

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



July 12, 2015



Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily:	Monday (Madonna)	7:00 P.M.
	Tuesday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Wednesday (Madonna)	8:00 A.M.
	Thursday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Friday (Madonna)	8:00 A.M.
	Saturday (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.
	Saturday Vigil (Madonna)	4:00 P.M.
	Saturday Vigil (Word of God)	6:00 P.M.
	Sunday (Word of God)	9:00 A.M.
	Sunday (Madonna)	11:00 A.M.

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*
 Patricia Aducci *Coordinator of Religious Ed.*

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 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221
 Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM..... *Principal*
 School Website www.eastcatholicschool.org

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

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.



A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Second Collection for Utilities: It would be best for the parishes if we are consistent in taking up a second collection for utilities on the second weekend of the month. Beginning July 11th & 12th, we will begin to take up a second collection for utilities on the second weekend of the month in both parishes.

Welcome Receptions for Adam Potter: Saturday, July 11th, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on the Word of God Plaza and Sunday July 12th, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in Dattilo Hall.

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EVENING OF RECOLLECTION-Wednesday, July 22, 7:00p.m., St. Therese of Lisieux, 1 St. Therese Ct., Munhall, PA 15120, 412-462-8161. Theme: Go and Tell the Disciples. **On Mission for The Church Alive!** is a dynamic planning initiative focused on growth through evangelization. The first year of this five-year initiative focuses on prayer. This is an opportunity to gather with others and experience the love of Jesus. For info. visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday - July 11 - Vigil**
 - 4:00 PM Bronko Matelan/in Honor of Mary Matelan (Family)
 - 6:00 PM James Kravic (Thomas Trimble)
- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 12**
 - 9:00 AM Loretta Schlanger (Jean & Jim Schlanger)
 - 11:00 AM For the People
- Monday - July 13 - St. Henry**
 - 7:00 PM Mario Urlini (Fran & Renee Garger)
- Tuesday - July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
 - 9:30 AM Ezio Mariani (Wife, Amantina)
- Wednesday - July 15 - St. Bonaventure**
 - 8:00 AM David Jon Ramsier (Sam & Theresa Maksimchuk)
- Thursday - July 16 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
 - 9:30 AM Elsie Horkulich (Marlene & Ron)
- Friday - July 17**
 - 8:00 AM Elvina M. Cushion (Friend)
- Saturday - July 18 - St. Camilius de Lellis**
 - 9:30 AM James J. Ruane (Gwen Ruane Poland)
- Saturday - July 18 - Vigil**
 - 4:00 PM Nicola/Louisa Vacchio & 4 Sons (Enza Cecchino)
 - 6:00 PM Rosella & Isabelle Bianco (Family)
- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19**
 - 9:00 AM For the People
 - 11:00 AM Stella King (Joseph & Marlene Bauer)

THIS WEEK

- Saturday**
 - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception for Adam Potter
Word of God Plaza following Mass
- Sunday - 2nd Collection - Utilities**
 - 12:00 PM Welcome Reception for Adam Potter, Dattilo Hall
Following Mass
Talk—Addictions-Recovery Process, Dattilo Hall
Following reception
- Tuesday**
 - 7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna
- Thursday**
 - 1:30 PM Mass - Swissvale Towers
Community Room - 1st Floor
- Friday**
 - 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
 - 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

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.



PRO LIFE CORNER: We must remember that life begins at home and we must also remember that the future of humanity passes through the family. -Mother Teresa

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES: Visit the CD/book kiosk at the churches. July is a great month for vacations and travel. Why not add to your enjoyment by listening to a CD while traveling, or reading a great book on the beach (or mountains, or whatever destination you have planned)! Some selections include conversion stories, true stories of God's hand in heroic stories, some famous (and not so famous) saints! Take a few moments to browse, you will be glad you did! **Suggested donations: CD's \$3.00 • Booklets \$2.00 • Books \$4.00. Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.**



TRIP TO ITALY-Sept. 26-Oct. 4 with Fr. John Lynam for the Diaconate Ordination of Adam Potter. For more information see fliers in the church racks/on the tables.



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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE: If you are interested in having the traveling statue in your home for a week, please contact the parish office.

MASS-Wed., July 16, 1:30p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st floor.

MASS WITH BLESSINGS FOR HEALING-Wed., July 22, 7:00 p.m., Nativity Parish, 5800 Brownsville Road in South Park, will once again welcome Fr. William Kiel. There is handicap accessibility through the cafeteria entrance. For info. call Nativity Rectory at 412-655-3000.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW: Report any acts of child abuse or if you believe a child was subject to abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS are listed on the diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION: First step is contact Kelly James. She will inform you of the next steps. Email: madonnadelcastello1920@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:

Collection of food is taken the last Sunday of each month at Word of God (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.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is July 22nd. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

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



COMMUNION MINISTERS: Please remember to volunteer in the summer.

