

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



January 3, 2016



## 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

Fr. John Lynam ..... *Pastor*  
 Keith Kondrich ..... *Deacon*  
 Ron Demblowski ..... *Deacon/Pastoral Associate*  
 Edward Kapsha ..... *Madonna Music Director*  
 Michael Burke ..... *Word of God Music Director*  
 Kelly James ..... *Madonna Parish Secretary*  
 Karen Flynn ..... *Word of God Parish Secretary*  
 Marcia Murello ..... *Coordinator of Religious Ed.*

### 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

### 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

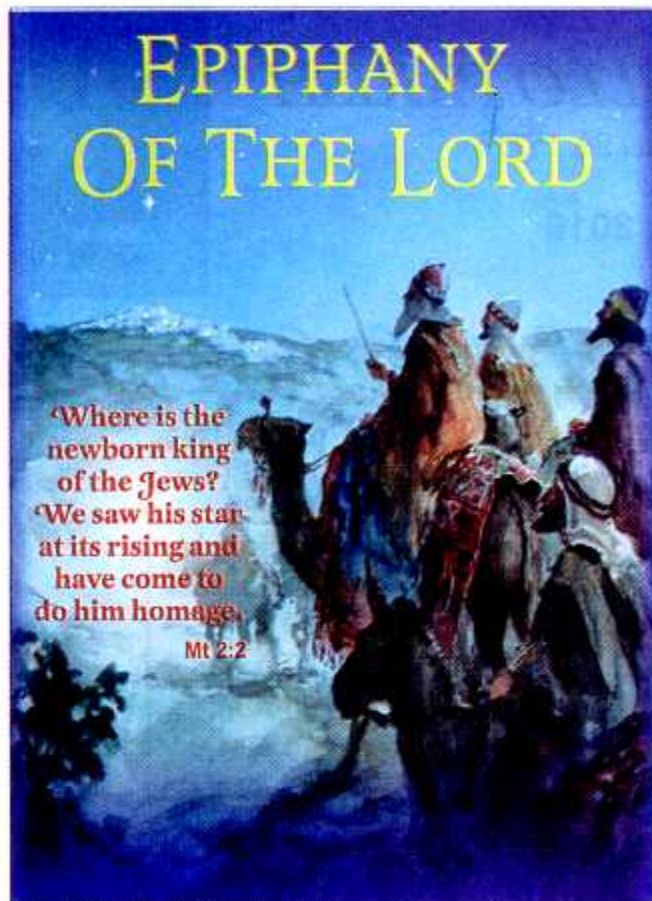
### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available after Mass  
and upon request

East Catholic School ..... 412-351-5403  
 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221  
 Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM ..... *Principal*  
 School Website ..... www.eastcatholicschool.org

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

**Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.**

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday - January 2 - Vigil**  
 4:00 PM Richard "Doc" Lucarelli (Bernie Stecik)  
 6:00 PM Joseph Schott (Sally Wellman)
- Sunday - January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord**  
 9:00 AM For the People  
 11:00 AM Wesley Taylor (Paula Taylor, Dave, Samantha, Tony & Dylan Sacco)
- Monday - January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
 7:00 PM Virginia "Jane" Migliore (Regina Scheller & Family)
- Tuesday - January 5 - St. John Neumann**  
 9:30 AM Janet Bello (Terry & Emma Culligan)
- Wednesday - January 6 - St. Andre Bessette**  
 8:00 AM Christopher Savinell (Nunzio Pompilio)
- Thursday - January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**  
 9:30 AM Mike Guido (Ron & Dolly Suvak and Dolly Clougherty)
- Friday - January 8**  
 8:00 AM Nicolina Donofrio (Angie Cheyne-Bottles)
- Saturday - January 9**  
 9:30 AM Sr. Mary Victor Powers-Special Intention (Miriam King)
- Saturday - January 9 - Vigil**  
 4:00 PM For the People  
 6:00 PM Michael "Moose" McDonough & Timothy "Mice" McDonough (Babe, Bunny & Ed)
- Sunday - January 10 - Baptism of the Lord**  
 9:00 AM George Stujhovic (Terry & Tim Ward)  
 11:00 AM Rosella Pfoff (William Pfoff)

