

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: Monday7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday (vigil mass)4:00 p.m.

Sunday11:00 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.



Monday, August 4	7:00 P.M.
Mary Burkhart (Family)	
Tuesday, August 5	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Tuesday, August 5	7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour	
Wednesday, August 6	8:00 A.M.
Mollie & August Perrotto (Family)	
Thursday, August 7	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Friday, August 8	8:00 A.M.
Louis & Dr. Eugene Scaramuci (John Scaramucci, MD)	
Friday, August 8	7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour	
Saturday, August 9	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Saturday, August 9	4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners	
Saturday, August 9	6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass	
Sunday, August 10	9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Sunday, August 10	11:00 P.M.
Frank Palangio & Sam & Sara Maksimchuk (Theresa & Sam Maksimchuk)	



Saturday, August 9	4:00 P.M.
Lois Ballog & Krista Bagwell	
Sunday, August 10	11:00 A.M.
Grace Perla & Anna Cappella	



Saturday, August 9	4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Chris Gibson	
Sunday, August 10	11:00 A.M.
Bill Pfoff, Jim Tomko, Marian Iovino, John Bonacci	



Saturday, August 9	4:00 P.M.
Nadine Uziel	
Sunday, August 10	11:00 A.M.
Janice Bonacci	



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
DIANA M. TOMKO
 From Lisa Tomko-Frizzi.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s), should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or deposit in the front door mail slot.

Memorial or Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

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

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The **Diocese of Pittsburgh** is once again planning its annual **Golden Wedding Celebration** for the couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. This year's event will begin with Mass at **St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at 2:30p.m.** Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral. Cathedral and hall are both accessible. If you are one of the couples celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2014, and would like to receive an invitation to this event, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection **basket no later than August 10, 2014.**

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our Ladies Fellowship Group meets every other Wednesday. Our next meeting will be August 6 at 12 pm in Dattilo Hall. All are welcome. Please call Patti Aducci at 412-243-9457 if you are interested in joining us or with any questions.

POLISH DAY AT KENNYWOOD

Tuesday, August 5. Ethnic foods, bake sale, Potato pancakes, Mass & entertainment. Tickets 26.50 ride all day. Call Betty Kolano at 412-371-1827.



MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all those who chipped in and volunteered for our annual Parish Festival and for those who supported our work and the parish. Thanks to David Petrarca who, as always, goes above and beyond the call of duty to manage all the different aspects of the festival. Thank you to all who so generously donated prizes for the festival's gift basket raffles. God has truly blessed us.

Raffle winners: \$1,500—#2488
 \$1,000—#6809
 \$500—#0237
 \$250 Sellers prize—#295

Baskets: Sweet Treats—#0008678
 Basket of Cheer—#0008580
 Wine Basket—#0008501
 Best of the 'Burgh—#000869
 Handyman's Dream—#0008672
 Flat screen TV—#0008556

ST. PEREGRINE RELIC

The relic of St. Peregrine will be available for veneration and prayer until the end of August at Madonna.

MEDJUGORJE GATHERING

All who are touched by the reported apparitions at Medjugorje are invited to a gathering at the house of Patti Aducci on August 13 at 6:30 pm. Pot luck dinner, prayers, video & sharing. Call Patti for directions at 412-243-9457.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY RELIC

Veneration of a relic of St. John Vianney will be after the 7 pm mass at Madonna on his feastday, August 4. The use of relics has a base 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.

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, Pennsylvania. Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is now open. Please call the office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30 am –2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre –K (at St. John Fisher) full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs (at East Catholic). Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

CCD REGISTRATION

Believe it or not, it is time to register your children for the 2014-2015 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 Sunday, August 3, 2014.**

Baptism
 in
 Christ



CHASE ANTHONY ST. LEGER, son of
 Kerry Flaherty & Anthony St. Leger.
 ALICIA JAMES ANTONIETTE
 WARGO, daughter of Karen Berg &
 James Wargo

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

PROLIFE CORNER

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you." - Pope Francis. It is imperative we stand up and be counted and be watchmen who no longer remain silent; that we take a stand against all evil and moral perversity, especially abortion and euthanasia.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

August 2014

Madonna del Castello Parish and Word of God Parish

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Dominic



Journeying through France, Dominic was alarmed by the popularity of Albigensian heretics who threatened the Church. They taught that anything material was evil, rejecting the Sacraments and Incarnation. Albigensian preachers avoided material comforts while many Catholic preachers lived in luxury. Dominic became an itinerant preacher like the Apostles and in 1215 founded the Order of Preachers, "Dominicans." The ideal of Dominicans was study and prayer in all forms with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God.

Little Way of Love

St. Therese of Lisieux found large jobs intimidating, so she dedicated herself to small tasks done with love. Over a lifetime, small, loving contributions can add up to something wonderful. She called this her "Little Way of Love."

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'"

(John 8:12).



