

# MADONNA DEL CASTELLO

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



## PARISH STAFF

**Father John Lynam, Pastor**

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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 23** 7:00 P.M.  
Deceased Hagan Family (Barbara Simpson)

**Tuesday, December 24** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass

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

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

**Tuesday, December 24** 12:00 A.M.  
Word of God Mass

**Wednesday, December 25** 10:00 A.M.  
Children

**Thursday, December 26** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass

**Friday, December 27** 8:00 A.M.  
Caruso Family (Mafalda Zenone)

**Friday, December 27** 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Hour

**Saturday, December 28** 9:30 A.M.  
Word of God Mass

**Saturday, December 28** 4:00 P.M.  
August Fontanesi (Mary Fontanesi)

**Saturday, December 28** 6:00 P.M.  
Word of God Mass

**Sunday, December 29** 9:00 A.M.  
Word of God Mass

**Sunday, December 29** 11:00 A.M.  
Mary Lou Murello (Mimi & Bill Liss)



**Tuesday, December 24** 4:00 P.M.  
Angela Petrarca & Maria Petrarca

**Wednesday, December 25** 10:00 A.M.  
Dominic Capezzuto & Andrew Klabnik

**Saturday, December 28** 4:00 P.M.  
Lois Ballog & Nichole O'Dell

**Sunday, December 29** 11:00 A.M.  
Grace Perla & Anna Cappella



**Tuesday, December 24** 4:00 P.M.  
Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella, Chris Gibson

**Wednesday, December 25** 10:00 A.M.  
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Dave Petrarca, Marian Iovino

**Saturday, December 28** 4:00 P.M.  
Cathy Wreath, Ellie Yearsley, Al Haski, Linda Probola

**Sunday, December 29** 11:00 A.M.  
Bill Pfoff, Jim Tomko, Mike Pascal

# Lectors

**Tuesday, December 24** 4:00 P.M.  
Michaela Buzzard

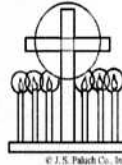
**Wednesday, December 25** 10:00 A.M.  
Janice Marco

**Saturday, December 28** 4:00 P.M.  
Peggy Gibson

**Sunday, December 29** 11:00 A.M.  
Dorothy Webb



The Tabernacle Lamp is for  
**THE DEFRANK & CIAO FAMILIES**  
From Josephine Ciao.



The Altar Candles are in memory of  
**CHARLES ARGENZIO**  
From Helen Argenzio.



The Altar Wine is in memory of  
**ARMAND CAPASSO**  
From Babe & Family.

+ **REST IN PEACE** +

**ANTHONY PALLOTTA**, husband of Josephine.

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, 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 12:00 A.M.—Word of God

Christmas Day:

December 25 10:00 A.M.—Madonna

**The Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, 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. **The Holy Hour on Tuesday, December 24 is cancelled.**

### 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.

### 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.**

### DIVORCED OR SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by Sts. John & Paul, St. Richard & St. John Neumann Parishes will begin it's 13 week cycle of meetings on Monday, January 6 at 7-8:45 pm. & will be held at St. John Neumann Church. For more information, contact Ralph Joy at 412-741-5456 or rjoy205@verizon.net.

## CANONIZATION PILGRIMAGE

The seven day pilgrimage will include tours of many holy and historical sites in Rome and opportunities for side trips to Assisi, Pompeii, Capri, Tivoli or Florence. The cost is \$3,695, including round trip air fare from Pittsburgh, hotel, tour buses in Rome and many meals. The flights will leave Pittsburgh April 25 and return May 1.

Hotel space in Rome is disappearing quickly, so registration deadlines are shorter than usual. To reserve a space on the pilgrimage, a \$500 deposit must be made by **Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014.** Pope John XXIII, who led the church from 1958 to 1963 is known as the smiling pope who called the Second Vatican Council, which committed the church to renewal, engagement with the modern world, advocacy of human rights and religious freedom. Pope John Paul II, who served from 1978 to 2005, was the evangelizing pope from Poland who led a youth revival movement and challenged totalitarian regimes while stressing continuity with ancient traditions. Both were involved with anti-Nazi underground work during World War II and both built ties with other religious traditions, especially Judaism. For more information contact Carmella Weismantle at 412-471-1252 ext. 3575 or cweisman-[tle@pittsburghcatholic.com](mailto:tle@pittsburghcatholic.com) or see the Web site at [www.Unitours.com/questions](http://www.Unitours.com/questions).

### REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7-8:30 pm at St. Susanna Church. Catechetical credits will be given for this workshop. No cost. For a form, call the rectory office at 412-271-5666. Any other questions, call Irene at 412-977-2721 or 412-798-5596.

#### PROLIFE CORNER

“And It came to pass, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe in her womb leapt.” The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize Him in the womb of His own mother was a child John the Baptist. How wonderful, God chose a pre-born child to recognize His Son!

**Protecting God's Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, [diopitt.org](http://diopitt.org), under “Protecting God's Children.” You may also contact the parish office.**

**DIocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235.**