

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

August 23, 2015



## Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Daily:</b>	<b>Monday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Tuesday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Wednesday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Thursday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Friday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday Vigil (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday Vigil (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Sunday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Sunday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule

### PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Lynam ..... *Pastor*  
 Keith Kondrich ..... *Deacon*  
 Ron Demblowski ..... *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*  
 Edward Kapsha ..... *Madonna Music Director*  
 Michael Burke ..... *Word of God Music Director*  
 Kelly James ..... *Madonna Parish Secretary*  
 Karen Flynn ..... *Word of God Parish Secretary*  
 Patricia Aducci ..... *Coordinator of Religious Ed.*

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office (Madonna) ..... 412-271-5666  
 Parish Office (Word of God) ..... 412-241-1372  
 Parish Office Fax ..... 412-271-2335  
 Religious Education Office ..... 412-271-5666  
 Music Ministry (Madonna) ..... EKAPD5965@gmail.com  
 Bp. Dattilo Social Hall ..... 412-271-3959  
 Madonna Website ..... www.madonnadelcastello.org  
 Word of God E-mail ..... wordofgod1994@verizon.net  
 Church Street Convent ..... 412-271-3346  
 Parish Prayer Line ..... 412-371-3173

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon  
(Word of God church)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office  
for an appointment

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office  
for an appointment at least  
6 months before the wedding

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

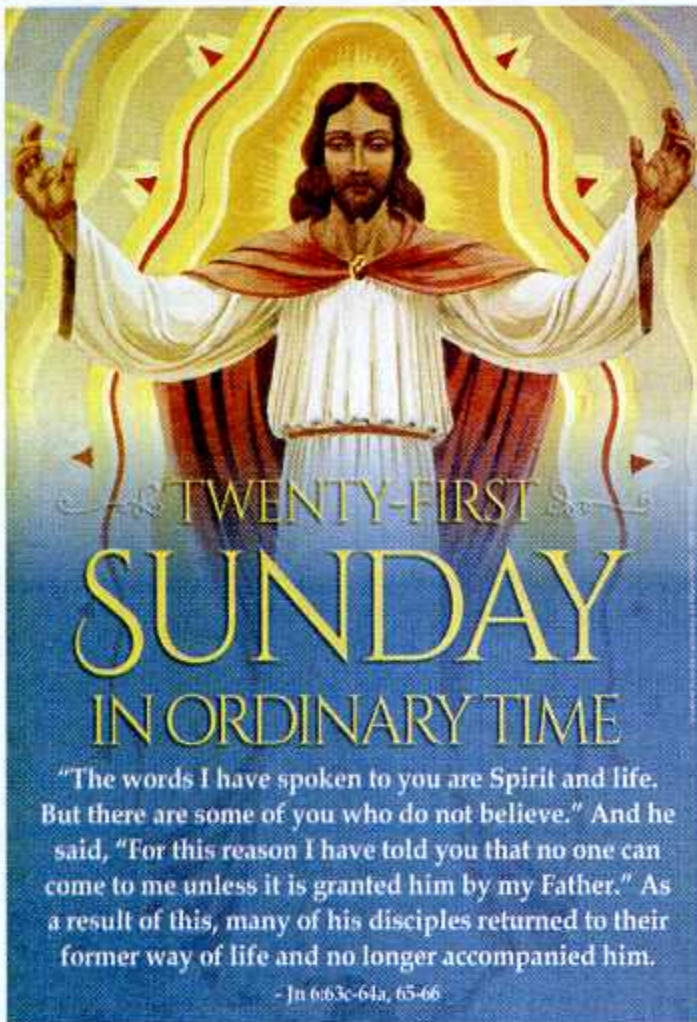
Available after Mass  
and upon request

East Catholic School ..... 412-351-5403  
2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221

Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM ..... *Principal*  
School Website ..... www.eastcatholicschool.org

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

**Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.**



**A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN**

**Thanks to your generosity**, the parishes were able to contribute over \$5,600 from our Campaign for the Church Alive to our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference for their work with the poor.

