

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



November 22, 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
Marcia Murello	Coordinator of Religious Ed.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office (Madonna)	412-271-5666
Parish Office (Word of God)	412-241-1372
Parish Office Fax	412-271-2335
Religious Education Office	412-271-5666
Music Ministry (Madonna)	EKAPD5965@gmail.com
Bp. Dattilo Social Hall	412-271-3959
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

412-351-5403
2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221

Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM

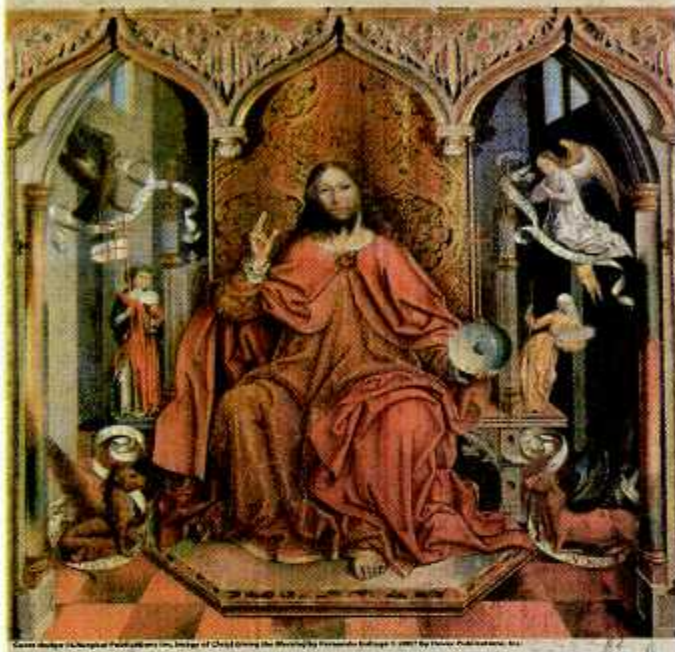
Principal
School Website

www.eastcatholicschool.org

A member of the East Catholic School Consortium

Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.

CHRIST THE KING



A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you to the chairperson of the Senior Dinner, Deneen Swartzwelder, and all who helped prepare and serve. We are truly blessed by our parish families.

Thanks to you, five needy households from Word of God and seven households from Madonna were provided Thanksgiving meals. May God bless you.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb: Such a blessing sustains the parents by imparting grace and comfort in time of concern and need, unites the parish in prayer for the unborn child, and fosters respect for human life within society. The blessing will be given after all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 5th & 6th. Please contact the parish office by noon on Thursday, Dec. 3rd to request the blessing and indicate which Mass you plan to attend.

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"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 **the weekend of November 21st & 22nd**. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. Questions? Contact Deacon Ron.

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday - November 23 - St. Clement I, St. Columban & Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

7:00 PM Richard "Doc" Lucarelli (Pat & Guy Mazzella)

Tuesday - November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

9:30 AM Stella King (Joe Markowski)

Wednesday - November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 AM M/M Shandrick, Sr. (M/M Thomas Dinardo)

Thursday - November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

9:30 AM Jeff Saulsbury (Dorothy Molyneaux & Family)

Friday - November 27

8:00 AM John Gottenkiene (Jack Joyce)

Saturday - November 28

9:30 AM Ila Schott (Sally Wellman)

Saturday - November 28 - Vigil

4:00 PM Camille Chop Martz (Stanley & Donna)
6:00 PM Dorothy Tenner (Robert Tenner)

First Sunday of Advent - November 29

9:00 AM Frank Rajakovich (Ann Rajakovich)
11:00 AM For the People

THIS WEEK

Sunday - Collection for Retired Religious

Tuesday

7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary- Madonna

Wednesday

10:30 AM Legion of Mary—Dattilo Hall
2:00 PM Ladies Fellowship Group - Dattilo Hall

Thursday - Thanksgiving - Little Sisters of the Poor Wish Drive Collection

Friday

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna

Saturday

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

Next Sunday - Little Sisters of the Poor Wish List Drive Collection

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!



Old lyrics to an old song: "For united we stand, divided we fall, and if our backs will ever be against the wall, we'll be together, you and I." Our backs aren't against the wall; but, we face real challenges in growing the Church today—everything from practical parish finances to a world that seems indifferent. Maybe even callous. There are no easy solutions. But we know one thing: we've got to be united in our mission. We need to see the people that are On Mission with us; together, you and I. To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's *Pittsburgh Catholic* and 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: Make your Liturgical New Year Resolution to enrich your faith life! We have added a number of pamphlets and books based on what we 'heard' you say! Look for growth through lives of saints, living our beliefs in today's world, and/or through the many prayers and insights offered in our pamphlets. God is waiting at our door! 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.

