

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 Word of God Church and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 22 9:30 A.M.
Victoria Donofrio (David & Debbie Fiumara)

Tuesday, December 23 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Tuesday, December 23 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 24 8:00 A.M.
Mary Bonga (Pat & Guy Mazzella)

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 P.M.
Poor & Lonely

Wednesday, December 24 6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass

Thursday, December 25 12:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Thursday, December 25 10:00 A.M.
Children

Friday, December 26 8:00 A.M.
Margaret A. Hagan (Barbara Simpson)

Friday, December 26 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, December 27 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Saturday, December 27 4:00 P.M.
Anthony Pallotta (Flo Montalbano)

Saturday, December 27 6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 28 9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 28 11:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners



Wednesday, December 24 4:00 P.M.
Krista Bagwell & Eliza Bagwell

Thursday, December 25 10:00 A.M.
Aiden Rockovich & Kyra Rockovich

Saturday, December 27 4:00 P.M.
Savannah Stophel & Nichole O'Dell

Sunday, December 28 11:00 A.M.
Grace Perla & Dominic Capezzuto



Wednesday, December 24 4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella

Thursday, December 25 10:00 A.M.
Dave Petrarca, Chris Gibson, Marian Iovino

Saturday, December 27 4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Linda Probola

Sunday, December 28 11:00 A.M.
Bill Pfoff, Jim Tomko, Dennis Capezzuto, John Bonacci

Lectors

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 P.M.
Olive Magnotta

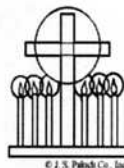
Thursday, December 25 10:00 A.M.
Michaela Buzzard

Saturday, December 27 4:00 P.M.
Nadine Uziel

Sunday, December 28 11:00 A.M.
Peggy Gibson



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
CHARLES ARGENZIO
From Helen Argenzio & Daughters.



The Altar Candles are in memory of
TONY & DOLLY BLOISE
From The LeDonne Family.



The Altar Bread & Wine is for
THE DECEASED KERSUL FAMILY
From Wilma Franko & Family.

+ REST IN PEACE +

MICHAEL ZORETICH, husband of Margaret.

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 _____



THANK YOU

Thank you to Charles Nied for donating the calendars this year.

CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 25 is Christmas Day. The day we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please join us at Mass to celebrate:

Christmas Eve:

December 24 4:00 P.M.—Madonna
 December 24 6:00 P.M.—Word of God
 December 24/25 12:00 A.M.—Word of God

Christmas Day:

December 25 10:00 A.M.—Madonna

The Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25. There will be a second collection for Christmas Charities for Children and Youth. Please be as generous as possible. The collection goes towards our Parish Share goal.

COMBINED BULLETIN

We plan to have a combined bulletin beginning the weekend of January 3 & 4. Individual parish identity & news will be maintained, & since there will be no longer be a need to duplicate common news in two separate bulletins, this will be a more efficient use of staff time & effort. Contracts from two different bulletin companies prevented us from doing this sooner. Karen Flynn, the Word of God secretary, will serve as editor.

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 21 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and is so fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us - to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form He may come." (Bl. Mother Teresa) Prepare yourself for your renewal with the help of the Lighthouse CD for Advent. It truly is a gift that keeps on giving.

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.**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen & had a twelve year old son who ran away from home & was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: Holy! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

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

PROLIFE CORNER

AS we celebrate Christ coming into the world as a child let us pray that all women who are pregnant this Christmas season will be open to God's gift of life so that he/she can be born into this world and thus be able to know Christ and help build His kingdom here on earth.