

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

November 15 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	<i>Pastor</i>
Keith Kondrich	<i>Deacon</i>
Ron Demblowski	<i>Deacon/Pastoral Associate</i>
Edward Kapsha	<i>Madonna Music Director</i>
Michael Burke	<i>Word of God Music Director</i>
Kelly James	<i>Madonna Parish Secretary</i>
Karen Flynn	<i>Word of God Parish Secretary</i>
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

- Mk 13:30-32

Photos from the Liturgy for Mass (2007, 1996, 1998, 2002)

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you to Bob Gerwing who repainted the large Mary statue on the corner of So. Braddock & Westmoreland. We are grateful for the gift of time and talent that our parishioners make.

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Readings for Sunday, November 22

1st Reading: Daniel 7:13-14...Daniel prophesies about the coming of the Son of Man.

2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8...Jesus is the first born of the dead and the ruler of all.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37... Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

Question for reflection: Jesus says that those who belong to his kingdom listen to his voice. What might you do to be more attentive to what Jesus is calling you to be and do?

"Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnets to benefit the Special Needs Adult Holiday Fund are being sold for \$5 by the Knights of Columbus after Masses on the weekend of November 21st & 22nd. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. Questions? Contact Deacon Ron.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - November 14 - Vigil

4:00 PM For the People

6:00 PM Rosella & Isabelle Bianco (Family)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15

9:00 AM Gloria Jozwiak (Children)

11:00 AM Andrew Orfitelli (Gilda Orfitelli)

Monday - November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

7:00 PM John P. Mogus (Mike, Gerry & Joe Sorokacs)

Tuesday - November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

9:30 AM Rosella & Isabelle Bianco (Family)

Wednesday - November 18 - Dedication of Basilicas of St. Peter & St. Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:00 AM Mary & Al Indino (Arlene & George Abram)

Thursday - November 19

9:30 AM Thomas F. Grainy & Paul Molyneux (Walt & Joyce Pauli)

Friday - November 20

8:00 AM Betty Hullings (Kathy Alexander)

Saturday - November 21

9:30 AM Eileen Degener (Ray & Mary Kay Terzich)

Saturday - November 21- Vigil

4:00 PM Erik Valentino (Joe & Mary Pat Valentino & Family)

6:00 PM For the People

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 22

9:00 AM Kathryn Powers (Geri Green & Sr. Mary Victor)

11:00 AM Eva Buettner (M/M John Buettner)

THIS WEEK

Sunday - 2nd Collection-St. Vincent de Paul; Local Food Drive

12:15 PM Seniors' Dinner - Dattilo Hall

Monday

7:00 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God

Tuesday

7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary- Madonna

Wednesday

7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - Dattilo Hall

Friday

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna

Saturday

8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes - Madonna

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

Next Sunday - Collection for Retired Religious

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM - Gift Shop open, 1st floor, Parish Center

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM - Remembering the Smallest of Souls
Dattilo Hall

On Mission for The Church Alive! Let's talk. Those are good words. They call on us to put our heads together to solve problems, to build things up, to create good things. Let's stress that word "together." It's called collaboration - good people working together. Central to "On Mission for The Church Alive!" is collaboration. We are working collaboratively on the difficulties and opportunities we have as the Church of Pittsburgh to look for good answers. There's work to be done. Look around to find somebody to talk about those difficulties and opportunities. Today is a good time to start. To read more visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

EWTN Radio will feature seminarians from the Pontifical North American College in Rome expressing their emotions and anticipation about their upcoming ordinations to Bob Dolan on **Nov. 25, 3:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.** (30 minutes)

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK

AT BOTH PARISHES: "But of the day and hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, not the Son, but only the Father." To some this statement is a warning, and to some a promise. Ask yourself, if you knew the time and hour, and you would have time to 'change'.....what would you do? No time like the present! We have some sources to help you with your decisions.....look and see! **Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.**



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR "WISH LIST DRIVE": There will be the Little Sisters of the Poor "Wish List" Drive on **Thanksgiving Day and the weekend of Nov. 28th & 29th.** There are "Wish Lists" on green paper in the literature racks/on the tables. Leave your donations as directed. This takes the place of the end-of-the-month November food collection.

St. Vincent de Paul second collection: on the weekend of Nov. 14 & 15th. This collection permits our parish conference to provide comfort and financial assistance to our friends and neighbors in Swissvale and surrounding communities. Funds are used to provide vouchers for necessary furniture and clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop as well as one-time assistance with utility bills. In addition to our participation in the Swissvale Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul is a part of our charitable outreach to our community. For info. on our parish conference, please call 412.519.3675.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul will meet Monday, November 16th at 6:00p.m. in Dattillo Hall.

A Christmas Flower Memorial Envelope is included in your regular donation envelope packet. Please return it by Mon., Dec. 14th.

