fish fry such a success.

SEVEN CHURCH WALK

Holy Thursday, April 17, 8;30 pm, bus leaves from Madonna's parking lot. We plan to visit St. Therese in Munhall, St. Albert the Great, St. Basil, St. Paul's Monastery & St. Mary the Mount as well as local parishes. Bus space is limited & a reservation is required. Contact Word of God Parish office at 412-241-1372. Watch the bulletin for itinerary details. Free will offering for the bus driver is accepted.

LENTEN HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm at Madonna. The Homily will be on one of the seven last words of Christ, "Into your hands" Rosary & Benediction.

VIA DOLOROSA (WAY OF SORROWS) WALK

Good Friday, April 18th. The walk is a 1/2 mile prayer walk in imitation of the 1/3 mile that Jesus Christ carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem. The walk begins at 11:30 a.m. in the plaza in front of St. Anselm Church (7444 McClure), continues through the business district, and ends at noon in the Madonna parking lot (2021 S. Braddock). Rain or shine. You can also join along the way or at the end. Sponsored by the Swissvale Churches. Questions: Deacon Ron Demblowski,

PROLIFE CORNER

"Let me tell you why I believe abortion is the crucial issue of our age. First, because abortion, too, is about living within the truth. The right of life is the foundation of every human right. If that right is not inviolate, then no right can be guaranteed. Or to put it more bluntly: Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim." Most Reverend Charles Chaput.

Protecting God's Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ABUSE HOTLINE 1-888-808-1235.

As we approach Holy Week I would like to offer a brief reflection on the Sacred Triduum, the three holiest days of the liturgical year, but especially Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday invites us into the Upper Room where we witness Jesus offering the First Mass, instituting the Holy Eucharist, but also establishing the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Through this liturgy we are called to thank God for this sacrament and witness how priests should live this gift demonstrated by washing the feet of the apostles.

Holy Thursday recalls the Last Supper within the context of the Passover meal. The ancient rites provide the foundation for the new and everlasting covenant established by Jesus. He calls the apostles to perpetuate the Eucharist when He states, "do this in memory of me."

When Jesus removes His outer clothing He reveals that His inner garb is a seamless garment, which is worn by the priest. Having identified Himself as a priest He commences to wash the feet of the apostles through which He invokes part of the ordination rite of the Levitical priesthood.

At Mass, the 12 men who have their feet washed represent the 12 who have just been ordained. Holy Thursday is the one day of the year that we especially give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Orders and the many men who have been called by our Lord to serve as bishops, priests, and deacons.

Good Friday graces us with an ability to enter into our Lord's passion and more fully appreciate His suffering offered for us.

The Easter Vigil affords us an opportunity to revisit salvation history and contemplate its glorious fulfillment in our Risen Savior.

I pray that this year we can more fully enter into the Upper Room and follow our Lord Jesus on the Way of The Cross so we can bask in the glory and majesty of His awesome resurrection.

Father John Lynam

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2014

Journey to Pentecost

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

Four Thursday Evenings
May 1, 8, 15, 22
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- Rekindle the Holy Spirit within you
- Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus
- Renew your prayer life.
- Open the scriptures to a greater understanding
- Greater appreciation of the Mass and the sacraments

FOR INFORMATION CALL

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or email at rekindlethespirit@gmail.com

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Refreshments after each meeting.

Divine Mercy Novena

A public recitation of the *Divine Mercy Novena* will be conducted at Madonna and Word of God beginning on Good Friday and continuing until the Second Sunday of Easter – *Divine Mercy Sunday.*

In preparation for the Feast, our Lord asked Saint Faustina to make a novena of prayer beginning on Good Friday and He gave her a different intention to bring before him on each of the days.

Three times within her diary, Saint Faustina records our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy. He says:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy" (1109)

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300)

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699)

THE NOVENA SCHEDULE WILL BE:
Good Friday: 2:30PM-Word of God
Holy Saturday:11:30AM-Word of God
Easter Sunday: following
11:00AM Mass-Madonna
Monday: following
7:00PM Mass-Madonna
Tuesday: after 9:30AM Mass
Word of God
Wednesday: after 8:00AM Mass
Madonna
Thursday: after 9:30AM Mass
Word of God
Friday: 7:00PM, during our
Holy Hour-Madonna
Saturday: after 9:30AM Mass
Word of God
Sunday: following 11:00AM Mass
Madonna
Copies of the Novena will be provided in the church.
All are welcome.

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf