

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



October 18, 2015



## Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Daily:</b>	<b>Monday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Tuesday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Wednesday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Thursday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Friday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>8:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:30 A.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday Vigil (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Saturday Vigil (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>6:00 P.M.</b>
	<b>Sunday (Word of God)</b> .....	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>
	<b>Sunday (Madonna)</b> .....	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>

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  
 Marsha Murello ..... Coordinator of Religious Ed.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office (Madonna) ..... 412-271-5666  
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 Religious Education Office ..... 412-271-5666  
 Music Ministry (Madonna) ..... EKAPD5965@gmail.com  
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 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.**



"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Dear Friends of Word of God and Madonna del Costello Parishes,

The common saying, "There are no words possible" even seems very trite at this time. Just know I am deeply grateful, touched and humbled by all your wishes of congratulations. I think of you as part of the hundred fold that the Lord has promised. You are all remembered daily in my prayers.

With grateful affection,  
Sister Mary Victor, S.C.

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](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Catholic-Community-of-Swissvale-Rankin/1448072735511686)

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday - October 17 - Vigil**  
 4:00 PM Armand Ventura (Mary Ventura)  
 6:00 PM Joseph Barbish Sr. (Family)
- Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 18**  
**World Mission Sunday**  
 9:00 AM Helen & Paul McCaffery (Family)  
 11:00 AM For the People
- Monday - October 19—St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues & Companions**  
 7:00 PM Ladies of Charity & Members of Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Tuesday - October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross**  
 9:30 AM Paul B. Stecik (Bernie Stecik)
- Wednesday - October 21**  
 8:00 AM Vincent Del Corso (Wife & Family)
- Thursday - October 22—St. John Paul II**  
 9:30 AM Maria Dichiera (Daughter-in-Law Theresa & Family)
- Friday - October 23 - St. John of Capistrano**  
 8:00 AM Maddalena & Antonio Fiorillo (Nick & Marie Candiello)
- Saturday - October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret**  
 9:30 AM Angelina Colangelo (Vince & Jo Donatelli)
- Saturday - October 24**  
 4:00 PM Agnes Paesano (Joan & Jack Abbenante)  
 6:00 PM Jerry O'Carroll (Millie)
- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25**  
 9:00 AM For the People  
 11:00 AM Martha & Bob Catone (Children)

**THIS WEEK**

- Sunday - World Mission Sunday Collection**
- Monday**  
 7:00 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God  
 7:00 PM Mass—celebrated by Fr. Scott Seethaler - Madonna  
 Followed by a reception/evening of spiritual renewal
- Tuesday**  
 7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary- Madonna
- Wednesday**  
 7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - Dattilo Hall
- Thursday**  
 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 - Collection of Food for Swissvale Food Pantry**

**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.



**PRO-LIFE CORNER:** Lives are saved when God's faithful sacrifice an hour or two a week to stand for those who have no voice! Unless we are there, (praying at an abortion mill) that innocent child is voiceless and defenseless and moments away from certain death.

**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT**

**BOTH PARISHES:** Last week we heard that God's ways are not the ways of the world. This week, there is a desire by his followers, to be near Him...even on his left and right of the throne. To do this, we must also suffer what He has suffered! How? By knowing the "High Priest" is one who can sympathize with us, for He also was tested in every way, and is without sin! So when faced with those challenges, those taunts, 'rationality' of the world, lean on Him! Let Him be there with you! Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.



**World Mission Sunday Collection-weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please use the envelope provided and place it in the regular collection, there will not be a second collection.

**Word of God Parish Choir:** We're looking for new members – folks who like to sing with a fun group of people to praise God in song. The choir sings for the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass from the Sunday following Labor Day through the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. No auditions are needed. Rehearsals-Monday, 7:00 p.m.; questions: give Michael Burke a call at (412) 271-1309 – or email at [burkemf@verizon.net](mailto:burkemf@verizon.net).

**MASS OF DIVINE HEALING-Wed., Oct. 21, 7:00p.m., St. Therese of Lisieux,** 1 St. Therese Ct., Munhall, PA 15120. 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-Thurs., Oct. 22, 1:30p.m.,** Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave. in the Community Room, 1st Floor.

**All Souls Mass of Remembrance-Mon., Nov. 2nd 7:00 p.m.,** Madonna. We come together at Mass to pray for our beloved who have died. A reception will follow. Letters have been mailed. If you have not received a letter, please contact the Word of God parish office. Deadline is Fri., Oct. 23rd.



**ROSARY MAKING:** The Legion of Mary will have a Rosary Making Session on the **first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.,** in Dattilo Hall, Madonna.

**THE ROSARY** is said at Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Rm., 1st floor, every **Mon., 3:30 p.m.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE:** If you are interested in having the traveling statue in your home for a week, please contact the parish office.



**LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP** meets every other **Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m.** Our next meeting is **Oct. 28th.** 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.