**THIS WEEK**

- Saturday**  
 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Gift Shop open, Parish Center
- Sunday - Parish Family Socials**  
 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Gift Shop open, Parish Center
- Tuesday**  
 7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna
- Wednesday**  
 10:30 AM Legion of Mary - Dattilo Hall
- Friday**  
 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**  
 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
- Next Sunday - Utilities Collection**  
 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - Gift Shop open, Parish Center

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS** are conducted every **Saturday after the 9:30a.m. Mass** at Word of God Parish. The 10 minute devotional concludes with a blessing of the Assembly with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon shows Mary protecting Jesus with her arms around Him. Her solemn face looks directly at us as the archangel Michael and Gabriel bring the instruments of Christ's crucifixion, a lance, sponge, cross, and nails.

**LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST-Sat., Feb. 6, 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m.,** St. Paul Seminary Cardinals' Great Hall. Youth Ministry Leaders, volunteers, parents, young adult professionals, and WYD pilgrims are invited to join Bishop Zubik for a leadership breakfast inspired by Pope Francis' Year of Mercy. To register, please visit <http://yearofmercy.eventbrite.com>.

**A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN**

**Thanks to your generosity,** we were able to provide Christmas Dinner to 11 needy families from both of the parishes.

**Thanks to Rege Rhodes** for designing the parish schedule Mass magnates.

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**Child Protective Services Law:** Report any acts of child abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235**

Diocesan website, [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org), under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.

**Diocesan Safe Environment Certification:**

Contact Kelly James

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)

**PRO LIFE CORNER:** We have the inescapable responsibility to be unconditionally pro-life... We must not fear being unpopular or even fear hostility and persecution when it comes, even when it comes from within our own Catholic Church.



-Pope John Paul II

**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT**

**BOTH PARISHES:** How loving is our dear Lord... We celebrate the giving of gifts to the One who is THE gift to us! All He wants is for us to get to know Him, to know He is with us always, protecting us, loving us, guiding us. And what is the best gift to give? For that answer, search your heart!



Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.

**COLLECTION FOR DePaul School for Hearing and Speech and St. Anthony School Programs-weekend of Jan. 16-17.** DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language Education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools with their typically hearing peers. St. Anthony School Programs provide Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and two college-age programs located on the campuses of Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony's has also partnered with Carlow University to add an academic component to the curriculum for qualified post-secondary students. Your donation will help these programs to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services to their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families. There are fliers on green paper in the literature racks.



**OUR PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND SOCIALS** are at both parishes after this weekend's Masses January 2 & 3. Ladies of Charity will host the socials at Madonna. The Readers will host the socials at Word of God.

**Parishioners of Madonna and Word of God:** We acknowledge your generosity for POWER, Angel's corner, and Christmas giving tree. 18 families (40 children) were recipients of the Christmas gifts. May all know of God's love for them. A joyful Christmas season to all. With deep appreciation, Ladies of Charity.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR** from all of us at LPI—your bulletin company. **THANK YOU** to all of our present and past advertisers—patronize or refer them to someone you know! If you would like to place an ad this year call Sue, 724-831-0975, or email [snovosel@4lpi.com](mailto:snovosel@4lpi.com).

**2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** We will be mailing out your 2015 contribution statements to each household within the next few weeks.

**LEGION OF MARY** assists people to grow in holiness. Working for and with others as disciples can give a new meaning to your life. "Lend a Hand" literature in church racks. **THE ROSARY** is said at the Swissvale Towers Library, 1826 Monongahela Ave., 1st floor, every **Mon., 3:30 p.m.**



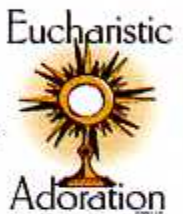
**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** meets at 7:00p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month at Madonna. For more information call Mike Matthyse, 412-241-1254.

**Veneration of a Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Madonna on her feast day, **Mon., Jan. 4th.** The use of relics has a basis in Sacred Scripture (see II Kings 2:9, Acts 19:11 & 12). Miracles and favors continue to be associated with the intercession of a saint and the veneration of relics. Relics remind us of the holiness of the saint and cooperation with God's grace. They inspire us to ask God for the grace to live a faith-filled life.