ADDICTIONS--RECOVERY PROCESS: Sunday, July 12, Dattilo Hall (following Adam Potter's reception). Paul Osterman, from the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, and Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute will discuss recovery, potential pitfalls, trust in families and support for maintenance and abstinence. The talk will be an hour with questions to follow.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).



Jesus Christ is the Father's gift to the world. He became flesh so that we would come to know and love God the Father through the Holy Spirit in this life and perfectly in the life to come. Jesus Christ is the Word and He desires to "dwell richly" in each one of us (Col 3:16). **This summer, join Seminarian Adam Potter for a four-part Scripture study diving deeper into the Gospel of John.**

The Study on the Gospel of John will be taking place 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. in Dattilo Hall on the following dates:

July 15—Introducing the Fourth Gospel: Who is the Beloved Disciple?

July 22—The Principle Images of John: Water, Bread, and The Shepherd

August 5—The Passion Narrative: The Arrest, Trial, and Death

August 12—The Resurrection Accounts: Jerusalem and Galilee

The class will be in the format of a talk, with time for discussion and question and answer. No commitment is necessary to all four sessions. Please bring your Bible and we hope to see you there!



SUNDAY SCRIPTURES-Wed., July 29, 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m., Dattilo Hall: Come join us as we "break open God's word." This is an opportunity to pray, share and discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings, allowing God's Living Word to work within us and break us open and fill us with His love and grace.

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is for The Russo & Smith Families from Linda & Tony Russo.



The Altar Candles are in memory of James Ciao from Josephine Ciao.



REBORN IN BAPTISM: Maeve Ramona, daughter of Holly Ickes & Andrew Milbower.

July 5 Offertory - \$3,450.00

OUR PARISH FESTIVAL: Our Annual Parish Festival is **Thursday, July 23rd, Friday, July 24th, and Saturday, July 25th.** It is a very important fundraiser for our parish. We need the co-operation of the entire parish to make this a success. Any-



one wishing to donate the following items for use in the kitchen: Butter/margarine, flour, oil, etc. can drop them off at the social hall or office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily or call Lois Petrarca at 412-646-2344.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL GIFT BASKETS:

Alcohol, Pittsburgh, Kitchen/Home, Tool/Car themes. Ideas for the Pittsburgh basket: Anything from one the pro or college sports teams, Kennywood pass, Zoo Pass, 6 pack of Iron City, any restaurant gift certificate, terrible towel. Kitchen/Home: kitchen towels, kitchen gadgets (wooden spoons, measuring cups, etc.), cookie sheet, frying pan, coffee, coffee pot, tea, teapot, picture, vase. Tool/Car: Screwdriver, wrench, gloves, car wash, tire wash, car wax, drill, hammer. These are just a few examples. **Please drop your donations off in Dattilo Hall after Mass, or at the parish office by July 19th.** Thank you so much for your generous support.



BOOTH SPONSORSHIP: If you would like to sponsor a booth at the festival, please contact the office or fill out a blue booth sponsorship form in the rear of the church by July 17th.



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 _____

WORD OF GOD



THROUGHOUT THIS WEEK IN WORD OF GOD PARISH LITURGIES, we will use the Altar Bread in memory of **Paul McLaughlin** from Family & Friends; and the Altar Candles in memory of **Mrs. Josephine Pulcini** from the Swissvale Chapter of AARP.

THANK YOU for the generous donation to the parish in memory of **John Tomovcsik** from his family.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

July 5.....\$5,998.00

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 _____

OKTOBERFEST: Parishioners and Friends of Word of God Parish, Oktoberfest will be held **Sept. 26th**. This year's Oktoberfest promises to be bigger and better than ever! We are already planning the baskets for the Chinese Auction and could use your help. The raffle baskets have proven to be very profitable fundraisers for our church. We would like to increase the number of baskets available.



Some basket ideas include:

Holiday baskets	Money trees
Wine	Lottery trees
Food themes	Sports
Bath and beauty products	Tickets to events
School theme	Get-a-way weekends

Any **new items** that you may have stashed away in a closet or basement may be perfect additions to a raffle basket. Please contact Jen Pekor at 412-417-5731 to make arrangements to drop off donations or commit to creating a basket. We appreciate your support!

Are You Looking for a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment? Come join us and be a part of East Catholic School on 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills. Registration for the 2015-16 school year is now open. Please call the office at 412-351-5403, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre-K (at St. John Fisher) full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs (at East Catholic). Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten.



CAMP R: Plan the best week of your child's summer! Sessions are filling up quickly. Many parents have chosen this great outdoor opportunity for their children in Laurel Hill State Park. This is a co-ed, residential camp operated by The Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh, Inc. for more than 75 years. Activities include swimming, fishing, sports, archery, kayaking, cookouts, campfires, games, hiking, end of the week dance, and more! Camp R is located in Somerset County. For info. visit www.cyacampr.com or call 412-621-3342 to request a brochure.



VIKING YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP-Mon., July 20 & Tues., July 21, 6:00p.m.-8:45p.m. For boys entering grades 4 through 9, will be held at Central Catholic. For information contact Virg Palumbo, 724-816-0108.

