

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: 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 noon at St. Anselm Church and by appointment.


BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

MassSchedule

Monday, March 3	7:00 P.M.
Wiktor Jathowski (Tom & Elmira Dinardo)	
Tuesday, March 4	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Tuesday, March 4	7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour	
Wednesday, March 5	8:00 A.M.
Iolanda & Nicola Sciullo (M/M Joe Ricci)	
Wednesday, March 5	12:00 P.M.
Word of God Service	
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 P.M.
Danielle Penrod (John A. Zenone)	
Thursday, March 6	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Friday, March 7	8:00 A.M.
Bruno Giordano (Carmela Zenone)	
Friday, March 7	7:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour	
Saturday, March 8	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Saturday, March 8	4:00 P.M.
Jennie & Joseph Punturi (Andrea & Scott Eicher & Tyler Punturi)	
Saturday, March 8	6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass	
Sunday, March 9	9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Sunday, March 9	11:00 A.M.
For Our Parishioners	
	
Wednesday, March 5	8:00 A.M.
No Altar Servers	
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 P.M.
Maria Petrarca & Angela Petrarca	
Saturday, March 8	4:00 P.M.
Nichole O'Dell & Eliza Bagwell	
Sunday, March 9	11:00 A.M.
Grace Perla & Andrew Klabnik	



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Wednesday, March 5	8:00 A.M.
Al Haski, Cathy Wreath	
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 P.M.
Dave Petrarca & Marian Iovino	
Saturday, March 8	4:00 P.M.
Cathy Wreath, Ellie Yearsley, Al Haski, Dave Petrarca	
Sunday, March 9	11:00 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Mike Pascal, Marian Iovino	

Lectors

Wednesday, March 5	8:00 A.M.
None	
Wednesday, March 5	7:00 P.M.
Rose Pascal	
Saturday, March 8	4:00 P.M.
Peggy Gibson	
Sunday, March 9	11:00 A.M.
Janice Marco	

PSP DONATION

In memory of:

GINO MARIANI from John & Judy Di Bernardo.



The Tabernacle Lamp is for
A BLESSED LENT
From Linda & Tony Russo.



The Altar Candles are for
A BLESSED LENT
From Linda & Tony Russo.



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

+ **REST IN PEACE** +

ANTHONY A. SALLO, husband of Barbara.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

"Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it's saying to the Lord, 'Lord, I am a sinner.'" - Pope Francis. This Lent on the evening of Wed., March 12, from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you...

From
the
Pastor



Ash Wednesday is February 5. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:00 A.M. Mass at Madonna, the Noon Service at Word of God and the 7:00 P.M. Mass at Madonna. There will also be an Ash Service at Swissvale Towers at 1:30 P.M.

Lenten regulations are

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
- The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
- Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour are held during Lent on Fridays at 7 p.m. in church.



Our Annual fish Fry will be held Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) in Bishop Dattilo hall from Noon to 7:00 P.M. Baked or fried cod dinners, Eggplant, shrimp basket, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagiole, apple-

sauce, bread & butter & beverages are available. Children's menu and take out orders available. Deliveries available within a reasonable distance until 2:00 P.M.

Also, we are asking for donations of butter/margarine (no spread), noodles, cabbage, onions, sugar, flour, coffee, lemon blend or a cash donation would be appreciated. You can drop these items off at the social hall before or after all weekend masses or call Lois Petrarca (412-646-2344) or Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912). We will be needing baked goods for Ash Wednesday & Lenten Fridays. Call Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912).

While we appreciate the help we get every year from our wonderful volunteers, we also need more volunteers to help with this year's Fish Fry—Setting up, cooking, serving, drivers to deliver take out orders and for clean up. There will be sign up sheets in Bishop Dattilo Hall.

CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, March 8, confessions at St. Anselm will be at 1 pm due to Confirmation that morning at 11 am. There will still be 9:30 am mass & Mary devotions as regularly scheduled.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation for children of families registered at Madonna del Castello & Word of God Parishes is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at 11 am. Bishop William Waltersheid will preside at St. Anselm Church. Please contact the rectory office for the required registration & information forms. Registration forms due by March 3.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life: Begins on Wed., March 5 and ends on Sunday, April 13th. Our parishes are invited to unite with Christian churches in the Pittsburgh area to pray and fast to end abortion. Our parishes will also stand in peaceful prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic 933 Liberty Avenue on **Saturday, April 5th, from 3 to 7 pm.** Information packets with sign up forms are available in the literature racks and tables. Please sign up for one or more hours. You may also sign up to pray at the display in the back of church. You may also participate on any day between now and April 13th. Questions: Deacon Ron, parish office or 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.

PROLIFE CORNER

"I was hungry and you did not feed Me. I was thirsty and you did not give Me a drink. I was naked and you did not clothe Me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit Me." This is His clear word from divine revelation. On the day of judgment, do you honestly think He will not add: "I was slaughtered in an abortion clinic and you did nothing to rescue me"?"

Protecting God's Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

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

Lent 2014 Schedule

(WG): Word of God Parish, St. Anselm Church (M) Madonna Parish

Ash Wednesday (March 5th)

8 am Mass (M),
Noon Service (WG),
1:30 pm Service (*Hi Rise*),
7 pm Mass (M)

Fridays

(except Good Friday, April 18th)

Noon, Stations with Exposition
& Benediction (WG)
7 pm, Holy Hour: Eucharistic Adoration,
Stations, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Benediction (M)

Saturdays

(except Holy Saturday, April 19th)

10 am, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Devotions (WG)
Noon, Confessions (WG)
Eucharistic Adoration: *one hour before
evening Masses (M & WG)*
Rosary: *45 minutes before Mass,*
Benediction: *15 minutes before Mass*

Sundays:

Eucharistic Adoration: *one hour before Mass*
Rosary: *45 minutes before Mass,*
Benediction: *15 minutes before Mass*

Tuesdays:

7 pm, Holy Hour: Eucharistic Adoration,
Homily on a Lenten Theme,
Rosary and Benediction (M)

Special Events:

Wednesday, March 12, 6 – 9 pm

*"Lights on For You" Diocesan-wide
Sacrament of Penance (M & WG)*

Holy Week Triduum:

*(no Eucharistic Adoration before
Triduum Masses & Services)*

Holy Thursday (April 17th)

7 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (M)
Seven Church Walk following Mass
*(Note: the St. Anselm church will be open
from 8:30 pm to 10 pm for prayer)*

Good Friday (April 18th):

11:30 – noon, Ecumenical Via Dolorosa
(begins at Word of God)
1 pm, Celebration of the Passion of
the Lord (WG)
2:30 pm, Divine Mercy Novena (WG)
(following the Celebration of the Passion)

Holy Saturday (April 19th)

11:30 am, Blessing of Baskets (WG)
Divine Mercy Novena: (WG)
(following the Blessing of the Baskets)
Noon, Confessions (WG)
7 pm, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, (M)

Easter Sunday (April 20th)

9 am Mass (WG)
11 am Mass (M)
Divine Mercy Novena: (M)
(following the Mass)
12:30 pm Mass (WG)



