

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: Monday7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday (vigil mass)4:00 p.m.

Sunday11:00 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After Sunday Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at noon at Word of God Church and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 1 7:00 P.M.
David Iovino (Rose Cataldi)

Tuesday, December 2 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Tuesday, December 2 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 3 8:00 A.M.
Mary & Al Indino (Arlene & George Abram)

Thursday, December 4 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Friday, December 5 8:00 A.M.
Cecelia R. Stecik (Bernie Stecik)

Friday, December 5 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, December 6 9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Saturday, December 6 4:00 P.M.
Deceased Catanzano & Pascal Families (Rose & Mike Pascal)

Saturday, December 6 6:00 P.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 7 9:00 A.M.
Word of God Mass

Sunday, December 7 11:00 P.M.
Josephine Poklemba (Agnes Paesano & Annette Milacci)



Saturday, December 6 4:00 P.M.
Lois Ballog & Angela Petrarca

Sunday, December 7 11:00 A.M.
Aiden Rockovich & Kyra Rockovich



Saturday, December 6 4:00 P.M.
Cathy Wreath, Ellie Yearsley, Al Haski, Dave Petrarca

Sunday, December 7 11:00 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Mike Pascal, John Bonacci



Saturday, December 6 4:00 P.M.
Olive Magnotta

Sunday, December 7 11:00 A.M.
Janice Bonacci



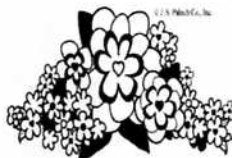
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Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s), should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or deposit in the front door mail slot.

Memorial or Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

- Altar Flowers (\$50) _____
- Altar Bread (\$25) _____
- Altar Wine (\$25) _____
- Altar Candles (\$10) _____
- Tabernacle Lamp (\$10) _____
- Complete Offering (\$120) _____

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____

DIVINE HEALING MASS

The Divine Healing Mass will be Wednesday, December 3, 7 pm, Word of God. 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 will be available after Mass.

From
the
Pastor

RITE OF BLESSING OF A CHILD IN THE WOMB

Such a blessing sustains the parents by imparting grace & comfort in time of concern & 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 the weekend of December 6 & 7. Please contact the parish office by noon on December 4 to request the blessing & indicate which mass you plan to attend.

"THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!"

This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday, December 10 from 6-9 pm. Consider making a commitment this Advent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness & love. Visit www.diopitt.org/lightstillon for more information.

COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Orders for cookies are being taken through December 7th. 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.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY.."

AS Catholics, we pray the Lord's Prayer & the Hail Mary frequently. Most of us memorized these prayers when we were very young. We recite them regularly without much conscious effort; however our familiarity with these two very beautiful prayers can sometimes lead us to take them for granted. Deacon Keith Kondrich, Executive Director of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul here in Pittsburgh will share some personal reflections on praying the Lord's Prayer the Hail Mary intentionally on Sunday, November 30 & Sunday December 7 at 12:15 pm in Dattilo hall. Come reflect on the power of these two prayers to renew & strengthen our relationship with God, Our Father & Mary, our Mother.

ECUMENICAL CAROL FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 14, 6-7 pm., Union Baptist Church, 2117 Collingwood Ave. Swissvale. Carols sung by the audience will be interspersed with music, readings, etc. from members of the 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, call Ron Demblowski at 412-241-1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Swissvale Ministerial Association.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Do you have a child between ages 5 & 21 with Down Syndrome, Autism or intellectual disabilities? Have you been looking for a school that will give your child the opportunity to learn in a safe & loving environment? St. Anthony School Programs can help. For over 60 years, St. Anthony's has been helping students grow & become active & contributing members of society. For the 2015-16 academic year, they are offering 20 full scholarships for new students entering our program. For information, visit www.stanthonykids.org & click on the Admissions tab or contact info@stanthonykids.org or by calling 724-940-9020.

AUCTION


Swissvale United Methodist Living Spirit Ministry will be conducting its annual fundraising auction on Saturday, December 6, doors opening at 9 am. Auction lots include new household items & electronics, gift cards, certificates for services & admission to events, collectibles & more. A low-pressure auction experience. A great source for seasonal shopping. Bargains can be expected. Always fun & interesting. 7415 Irvine St. Info: 412-351-1802.

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ABUSE HOTLINE 1-888-808-1235.

PROLIFE 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.

Advent 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 30 B uy or make an Advent wreath. Bless it and light the first violet candle each night this week.	December 1 D evelop a new prayer to say before each meal during Advent. Write it down and say it every year during Advent.	2 O ffer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.	3 I nclude in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.	4 E ven if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.	5 P ick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.	6 S how love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.
7 L ight two violet candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."	8 I n honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception in St. Anne's womb, attend Mass and pray a Rosary.	9 L et nothing discourage or depress you today in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and his Mother.	10 A sk forgiveness from someone you have hurt in the past year. Offer it to one who has wronged you.	11 P ray anytime you have to wait today. Keep your prayer simple and begin with praise.	12 I n honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.	13 P erform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.
Gaudete - Joy! 14 L ight two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Look for one new thing at Mass today that you haven't noticed before.	15 T he presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy and love. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.	16 S pend some time today examining your life for areas needing repentance.	17 C hoose a candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it every night until Christmas to remind you of the light Jesus brings.	18 P ut a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.	19 G ather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.	20 T he holidays can be a lonely time for anyone who is alone. Today, offer someone companionship.
21 L ight all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel reading, Luke 1:26-38.	22 M ake time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.	23 T ake a moment today to listen to Christmas carols as a joyful symbol of the season.	24 T oday, think about all the Biblical accounts of God's merciful treatment of sinners.		25 R ejoice! Read the story of Jesus' Birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.	

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).