How to share your faith with anyone

It's human nature to want to share what excites us. Yet we often find ourselves shying away from opening up about the wonders of our Catholic faith. After all, Jesus told us to "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19) While this command can seem daunting, the truth is that anyone can be an evangelist.

Be a vessel of God's grace. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. One way to do this is to frequent the Sacraments and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

Let the faith shine. Show that you are proud to be Catholic. Certainly we do that when we attend Mass weekly, without fail. We also show our Catholicity when we reverently wear Miraculous Medals and Crucifixes. But we can also speak about how Christ's love influences our lives or let someone know that he or she is in our prayers.

Remember that God is in control. As

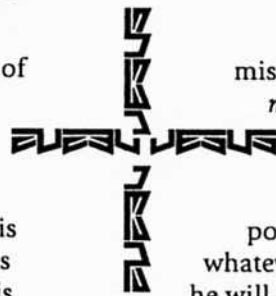
instruments of God's grace, we don't have to worry if we don't immediately see the fruits of our evangelization. We know God is at work. Our prayer to God can always be, "Lord, use me as you will."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor Jesus' name?

We honor Jesus' name out of respect for the Person to whom it belongs. In the Bible, a name pointed to something important about a person. The name, "Jesus" is Hebrew for "God saves," thus signifying his identity and his



mission. "There is no...other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved" (Acts 4:1). There is power in Jesus' name; whatever we ask for in his name, he will grant (see John 14:13).

Turn nasty criticism into growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving your life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian.

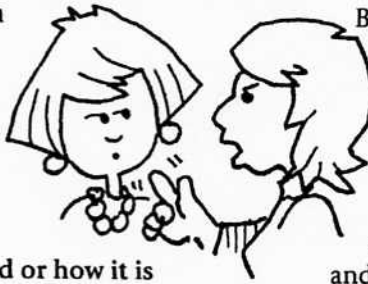
Stay calm. The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns.

Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or how it is

delivered. People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments.

Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend.

Weigh the criticism. Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvements? If not, forget it and move on without anger.



from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27 - The secret to a happy Christian life

In this reading, Jesus shocked his disciples by predicting his own death. Like many Jews of the day, they had believed that the Messiah would be a triumphant and powerful warrior king who would trample the enemies of his people. All longed for retaliation after centuries of slavery and humiliation. Jesus predicted he would be put to death instead, destroying their ideas of the Messiah.

Like a good friend, Peter wanted to protect Jesus from discomfort and attempted to reassure him. But Jesus knew that unless he suffered and died, we would all die in



our sins. He couldn't turn from his purpose and he rebuked Peter for tempting him. Sometimes our most difficult temptations come from our loved ones trying to spare us pain.

Saving ourselves from earthly pain might mean doing something that puts our souls in jeopardy. Avoiding the pain and sacrifice that comes with being a Christian could cause us to die spiritually and emotionally. The secret of a happy Christian life is not to avoid our personal Cross but to embrace it as Jesus did.

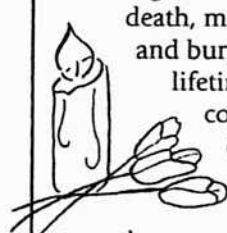
Q & A Why is a Catholic Funeral important?

Although no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death.

The Church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death.

Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved one.

Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees. (For specific questions, check with your local parish.)



Feasts & Celebrations

August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori (1787). St. Alphonsus gave up legal practice in Italy to become a priest and founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. Despite a life of suffering, he was able to stay aware of the loving presence of Christ.

August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord (1st century). Tradition identifies Mt. Tabor as the site where Jesus appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah. A voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1st century). Declared a dogma in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary being taken to Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

August 20 - St. Bernard (1153). At the age of 20, Bernard joined the monastic community of Citeaux but was often called upon to settle disputes.

He became a defender of the faith and of the Pope in Rome.



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Madonna del Castello Parish Achieves \$87,100

We are in the home stretch of Madonna del Castello’s **OUR CAMPAIGN FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** Our efforts have been blessed with fruitful results as we received **\$87,100** in new commitments this week bringing us to **43.5%** of our **\$200,000 goal**.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to respond, or who “have not been asked,” please consider yourself asked. Next weekend (August 9th and 10th), we will be conducting our in-pew request for the Campaign and ask every parishioner to participate.

Once again we ask each parishioner to be guided by the Spirit of Christ in making their decision. Our average commitment of \$5,400 to date is a wonderful testament of the generosity and faithfulness of the Madonna del Castello family. I wanted to stress that while we do not know your individual financial circumstances, the table below outlines a number of gift plans for your consideration.

Sample 5-Year Gift Plans

Total Commitment	Yearly Commitment	Monthly Commitment	Weekly Commitment	Daily Commitment
\$18,000	\$3,600	\$300	\$70	\$9.86
\$9,000	\$1,800	\$150	\$35	\$4.93
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$100	\$23	\$3.29
\$3,000	\$600	\$50	\$12	\$1.65
\$1,800	\$360	\$30	\$7	\$1