## The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

March 25, 2018



## 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.
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Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon (Word of God church)

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment at least 6 months before the wedding

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available after Mass and upon request

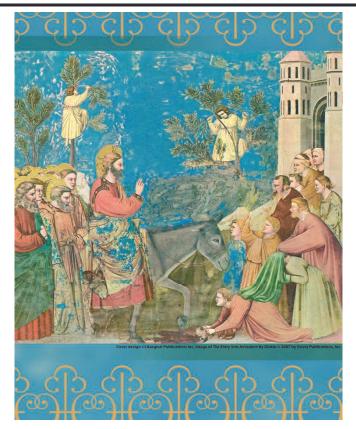
#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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School Websitewww.eastcatholicschool.org

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.

**PALM SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2018** 



#### A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Please keep those who were confirmed by Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid on Friday, March 16, at St. Bede Parish in your prayers: Alexander Bilyak, Nora Ottie & Kyra Rockovich.

Blessed Palms Disposal: Do not throw them in the garbage since they are a blessed sacramental that you can display in your home as a blessing. You may bring them to church for burning or burn them yourself in a fire that is not used as fuel for cooking. Bury the ashes.

Chrism Mass: Holy Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Cathedral. The Bishop will bless the sacramental oils and the priests of the Diocese renew unity with the Bishop.

No Eucharistic Adoration before the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil ceremonies and the Easter Sunday Masses.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Notes: The tabernacle will be empty for the Holy Thursday Mass (the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved at the Blessed Mother altar) and the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Please do not genuflect to the tabernacle; bow to the altar in-

Good Friday is a day of fasting (ages 18-59, one full meal and 2 lighter meals) and abstaining from meat (14 and older).

**Good Friday Stations** of the Cross at noon at Word of God.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection is used to maintain the holy shrines and assist the Franciscan missionaries who serve in the Holy Land.

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross: The rite calls for the use of just one cross instead of several. Since the practice began centuries ago by venerating the wooden relics of the True Cross, it is appropriate to use a cross instead of a crucifix. People will approach the cross in 2 columns. They may bow, kiss, or touch the wood of the cross. A genuflection is optional.

Incense: The cloud of incense smoke symbolizes prayer rising to God (see Psalm 141:2 and Revelation 8:3-5). It also honors sacred persons and things in liturgical worship. Incense will be used on Holy Thursday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation.

#### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday Vigil - March 24

4:00 PM For the People

6:00 PM Dec. of Furry & Mondry Families (Larry

& Pat Furry)

Palm Sunday - March 25

9:00 AM Norman DeLuca-3rd Anniversary of Death

(Wife & Family)

11:00 AM Beloved Deceased of Bonacci & Martin

Families (John & Janice Bonacci)

Monday - March 26

7:00 PM Jennie Punturi & Mary Lou Murello

(Ron & Marcia Murello)

Tuesday - March 27

9:30 AM Len Schockling (Karen Zezza)

Wednesday - March 28

8:00 AM Mary "Lynn" Raucci (Nancy AmDurs)

Holy Thursday - March 29

7:00 PM (M) Bishops, Priests, Deacons & Religious

Good Friday - March 30

12:30 PM (W) Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - March 31

7:00 PM (M) RCIA Candidates

Easter Sunday - April 1

9:00 AM For the People

11:00 AM For the Youth & Elderly

#### THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday - Collection of Food - Swissvale Food Pantry

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM –Gift Shop open

Monday - Deadline-Memorial Easter Flower Envelopes

6:30 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God

Tuesday

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna

Eucharistic Adoration, Lenten Reflection,

Rosary & Benediction

Wednesday

4:30 PM Legion of Mary - Swissvale Towers

7:00 PM Bible Study—Dattilo Hall

**Holy Thursday** 

7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Madonna

Followed by Seven Church Walk

to 10:00 PM - Word of God & Madonna 8:30 PM

Adoration and Prayer

Good Friday - Holy Land Collection-Parish Office Closed

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM-Ecumenical Via Dolorosa

Begins at Word of God

12:00 PM Stations - Word of God

12:30 PM Passion of the Lord -Divine Mercy

Novena-Word of God

Followed by Meager Meal - Parish Center

**Holy Saturday** 

11:30 AM Blessing of Baskets followed by Divine Mercy

Novena - Word of God

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God

7:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - Madonna

**Easter Sunday** 

9:00 AM Mass—Word of God

Mass-Madonna 11:00 AM

**Monday - Parish Office Closed** 



Candlelight Mass-Fri., April 6, 8:00 p.m., St. Stanislaus Church, 57—21st Street (Strip District), Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Join us every 1st Fri. For info. visit facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh or call 412-471-4767.

#### LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA

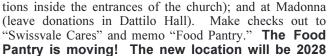
St. Joseph—continued from March 18

**Rest:** While Joseph shows us the dignity of work, he had some of his best moments as he slept. It was here that God spoke to him repeatedly through dreams. We can distinguish two types of rest: physical sleep and spiritual abandonment to God. Both are critical for holiness. Sleep renews us for another day of work and love. Just ask the mother of a newborn about the importance of sleep. Abandonment increases our hope in God's loving providence, strengthening our faith in times of trials and creating room for love to grow.

Family: Joseph was a great man, but where would he be without his family, without Jesus and Mary? I doubt he would make many appearances in 21st-century blog posts—most 1st-century Jewish carpenters don't. Joseph's holiness came through Jesus and Mary, by serving them and receiving from them. Similarly, God draws us to Himself through those around us. We do not become saints as isolated individuals, but as members of a family or community. Lent is a good opportunity to examine our closest relationships. Is there a need to forgive? Is there love that needs rekindling? Is there gratitude missing? These are excellent ways of giving alms. 5. Jesus and Mary: Of course, Joseph's family isn't your normal family. There's a special grace about Jesus and Mary (understatement of the year). If we compare our families to the Holy Family, we might be tempted to discouragement. But by God's goodness, Jesus and Mary are not distant, but rather intimately close to us: Jesus is our savior and brother, and Mary is our tender mother. Joseph, for his part, can help stay close to Jesus and Mary, just as he did. In the end, all of our Lenten practices are simply saying "yes" to Jesus, just as Mary first did at the Annunciation. May Mary pray for us, and may Jesus bring us to the Father. -Br. Joseph Martin Hagan, O.P.

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

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** Collection of food is taken the last Sunday of each month at Word of God Parish (leave dona-



**Noble St.** Distributions will continue to be on the 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each month 9:00a.m.-noon. Volunteers are always welcome to come out and help. Any questions please call Dario, 412-452-2792. Produce to People update: Begins the last Tuesday of each month through Oct. Distribution is from the parking lot at the 2000 block of Noble St. Fresh seasonal vegetables & fruits will be distributed 10:00a.m.-11:30a.m. All are welcome! Volunteers can plan to help set up at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to come and join us.



If you are in need or know someone in the area who would be in need of a ham for Easter, please call the parish office.

**Good Friday Collection:** Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education, and helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

**MARY'S CORNER:** The Legion of Mary invites all Active & Auxiliary Members to the Annual Re-Consecration to Jesus through Mary Sun., March 25, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 45 North Sprague Ave., (Bellevue) Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Holy Mass-12 noon; Holy Hour-1:15p.m.-2:15p.m.; Social will follow (lunch buffet) in church hall. Join us to celebrate the Annunciation of Mary! We look forward to seeing you.

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





Lenten Tuesday Holy Hour-7:00 p.m., Madonna: Adoration, Reflection, Rosary & Bene-

diction. The March 27th topic is "Mass."

40 Days for Life-Sunday, March 25th. Our parishes Respect the Pittsburgh area to the 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 <u>Sun-</u> day March 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Information packets with sign-up forms are available in the literature racks and tables. If you cannot join us physically, please support us with your prayers. Questions: Deacon Ron, parish office, or 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.



**RCIA:** Elizabeth Canter will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Sue Hall will be confirmed. Felix Ogbeha will be received into the Church and will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers.

SEVEN CHURCH WALK: Holy Thurs., March 29th,

approx. 8:15 p.m., bus leaves from Madonna Locust Street exit. We plan to visit the East Catholic Consortium parishes. Church tours planned. Bus space limited & reservations required. Contact Word of God Parish Office, 412-241-1372. Free will offering for bus driver accepted.



