

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



June 14, 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Congratulations to Patti Aducci and Vince & Jo Donatelli who were awarded the diocesan "Manifesting the Kingdom" last weekend. They were recognized for their outstanding service to the Church.

Thank you to the dozen workers who helped spread mulch at Madonna last Saturday. We are grateful for your assistance.

Thank you to Mike Burke and the Word of God Music Ministry, Jim Macek, and all who prepared and participated in the Corpus Christi procession. Special thanks to Mike Matthyse & Peggy Evans for their help in set up/clean up for the brunch and Apostolate Fair. The day was certainly something beautiful for God.

Congratulations to the 8th Grade Graduates of East Catholic:

Katlyn Busch

Seth Kaplan

Andrew Macioce

Meghan McDonough

Gianna Mele-Madigan - Crossroads Scholarship

Angela Petrarca

Kristina Rajakovich - Crossroads & Junior Achievement Scholarships

Erik Schauer

Hannah Shanley - Crossroads, Ellis & Oakland Catholic President's Scholarships

Brady Swanson

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**Communion Minister & Reader Formation Session:
Sunday, June 14th, Noon-2:00 p.m., Madonna.**

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - June 13 - Vigil

4:00 PM Geraldine Lisjak (Family)

6:00 PM Dorothy Lohner (Pekor/Lohner Families)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 14

9:00 AM Aloysius & Florence Byrnes (Family)

11:00 AM For the People

Monday - June 15

7:00 PM Peg Koontz (Donna & Jack Reilly)

Tuesday - June 16

9:30 AM Giuseppe Dichiera (Dtr. Rosetta, Son-in-law & Family)

Wednesday - June 17

8:00 AM Carmella & Carl Scarmucci (John Scaramucci, MD)

Thursday - June 18

9:30 AM Red & Jule Mallon & Dan (Family)

Friday - June 19 - St. Romuald

8:00 AM Anthony Pallotta (Al & Margie Haski)

Saturday - June 20

9:30 AM John & Stella King (Amy, Ruth & Andy Malinski)

Saturday - June 20- Vigil

4:00 PM David Iovino (Augustine & Anna Cappella)

6:00 PM For the People

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 21

9:00 AM For Living & Deceased Fathers

11:00 AM For Living & Deceased Fathers

THIS WEEK

Sunday - Parish Utilities Collection

12:00 NN to 2:00 PM - Communion Minister & Reader Formation Session - Madonna

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

Readings for Sunday, June 21

1st Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11...God reminds Job that creation is under God's control.

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17...Those in Christ are a new creation.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41...Jesus calms the storm and calms the terrified disciples.

Questions for reflection: How has Jesus helped you get through the "storms" in your life? When, if ever, have you experienced a lack of faith in Jesus during these troubling times?



PRO-LIFE CORNER: Preborn children are God-given gifts created in the image of God and are entrusted to parents for their fulfillment to be nurtured in the worship and service of God. Pray that we, as a nation, do not continue to reject these precious gifts through abortion.

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH

PARISHES: Visit the CD/book kiosk at the churches. As we continue our joy of His resurrection, we have the opportunity to strengthen our relationship in a number of topics. Open your heart to what He would like to share! **Suggested donations: CD's \$3.00 • Booklets \$2.00 • Books \$4.00.** Please place donations in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. This year's collection is **the weekend of June 28th.** Please use the special envelope in your packet.

FUNERAL VIGIL VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers visit bereaved family and friends at the funeral home and lead the Vigil Prayers for the deceased on behalf of the pastor and the parish. Volunteers serve in groups of two or more and lead a set format of prayers and readings that take about 10 minutes to complete. Volunteers do not preach, eulogize, or offer spontaneous personal reflections. There will be an informational session on Mon, June 22, 7:30p.m. in Dattilo Hall. Please call Karen at 412-241-1372. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Deacon Ron, 412-241-1372 or via email wordofgodpa@gmail.com.



... Absent from the body ...
Present with the Lord

PROPER SUMMER MASS ATTIRE: Dressing appropriately shows mindfulness towards God, as well as respect for the sanctity of the Mass and the experience of fellow parishioners.



MASS-Thurs., June 18, 1:30p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st floor.

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, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st floor, **every Mon., 3:30 p.m.**



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.