*The Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine* is available in the racks/on the tables of the churches. It is the Disability Awareness Issue.

**LADIES OF CHARITY AND SOCIETY OF**

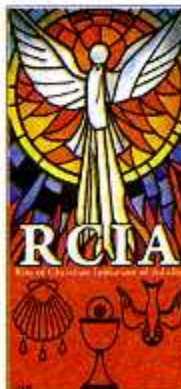
**ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Have you ever felt called to help the poor and needy as Jesus calls us to do? The missions of the Ladies of Charity and St. Vincent de Paul are to help the poor and the needy. The Ladies of Charity and St. Vincent de Paul cordially invite you to an evening of spiritual renewal **Mon., Oct. 19th** at Madonna del Castello. **Mass-7:00 p.m.** will be celebrated by Father Scott Seethaler, Spiritual Director for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. A reception will follow. Please join us to see what we're all about and how we help the poor and the needy in our community.



**CCD REGISTRATION:** It is time to register your children for the 2015-16 CCD year! We are very excited to welcome your children to our combined religious education program for Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes. Sharing the rich and diverse resources of both parishes greatly strengthens our curriculum and provides your children with wonderful opportunities for spiritual, sacramental, and social growth. Our number one commitment is to help your children grow in their understanding of our Catholic Faith, their love for our Lord, and their recognition of how much God loves them! Registration packets have been mailed to families who participated in the program last year. If you did not receive a packet, are new to our parishes, or have a child entering CCD for the first time, please call the rectory and a packet will be mailed to you. Registration packets available at the exits of both churches.



**To become a Catholic,** a person takes a wonderful spiritual journey through the process called The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We invite anyone who is not baptized, baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation on this journey. There are brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412.241.1372 or [wordofgodpa@gmail.com](mailto:wordofgodpa@gmail.com).



## Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of James Ciao from Josephine Ciao.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in Memory of Joseph Bonacci from Terry, Jodine & Family.



## *Wedding Banns*

3 Stephen Tierno & Annamarie Turi - 10-24-15

Offertory for October 11 – \$3,599.00

PSP Donation in Honor of St. Theresa from Ann Hopwood.

### 2016 MASS INTENTIONS

From Nov. 1, to Nov. 15, 2015, our Mass intention book will be opened to parishioners for the year of 2016. Starting Nov. 1 we will begin 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. A Mass request sheet will be available in the back of church beginning the weekend of Oct. 31 & Nov. 1. Call the rectory with any questions.

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 **Angelina Colangelo** from Vince & Jo Donatelli.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

### **WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS**

October 11 Offertory.....	\$5,495.00
Utilities.....	\$685.00

**THE WORD OF GOD MASS BOOK will open Thurs., Oct. 22.** There are 2016 Mass intention forms in the literature racks.

**CANTERBURY CORNER GIFT SHOP & PARISH LIBRARY:** We'll be back soon! Progress is being made

to get the Canterbury Corner Gift Shop and the Parish Library back in operation. A grand re-opening date for the Gift Shop will be announced through the church bulletin very soon, so please continue to look for updated details in this bulletin in the next few weeks. We are looking forward to being at your service once again!

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY:** Collection of food is taken the **last Sunday of each month** at Word of God (leave donations inside the entrances of the church). Checks should be made out to "Swissvale United Methodist" and memo "Food Pantry." The Food Pantry is located in the Living Spirit Ministry building on 2011 Noble Street. It operates as an ecumenical activity of the Swissvale Ministerium.

### Readings for Sunday, October 25

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9....The Lord has delivered, guided and consoled his people and declared himself a father to Israel.

**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6...Christ was made a high priest by God the Father.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:46-52...Jesus restores sight to the blind man Bartimaeus.

**Question for reflection:** For what do you need to "see" more clearly about your life today?





**EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Did you know that East Catholic School has a 3 year old and 4 year old Pre-School that.....

- is God-centered creating awareness of God's creation.
- facilitates age-appropriate opportunities in spiritual, physical, social, cognitive and language development.
- understands the value of play and the choice of materials and activities in the child's learning environment.
- provides a safe, positive atmosphere where children continue their relationship with God.
- promotes the value of life and the respect for others and self nurtures a warm, caring environment that enhances self-esteem, independence, trust, sharing, cooperation and a positive attitude toward learning.

Your child can be a part of becoming aware of God's creation, have fun learning, meet new friends, sing, dance, explore computers and much more at East Catholic School Pre-School. Registration for this school year will end November 1, 2015. For more information call 412-351-5403. "Become a part of the school of tomorrow where knowledge meets faith and where timeless values and learning evolves."

**"Perfect for Preschoolers" "A Very Special" Halloween Story Time, Thurs., Oct. 29, 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.** in Keane Hall (school cafeteria) East Catholic. Children ages 2 1/2 year old through Kindergarten are invited to dress up in their Halloween costume and come to story-time featuring Not-So-Scary-Stories, a silly craft and spooky snack. 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., Oct. 26.