Via Dolorosa ("Way of Sorrows") Walk: Good



Friday, March 30th. The walk is a 1/2 mile prayer walk in imitation of the 1/3 mile that Jesus Christ carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem. The walk begins at 11:30a.m. in Word of God Church (7446 McClure Ave.),

and continues through the business district, ending at noon on the steps of Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 So. Braddock Ave., followed by soup and bread meal courtesy of Mennonite congregation. Rain or shine. You can join along the way or at the end. Sponsored by Swissvale Churches. Questions: Dcn. Ron Demblowski, 412-241-1372.

Public Way of the Cross-Good Fri., March 30,

Wilkinsburg. All are invited to participate in the "Way of the Cross...Way of Compassion, Public Procession of Prayer." Stations begin 10:00a.m. at St. James with stops in the neighborhood, and finish one block from St. James. A collection will be taken up for The Sanctuary Project, a faith-based community effort in Wilkinsburg to end youth violence and restore hope to our neighborhoods; info. call St. James Church, 412-241-1392.

Concert-Good Fri., March 30, 7:30 p.m., St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh (Churchill), PA 15235. Concert by University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club under the direction of Richard E. Teaster. Free-will offering will be appreciated; info. call the church office, 412-241-4722.

Easter Egg Hunt-Sat., March 31, 1:00 p.m.,

St. John Fisher Church grounds. Children are invited to begin the celebration of Easter. They should bring a basket to collect the eggs. Registration is requiredcall the church office (no cost); deadline-Mon., March 26.

#### Madonna del Castello



The Altar Candles are in memory of DOMENIC PETRARCA from Karin Hulick.



The Altar Bread and Wine are in memory of JAMES DONNELLY from Rosemary Sainne.

PSP Donations in Memory of:

DOMENIC PETRARCA from M/M Patrick Malloy, Joe & Josie Creston, Tony & Lenora Petrarca.

JOE MIELE from Dave & Diane Petrarca & Family, Joe & Josie Creston.

Rest in peace: DOROTHY WEBB, wife of the late John.

#### **MADONNA COLLECTIONS**

March 18	\$2,672.00
Easter Flowers	\$826.00

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, under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.

Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: Contact Kelly James at the parish office.

#### **Holy Week Triduum**:

(No Eucharistic Adoration before Triduum Masses & Services)

Holy Thursday (March 29th)

7 pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (M)

Seven Church Walk after Mass

(Note: Word of God Church will be open from 8:30 pm to 10 pm for prayer)

#### Good Friday (March 30th):

11:30 - noon, Ecumenical Via Dolorosa

(Begins at Word of God)

12 Noon-Stations (WG)

12:30 pm, Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (WG)

Divine Mercy Novena following the

Passion of the Lord (WG)

#### Holy Saturday (March 31st)

11:30 am, Blessing of Baskets (WG)

Divine Mercy Novena: (WG)

(following Blessing of Baskets)

Noon, Confessions (WG)

7 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (M)

#### Easter Sunday (April 1st)

9 am Mass (WG)

11 am Mass (M)

Divine Mercy Novena: (M)

(following the Mass)



Easter Blessing of Families, 2:00 p.m., St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Bishop Zubik, Aux. Bp. William Waltersheid & Retired Bp.William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh as they take the opportunity to thank families for the beautiful witness of love and faith that they share with us. Call 412-621-4951 for information.

### WORD OF GOD

#### Throughout This Week in Word of God Parish

**Masses**, we will use the Altar Bread in Memory of JAMES MITCHELL & THE MITCHELL, **DURANT & ADKINS FAMILIES from Margaret** Mitchell Durant; Sanctuary Lamp in memory of MARIE ROSSI from Rosemarie Joyce; and Altar Candles in memory of THEODORE KONDRICH from Greg & Julie Barbish.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of WILLIAM A. BACKA, SR., husband of the late Imelda, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May his soul rest in peace with Christ.



THROUGH THE SAVING WATERS OF **BAPTISM** we welcomed into the church recently LYDIA JOAN CHAMBERLAIN, daughter of Caitlin Harding & John Christopher Chamberlain.

#### WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS

March 18	.\$6,921.0	)()
Easter Flowers	\$1,231.0	0

**Thank You** to the Ladies of Charity and Legion of Mary for cleaning the church.



#### Gift Shop and Parish Library

News: Canterbury Corner has the new "He is Risen" car magnets from the Knights of Columbus. Cost is \$5.00 each. Take a look at something NEW—the Comfort Cross—a

hand-held Cross crafted from olive wood that is useful for prayer and devotional quiet times. The Cross can be held comfortably in the palm of the hand and helps to bring focus on praver.

**Library Book Sale**—weekend of **April 7-8** in conjunction with the Parish Family Social. Hours for sale: Sat., April 7, 5:00-7:30p.m. & Sun., April 8, 9:00-11:00a.m. Library & Gift Shop are closed Easter Sunday.

**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
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#### **EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR:** Prospective new families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3



-year-old preschool through the 8th grade are welcome to join us and be a part of East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills. Please call the office at 412-351-5403, 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m. to schedule a tour of the school, request information, or meet parents, stu-

dents, teachers and administration. See firsthand how East Catholic School offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018 to be eligible for kindergarten.

**Living Stations, Tues., March 27, 1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.,** St. Maurice Church. Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? If you're in the Forest Hills area of Pittsburgh, consider attending a performance of The "Living Stations." They will be presented by the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, who are members of the East Catholic School Fine Arts Club, under the direction of



Miss Mary Beth Koontz. The "Living Stations" is an experiential musical journey through Christ's Passion, as well as a spiritual wake-up call that provides a visual realization of what Christ went through on His way to the Cross. The music evolves and propels the participants through the story so that each feels present at the foot of the cross, not just as an observer, but as an active participant in salvation history. These Stations reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Jesus Christ's

Passion to help us prepare for Holy Week. We hope you can join us as we proceed on our Lenten journey. Admission is free.

Sacred Heart Elementary School's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cash Bash-Fri., April 20, Teamster Temple in Lawrenceville. Doors open a 6:00 p.m. Tickets-\$45/person (includes catered buffet dinner, two drinks, music and dancing). There will be 50/50, basket raffles, and a silent auction. Winners need not be present. For more information and to purchase tickets check www.sacredheartpgh.org/cashbash2018/. For questions email shecashbash@gmail.com.

**IMMACULEE Ilibagiza at Duquesne University-Tues., April 3, 7:00 p.m.** in Duquesne's Union Ballroom, fourth floor. Join Rwandan genocide survivor and New York Times best selling author as she shares her story of faith, hope and the power of forgiveness. Sponsored by the Center for African Studies. Event is free. RSVP at Duq.edu/forgiveness.

**Easter Monday-April 2-Dyngus Day, 12:00p.m.8:00p.m.,** Polish Falcons Nest 8, 60 S. 18th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Pittsburgh Pierogi Truck-12:00p.m.-8:00p.m., Franktuary Truck-3:00p.m.-8:00p.m. (also kielbasa & sauerkraut), fresh paczki, potato pancakes, Polish & domestic beer all day. Entertainment: Trel-Tones Polka Band-3:00p.m. & folk dance performance-6:30p.m. Kids activities & games-3:00p.m.-8:00p.m. For info. call 844-203-9917 or email April at millera@polishheritage.org., or visit polishheritage.org. or check the facebook page: facebook.com/pfheritage. Event free and open to the public.

**Bingo, Sun. April 8, 1:00 p.m.,** Sacred Heart Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills, PA 15221. Admission-\$20, paid at the door. No ticket pre-sale. There will be 16 regular games and 4 specials. Refreshments available for purchase. For more info. call Peggy, 412-824-2588.

Called by Name-Sun., April 15, 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m., St. Paul Seminary. We're all called to holiness. How does God invite us to holiness through His perfect plan for our lives? High school men & women—come to explore the vocations to priesthood and religious life. Event features Fr. Rick Martignetti, OFM, and Katrina Buchko as speakers. Fr. Levi Hartle will lead praise & Fr. Mike Ackerman, Vocations Director, will emcee. Included: Mass, dinner, dynamic talks, and adoration. There is no cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by April 6.



Healing Masses-April 16 & 17, 7:00p.m., St. Christopher on the Lake, Prospect, PA 16052, phone: 724-865-2430; Fr. Kiel, celebrant.

