

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



**August 30, 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

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

### 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
East Catholic School .....	412-351-5403
2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221	
St. Judith Stojhovic, RSM .....	<i>Principal</i>
School Website .....	www.eastcatholicschool.org

### 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

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

**Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.**

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, 1:00p.m. (for Auxiliary Members) Swissvale Hi-Rise, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor.**

**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.



**Magnificat Magazine** is a wonderful monthly devotional booklet that has helped millions of Catholics grow in a relationship with God and appreciate the Catholic Faith. The parish gets a bulk rate of \$35 for 12 monthly issues and special supplements. There are order forms in the literature racks and tables.

**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.

**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** 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 meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. The 4 year olds meet daily, 12:30p.m.-3:00p.m.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW:** Report any acts of child abuse or if you believe a child was subject to abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235**  
**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS** are listed on the diocesan website, [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org), under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION:** First step is contact Kelly James. She will inform you of the next steps.

Email: [madonnadelcastello1920@gmail.com](mailto:madonnadelcastello1920@gmail.com).

**MASS & HEALING SERVICE-Tues., Sept. 15, 7:00p.m.**, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 1313 Fifth Ave., East McKeesport. Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Kiel; healing service to follow. Please consider bringing someone with you who has not been able to attend Mass due to illness. For information, call the parish office, 412-824-2644.



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**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- 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)
- Monday - August 31**
  - 7:00 PM Rosina & Aniello Valentino (Joe & Mary Pat Valentino)
- Tuesday - September 1**
  - 9:30 AM Eileen Degener (Lori Sciulli)
- Wednesday - September 2**
  - 8:00 AM Anthony & Carmella Chianese (Florence Petrichko)
- Thursday - September 3 - St. Gregory the Great**
  - 9:30 AM Auxiliary Members of Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary Immaculate Praesidium)
- First Friday - September 4**
  - 8:00 AM Fabio Giordano (John A. Zenone)
- First Saturday - September 5**
  - 9:30 AM Bob Och (Eileen, with love)
- Saturday - September 5 - Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM Marilyn Sepesy (Family)
  - 6:00 PM Cathy Lohner (Jeff Lohner)
- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6**
  - 9:00 AM Doc Lucarelli, Death Anniv. (Wife Jennie & Family)
  - 11:00 AM For the People

**THIS WEEK**

- 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
- Tuesday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna
- Wednesday**
  - 1:00 PM Birthday Party to Honor the Blessed Mother For Auxiliary Members - Hi-Rise Community Room
  - 2:00 PM Ladies Fellowship - Dattilo Hall
  - 7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - Dattilo Hall
- Thursday**
  - 7:00 PM Ladies of Charity - Dattilo Hall
- Friday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
  - 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

**Mon., Sept. 7 - Labor Day, Parish Office closed**  
**Fri., Sept. 11 - Registration Deadline - CCD**  
**Sat., Sept. 19 - 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes begin-Madonna**

**10th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men-Sat., Sept. 19, David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This is a one of kind event for you to be challenged, encouraged, and to encounter Jesus. Get more info. and register today at [cmfpitt.org](http://cmfpitt.org). Lots of great speakers! Register on-line or call Regis Rhodes at 412-351-3298 for tickets.**

**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:** No matter how many arrows are thrown at you, how much criticism you receive, or how many so-called friends you lose because you're defending life, it's all worth it. Continue to fight the culture of death.

**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.**



**St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection-August 29th & 30th.** This collection permits our parish conference to provide comfort and financial assistance to people 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. For more information 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. Rehearsals held 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! 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).

**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.

**WTAE Anchor Wendy Bell to speak at Aquinas Academy-Wed., Sept. 2, 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.** Wendy will be sharing stories from her Summer Electronics Ban; having banned all electronics for her five school aged boys. For more information call 724-444-0722, ex. 17 or check [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).

**INVITATION TO ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN: Catholic Daughters of the Americas** - What is this 112 year old organization about? An informational social will be held **Thurs., Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria meeting room, St. Colman Parish, 100 Tri-Boro Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145; contact Lisa McCann, 412-519-8762. For more info, check [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org) or [www.cdapa.com](http://www.cdapa.com).

**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 at 4:00 p.m.** in the pavilions featuring entertainment by KAS and vocalist Igor Delac. Ticket prices: \$29 for riders ages 2- 54; \$16 for riders 55 - 64, and \$12 (w/coupon) for riders 65 and over. Call Barb Mogue at 412-824-6680 for tickets or coupons!

**FLEA MARKET & CRAFT FAIR-Sat, Oct. 3, 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.,** Swissvale Presbyterian Church basement, 1825 Monongahela Ave. Tables are \$10. To register for a table call 412-351-0900 or email [thesower@verizon.net](mailto:thesower@verizon.net). Proceeds will benefit the needy of the community.



