

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: Monday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After Sunday Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.



+ REST IN PEACE +

AUGUST ROCCO, SR., father of August Rocco, Jr.

CCD REGISTRATION

The 2013-2014 CCD year begins Saturday, September 21. Classes for all Madonna del Castello & Word of God children will be held Saturdays from 9—10:30 am at Word of God Parish Center (formerly the Word of God Elementary School) located at 7436 McClure Ave. in Swissvale. Registration deadline is August 18. Registration packets are available in the information racks at Word of God Parish or outside Dattilo Hall & the elevator at Madonna or you can call the parish office to request a packet. All forms & registration fees should be mailed or dropped off at the rectory (2021 S. Braddock Ave., Swissvale) or placed in any Sunday collection basket during mass at either parish. Please call Deacon Keith at 412-523-1441 or Patti Aducci at 412-243-9457 if you have any questions or need any other information.

RCIA

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 that begins with get acquainted sessions in August and group sessions on Sunday, September 22. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. There are special brochures in the back of church. Contact Deacon Ron Demblowski at 412-241-1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com with any questions. **A Taste of RCIA.** Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Find out about RCIA. Join us after 9 am. mass at St. Anselm Church, September 8 in room 105 of the Parish Center for a "taste" of RCIA. Light breakfast provided. There is no obligation to join. RSVP to Deacon Ron at 412-241-1372 by September 5.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Take a weekend to spent with your God—that loves you and is waiting to spend time with you—away from the commotion of this life. That's what a retreat is! Wonderful peace & refreshment! September 27-29 at beautiful St. Emma's in Greensburg. For more information, call Peggy Evans at 412-398-0776. Oh...and men of the parish, it makes a great gift!

Monday, September 2	7:00 P.M.
Ruth Robinson (Rose Pascal)	
Tuesday, September 3	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Tuesday, September 3	7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour	
Wednesday, September 4	8:00 A.M.
Mrs. Georgeann Becker (John & Theresa Zak)	
Thursday, September 5	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Friday, September 6	8:00 A.M.
Nicola & Louisa Vacchio (Enza Cecchino)	
Friday, September 6	7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour	
Saturday, September 7	9:30 A.M.
Word of God Mass	
Saturday, September 7	4:00 P.M.
Marilyn Sepesy (Family)	
Sunday, September 8	11:00 A.M.
Julie Chemlik (Peggy Gibson)	



Saturday, September 7	4:00 P.M.
Eliza Bagwell & Krista Bagwell	
Sunday, September 8	11:00 A.M.
Kyra Rockovich & Andrew Klabnik	



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The Tabernacle Lamp is for
THE DEFRANK & CIAO FAMILIES
From Josephine Ciao.





LETTER FROM ADAM POTTER

Dear Friends,

As my 7 week assignment has flown by this summer, I did not want the opportunity to go by without offering a sincere word of thanks to all of you for making it such a positive experience. I have felt so welcomed & loved during my time here—I truly felt like part of the family. My short time may have only been a “snapshot” into the life of a priest & the life of 2 parishes, but I know that my future will be forever blessed because of it. I am especially grateful to Fr. John for the way that he was a true example of to me of a spiritual father, a leader and a man of great integrity. Likewise, I would like to thank all of you for the many ways in which you reached out to me, your words of support/encouragement, prayers (past & future) and for your generosity as you wished me well in my final weekend at the parish. Be assured of my prayers for all of you as I “hit the books” back in Rome & seek to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Adam Potter.

If you would like to send letters to Adam send to:
Adam Potter, Pontifical North American College, 00120
Vatican City State, Europe.

LETTER FROM CARDINAL DINARDO

Dear Fr. John & Members of Madonna del Castello Parish,

It was very thoughtful & gracious of you to send so many messages of encouragement, expressing your sentiments of prayerful communion & support. I enjoyed reading the touching notes & hearing from familiar voices from my time at Madonna. Please be assured of my own prayerful remembrance of you as you continue the good work of bringing & sharing the light of the Gospel to the people of Pittsburgh & beyond. In gratitude to God for the gift of the Spirit, in whom we are always united in the bond of charity, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Dan

THANK YOU

Thank you to Denny Capezuto for making a Credence table for the Sanctuary. Your skills are always appreciated.

BINGO BASH

Our Annual Bingo Bash will be held on September 22. Tickets will be on sale in the Bishop Dattilo hall after all weekend masses or by calling Peggy Gibson at 412-225-3350. Tickets are \$10.

School News

ARE YOU LOOKING for a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment?

Come join us and be a part of “East Catholic School” on 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is now open. Please call the office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30 am –2:00 pm to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre –K (at St. John Fisher) full day kindergarten through grade 8 programs (at East Catholic). Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

VENERATION

Veneration of a relic of the True Cross will be after 9:30 am. Mass at St. Anselm Church on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 14. The use of relics has a basis in Sacred Scripture (see II Kings 2:9, Acts 19: 11 & 12). Miracles & favors continue to be associated with the veneration of relics. Relics inspire us to ask God for the grace to live a faith-filled life.



Labor Day will be Monday, September 2. The office will be closed.

PARISH FAMILY SUNDAY

Our Parish Family Sunday’s will begin again on September 7 & 8 hosted by the Altar Servers. Join us after weekend masses for fellowship & refreshments.

Protecting God’s Children sessions are listed on the Diocesan website, diopitt.org, under “Protecting God’s Children.” You may also contact the parish office.

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

