

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



September 13, 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
Patricia Aducci	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
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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.

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Thank you to Patti Aducci for over 25 years of faithful and joyful service in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Patti has served as a catechist and as a coordinator of the the program. We welcome Marcia Murello who will take her place as coordinator along with Deacon Keith.

Visiting priests: Please welcome Benedictine priests from St. Vincent Archabbey who will celebrate one weekend Mass on a rotating basis.

The Veneration of a Relic of the True Cross after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Mon., Sept. 14 at Madonna, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The use of relics has a basis in Sacred Scripture (see II Kings 2:9, Acts 19:11 & 12). Miracles and 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.

Bishop's Education Fund: Collection will be taken up on the weekend of September 12th and 13th. Please use the envelope provided and place it in the regular collection. Since the fund was established in 1995, almost \$11 million in assistance has been given to nearly 40,000 children from nearly every parish in the diocese.

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EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 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. Please call the office at 412-351-5403, 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. to schedule a tour of the school, to request information or to discuss registration requirements. We provide Pre-K, full day kindergarten—grade 8 programs. Students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten.



HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Sat., Sept. 19, Sun., Oct. 11, or Sat., Nov. 14. The Sept. 19 and Nov. 14 events begin with buffet breakfast/registration 8:30a.m.-9:00a.m. The day will conclude at noon. The Sunday, Oct. 11 events begin with buffet breakfast/registration 10:30 a.m.-noon. The day will conclude at 3:00p.m. The presentation will include an introduction to the college and a student panel. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservations, phone 1-800-7825549, email admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW: Report any acts of child abuse or if you believe a child was subject to abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313.
Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

PRO LIFE CORNER: To end abortion and euthanasia no sacrifice is too extreme. There is no price that we can attach to a precious life. We must leave this world better than we found it, even if it costs us our lives! Abortion and euthanasia must end now.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday - September 12 - Vigil**
 4:00 PM Kitty Battaglia (Kimberly)
 6:00 PM For the People
- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 13**
 9:00 AM Jeffrey Saulsbury (Joe Sepesy)
 11:00 AM DiMatteo & Dinardo Families (M/M Thomas Dinardo)
- Monday - September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 7:00 PM Joseph Punturi (Andrea & Scott Eicher)
- Tuesday - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**
 9:30 AM Marie Sallinger (Gwen Ruane Poland)
- Wednesday - September 16 - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian**
 8:00 AM Dawn Foster (Josie Pallotta)
- Thursday - September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine**
 9:30 AM Rosella & Isabelle Bianco (Family)
- Friday - September 18**
 8:00 AM Fritz Costanza (Lisa, Deneen, John & Claudine)
- Saturday - September 19—St. Januarius**
 9:30 AM Stella King (Pat Wintermantel)
- Saturday - September 19 - Vigil**
 4:00 PM Hubert Cournoyer (Renee Garger)
 6:00 PM Morgano & Bucci Families (Joe & Josephine Morgano)
- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20**
 9:00 AM Jeffrey Saulsbury (James F. Kerckes)
 11:00 AM For the People

THIS WEEK

- Saturday**
 7:00 PM Word of God 2nd Sunday Social - Parish Center
- Sunday - Bishop's Education Fund Collection**
 10:00 AM Word of God 2nd Sunday Social - Parish Center
- Monday**
 7:00 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God
 7:30 PM Veneration of a Relic of the True Cross After Mass - Madonna
- 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 Hi Rise Community Room, 1st Floor
- Friday**
 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes begin - Madonna
 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
- Next Sunday - Utilities Collection**

Sat., Sept. 26 - 7:00 PM - Oktoberfest - Word of God Church Grounds
 Sun., Sept. 27 - 1:00 PM - Bingo Bash - Madonna

10th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men-Sat., Sept. 19, David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This is a one of kind event for you to be challenged, encouraged, and to encounter Jesus. Get more info. and register today at cmfpitt.org. Lots of great speakers! Register on-line or call Regis Rhodes at 412-351-3298 for tickets.

F.I.R.E. RALLY: Faith, Intercession, Repentance & Evangelization Rally, Sat., Oct. 10th, 1:00p.m.-5:30p.m., **Monroeville Conference Center.** Fr. Scott Seethaler and other powerful presenters. See flyers in the literature racks and tables.