**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.



**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 available at the exits of both churches. **DEADLINE to register is Fri., Sept. 11.**

**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).



**OPEN HOUSE-Caritas Christi, Motherhouse for Sisters of Charity, Seton Hill-Sept. 13, 1:30p.m.-4:30p.m.** This family-friendly event will celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life and the 40th Anniversary of the Canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity. Guests can tour the motherhouse, learn about the ministries, and discover our heritage as revealed in artifacts and memorable stories of the sisters. There will be activities for younger children. The afternoon will conclude with a simple prayer service in Queen of Peace Chapel. For more information call 724-836-0406, ex. 6613.

**Swissvale Meals on Wheels:** This independent community organization has been serving meals to those in need Monday-Friday every week since 1973. Volunteers from the community (drivers and helpers) deliver the meals that are prepared at the LifeCare Hospital of Pittsburgh. The meals consist of a nutritious hot meal in a microwaveable container, salad, dessert, milk, juice, and bread, along with a sandwich and piece of fruit for a smaller meal later in the day. The cost is \$20.00 per week for this service. It can be used as a temporary service for post-hospital recovery or for long term for those who need it. For more information about signing up for the service, please call Edwin Goldbach, 412-371-2909.

## Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Salvatore F. Geswaldo from Robert & Shirley Boyer.



The Alter Candles are in memory of Salvatore F. Geswaldo from Robert & Shirley Boyer.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of Salvatore F. Geswaldo from Robert & Shirley Boyer.



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Salvatore F. Geswaldo from Robert & Shirley Boyer.

PSP Donation: In memory of Carmel Coffee from Kelly James & Family, Rose Cataldi, Mary Iannucci & Rosalie Brick, John C. Scaramucci, MD, M/M John Buttner.

Offertory for August 23 - \$2,860.00  
Mission Cooperation Collection—\$1,235.00  
PSP Goal - \$40,871.00  
PSP Collected - \$26,870.00

Rest in Peace: Margaret Zelando, wife of the late Gus Zelando.

Office closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.



**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.

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:

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**, we will use the Altar Bread, Wine, Candles, and Sanctuary Lamp in memory of **Henry Clougherty, Sr.** from the Family.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

### **WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS**

August 23 Offertory.....\$6,096.00  
Catholic University.....\$554.00  
PSP Goal - \$71,000.00  
PSP Collected - \$72,811.00

**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:

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!

**WORD OF GOD PARISH RAFFLE:** You can win the \$1,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize or \$500 third prize. Special feature is a \$250 ticket sellers' raffle. Tickets are available for pick-up at the main entrance to the church the weekend of **Aug. 29th/30th**. 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!



**STEELER TICKETS:** Here's your chance to win 3 field tickets to the Steelers vs. Browns game **Sun., Nov. 15**—only \$10 per chance. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or after Masses along with your Oktoberfest tickets.

**Readings for Sunday, September 6**  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7a...Fear not for the Lord is with you.  
**2nd Reading:** James 2:1-5...James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 7:31-37...Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

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**Question for reflection:** How can you be more attentive and attune to what God is saying to you?

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2015

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Robert Bellarmine

A Jesuit, Robert was a scholar devoted to studying and writing about church history, Scripture and the fathers of the Catholic Church. He taught against the divine right of kings and became unpopular. He worked to accurately record Church doctrine to explain and protect it from attack by Protestants. Although a cardinal and counselor to Pope Clement VIII, he lived and ate like the poor. He was canonized and declared a doctor of the Church.

### Let go of the dream

Who wouldn't want to live the "good life?" Imagine having all the money you need, going on exotic vacations, and owning your dream home. Yet, people who have all the world can offer still say they don't have all they want. That's because the good life isn't here on Earth.

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose"*

(Romans 8:28).



## Discover God's plan of love for you

A vocation is a call from God to love him throughout your life. Whether you are called to be married, a priest or deacon, a religious brother or sister, or committed to staying single, your vocation will bring you the most joy you can experience on Earth. It will help you and others to grow closer to God.

Here are some ways you can better discern God's plan for you.

Personally meet him. The Church's sacraments are opportunities to meet God personally and receive his grace. We can meet him often in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sacred Scripture is another opportunity for

personal encounter. The more we open ourselves up to Our Lord, the more easily we can discern his voice.

**Follow in another's footsteps.** Find role models in the different vocations. See if you can picture yourself doing what he or she does each day.

Ask for details of their vocation stories to see how God chose them. That will give you clues to how you are being called.

**Keep in touch.** Keeping a prayer journal is a good way to spot patterns that may show God is

working in your life. Pick a prayer buddy and pray for each others' vocations. Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament when you can.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics only get baptized once?

The Catholic Church tells us that Baptism is the gateway to the Church, and the beginning of a lasting communion with God. At our Baptism, God adopted us as his children and "marked" us as his forever. This spiritual mark



of Christ opens us to grace, helps us resist the temptation to sin, and inspires us to love God and neighbor more perfectly (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1121). This mark is permanent, so we are only baptized once.