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

NURSING HOME, HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL LISTS: Very often we are not aware of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes. Please let the parish office know of any parishioners who would like to receive communion and/or a visit from a priest.

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



MASS OF DIVINE HEALING-Wed., Dec. 2nd, 7:00p.m., Madonna del Castello. 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 412-241-1372.



PARISH FAMILY SOCIAL-Sat., Dec. 5th & Sun., Dec. 6th: Hosted at Madonna by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and at Word of God by the Finance Council.



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



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 was mailed to all families on Nov. 20th.

Saint Vincent de Paul Sarris Candy Orders will be available for pickup the weekend of Dec. 12-13. 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., 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 Pete Iannucci from Mary Iannucci.



The Altar Candles are in memory of Dolly Bloise from Helen Argenzio.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in Honor of Ken & Frances Chelosky's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Family.



Reborn in Baptism - Natalie Hope, daughter of Katie Marchitello & James Archer.

Offertory for November 15 - \$3,240.00

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.

GIVING TREE

Our Annual Giving Tree is set up in the back of the church. Take one of the decorations, upon which are printed the gifts needed. Return the gift to the church by the weekend of Dec. 12th & 13th. **DO NOT WRAP GIFT**. Call Joelle with any questions at 412-860-8548.

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 **Dennis & Pete Perla** from Family.

WEDDING BANNIS

Il Maura Znavor & Bernard Ponko

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS

November 15 Offertory.....\$5,674.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....\$765.00

Canterbury Corner Gift Shop opens Sun., Nov. 22!! Visit the Gift Shop in its new location on the

first floor of the Word of God Parish Center. **Current 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, beautiful and unique boxed Christmas cards, and religious giftware. 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 _____

Readings for November 29, First Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16...The Lord will fulfill his promise to Israel and Judah.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2...Paul encourages us to grow in love as we await Jesus' coming.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36...Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Question for reflection: What Advent resolutions will you make to prepare yourself to celebrate Jesus' birth and anticipate his second coming?

EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Christmas Music Programs.:

Wed., Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m. - Grades K-2 will perform at Barnes & Noble Waterfront

Sat., Dec. 5, 6:15 p.m. - 4th Grade students will do a special performance at Kennywood during their "Holiday Lights" spectacular

Wed., Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m. - Grades 3-5 will present "Crazy, Crazy Christmas" at Keane Hall, East Catholic School

Tues., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m. - Grades 6-8 will present the "Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church

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.

East Catholic 2016 Gala: Save the date, February 27, 2016 at Stratigos Banquet Facility. Any questions, please contact Amie & Kenny Cooley, 412-260-2989, amie4dance@msn.com, or Laurie & Lou Del Rosso at 412-841-8767, ldelrosso3@gmail.com.

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.

SERRA CATHOLIC H.S.: Placement Test for incoming freshmen-Sat., Dec. 5th, 9:00a.m.-12:00 Noon. To register or for more information, please call Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 ext. 134 or email her at lyonsl@serrahs.org

BISHOP CANEVIN H.S.: 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 email reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC H.S.: Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honor roll status for the first quarter of the 2015-16 school year. **Honor:** Carolinn Costa, Meghan McDonough, Nieve Sabol & Rianna Soltis; **Highest Honor:** Helen Flaherty, Lily Kondrich & Kristina Rajakovich.

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; questions call Debbie, 412-823-1357.



PRO LIFE CORNER: The battle rages between virtue and vice, grace and self-will, between good and evil. We are to live UP to the standards of God, not DOWN to the standards of this world. Join the pro-life movement today and help end abortion and euthanasia.

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 a book call Sr. Agnes Steedle, 724-836-0406, ex. 6646, or Sr.

Patrice Hughes, Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline, 412-343-1382.

FESTIVAL OF TREES-Fri., Nov. 27 & Sat., Nov. 28, 10:00a.m.-8:00p.m. & Sun, Nov. 29, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m., Neshannock School District, 3834 Mitchell Rd., New Castle. Included are over 30 decorated trees & wreaths sponsored by local businesses, organizations, and individuals. There will be craft & vendor booths, along with holiday entertainment. Admission is \$5/person, \$3/children under 10. Proceeds benefit the public library. Entertainment posted on library web site, www.ncdle.org.

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

Catholic Medical Association Event -Sun., Dec. 13, St. Raphael Church, 1118 Chislett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. 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 email 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. Required: associate or bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or related area, several years professional experience, strong leadership skills and nurturing disposition. 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 rzajac@scnpgh.org.