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES: September is dedicated to our Lady of Sorrows. Why? The feast of the Triumph of the Cross is celebrated on Sept. 14, so how appropriate to recognize Our Lady's sorrows on Sept 15. Her sorrows, though deep, were always with peace filled acceptance and love for her Son. Ask Our Lady to help you to reach this same peace, through prayer, through conversation, and perhaps through any of the offerings we have through our Lighthouse Publications.



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

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 which is usually in June. No auditions are needed. Rehearsals held Monday evening in the choir gallery beginning at 7:00 p.m. and generally last for one hour. If you have questions, give Michael Burke a call at (412) 271-1309 – or send him an email at burkemf@verizon.net.

MASS & HEALING SERVICE-Tues., Sept. 15, 7:00p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 1313 Fifth Ave., East McKeesport. Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Kiel; healing service to follow. Please consider bringing someone with you who has not been able to attend Mass due to illness. For info. call the parish office, 412-824-2644.

MASS OF DIVINE HEALING-Wed., Sept. 16, 7:00p.m., North American Martyrs, 2526 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146. 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 412-373-0330.

MASS-Thurs., Sept. 17, 1:30p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor.

ROSARY MARCH-Sun., Oct. 4, from Epiphany Church, 184 Washington Place, Uptown, through the City of Pittsburgh. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Epiphany Church starting at 1:30p.m., Liturgy of the Word (Fr. Anthony Gargotta, presider & homilist) followed by procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament, returning to Epiphany Church for Benediction, Crowning of Our Lady, and for those who choose to stay, a special blessing for healing. For info. call 412-884-3213, or 412-885-8822. For details see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Magnificat Magazine is a wonderful monthly devotional booklet that has helped millions of Catholics grow in a relationship with God and appreciate the Catholic Faith. The parish gets a bulk rate of \$35 for 12 monthly issues and special supplements. There is an order form in the bulletin, and there are forms in the literature racks and on the tables.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets every other Wednesday in Dattilo Hall at 2:00p.m. Our next meeting is Sept. 16. 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.



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 will be group sessions in September. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. There are brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412.241.1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com.



WORD OF GOD PARISH RAFFLE: You can win the \$1,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize or \$500 third prize. Special feature is a \$250 ticket sellers' raffle. Returns should be made to the parish office via the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office at Madonna. Tickets can also be purchased at the parish office. **The drawing will be held at Oktoberfest, Sept. 26.**



STEELER TICKETS: Here's your chance to win 3 field tickets to the Steelers vs. Browns game Sun., Nov. 15—only \$10 per chance. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or after Masses along with your Oktoberfest tickets.

St. Bede School's 90th Anniversary Mass and Reception Sat., Oct. 10th: If you know of St. Bede alumni, former school families, or former parishioners who would like to be included in this special event, please send their contact information to receive an invitation to ptg@stbedepgh.org. **Point Breeze Yard Sale - Join St. Bede School and the Point Breeze Community Sat., Sept. 19th, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.** for a used book and bake sale & food trucks; info. check jeremy.richardson@gmail.com or 412-512-6738, or <http://pointbreezeyardsale.blogspot.com>.

Readings for Sunday, September 20

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20...The just one is put to the test, often suffering at the hands of the wicked.

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3...James tells us that our passions can often lead us away from God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37...Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Question for reflection: Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve?

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of Charles Argenzio from Helen Argenzio & Daughters.

PSP Donation: In memory of Carmel Coffee from Mary Miles, M/M Paul Ballog.

Offertory for September 6 - \$3,607.00
East Catholic School Collection - \$208.00



BINGO BASH-SUN, SEPT. 27, 1:00 p.m., Madonna del Castello, Dattilo Hall. Early Birds: 12:30p.m.; tickets: \$10 are on sale after Masses. Any questions or donations call Peggy Gibson, 412-225-3350.

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, and Sanctuary Lamp in memory of **Doc Lucarelli** from Wife & Family.

IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the souls of **Charles Bonacci**, son of the late Charles & Clementine, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish; also **John Nichols**, brother of Dan, who was buried recently. May their souls rest in peace with Christ.