MASS OF DIVINE HEALING-Wed., Nov. 18th, 7:00p.m., Holy Family Church, 1204 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA 15650. Come and experience the healing presence of the Lord at a Mass joyfully celebrated by "the Fraternity of Priests" (a group of Pittsburgh and Greensburg priests). At Mass, a priest will announce healings discerned by the priests as they gathered to pray in the afternoon. Anointing for healing available after Mass. For info. call 412-462-8161.



**MASS
THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 26
Word of God Church
9:30 a.m.**



PRO LIFE CORNER: Silence is not an option. Complacency today will result in a position of captivity tomorrow. Do your part to help end abortion and euthanasia.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is Nov. 25th. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP: There will be no meeting on Thanksgiving Day. The next meeting will be **Dec. 10th, 7:00p.m.** at Madonna. For more information call Mike Matthyse, 412-241-1254.



The Pittsburgh Catholic will be mailed to all families on Nov. 20th.

Saint Vincent de Paul Sarris Candy: Holiday order forms are in the racks/on the tables. Please return orders and payment by Nov. 15th. Forms can be put into the collection basket. **Please be sure to indicate where you want to pick up your candy - at Madonna or at Word of God.** Orders available for pickup the weekend of Dec. 12-13. Everyone needs Sarris candy for the holidays, for stocking stuffers, and tokens of appreciation for customers, clients, neighbors, and friends. Our Conference thanks you for your support.



Parish Pictorial Directory Help Needed: The parishes are planning to have a new pictorial directory of parish life and parishioners in 2016. We need help to plan the layout and contents of the directory. There will be several meetings after the first of the year. If you can consider serving on this team, or would like more info., please contact Deacon Ron by Thanksgiving.



Remembering the Smallest of Souls: Have you ever lost a baby in pregnancy, or do you know someone who has? An estimated 1 in 5 known pregnancies end in loss, but the silence of society can make it difficult to deal with this topic. Church teaching on the sanctity of life and the witness of the Bible gives us much hope. Join us for a time of information, practical application and prayer as we "**Remember the Smallest of Souls**" **Sun., Nov. 22, 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.,** Dattilo Hall, Madonna del Castello Church, 2021 South Braddock Ave., Swissvale, PA 15218. The Respect Life Committee welcomes Lisa Vera M. Barton, who has her M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Duquesne University. She offers "Song of Simeon" as a ministry to support people affected by miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. The event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served. For more info. email songofsimeon@verizon.net. Questions, please call Deacon Ron Demblowski at 412.241.1372.

Ecumenical Carol Festival: Sun., Dec. 13th, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 So.



Braddock Ave, Ave., Swissvale. Carols sung by the audience will be interspersed with music, readings, storytelling, etc. from members of area churches. A money offering will be taken for the local Food Cupboards. A reception will follow. If you can provide cookies or wish to perform, please contact

Deacon Ron Demblowski by **noon on Fri., Dec. 4th** at 412.241.1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Swissvale Ministerial Association.

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Dolly Bloise from The LeDonne Family.



The Altar Candles are for the DeFrank & Ciao Families from Josephine Ciao.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of Erik J. Valentino from Joe & Mary Pat Valentino Family.



The Altar Flowers are in memory of Erik J. Valentino from Joe & Mary Pat Valentino Family.

DEVELOPMENT FUND is in memory of Carmel Coffee & Marsha Petrarca from David & Lynn Perla & Family.

Offertory for November 8 – \$3,980.41
Energy Needs Collection - \$823.00

COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for cookies are being taken **through December 13th**. Slips will be available in the back of church to place orders. If you have any questions, call Lois Petrarca at 412-646-2344 or Mary Iannucci at 412-371-4912.

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, Wine, Candles & Sanctuary Lamp in memory of **Norman DeLuca** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mariani & Orest Mariani.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of **Anna M. Pataki**, wife of the late Anthony, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May her soul rest in peace with Christ.



THROUGH THE SAVING WATERS OF BAPTISM we welcomed into the church recently **Eve Alexandra Poplawsky**. With great joy we share our happiness with her parents and friends.

your will.

Please consider remembering the parish in

WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS

November 8 Offertory.....\$7,386.00
Utilities.....\$800.00

CANTERBURY CORNER GIFT SHOP OPENS

SUN., NOV. 22! The long-awaited re-opening of the Gift



Shop will soon be here, so mark your calendars. Visit the Gift Shop in its new location on the first floor of the Word of God Parish Center. **Hours of operation: 9:30a.m.-**

11:30a.m. Sundays only. Featured merchandise will be Advent candles, gifts for the Christmas season, Christmas Oplatki wafers, boxed Christmas cards, and religious items. Please continue to look for updated details concerning expanded hours in this bulletin in the next few weeks.

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

"Perfect for Preschoolers Story Time," Wed. Nov. 18, 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. in East Catholic School Library. The program is for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years old, and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story Time is "Thanksgiving." All children along with their parent/guardian are invited. Registration required—call the school office 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m., 412-351-5403; deadline for registration is Mon., Nov. 16.