**Epiphany School Reunion-Sat., April 21:** This year marks the 45th anniversary of the closing of the school. To commemorate the occasion, the reunion is for all former students, teachers, staff & friends of Epiphany. Mass-6:00 p.m. followed by the celebration in McDowell Hall. Tickets are \$20/person (includes dinner, beer, soda pop, mixers and coffee). For info./RSVP email epiphanyreunion@gmail.com or call the church office, 412-471-0257 opt. 5.

#### Readings for Easter Sunday, April 1

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9





Join us for a Meager Meal to help us make the Lenten Pilgrimage together. Meager Meal is a light supper of homemade soup and bread, a simple inspiration to help us understand how the poor live.

PLACE: Word of God Parish FOOD FOR THE SOUL-12 Noon Stations

12:30 p.m.-Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
Divine Mercy Novena

FOOD FOR THE BODY - Soup, Bread & Fellowship Word of God Parish Center Following the Divine Mercy Novena (Good will offering benefits Ladies of Charity work for the poor.)



# ATTENTION MEN, REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS!

## **OPTION ONE:**



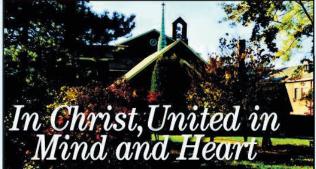
12th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men Saturday April 21st at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School

9 AM to 5 PM (Mass at 4)

- Doors open at 8:00; Program starts at 9:00
- · All day admission, come and go as you please
- First come first serve open seating
- · Disability seating available
- Free Parking
- Food included with purchase of ticket
- · Adult Tickets (Ordered Online) \$40
- Adult Tickets (Purchased at Door) \$50
- Youth/Student Tickets (Ages 13-22) \$10
- Power of 3 (3 Adult Tickets) \$99
- Priests, deacons & religious are free (Please register as space is limited)

Register online @ http://www.cmfpitt.org/register

OPTION TWO:



Annual Men's Retreat @ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center April 20, 21, 22

Door opens @ 4:00 PM Friday. Weekend ends after 11 AM Mass on Sunday.

Experience your own peace and spiritual reflection offered within the facilities and around the beautiful grounds overlooking the city of Pittsburgh.

The weekend retreat will allow you time for prayer, learning, personal growth, and a time of quiet to listen to the voice of God.

The weekend consists of workshops, conferences,

reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass,

and plenty of time for faith sharing.

Register online @
stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org
or call 412-381-7676

For further information please call Regis Rhodes @ 412-351-3298.

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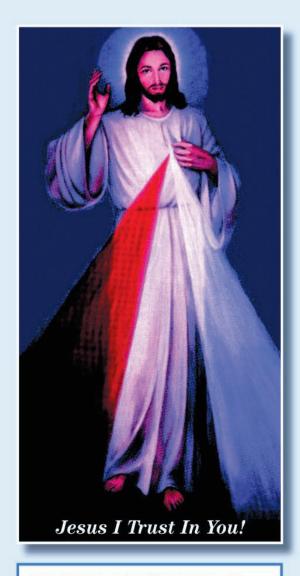
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journey.



#### THE NOVENA SCHEDULE WILL BE:

Good Friday: approx. 2:30 PM - Word of God

Holy Saturday: 11:30 AM - Word of God

Easter Sunday: following 11:00AM Mass - Madonna

Monday: following

7:00 PM Mass - Madonna

Tuesday: after 9:30 AM Mass - Word of God

Wednesday: after 8:00 AM Mass - Madonna

Thursday: after 9:30 AM Mass - Word of God

Friday: 7:00 PM, during our Holy Hour -

Madonna

Saturday: after 9:30 AM Mass - Word of God

Sunday: following 11:00 AM Mass - Madonna

Copies of the Novena will be provided in the church. All are welcome.

# Divine Mercy Novena

public recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena will be conducted at Madonna and Word of God beginning on Good Friday and continuing until the Second Sunday of Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday. In preparation for the Feast, our Lord asked Saint Faustina to make a novena of prayer beginning on Good Friday and He gave her a different intention to bring before him on each of the days.

Three times within her diary, Saint Faustina records our Lord's promise to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy. He says:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy" (1109)

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300)

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699)

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

- 1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins
- 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus
- 4. Go to Confession, preferably before that Sunday
- 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast
- 6. Venerate the Image of the Divine Mercy
- 7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf



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