**Eucharistic Adoration in Solidarity with the national March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Madonna Church.**

Please stop by the Adoration poster in [Madonna: the back of Church, Word of God: the main vestibule] and sign up for as long as you can. Various parish groups and individuals have already committed to some of the hours. Sponsored by the Respect life Committee. Please contact the parish office if you have questions.



**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. 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 or on the tables. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412.241.1372 or [wordofgodpa@gmail.com](mailto:wordofgodpa@gmail.com).

**Annulment Presentations:** The purpose of these talks is to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork. These talks are directed toward those who have a desire for adult education regarding this often misunderstood subject. People involved in RCIA as teachers or directors may have a special interest in attending. Registration is not required, but to plan for chairs and refreshments please let us know that you are coming at [tribunal@diopitt.org](mailto:tribunal@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033. The presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free of charge. The next presentations are scheduled for: **Thurs., Feb. 19-** St. Bede's-Point Breeze, presenter: Very Rev. Thomas W. Kunz, JCL, STD; **Thurs., Feb. 26-** St. Margaret Mary-Moon Twp., presenter: Jay Conzemius.

## Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Nick Tomko from Wife Betsy.



The Altar Candles are in memory of Nick Tomko from Wife Betsy.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory Nick Tomko from Wife Betsy.



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Nick Tomko from Wife Betsy.

Offertory for December 20 – \$2,987.00

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 \_\_\_\_\_



### **Readings for Sun., Jan. 10, The Baptism of the Lord**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11...Isaiah tells the people to prepare the way for the Lord.

**2nd Reading:** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7...Jesus Christ saved us; through our baptism and the Holy Spirit we have become heirs in hope of eternal life.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22...Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

**Question for reflection:** At his baptism God calls Jesus "my beloved Son." How can you thank God for making you a beloved child, too?

## WORD OF GOD

### WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

December 20.....\$7,210.00

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

### **NURSING HOME, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL**

**LISTS:** Very often we are not aware of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes. Please let the parish office know of any parishioners who would like to receive communion and/or a visit from a priest.

### **Canterbury Corner Gift Shop:** Visit the Gift



Shop in its new location on the first floor of the Word of God Parish Center beginning in the new year on the weekend of **January 2/3.**

**Saturday—January 2**—the Gift Shop will be open from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** for the Parish Family Social. **Please note: Regular hours of operation are: 9:00a.m.--11:00am Sundays only.**

### **COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** Collection

of food is taken the **last Sunday of each month** at **Word of God Parish** (leave donations inside the entrances of the church). Checks should be made out to "Swissvale United Methodist" and memo "Food Pantry." The Food Pantry is located in the Living Spirit Ministry building on 2011 Noble Street. It operates as an ecumenical activity of the Swissvale Ministerium.



**MEMORIAL OFFERING:** Any or all of the gifts at **Word of God Parish** can be celebrated in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office, send through the mail or put it in the collection basket. You may request a particular week. Dates requested will be scheduled on a first-come/first served basis.

### **WORD OF GOD PARISH MEMORIAL OFFERING REQUEST FORM**

I would like to offer:

ALTAR BREADS	\$30 _____	SANCTUARY LAMP	\$ 5 _____
ALTAR WINE	\$15 _____	COMPLETE OFFERING	\$60 _____
ALTAR CANDLES	\$10 _____		

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**School Walking Tours** are conducted during school hours.



This will allow parents to observe the children in the classroom, learn about the programs, meet our teachers and find out more about the East Catholic School philosophy. Tours include classroom observations as well as a guided tour of the facility. Parents will receive an application with additional information for them to consider. Touring a school is the best way for you to have a direct experience of the classrooms and the overall feeling of the school. We invite you to come and see East Catholic School for yourself. Our tours are conducted by Parent Guides who love showing visitors around our school and are very happy to answer your questions. When possible, Sister Judith, our principal and other members of the staff will be available to discuss details of our many programs with you. To sign up for a tour contact the school office between 8:30a.m. & 2:00p.m. at 412-351-5403. Walking tour dates: Jan. 6 @ 20, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 31—Open House, Feb. 9 & 23, 9:30a.m., and March 2 at 9:30a.m. A special tour will be on Sun., March 13 (at Story Time) scheduled for 2:00p.m.