LENT 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p> <p>9 After Mass today, go to breakfast with other parishioners from church.</p>	<p>10 Read the seven penitential psalms in the Old Testament book of Psalms that express remorse for sins: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130 and 143.</p> <p>17 Jesus was killed despite his innocence. Pray a Rosary for all unborn children so they don't suffer the same fate through abortion.</p>	<p>11 Pope Benedict once said, "We are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess." Find a way to share what you have.</p> <p>18 Look for someone who has fallen on hard times and send an anonymous card with a cheering message and a grocery store gift card.</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday (a day of fast and abstinence) Wear ashes today as a sign that you are seeking both forgiveness and eternal life from Christ.</p> <p>12 The Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need. Read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving.</p>	<p>6 Start a prayer book and record those for whom you pray or for what you pray. Also keep track of how God answers your prayers.</p> <p>13 Grow in faith by believing that God is there for you. Pray about what worries you and know that God will take care of it.</p>	<p>7 It is our Christian responsibility to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.</p> <p>14 Support your parish's special Lent collections, whether it is the Bishop's Lenten campaign, Operation Rice Bowl or a mission collection.</p>	<p>8 Choose for your Lenten sacrifice something that will truly challenge you.</p> <p>15 The season of Lent is solemn. Read Matthew 26 and 27 to gain a true understanding of the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice.</p>
<p>16 Go to Mass early so you can take a drive to visit a friend you haven't seen in a long time.</p> <p>23 Make Sunday special. Invite friends and neighbors over for a potluck brunch after Mass.</p> <p>30 Laetare Sunday Go to a later Mass so you can wake up slowly, have a leisurely breakfast and enjoy a good book.</p> <p>6 Enjoy beauty. After Mass, stop by a store and pick up some flowers to cheer up your home.</p> <p>13 Use your Palm Sunday palms to make a cross to place in a prominent area in your home or car.</p>	<p>24 Consider making today a day of fasting. When you feel hungry, remind yourself of those for whom hunger isn't a choice.</p> <p>31 Spend time before the Eucharist in prayer and adoration. If there is no adoration chapel close by, find time when the church is open to be with Jesus.</p> <p>7 Ask St. Thérèse of Lisieux to inspire you to show "little ways of love" to those around you today.</p> <p>14 Add prayer to your day by praying the Rosary or Chapelet of Divine Mercy during your commute today, while waiting in line, or during your lunch hour.</p>	<p>19 Root out anger from your heart and bring in kindness. Do one small thing for someone today to show God reigns in your heart.</p> <p>25 Mother Teresa once said, there is a terrible hunger for love. "The poor you may have right in your own family. Find them. Love them."</p> <p>1 April God made Eve so that Adam would not be alone. What can you do today to be a good friend to someone?</p> <p>8 Deny yourself something you would like to buy. Then, give the money you saved to the poor.</p> <p>15 Pray today and each day this week for the catechumens coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil.</p>	<p>19 Root out anger from your heart and bring in kindness. Do one small thing for someone today to show God reigns in your heart.</p> <p>26 Jesus taught us to serve others. Do one nice thing for someone today without the expectation of thanks or appreciation.</p> <p>2 Perform Corporal Works of Mercy during Lent: feed the hungry, shelter homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, give drink to the thirsty, bury the dead.</p> <p>9 Evaluate your day. Did you add to someone's sense of peace today? Did you do anything to take peace away?</p> <p>16 Pray for someone you know who is facing a challenge.</p>	<p>20 When older people become less active, they can also become forgotten. Visit a senior you know, take one to lunch, and just listen.</p> <p>27 Pray the Chapelet of Divine Mercy, given to the world through St. Faustina to help repair the hurt caused by sin. Find it at www.usccb.org.</p> <p>3 Consider giving more time to God by volunteering in your parish. Take action to join the choir or become a lector, usher or Eucharistic Minister.</p> <p>10 Turn off the TV, computer, or other electronics for 30 minutes today. Offer this time to God in prayer or reading the Bible.</p> <p>17 Early Christians visited seven basilicas in Rome on Holy Thursday as a pilgrimage. Make a pilgrimage to churches in your area today.</p>	<p>21 Attend a "Stations of the Cross" service if your parish offers one. If not read through them here: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/devotionals/stations-of-the-cross/index.cfm.</p> <p>28 Lent is a demanding time for parish priests. Call your parish office to offer extra support or help.</p> <p>4 Show Jesus you are willing to carry your cross by tackling something difficult you've been putting off.</p> <p>11 Children are the future of the Church. Explore ways to support your parish religious education program or youth group.</p> <p>18 Today is Good Friday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Read and compare all four Gospel accounts of the passion and death of Jesus.</p>	<p>22 To avoid sin, one must understand what God expects. Refresh yourself on the 10 Commandments in Genesis:20.</p> <p>29 Becoming more aware of sin helps to avoid it. Make a list of all you do today putting what would please God in one column and what wouldn't in another.</p> <p>5 Perform an examination of conscience and seek healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation today.</p> <p>12 Light a candle to represent the light Jesus brought to the world. Let the light dwell in you by spreading the good news of salvation to others.</p> <p>19 Jesus suffered and died so that we would have hope. Today, make a list of everything for which you have hope in this life and the next.</p>