

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 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 16 7:00 P.M.
Iolanda Sciuillo (M/M Joe Ricci)

Tuesday, December 17 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Tuesday, December 17 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 18 8:00 A.M.
Grace Grana (Family)

Thursday, December 19 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Friday, December 20 8:00 A.M.
Vincent Criscito (Matthew Toth)

Friday, December 20 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, December 21 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Saturday, December 21 4:00 P.M.
Anthony Guarino (Theresa & Sam Maksimchuk)

Saturday, December 21 6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 22 9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 22 11:00 A.M.
Our Parishioners



Saturday, December 21 4:00 P.M.
Krista Bagwell & Eliza Bagwell

Sunday, December 22 11:00 A.M.
Kyra Rockovich & Savannah Stophel



Saturday, December 21 4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Linda Probola

Sunday, December 22 11:00 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Dave Petrarca, John Bonacci

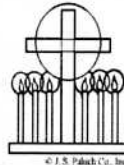


Saturday, December 21 4:00 P.M.
Tim Bagwell

Sunday, December 22 11:00 A.M.
Peggy Gibson



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
WILLIAM BRUNETTI
From Evelyn Brunetti.



The Altar Candles are in memory of
ANDREW ORFITELLI
From Gilda Orfitelli.



The Altar Bread is for
SPECIAL INTENTIONS
From Jude Chukwu.

+ **REST IN PEACE** +

MARY JOAN BESSIPIATA, sister of Ron Demblowski.

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 _____

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post abortion healing will be held on January 24-26 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or visit www.ccpg.org.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who attended the healing mass in such great numbers. What a great witness of faith in the power of our Divine Physician, Jesus Christ. Special thanks to the Prayer Group for helping host the evening. The Prayer & Praise Group meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7 pm at Madonna.

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND

Thank you to the Eucharistic Ministers for hosting the Parish Family Weekends and to all who support it as well.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's gospel Jesus tells us that the Good News can be seen, touched, felt & heard through the lives of God's people. We are charged to take up the ministry of Jesus & our actions must speak for us. Advent is a time for giving & our conference thanks everyone who supported our Christmas raffle which allows us to take this ministry to the poor of our community.

HAMS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are in need of hams for the needy families of the parish for Christmas. If you have any questions, call Leanna or Mark Ballog at 412-823-8398. **Also, if there is anyone from our parish who is in need of hams for the holiday, please call the rectory and let us know.**

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our Ladies Fellowship Group meets every other Wednesday. Our next meeting will be December 18 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.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We need volunteers to help. If you are interested, just show up on Sunday. If you have any questions, call the rectory.

School News

The Sounds of Christmas: Music is in the air as the students at East Catholic School prepare for a musical performance in December. **The Living Nativity:** The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on December 17th with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church. The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Fr. Joe Freedy will be leading a retreat for men in college or above who desire a deeper relationship with Christ, are seeking to know their vocation to the priesthood. Weekend will include daily mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession, solid brotherhood, as well as talk & discussion with Bishop Zubik. Friday, December 20 to Sunday, December 22. For more information or to register visit pghpriest.com.

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

Our faith is strengthened when it is shared; so too, the pro-life message will be strengthened when it is shared in Christian love.

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.