CONNECTING WITH CATHOLICS IN COLLEGE: Do you want to help a college student stay connected to the Church? Send their name and contact information to the Newman Connection, which will invite them to Catholic activities on their campus. Fill out the form at www.dipitt.org/newmanconnection. Please pray for our students and share the Newman Connection with your friends and family.

ST. CANICE 8th GRADE CLASS OF 1971 REUNION – South Park August 1, 2015, at the Bright Star grove from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. For more details please call Tim Palaski, 1-800-599-6342 or email ttap12@verizon.net or Mimi DiGregory by email at mimid1957@yahoo.com. We also have a Facebook page under St. Canice Class of '71 Reunion. If you know of anyone that attended St. Canice from this class please let them know. Come and join us for fun and memories!



CHECK www.masstimes.org to find the location of a church when you are on vacation.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH PRAYER BREAKFAST-Saturday, August 8, 9:00a.m.-12 Noon, DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly Sheraton) in Cranberry Twp. The speaker will be Kate Valentine. She feels she was sent forth anew by God with a message and purpose that would help many. She will talk about her tragedies and rock solid faith where God is first and real in a way most of us don't know. She is an award winning book author and speaker. Cost: \$20/person; reservations call Kay, 724-772-6749, or Pam, 412-461-8906, or check www.magnificatpittsburgh.oprg. Deadline is July 31.

92nd Annual Slovak Day -Thursday, July 16, Kenywood Park, West Mifflin. It is a day for Slovaks to celebrate their heritage with each other while enjoying colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, spectacular Slovak Folk Dance performances, scrumptious Slovak food, special children's activities as well as foot-tapping music for dancing. A highlight is the celebration of the Slovak Liturgy. The Main Celebrant will be the newly ordained Bishop Edward C. Malesic from the Greensburg Diocese, along with several Catholic priests from the Pittsburgh, Greensburg and Johnstown-Altoona Dioceses. For a day to remember, join all Slovaks on Thursday, July 16, at Kenywood Park. The cost of tickets are \$25-general admission, \$15-55 years of age and over, and a coupon will be available for those 70 years and over to be paid at the gate for \$11.00 + tax. Tickets and coupons are available by contacting Sue Ondrejco, 412-421-1204 or Rev. Joseph Grosko, 412-466-6545. For general information about the 92nd Slovak Day contact Chairwomen Dolores Sakal, 412-243-0438.

Swissvale Meals on Wheels: This independent community organization has been serving meals to those in need Monday-Friday every week since 1973. Volunteers from the community (drivers and helpers) deliver the meals that are prepared at the LifeCare Hospital of Pittsburgh. The meals consist of a nutritious hot meal in a microwavable container, salad, dessert, milk, juice, and bread, along with a sandwich and piece of fruit for a smaller meal later in the day. The cost is \$20.00 per week for this service. It can be used as a temporary service for post-hospital recovery or for long term for those who need it. For more information about signing up for the service, please call Edwin Goldbach, 412-371-2909.

Readings for Sunday, July 19

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6...The Lord promises to shepherd the people Israel.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18...Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading: Mark:6:30-34...Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Question for reflection: How much time do you take to renew yourself so you can be a better disciple of Jesus?

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July 2015

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene had reason to be grateful to Jesus.

He freed her from seven demons that oppressed her (Luke 8:2). In turn, St. Mary helped to support Jesus' ministry from her own money, followed him faithfully, and stood at the foot of the Cross with Jesus' mother. Often mistaken for the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50, she was the one Jesus chose to inform the Apostles of his Resurrection. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."



From Pope Francis

In his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis challenges all of us to change our lifestyles to be gentler to the environment, the poor, and each other. Remember creation is a gift. "Find happiness in simple things: get-togethers, helping others, honing a talent, enjoying art and music, praying."

"The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (Genesis 2:15).



Are you a new creation?

When sin first entered the world, God's perfect plan of creation went awry. Instead of being inclined to do good, humans now choose sin. This is not what God intended, so he gave us a chance to become new creations. "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Are you ready to become something new?

Our new life begins now. Jesus did not die on the Cross so that our new life could begin someday. Our new life begins now. We start by working to become a living,

breathing example of the teachings of Jesus Christ. We start by trying to look like him.

Immediate perfection is not required. It is important not to wait until we think we can get it completely right. All that matters is to make a start. God will help us with the rest.

Use the Lord's strength. Jesus knew that once lost, we couldn't make it to Heaven on our own. We need his help so he left us supports such as the Sacraments where we can seek his grace. When we stumble and fall, Jesus will pick us up and help us get back on track. Trying again is what makes the difference between the old and the new.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

What is Anointing of the Sick?

The Sacrament, "Anointing of the Sick," strengthens those suffering a serious illness or infirmity of age. Anointing can be received more than once in a lifetime. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters

of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

This sacrament also has the effect of uniting the sick to the passion of Christ, giving peace and strength, and forgiving sins.



