

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



November 8, 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

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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

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Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." Mk 12:42-43

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you to Peggy Keene, Lois Petrarca and the Ladies of Charity, and all who took part in the Remembrance Mass.

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Readings for Sunday, November 15

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3...Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18...Jesus' offering for sin has made perfect forever all those who are being consecrated.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32...Jesus teaches about the signs for the coming of the Son of Man.

Question for reflection: Jesus' self-sacrifice took away our sins, that is, it put us into a right relationship with God and others. What in your relationship with God and others needs most attention today?

"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 7 - Vigil

4:00 PM Anthony Pallotta (Betsy Tomko)

6:00 PM For the People

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8

9:00 AM Doc Lucarelli (Angela DeRienzo)

11:00 AM David Iovino (M/M Ross Cioppa)

Monday - November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 PM Coyne & DePasquale Families (Carmella Coyne)

Tuesday - November 10 - St. Leo the Great

9:30 AM Karl Koch (Sis Boles)

Wednesday - November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

8:00 AM Virginia "Jane" Migliore (Michelle A. Cox)

Thursday - November 12 - St. Josaphat

9:30 AM Thanksgiving for Favors Granted

Friday - November 13

8:00 AM Dolly Bloise (The LeDonne Family)

Saturday - November 14

9:30 AM Domenic & Madeline Rossi (Family)

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)

THIS WEEK

Sunday - Utilities Collection; Food Drive for the Needy

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary- Madonna

Wednesday

2:00 PM Ladies Fellowship - Dattilo Hall

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

Thursday

1:30 PM Mass - Swissvale Towers, Community Room, 1st Floor

7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Group - Madonna

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

12:15 PM Seniors' Dinner - Dattilo Hall

On Mission for The Church Alive! Everybody wants to belong to

 something much bigger than ourselves. Catholics belong to a parish. We are part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. And we are members of the Church universal—the Church everywhere in the world. But Saint Paul tells us that we are infinitely and intimately more than that. Through baptism we are part of the Body of Christ. And our job "On Mission for The Church Alive!" is to invite others into the Body of Christ. What's one way to do that in your life? To read more, check the article on page 5 of this week's *Pittsburgh Catholic* and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

Celebrate Lay Ecclesial Ministry With Bishop Zubik

Sun., Nov. 8, 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral Oakland. Bishop Zubik will commission lay ecclesial ministers. He invites all family, friends, co-workers and parishioners to attend and offer their prayers and support. Help support all who serve your parish family. For information call 412-456-3110.



LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK

AT BOTH PARISHES: Today's readings expound on the true faith, Elijah asks a widow to make him a cake with the last flour she has, and Jesus speaks of the honest 'giving' that is done quietly, out of love. Would we have the strength to be the same as that widow, or that poor sinner who truly loves.....we can't, not without God's help. Listen to Him, ask Him, be open to Him.....you may be surprised!



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

Food Drive for the Needy of our

parishes: Please bring non-perishable items to church on the weekend of November 7th & 8th. At Madonna, place them in the designated area of Dattilo Hall; Word of God, place them on the designated table in the main vestibule. Place monetary donations for Thanksgiving turkeys in an envelope marked "Thanksgiving Turkeys" and place in the collection basket or mail/deliver to the parish office by Tuesday, November 10th.

Questions: (Madonna) contact Leanna or Mark Ballog, 412.823.8398; (Word of God) contact Patty Burns 412.271.4830. **Note:** there will be

the Little Sisters of the Poor "Wish List" Drive on Thanksgiving Day and weekend of Nov. 28th & 29th.

**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.

Word of God Parish Choir: Choir season may be in full swing, but it's not too late to join a fun group of people to praise God in song. The choir sings for the 9:00a.m. Sunday Mass. Choir rehearsals are held on Monday evening in the choir gallery beginning at 7:00 p.m. and generally last for one hour – a little longer as we get close to Christmas and Easter. Don't worry, however, you won't miss the start of any important Monday Night Football games! If you have questions, give Michael Burke a call at (412) 271-1309 – or send him an email at burkemf@verizon.net.



MASS-Thurs., Nov. 12, 1:30p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., in the Community Room, 1st Floor.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is Nov.11th. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patti Aducci at 412.243.9457.

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



EAST CATHOLIC LOTTERY RAFFLE LETTERS are available in the vestibule. Daily chances to win up to \$1,500. Please pick up your letter today.



VISITING A CEMETERY INDULGENCE: An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a plenary one from Nov. 1– 8 and can be gained on each one of these days. On the other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

AN INDULGENCE is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose culpable element has already been taken away. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and observe the definite, prescribed conditions gain this remission through the effective assistance of the Church, which, as the minister of redemption, authoritatively distributes and applies the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is either plenary or partial, that is, it frees a person either from all or from some of the temporal punishment due to sins.

Saint Vincent de Paul Sarris Candy-2 Weeks Left to Place Your Order: 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.

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Madeline Miele from John Scaramucci, MD.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of Pete Iannucci from Mary Iannucci.

Offertory for November 1 – \$3,087.00

2016 MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass intention book is open to parishioners until November 15 for the year of 2016. We are accepting Mass intentions for parish members for only one Sunday Mass and three daily Masses. We are trying to accommodate a large amount of requests and we have to leave some calendar space for requests for recently deceased relatives. We schedule on a first come, first serve basis. We always try to work with people so they can have the dates they want, but unfortunately, that's not always possible. You may want to consider having one Mass for more than one deceased member of your family. Mass request sheets are available in the back of church. Call the rectory with any questions.