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](mailto:khalahurich@msn.com). All proceeds benefit the school.



**AQUINAS ACADEMY PRE-SCHOOL-GRADE 12 OPEN HOUSE-Tues., Oct. 20, 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.** You will receive a tour of campus, have the opportunity to speak to teachers and students, hear a presentation by the Head of School, Leslie Mitros. Children are welcome. You are invited to stay for a whole school Mass at 11:00a.m. For more info. call Juan Mata, Director of Admissions, 724-444-0722, ex. 15 or check website: [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).

**OAKLAND CATHOLIC H.S. OPEN HOUSE-Sun., Oct. 25, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.,** 144 N. Craig St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the school and meet administration, faculty, staff, alumnae, and representatives from athletic teams and clubs. Check [oaklandcatholic.org](http://oaklandcatholic.org) for information. If you have questions, please call the Admissions Office, 412-682.6633, ex. 253 or ex. 267.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC H.S. OPEN HOUSE-Sun., Oct. 25, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m.,** 4720 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. All are welcome to tour the campus, speak with current students, parents, teachers, and coaches. For information contact Brian Miller, Director of Admissions, 412-621-7505 or email [bmil-ler@centralcatholicchs.com](mailto:bmil-ler@centralcatholicchs.com), or [www.centralcatholicchs.com](http://www.centralcatholicchs.com)



**FREE FLU SHOT CLINICS:** Oct. 21-6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.-Turtle Creek Boro Bldg., 125 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek; Oct. 22-5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.-Human Service Center, 519 Penn Ave., Turtle Creek. For residents 18 years or older. Flu vaccines contain the H1N1 vaccine.

**ORGAN CONCERT-Hector Olivera, Thurs., Oct. 22, 7:30p.m.,** St. Bernadette Parish, 245 Azalea Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. An internationally acclaimed concert organist, he has performed solo concerts in the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and Latin America. The concert is free and open to the public. Please call the parish office at 412-373-0050 or email [jbandish@stbernadet.org](mailto:jbandish@stbernadet.org) to reserve your seat.

**JOYFUL REFLECTIONS, SPIRITUALITY OF AGING-Fri., Oct. 23, 11:00 a.m.,** St. Colman Church, 100 Tri-Boro Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. It is an opportunity for seniors to reflect on how God works through the different seasons of our lives. Father Scott Seethaler will make you think, inspire you and make you laugh. The program will be followed by a reception and Information Station. Persons of all faiths are welcome. Space and parking are limited. Additional parking is also available at Turtle Creek Plaza. RSVP to 412-323-0203, ex. 6112 or Email Bill Backa at [Bill@Christianhomehealthcare4u.com](mailto:Bill@Christianhomehealthcare4u.com) or Ashlee Phillips at [Ashlee@Christianhomehealthcare4u.com](mailto:Ashlee@Christianhomehealthcare4u.com).

**EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC-Sat., Oct. 24, 7:00p.m.-10:00p.m.,** Blackridge Civic Assn. Clubhouse, 1020 Beulah Rd., Churchill. Live Irish music by Pat Folan & Jim Lamb of Guaranteed Irish. Beer, ice, set-ups, coffee, tea, and baked goods provided (BYOB wine, etc.); tickets: 15/adult & \$5/children & students. Contact Mary Walsh at 412.609.1344 for info. or to reserve a table (or part of a table). No reservation is necessary. Tickets available at the door.

**IRELAND TOUR ++** You are invited to a "Faith 'n History Tour" of Ireland with CIE Tours, **July 1-12, 2016.** Join with William G. Connare Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Greensburg) and Chaplain Fr. Jeremiah O'Shea on this memorable tour, including many sites from Belfast/Derry in North to Donegal, Sligo, Galway, Kerry, Waterford, Dublin with so much in between. All dinners/breakfasts, hotels, air, etc. included: \$3295 pp/do. For full details contact Fr. O'Shea at [rorrunjto@yahoo.com](mailto:rorrunjto@yahoo.com) or 724-832-0482.

**MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH PRAYER BREAKFAST -Nov. 7, 9:00a.m.-Noon,** Crowne Plaza, Greentree. Speaker Lorraine Sarver will tell how God helped her overcome struggles of heath, family, and failures. She will tell of learning to lead a life led by the Holy Spirit and obedience to God. Lorraine is involved in ministries at St. Ferdinand Church. Cost: \$20; to register call Pam, 412-461-8906 or Dotty, 412-462-8545, or check [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org). Deadline is Oct. 30.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW-Sun., Nov. 15, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.,** Bishop Canevin H.S., 2700 Morange Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Over 150 crafters, lunch, baked goods, gift auction and 50/50 raffle. Also "Crafts with Katie" and a free shuttle. For more information call Vera, 412-922-7400, ex. 224.