Entertainment (\$30), Enjoy (\$30) and KidStuff (\$25) books are now available. Please contact Kate Halahurich to order by calling 412-519-8283 or email khalahurich@msn.com. All proceeds benefit the school.

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS are listed on the diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." The sessions are available on-line.

Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: First step is contact Kelly James. She will inform you of the next steps.

BISHOP CANEVIN H.S.

Sun., Nov. 22, 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

8th Grade H.S. Placement & Scholarship Test. Scores are used to determine course placement and eligibility for our academic scholarships. It is strongly recommended that incoming students take the HSPT. Parents are invited to the library while students take the exam. Administrators will be available to answer questions related to admissions, tuition, financial aid, athletics and successful transition to high school. Applications are now being accepted for the 2016-17 school year admissions. For more information check www.bishopcanevin.org. Call Mrs. Vera Dagnall, guidance office secretary, 412-922-7400, ex. 224 to register for the HSPT. The \$10 exam fee is payable at the door.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Seminar-Thurs., Dec. 5, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m., BCHS Father Leo Henry Library. Topics to be addressed include opportunities for scholarships and financial aid, the PSAS and scholarship application process, guidelines for qualifications, and further personalized assistance through our business office. We are committed to assisting families through this process. Please register to attend—contact Marianne Reinhart, 412-922-7400, ex. 228 or reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

Aquinas Academy Speakers Series Presents Dr. Regis Martin "Liberal Education As If Truth, Beauty, and Goodness Mattered."

Tues., Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., Mross McGonigle Hall. Dr. Martin will discuss Liberal Education, which he defines as those pursuits we are not at liberty to omit because, at the deepest level, they determine what it means to be a fully integrated human being. He will look at the search for intellectual excellence for its own sake and the need for everyone aspiring after greatness -- particularly Catholic institutions of higher learning such as Aquinas Academy -- to pursue Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Catechetical certification enrichment credits are available to teachers and catechists of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Regis Martin is a Professor of Theology at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. A light reception will follow the talk. Lectures are free and open to the public.

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ENJOY 2016 COUPON BOOKS are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill through Dec. 30 for \$30. It provides hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons for travel, dining, shopping, sporting events, and regional attractions in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, and Fayette counties. To reserve your book call Sr. Agnes Steedle, 724-836-0406, ex. 6646, or Sr. Patrice Hughes at Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline, 412-343-1382.

ELKS SCHOLARSHIP: This is real money for our youth to live out their dreams of going to college. Last year the Elks received 50 applications and 32 of them received scholarships. For more information check the national web site www.elks.org, select "our programs" and then "scholarship" to learn more about the program. If you have any questions call Debbie, 412-823-1357.

AFTERNOON OF LESSONS & CAROLS-Sun., Nov. 29, 4:00p.m., Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Ave., Ext., West Mifflin. All are invited to share this afternoon of prayer in anticipation of the coming of Jesus as a Babe in Bethlehem. A reception will follow in the church social hall. For more info. call 412-466-6545.

The Catholic Medical Association will have their next event at St. Raphael Church, 1118 Chislett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, Sun., Dec. 13. All healthcare professionals and students are welcome to attend the **9:00a.m. Mass**, followed by a presentation from Fr. Joseph Mele on "**Pope Francis' Communication Style: A Kiss is Stronger than Words!**" A Continental breakfast will be served (free will offering). For more info. call St. Raphael, 412-661-3100 or doctor.hahn@verizon.net.

Part-Time Bookkeeper needed at Sacred Heart Parish: Requires knowledge of or desire to become accustomed with Financial Policies of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Safe Environment and State Police Clearances, preparation of parish budget, payment of bills & payroll/insurance for employees. Interested applicants contact Fr. Grecco, 412-661-0187, ex. 122.

Help Wanted: Franciscan Child Day Care Center: The Franciscan Child Day Care Center in Whitehall is seeking an experienced caregiver to care for young toddlers. Applicants must have an associate or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related area, several years professional experience, strong leadership skills and a nurturing disposition. Position is full-time with benefits. Please email resume to smerlo@osfprov.org.

Full-Time Skilled Maintenance Worker for Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Convent on McKnight Rd. Very strong plumbing skills, also skills for grounds/interior, electrical, HVAC, carpentry, drywall, plaster, painting, glazing, ceramic, flooring, masonry, snow plowing, tool/equip maint., pool maint., roofing, small appliance & furniture repair. Min. 5 yr exper. HS or equiv. Cert/degree pref. Valid PA DrivLic. Read/understand English written/verbal work orders, instructions, blueprints, specs., manuals. Collaborate with coworkers, outside contractors. Reliable. Lift/carry up to 80 lbs. Some paid on-call evenings and weekends. Must pass physical, TB & drug test, clearances. PTO first year, medical, dental, vision, life ins., pension, 403b. Send resume to SCN, HR Office, 8200 McKnight Rd., Pittsburgh PA 15237 or email to rzejac@scnpg.org.