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.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every other **Wednesday** in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is **June 24th.** If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP will not have their usual meeting on **Thursday, June 25** at Madonna in order to join the Festival of Praise at the seminary that evening. Call Mike Matthyse for details, 412-241-1254.



Fr. John Lynam's 15th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood is Wed., June 24th.

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.

START WITH PRAYER: Bishop David Zubik is inviting all Catholics to take part in a dynamic planning initiative called "On Mission for The Church Alive!" Three **Evenings of Prayer** will be held this summer to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The first session, an **Evening of Adoration** with the theme **What Am I to Do?** will be held on



Wed., June 24, 7:00 p.m. at North American Martyrs, 2526 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146; or Sacred Heart, 310 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh (Shadyside), PA 15206. For more info. visit OnMissionChurchAlive.org. God is calling you!

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE WITH BISHOP ZUBIK-Thurs., June 25th, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. Join Bishop Zubik, and the seminarians for an "Evening of Adoration and Praise" at St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205, to pray for the six men being ordained priests and an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. A light reception will follow. For more info. call 412-456-3123. We will have a **car pool** leaving from Madonna at 6:00p.m.— for info. call Mike Matthyse, 412-241-1254.

**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.



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 microwaveable 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.

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp for the DeFrank & Ciao Families from Josephine Ciao.

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 cooperation of the entire parish to make this a success. Anyone 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.



Festival 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.**



Festival Raffle Tickets: The raffle tickets for this year's festival will be in the back of church. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

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:

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| 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, Wine, Candles & Sanctuary Lamp in memory of **Aloysius & Florence Byrnes** from family.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WEDDING BANS

II Jessica Baier & Peter Bucci

WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

June 7 offertory.....\$6,303.00



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:

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| 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.



DuquesneFest, Duquesne University's largest open house event, will be held **Sun., June 14, beginning at 8:00a.m.** This exciting day is a fun way for fall 2015 high school seniors to learn more about the university. Register online, www.duq.edu/duquesnefest or call 412-396-6222.

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.

ATTENTION: Women Ages 18-45: You are invited to join the Sisters of St. Francis, Neumann Communities as we travel to David, Kentucky **June 21-28** to repair homes for people in need through our Franciscans in Action Service Retreat. While giving of your time and talent, you'll also experience personal and spiritual growth in the Franciscan tradition. To register contact Sr. Karen Krebs, OSF, 412-965-1247, or kkrebs@sosf.org; info. www.sosf.org.



RETREAT/CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL GUYS-July 12-15: 3rd Annual Quo Vadis Days with Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Nick Vaskov, and the seminarians—for young men entering in or just graduated from high school. This retreat is formed around learning what it means to be a Catholic Christian Man and discerning one's vocation. Included: prayer, sports, talks, hikes, outdoor team games and more. Visit www.pghpriest.com for more information and to register.



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.



SUMMER CONFERENCE-FRANCISCAN

UNIVERSITY, Steubenville, OH. Encounter Christ in new ways through dynamic worship, inspired preaching, the sacraments, and more. Grow in faith with thousands of other Catholics and come away forever changed. For information check www.steubenvilleconferences.com or call 740-283-6315.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAMS:

More than 500 courses are offered. Thirteen sessions, from 3 to 12 weeks will be offered in June and July for day, evening, and online formats. Some of the courses include music, education, paralegal certificate, athletic camps, writing camp for high school students, professional development, and reading clinics. Check duq.edu/summer for more information and registration.

SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL, Fri., June 19 & Sat., June 20, 4:00p.m.-10:00p.m., 455 Center Road on Route 48 North (Orange Belt) from Business 22, Monroeville, PA 15146. Fri.-cod fish sandwich & haddock dinner, and Sat.-pork sandwich, roasted half-chicken dinner, and kielbassi sandwiches. Slavic foods served both evenings including: stuffed cabbage, pirohi, haluški, and spinach pie. Baked goods include nut rolls, ladylocks, baklava, cheese pockets, pies, cakes, and more. Entertainment, 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m. on Fri.-songs of Eastern Europe by Dario & Tamburasi & Sat.-Liz & Duke, "Back Together," perform favorite Oldies but Goodies of the 50's & 60's. Also featured is a Chinese auction, bingo, poker, black jack, and games of chance. For info. call 412-759-0245.

