

# MADONNA DEL CASTELLO

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



## PARISH STAFF

**Father John Lynam, Pastor**

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## PARISH CONTACTS

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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 10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

## MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

# Mass Schedule

- Monday, December 2** 7:00 P.M.  
Dorothy Scanlon (Estate)
- Tuesday, December 3** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass
- Tuesday, December 3** 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Hour
- Wednesday, December 4** 8:00 A.M.  
Thanksgiving for God's Favor (Jude Chukwu)
- Thursday, December 5** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass
- Friday, December 6** 8:00 A.M.  
Cecelia Stecik (Audrie & Rege Keller)
- Friday, December 6** 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Hour
- Saturday, December 7** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass
- Saturday, December 7** 4:00 P.M.  
For Our Parishioners
- Saturday, December 7** 6:00 P.M.  
Word of God Mass
- Sunday, December 8** 9:00 A.M.  
Word of God Mass
- Sunday, December 8** 11:00 A.M.  
Leonard Lisjak (Geraldine Lisjak)



- Saturday, December 7** 4:00 P.M.  
Krista Bagwell & Eliza Bagwell
- Sunday, December 8** 11:00 A.M.  
Dominic Capezzuto & Anna Cappella



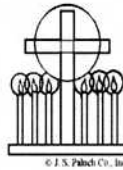
- Saturday, December 7** 4:00 P.M.  
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Linda Probola
- Sunday, December 8** 11:00 A.M.  
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Dave Petrarca, Chris Gibson



- Saturday, December 7** 4:00 P.M.  
Peggy Gibson
- Sunday, December 8** 11:00 A.M.  
Dorothy Webb



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of IOLANDA SCIULLO From Phil & Lucy Catone.



The Altar Candles are in memory of IOLANDA SCIULLO From Phil & Lucy Catone.

**+ REST IN PEACE +**

KAREN NUZZO, wife of Dominic.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**"THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!"**

This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday, December 11 from 6-9 pm. Consider making a commitment this Advent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness & love. Visit [www.diopitt.org/lightstillon](http://www.diopitt.org/lightstillon) for more information.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Forest Hills Knights of Columbus will host a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 from 8-11 am at Keane Hall at St. Maurice Parish. Pre-sale tickets for Children 5 \$ up & adults is \$5.50. Tickets can be purchased at East Catholic School or St. Maurice parish by calling 412-351-5403 or 412-271-0809. Cost at the door is \$6/children, \$7/adults. No cash, checks only made out to Knights of Columbus.



### RITE OF BLESSING OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB

Such a blessing sustains the parents by imparting grace & comfort in time of concern & need, unites the parish in prayer for the unborn child, and fosters respect for human life within society. The blessing will be given after all masses the weekend of December 7 & 8. Please contact the parish office by noon on December 5 to request the blessing & indicate which mass you plan to attend.

### GIVING TREE

Our Annual Giving Tree is set up in the back of the church. Take one of the decorations, upon which are printed the gifts needed. Return the gift to the church by December 15. **DO NOT GIFT WRAP.** Call the rectory with any questions.

### DIVINE HEALING MASS

The Divine Healing Mass will be at Madonna del Castello Church on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm. Mark your calendars for this beautiful, prayerful Mass. All are invited. Individual prayer will be available after mass from the several priests celebrating.

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our Ladies Fellowship Group meets every other Wednesday. Our next meeting will be December 4 at 2 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.

### ECUMENICAL CAROL FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 15, 6-7 pm., Swissvale Presbyterian Church, 1825 Monongahela Ave. Carols sung by the audience will be interspersed with music, readings, etc. from members of the area churches. A money offering will be taken for the local Food Cupboards. A reception will follow. If you can provide cookies or wish to perform, call Ron Demblowski at 412-241-1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Swissvale Ministerial Association.

### COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for cookies are being taken through December 13th. Slips will be available in the back of church to place orders. If you have any questions, call Lois Petrarca at 412-646-2344

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe prayers will be held on Thursday, December 12, 8:30 am at St. Anselm Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, prayer to the Virgin of Guadalupe and Benediction. Mass follows at 9:30 am.

### NATIONALITY ROOM TOUR

On Saturday, January 4, 1-2:30 pm, \$4/adults, \$2/youth 6-18 at the Cathedral of Learning in Oakland. Registration & payment due in the parish office by noon on Monday, December 16. Email wordofgodpa@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Swissvale Ministerial Association.

### SWISSVALE MEALS ON WHEELS

This independent community organization serves meals to those in need Monday-Friday every week. Volunteers from the community deliver nutritious meals. Cost: \$20/week. It can be a temporary service for post hospital recovery or long term for those who need it. The organization is based at the Swissvale United Methodist Church/Living Spirit Ministries on Irvine St. For information or to sign up for the services, call Edwin Goldbach at 412-371-2909. They receive limited government funding. **Private donations are gratefully accepted from members of the community to help continue providing this service to the needy.**

#### PROLIFE CORNER

People used slaves to enhance their "quality of life" but did so at the expense of those in bondage. Men have often used women to live their lives as they wanted. If the woman becomes pregnant, she must have an abortion so he can use her again. This is a new kind of slavery, all done under the façade of "choice."

**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.**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
The "Conference of Charity"  
Founded in 1833 by Frederic Ozanam

November 30, 2013

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes expresses a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Conference this year.

Through your kindness we were able to help 181 people in our community by providing \$21,720 in the form of utility assistance, food and medicine this year. We repaired the car of a young man, thereby insuring his ability to get to work and support his family. We purchased 38 beds for people who were sleeping on the floor. All of this was made possible with your generous support.

*Then the King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least brethren of mine, you did it to me".*

Whether you supported our Conference by purchasing tickets for our raffle baskets, by taking 10,000 steps in our Walk for the Poor, participating in the Day of Giving, or contributing to our second collections "whatsoever you did to the least of my brothers, that you did unto Me." May the Lord bless your Advent season. Please know that our Vincentians are humbled by your kindness and remember you in their prayers.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Madonna del Castello and Word of God Conference



# Advent 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>December 1</b></p> <p><b>B</b>uy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week. Read <i>Matthew 24:37-44</i>.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>A</b>dvent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>L</b>et your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading of the Holy Spirit puts before you.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>I</b>nclude in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>O</b>ffer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>S</b>how love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>S</b>et a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>L</b>ight two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet. Read <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>T</b>oday honors the feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrating Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend Mass.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>P</b>ick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>T</b>oday, try to remember stories from the Bible of God's merciful treatment of sinners.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>T</b>o honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>T</b>he presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>P</b>erform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>T</b>oday is Gaudete Sunday - the halfway point of Advent. Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>L</b>ight a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Focus on whom it is you are waiting.</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>P</b>ray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>M</b>ake time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>P</b>ut a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>S</b>et up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>E</b>ven if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>L</b>ight all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading. <i>Matthew 1:18-24</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>T</b>his can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might otherwise be forgotten.</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>G</b>ather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>R</b>ejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think about how joyful it will be to finally meet Jesus when he comes.</p>	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)</i></p> 