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Stay connected with Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes through our new Catholic Community of Swissvale & Rankin's Facebook Page at:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686)



**Legion of Mary Birthday Party to Honor Our Blessed Mother-Wed., Sept. 2, (for Auxiliary Members) Swissvale Hi-Rise, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor.**

**TRIP TO ITALY: Sept. 26-Oct. 4** with Fr. John Lynam for the Diaconate Ordination of Adam Potter. For more information see fliers in the church racks/on the tables.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday - August 22- Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM John Gottenkiene (Ann & Darlene Hardy)
  - 6:00 PM Veronica Kanarkowski (Daughters)
- Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 23**
  - 9:00 AM Mary Jo Franko Selby (Family)
  - 11:00 AM For the People
- Monday - August 24 - St. Bartholomew**
  - 7:00 PM Mario Urlini (Mike & Jean Dougherty)
- Tuesday - August 25 - St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz**
  - 9:30 AM Karl Koch (Gwen Poland)
- Wednesday - August 26**
  - 8:00 AM Praise & Thanksgiving for Anniversary (Jude Aniekwe)
- Thursday - August 27- St. Monica**
  - 9:30 AM Johanna Weakland (Family)
- Friday - August 28 - St. Augustine**
  - 8:00 AM Beatrice & Antonio Simone (Augustine & Anna Cappella)
- Saturday - August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
  - 9:30 AM Charles Weakland (Family)
- Saturday - August 29- Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM Rocco Melocchi (Connie & Family)
  - 6:00 PM Henry Clougherty, Sr. (Family)
- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 30**
  - 9:00 AM For the People
  - 11:00 AM Richard "Doc" Lucarelli (Rose Cataldi)

**THIS WEEK**

- Sunday - Collection for Catholic Communications & Catholic University of America**
- Tuesday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna
- Thursday**
  - 7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Group - Madonna
- Friday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
  - 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
- Next Sunday - Collection for St. Vincent de Paul; Collection Food for Swissvale Community Food Pantry - Word of God**
  - 9:00 AM Choir Give It a Try Sunday - Word of God

**29th ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON FOR THE SEMINARANS OF THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESE-Sat., Sept. 12,** St. Paul Seminary, O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Raffles and Bake Sale. Doors open 10:00a.m. for early-bird players (cards or board games). Lunch served 12:00p.m. Choice of entree: Chicken Marsala, Crab Cakes, Penne Pasta. Donation is \$30; reservations due by Aug. 28. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee. For reserve./info. call Johanna Leonard 412-231-0931 or Laraine McGinnis 724-263-2161.

**F.I.R.E. RALLEY: Faith, Intercession, Repentance & Evangelization Rally, Sun., Oct. 10th, 1:00p.m.-5:30p.m.,** Monroeville Conference Center. Fr. Scott Seethaler and other powerful presenters. See flyers in the literature racks and tables.



**PRO LIFE CORNER:** The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.

**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT**

**BOTH PARISHES:** As summer offers us the last, lingering warmth, many families are preparing for a return to school. Many are busy shopping for all the 'needs' of a new school year. Perhaps we also 'need' a little inspiration to boost our knowledge and preparation for true life! Prepare for living a true life, guided by the Holy Spirit! **Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.**



**Catholic Communications and Catholic University of America** supports the weekly televised Mass and provides financial aid. Please use the envelope provided and place it in the regular collection **this weekend (August 22/23)**. There will not be a second collection.

**St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection-Weekend of August 29th & 30th.** This collection permits our parish conference to provide comfort and financial assistance to our friends and neighbors in Swissvale and surrounding communities. Funds are used to provide vouchers for necessary furniture and clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop as well as one-time assistance with utility bills. In addition to our participation in the Swissvale Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul is a part of our charitable outreach to our community. For more information on our parish conference, please call 412.519.3675.

**Word of God Parish Choir**

We're looking for new members – folks who like to sing with a fun group of people to praise God in song.

The choir sings for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Sunday following Labor Day through the Solemnity of Corpus Christi which is usually in June. No auditions are needed.

Choir rehearsals are held on Monday evening in the choir gallery beginning at 7:00 p.m. and generally last for one hour – a little longer as we get close to Christmas and Easter. Don't worry, you won't miss the start of any important Monday Night Football games!

Want to just give it a try without any commitment? The annual **Give It a Try Sunday** will be held **this year on Sunday, August 30th**. Just come up to the choir for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and see what it's like.

If you have questions, give Michael Burke a call at (412) 271-1309 – or send him an email

at [burkemf@verizon.net](mailto:burkemf@verizon.net)

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:**

Collection of food is taken the last Sunday of each month at Word of God (leave donations inside the entrances of the church). Checks should be made out to "Swissvale United Methodist" and memo "Food Pantry." The Food Pantry is located in the Living Spirit Ministry building on 2011 Noble Street. It operates as an ecumenical activity of the Swissvale Ministerium.



**LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is Sept. 2. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** meets at 7:00p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at Madonna. For more information call Mike Matthyse, 412-241-1254.



*The Pittsburgh Catholic "Healthy Spirit, Mind & Body Magazine"* is now available in the racks/on the tables.