Assumption School Flea Market & Basket Raffle-Sat., June 20, 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. & Sun., June 21, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m., McGovern Hall, 45 North Sprague Avenue, Bellevue. Included: collectables, jewelry, kitchen items, toys, etc., and also concessions. Proceeds benefit the school. For more information call 412-761-7887.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL-Thurs., June 25-Sat., June 27, 6:00p.m.-11:00p.m., St. Thomas A'Becket Church, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025. Flea Market presale on Sat., June 20, 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Admission is \$5. Location is the lower level of new church building, and will also be open on festival days. Also featured is a Super Auction. Dinners served each evening plus hot dogs, hamburgers, kolbassi & kraut, hot sausage, fries, funnel cakes, ice cream, and more. For information call 412-655-2885.

CONCERT ON THE LAWN-Fri., June 26, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m., St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh (Churchill), PA 15235. Bring a chair or blanket, snacks and whatever food you enjoy for a wonderful evening of good music and friendship on our beautiful grounds. Wine, beer, soda and water are available for a donation. A free-will offering will be taken up to help defray expenses. For more information call 412-241-4722.

Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? Don't give up -- Give Retrouvaille a try. The next Pittsburgh program begins on **July 10**. Please call contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org.

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

June 2015

Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes

Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Thomas More

Called a "man for all seasons," Thomas was a scholar, lawyer, gentleman, father, and chancellor of England. He was grounded in classics and religion before entering Oxford to study law. King Henry VIII appointed him Lord Chancellor but Thomas resigned three years later when Henry defied the pope. Thomas then spent the rest of his life defending the Catholic Church. In 1534, Thomas' refusal to recognize the King as the Head of the Church of England cost him his life.



Holy sinners

It is said that as St. Francis of Assisi lay dying, he claimed to be the greatest of sinners. The holier we become, the more aware we are of our sinfulness.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8).



Drive out demons and heal, too

Jesus demonstrated his power through signs to prove the truth of his words. He also said that certain signs will accompany his true followers (Mark 16:17-18). As members of the Church, we, too, can:

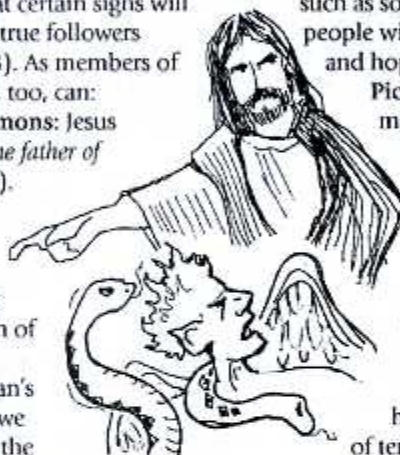
Drive out demons: Jesus called Satan, "the father of lies" (John 8:44). Satan spreads deceit and despair throughout the world. The truth of the Gospel overpowers Satan's lies. Whenever we bear witness to the Gospel, we help to drive out demonic forces.

Speak new languages: The Gospel truth never changes but making sure it is heard may mean changing methods to suit the time, culture, and place.

Sometimes this entails learning new vocabulary or ways of communicating, such as social media, to reach more people with God's message of love and hope.

Pick up serpents. Nothing is more poisonous to our relationship with God than yielding to temptation. Temptation, depicted by a serpent, was Satan's weapon against our first parents. When we use the Church's tools, including the Gospel and the Sacraments, we can safely handle the poisonous serpent of temptation.

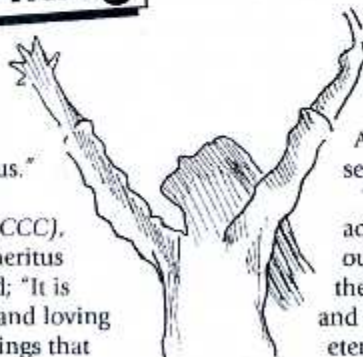
Heal the ill. Physical illness can be devastating, but so is the great spiritual sickness, ignorance of God. We don't all have the gift of physical healing but when we proclaim the Gospel, we can bring healing to those who don't know God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do we adore God?

"Adoration exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us." (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2628). Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said; "It is only by adoring and loving God above all things that



human beings can totally fulfill themselves." Adoration of God makes sense because of who he is. When we adore God, we acknowledge that we owe our existence to him. He is the purpose of our existence and joining him in Heaven for eternity is our ultimate goal.