WEDDING BANNES

II Jessica Pietrusinski & Joseph LaSota

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

September 6 Offertory.....\$5,899.00

OKTOBERFEST: Parishioners and Friends of Word of God Parish, Oktoberfest will be held **Sept. 26th**. This year's Oktoberfest promises to be bigger and better than ever! We are already planning the baskets for the Chinese Auction and could use your help. The raffle baskets have proven to be very profitable fundraisers for our church. We would like to increase the number of baskets available.



Some basket ideas include:

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| Holiday baskets | Money trees |
| Wine | Lottery trees |
| Food themes | Sports |
| Bath and beauty products | Tickets to events |
| School theme | Get-a-way weekends |

Any **new items** that you may have stashed away in a closet or basement may be perfect additions to a raffle basket. Please contact Jen Pekor at 412-417-5731, or email jendavel1195@gmail.com to make arrangements to drop off donations or commit to creating a basket. We appreciate your support!

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.

Swissvale Meals on Wheels: This independent community organization has been serving meals to those in need Monday-Friday every week since 1973. Volunteers from the community (drivers and helpers) deliver the meals that are prepared at the LifeCare Hospital of Pittsburgh. The meals consist of a nutritious hot meal in a microwavable container, salad, dessert, milk, juice, and bread, along with a sandwich and piece of fruit for a smaller meal later in the day. The cost is \$20.00 per week for this service. It can be used as a temporary service for post-hospital recovery or for long term for those who need it. For more information about signing up for the service,

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Walk for the Poor



Like to Walk?

We'll give you a pedometer, tee shirt, and sponsor cards. Walk 10,000 steps (approximately 5 miles) by September 30th. Once you've reached your goal, turn in your sponsor's donations.

Don't like to walk?

No problem, you can still help by sponsoring our walkers with the purchase of a raffle ticket for \$5.00. Tickets available after all Masses.

BIG PRIZES

\$3,000 Visa gift card

\$500 Walmart gift card

\$250 Giant Eagle gift card

All walk sponsors are eligible to win.

Drawing will be held on Saturday, October 17. Winners notified by telephone.

Please support our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference and this important fundraiser. Remember that 100% of the funds that we raise are used to help our parishioners and neighbors in need. Your contribution to this ministry is greatly needed and appreciated.

Either sign up to walk or purchase a raffle ticket after Masses at both parishes during the month of September.

MAGNIFICAT

is a wonderful monthly devotional booklet that includes:

- Daily Morning and Evening Prayer
- Daily Mass readings and meditation
- Interesting articles on prayer and Catholic life
- Lives of the Saints
- Catholic heritage art essay

"It has helped me develop a relationship with God I didn't always have."

"The prayers and meditations are beautiful."

"Whether in my pocket or purse, I can pull it out any time of the day and anywhere."

"The Magnificat issues are treasures for personal reflection."

MAGNIFICAT Order Form

I/We wish to subscribe to Magnificat for 1 year:

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Email: (so we can notify you when it comes in each month)

I will pick up my copy each month in the (*check one*):

Madonna sacristy OR Word of God sacristy

The subscription starts with the December/Advent issue. Your issue usually arrives several weeks before the month begins. When it comes in, the office will notify you to pick it up in the sacristy you have indicated above.

Please return this form and your payment of \$35 for each subscription (checks payable to "Word of God Parish") to the Parish Office **no later than Friday, September 25th**. You may mail it, drop it in the collection basket or drop it off yourself. God bless.

WORD OF GOD PARISH



Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 26, 2015

**7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
(after mass)**

**Word of God Parish Grounds
Over 21 ONLY**

\$25 includes food (chicken, Italian sausage, brats & sauerkraut and more), non-alcoholic beverages, entertainment and souvenir mug

\$35 includes all of the above plus beer and wine

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

No tickets sold at the door.

Live Music from Capital Jam

Fundraising events include: Chinese Auction Baskets, Steeler Tickets Raffle, 50/50, Parish Cash Raffle and more.

All proceeds benefit Word of God Parish

Please call the Rectory at 412-241-1372 or Jen Pekor at 412-417-5731 for tickets or more information.

Come out and have a fun evening under "the Tent" while supporting the parish.