**CCD REGISTRATION:** Believe it or not, it is time to register your children for the 2015-16 CCD year! We are very excited to welcome your children to our combined religious education program for Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes. Sharing the rich and diverse resources of both parishes greatly strengthens our curriculum and provides your children with wonderful opportunities for spiritual, sacramental, and social growth. Our number one commitment is to help your children grow in their understanding of our Catholic Faith, their love for our Lord, and their recognition of how much God loves each of them! Registration packets have been mailed to all families who participated in the program last year. If you did not receive a packet, are new to our parishes, or have a child entering CCD for the first time this year, please call the rectory and a packet will be mailed to you. Registration packets are also available at the exits of both churches. **The DEADLINE to register your child or children for CCD is Fri., Sept. 11.**



**WORD OF GOD PARISH RAFFLE:** You can easily win \$1,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize or \$500 third prize. Special feature is a \$250 ticket sellers' raffle. **Tickets will be available for pick-up at the main entrance to the church the weekends of Aug. 23 & 30.**

There are extra books on hand. If tickets are not picked up, they will be mailed to your current listed address. Returns should be made to the parish office via the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office at Madonna. The drawing will be held at Oktoberfest, Sept. 26. **GOOD LUCK!**



**Become Catholic?** To become a Catholic, a person takes a wonderful spiritual journey through the process called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We invite anyone who is not baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion



and/or Confirmation on this journey that begins with get-acquainted sessions in August and group sessions in September. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. There are special brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412.241.1372 or [wordofgodpa@gmail.com](mailto:wordofgodpa@gmail.com).

**BINGO BASH-SUN, SEPT. 27, Madonna del Castello, Dattilo Hall.** Tickets: \$10 are on sale after Masses. Any questions or donations call Peggy Gibson, 412-225-3350.



**THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** continues on Wednesdays beginning September 2nd, 7:00 p.m. in Dattilo Hall. If you are new to the course, please call Mike Matthyse, 412-241-1254.

**Madonna del Castello**



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of John Anthony & Mary Mitchell from Marguerite Mitchell.



The Alter Candles are in memory of John Anthony & Mary Mitchell from Marguerite Mitchell.

PSP Donation: In memory of Ellery J. Panaia from John & Olive Magnotta.

Offertory for August 16 - \$2,882.00

Rest in Peace: Carmel Coffee, wife of the late Eugene.

**CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS:** If you wish to continue to serve, have your parents send an email to Andrea Rockovich, [lober\\_rockovich@hotmail.com](mailto:lober_rockovich@hotmail.com). Please include your full contact information so the September schedule can be prepared.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s) at **Madonna del Castello Parish**, should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit the sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office or deposit in the mail slot.

**Madonna del Castello Memorial/Living Tribute Request**

I would like to offer:

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| Altar Flowers (\$50) _____ | Altar Candles (\$10) _____      |
| Altar Bread (\$25) _____   | Tabernacle Lamp (\$10) _____    |
| Altar Wine (\$25) _____    | Complete Offering (\$120) _____ |

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Tribute to \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**WORD OF GOD**



**THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK IN WORD OF GOD PARISH LITURGIES, in memory of Elsie Horkulich** we will use the Altar Bread, from Grandchildren; Wine & Sanctuary Lamp from Jim Caldwell & Suzanne Brocius; and Candles from Theresa & Sal.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

**WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS**

August 16 Offertory.....	\$5,808.00
Assumption.....	\$445.00
Mission.....	\$2,100.00

**MEMORIAL OFFERING:** Any or all of the gifts at **Word of God Parish** can be celebrated in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office, send through the mail or put it in the collection basket. You may request a particular week. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first-come/first served basis.



**WORD OF GOD PARISH MEMORIAL OFFERING REQUEST FORM**

I would like to offer:

ALTAR BREADS \$30 _____	SANCTUARY LAMP \$5 _____
ALTAR WINE \$15 _____	COMPLETE OFFERING \$60 _____
ALTAR CANDLES \$10 _____	

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**OKTOBERFEST:** Parishioners and Friends of Word of God Parish, Oktoberfest will be held **Sept. 26th**. This year's Oktoberfest promises to be bigger and better than ever! We are already planning the baskets for the Chinese Auction and could use your help. The raffle baskets have proven to be very profitable fundraisers for our church. We would like to increase the number of baskets available.



Some basket ideas include:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Holiday baskets          | Money trees        |
| Wine                     | Lottery trees      |
| Food themes              | Sports             |
| Bath and beauty products | Tickets to events  |
| School theme             | Get-a-way weekends |

Any **new items** that you may have stashed away in a closet or basement may be perfect additions to a raffle basket. Please contact Jen Pekor at 412-417-5731, or email [jendave1195@gmail.com](mailto:jendave1195@gmail.com) to make arrangements to drop off donations or commit to creating a basket. We appreciate your support!