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 **George Stephan** from Laura.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of **Greta Hilterman**, wife of Bernard, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May her soul rest in peace with Christ.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS

November 1 Offertory.....	\$6,015.00
All Saints.....	\$839.00

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. 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 in this bulletin in the next few weeks. Volunteers are still needed during morning, afternoon, or evening hours to help clean and sort gift shop merchandise. Please contact Pat (412-271-4830) to find out when volunteer time is available. We are looking forward to being at your service once again!

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 _____



PRO LIFE CORNER: Why should we speak out against abortion and euthanasia? Because Abraham Lincoln once said: "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." Our silence is giving the culture of death the upper hand. Stand up, speak out, and join pro-life today!

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Rev. John Lynam, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Martin de Porres

Martin was born in 1579 in Peru to a Spanish knight and a freed Negro slave. He worked as a barber before joining the Dominicans in 1594, in a time when people of African and Indian descent were barred from joining religious orders. Despite this, he founded an orphanage and cared for the poor and sick, regardless of color, race, or social class. He was also a mystic, gifted with miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and flight.

God's timing

Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn't hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, God always answers prayer in his time. Each day, decide to trust God; his timing is perfect.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4-5).



Celebrate the human saints

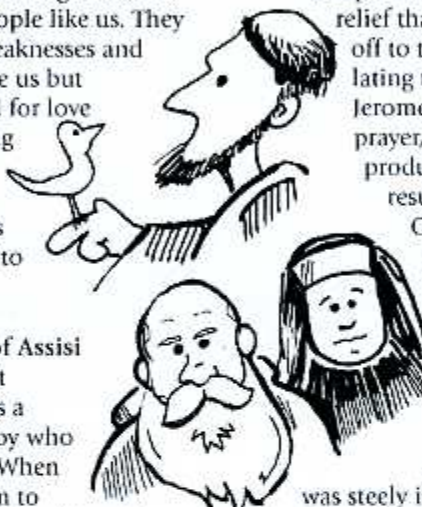
Sometimes we forget that the saints were people like us. They had similar weaknesses and sinned just like us but overcame it all for love of God. Getting to know them gives us role models we can follow to Heaven. For example:

St. Francis of Assisi didn't start out saintly. He was a spoiled rich boy who loved a party. When God asked him to "repair my Church," Francis literally repaired church buildings by hand. Eventually, he became one of the great reformers of the Church, founding the Franciscan Order that thrives today.

St. Jerome was known for his bad

temper. It was probably with some relief that the pope sent Jerome off to the solitary task of translating the Bible into Latin. St. Jerome gave himself up to prayer, penance, and study to produce this labor of love. The result was that the Word of God became accessible to anyone who spoke the common language, not just the educated few.

St. Marianne Cope could seem heartless in her work managing a leper colony in Kalaupapa, Hawaii. She was steely in maintaining sanitary and health conditions for those with Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) to avoid spreading the frightful disease. Yet, Mother Marianne's optimism, serenity, and her considerable abilities brought the love of God to the islands of Hawaii.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray the Rosary?

The Rosary is a simple prayer adapted from the complex set of prayers of medieval monks. It's a powerful prayer because in it, we ask Mary—whose prayers are never refused—to pray for us.



In addition, through the mysteries of the Rosary, we meditate on the life of Jesus which always bears fruit. For example, the fruit of the mystery of the Annunciation is humility. Praying the Rosary opens us to graces that help us be more Christ-like.

Giving thanks for God's bounty

Later this month we will gather with friends or family to give thanks for all the blessings we have received throughout the year. Yet the gifts don't just come once a year, so try these tips for living gratitude all year:

Say it out loud. Saying the words out loud will keep you from taking your blessings for granted. Let words of gratitude be the first ones you speak in the morning and the last ones on your lips at night.

Avoid complaining. How can we be thankful and still gripe when things don't go our way? When you find

yourself feeling stressed or depressed, stop and list five blessings instead.

Don't shop or buy. Try putting off what you don't absolutely need. Instead, clean out a closet, drawer, or storage area you have been ignoring and rediscover the good things you already have.

Live thankfully. Each day, look for small blessings and pleasures. Noticing them will help you remember that God makes all things well and deserves our thanks.



from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

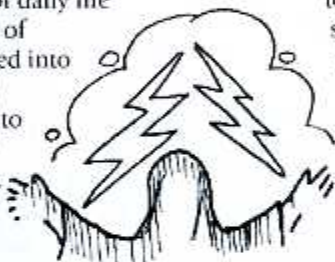
The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. We can forget our ultimate goal is Heaven. Knowing this, Jesus warned his followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complacency.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though, people

living in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, he said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to him, we will be rewarded. This is a

time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.



Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day. Because of the intense persecution of the Church, there were more martyrs than there were calendar days to celebrate them each individually. Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day.

Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo (1584). After earning doctorates in civil and canon law by the age of 21, he was named cardinal and bishop of Milan by Pope Pius IV. He worked to reform his diocese and cared for the poor and sick.

Nov. 22 - Solemnity of Christ the

King (1925). God promised his people a king who will be triumphant over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent. During this four-week season, we anticipate the Messiah's birth and his coming on the last day. Christians around the world light candles in an Advent wreath each night of Advent to signal the coming of the true light of Christ.



Q & A Is Purgatory a real place?

Purgatory is imagined as a place, but it refers to the state and process by which a soul is purified before going to Heaven. Someone who dies in God's

grace, but who still needs purification before he or she can see God is in Purgatory. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified ...

undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC #1030).

Church tradition has described Purgatory as a purifying fire that purges us of any venial sin on our souls for which we have not repented. "If someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Corinthians 3:15). Another comparison can be the pain of St. Peter's repentance after he denied our Lord. When we see God we will experience shame and remorse for having denied him in others. Only after this purifying pain will we be able to see God face to face.



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