**Save the Date!** Mark your calendars—the East Catholic Gala is Sat., Feb. 27th at Stratigos Banquet Facility. This event benefits East Catholic School and is a fun-filled evening of dinner, dancing, live band, live auction, and more! Details to follow later.

**Continue to Save: Box tops, labels, etc.**—we continue to save Box tops for Education. We receive \$.10 for each box top that is submitted. You can drop them off in the boxes at the entrances of the church. Register your Giant Eagle card (code is 1135) and select East Catholic and receive 10 Box Tops for Education. Each month when you shop there will be new opportunities to earn Box Tops for East Catholic.

**Campbell's Labels:** We have been able to obtain much needed equipment for the school without impacting the budget. Just save the part of the label that has the Campbell Kid with the Labels for Education Logo.

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE-Fri., Jan. 15, 11:00a.m.-12:00 Noon,** Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh. Come and see what our school day looks like. Bring your child and meet the teachers! Located in Hampton Township between North Park and Route 8, Aquinas Academy is the region's only preschool through grade 12 private Catholic school. Contact Mr. Juan Mata for info., 724-444-0722, ex. 15.

**Free Office Technologies Training & Job Placement For Allegheny Co. Residents** offered by Community College of Allegheny Co. for those in need of computer training and job search assistance at the Braddock and City of Pittsburgh sites. Classes Mon.-Fri. 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Program can be completed in four months for full-time students, and seven months for part-time students. Classes start every three weeks. For more information call 412-273-6440. See fliers in racks/on tables.

**Accounting Honors Institute for high school students who have an interest in business:** There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Saturday mornings on campus in January, February and March. Students may sign up for one or more topics. Inf./reg. available at [www.duq.edu/business/AHI](http://www.duq.edu/business/AHI) or call 412-396-5832.

**RETROUVILLE:** Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a **weekend on January 15**, please contact Retrouvaille, 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

**Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing-Jan. 22-24,** Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh co-sponsors this retreat. To register or for more info. call Toni Jester, 412-352-5348 or email [toniafji@comcast.net](mailto:toniafji@comcast.net).

**CATHOLIC SINGLES, 21 & OVER:** The Catholic Alumni Club offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, dinners, hiking, volleyball, scripture study, trips, etc. For info. check [www.capittsburgh.org](http://www.capittsburgh.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS & SINGLES OF ALL AGES:** check [Catholicthrive.com](http://Catholicthrive.com).

**LISTEN TO CATHOLIC RADIO: 106.7 FM WAOB**  
**WEB WATCH:**

[Foryourmarriage.org](http://Foryourmarriage.org)—Marriage resources, articles and news sponsored by the U.S. Bishops  
[www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org)—official diocesan website  
[www.pghpriest.com](http://www.pghpriest.com)—diocesan vocations website  
<http://seekandfind.com/>—view Word of God bulletins on-line through Liturgical Publications, Inc.  
[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)—location of churches when traveling  
[www.FaithandReason.com](http://www.FaithandReason.com)—inspiration for your spiritual journey

**Baptism and Confirmation Sponsor eligibility requirements:** 1. Parish registration. 2. Participation at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation verified by envelope use regardless of amount contributed. 3. 16 or older. 4. Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. 5. Believe all that the Catholic Church teaches and incorporate these teachings into daily life. 6. Valid Catholic marriage or a single person practicing the Catholic Faith.

**2016 THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: What is A Jubilee Year?**

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, it was celebrated every 50 years, and was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. The Catholic tradition of the Holy Year began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. He had envisioned a Jubilee every century. From 1475 onwards, in order to allow each generation to experience at least one Holy Year, the ordinary Jubilee was to be celebrated every 25 years. However, an extraordinary Jubilee may be announced on the occasion of an event of particular importance. Until present, there have been 26 ordinary Holy Year celebrations, the last of which was the Jubilee of 2000.