**School News**  
**Are You Looking for a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment?** Come join us and be a part of East Catholic School on 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills. Please call the office at 412-

351-5403, 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre-K, full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

**There is now a Pre-school at East Catholic.** The 3 year olds will meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. The 4 year olds will meet daily, 12:30p.m.-3:00p.m.

**Boy Scouts from Troop 23:** From August 1st to 14th, parishioners Owen Maue, Teddy Kondrich, and Andrew Klabnik were backpacking in the back country of northern New Mexico. They were part of a crew of Boy Scouts from Troop 23 of Edgewood who traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch to take part in the program. They spent ten days in the Rocky Mountains witnessing the awe-inspiring creation of God through scenic vistas and wildlife. The scouts also grew in their faith through meditation and prayer services led by Teddy Kondrich. We thank you for your prayers.

#### **CONNECTING WITH CATHOLICS IN COLLEGE:**

Do you want to help a college student stay connected to the Church? Send their name and contact information to the Newman Connection, which will invite them to Catholic activities on their campus. Fill out the form at [www.dipitt.org/newmanconnection](http://www.dipitt.org/newmanconnection). Please pray for our students and share the Newman Connection with your friends and family.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR AUDITIONS:** The choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major diocesan events at St. Paul's Cathedral. There are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are at St. John Capistran Church, Upper St. Clair. To schedule an audition time call Doris Anne, 412-456-3042 before August 24.

**CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER:** The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For info. check [www.capittsburgh.org](http://www.capittsburgh.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES:** check [Catholicthrive.com](http://Catholicthrive.com).

**Attention Parishioners of St Mary of Mercy (and visitors to Saint Mary of Mercy, Downtown):** Due to the recent roof fire, our building has incurred some smoke and soot damage, which requires cleaning. Contractors have placed scaffolding to accommodate the cleaning of the walls and ceilings. The project is expected to last approximately four weeks but should cause minimal disruption for our Mass. The upper balcony area will be off limits during the cleaning. Thank you for your understanding.

**ANNUAL MASS HONORING OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA, Patroness of Poland-Wed., Aug. 26, 7:00p.m.,** St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge St., Oakland, PA 15213. The Knights of Columbus will lead the procession, and Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. It is sponsored by Polish Falcons of America & the Polish clergy; info. call Betty, 412-371-1827.

#### **84th Annual Croatian Day at Kennywood**

**Park:** Come celebrate the 84th Annual Croatian Day at Kennywood Park on **Saturday, September 5.** Delicious Mezick's BBQ lamb will be available as well some exciting additions to the ethnic food selections this year! **Enjoy the cultural program starting at 4:00 p.m.** in the pavilions featuring entertainment by Croatian music group KAS and vocalist Igor Delac. Ticket prices are \$29 for riders ages 2- 54; \$16 for riders 55 - 64, and \$12 (w/coupon) for riders 65 and over. Call Barb Mogus at 412-824-6680 for tickets or coupons!

**2015 CAR RAFFLE-Labor Day, Sept. 7,** St. Catherine of Sweden, 2554 Wildwood Rd., Wildwood, PA 15091. Grant prize wins a 2015 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4 x 4. Second Place-\$1,000; Third Place-Pad. Tickets are \$20 each—available online, [www.stcathedrineofsweden.org](http://www.stcathedrineofsweden.org) (can pay with a debit or credit card) or in the parish office (cash or checks only) Monday-Friday, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. For more info. call 412-486-6001.

**BROWN BAG BINGO-Sun., Sept. 13, 1:00p.m.,** Sacred Heart Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills, PA. Doors open at 12:30p.m. Donation \$10 (includes bingo boards & light lunch). Tickets available after Masses and at the parish office, or call Peg for info./tickets at 412-736-3507. Hosted by Good Shepherd Social Club.

#### **Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center will offer a weekend retreat "Walking with God in an Evolutionary Universe" Sept. 18-**

**20.** The retreat will be presented by John Surette, SJ, a Jesuit of the New England Province who will help participants consider the modern Universe Story, the presence and action of God in that Story, and some new understandings of what it means to walk with God as participants in that sacred Story. For information go to [www.vmesec.org](http://www.vmesec.org) or call 724-964-8886.



**Retreats-St. Emma Monastery,** 1001 Harvey Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601. Sept. 11-13 & Sept. 18-20-**Silent Retreats** (men/women), Rev. Boniface Hicks, OSB. For single women between the ages of 16 & 35: We invite you to experience our manner of monastic life, a pattern of prayer and work that has freed, formed and fashioned the human heart towards God for 1500 years. "**Shadowing our community**" might help you to discern God's call in your life Nov. 27-29. For more info. call 724-834-3060.



**CHECK [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find the location of a church when you are on vacation.**

