

The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

September 20, 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.

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

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
Bp. Dattilo Social Hall	412-271-3959
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

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.

Prayer for On Mission for The Church Alive!

Father of Mercy,
 as we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!,
 endow us with your gifts of
 collaboration, courage and compassion.
 Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His
 Church through vibrant parishes,
 and effective ministries.
 Raise up selfless, energetic leaders
 to serve the Church in fidelity and with care.
 May we, the Church of Pittsburgh
 in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene,
 Lawrence and Washington Counties
 be sustained and strengthened by your grace. Help
 us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus and to live Jesus.
 Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ
 our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother,
 under the mantle of her love. Amen.

A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Baptism and Confirmation Sponsor eligibility requirements: 1. Parish registration. 2. Participation at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation verified by envelope use regardless of amount contributed. 3. 16 or older. 4. Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. 5. Believe all that the Catholic Church teaches and incorporate these teachings into daily life. 6. If married, you must have received the Sacrament of Matrimony in a Catholic church or have had your present marriage validly witnessed by a Catholic clergyman; or a single person practicing the Catholic Faith.

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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

Scouts from Troop 23 will be selling popcorn after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Sun., Sept. 20th at Word of God. They will also be selling it after Masses Sun., Sept. 27th at Word of God and Madonna.

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS are listed on the diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." You may also contact the parish office.

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT CERTIFICATION: First step is contact Kelly James. She will inform you of the next steps.

PRO LIFE CORNER

God has granted to man
 a dignity which is near to divine.
 In every child which is born and
 in every person who lives or dies
 we see the image of God's glory.
 —John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 84

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

- 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. Kerekes)
 - 11:00 AM For the People
- Monday - September 21 - St. Matthew**
 - 7:00 PM Beloved Deceased of Bonacci & Martin Families (John & Janice Bonacci)
- Tuesday - September 22**
 - 9:30 AM Catherine Carrell (Bernie Stecik)
- Wednesday - September 23 - St. Pius of Pietreicina**
 - 8:00 AM Amelia & Mattia Candiello (Nick & Maria Candiello)
- Thursday - September 24**
 - 9:30 AM Jeffrey Saulsbury (Arlene Saulsbury)
- Friday - September 25**
 - 8:00 AM David Iovino (Marie Capezuto)
- Saturday - September 26 - St. Cosmas & St. Damian**
 - 9:30 AM Eileen Degener (M/M Joseph Colapietro)
- Saturday - September 26 - Vigil**
 - 4:00 PM Antonio & Carmelina Cartella (Rita & Dominic Cappella)
 - 2:00 PM (W) Wedding - Jessica Pietrusinski & Joseph LaSota
 - 6:00 PM For the People
- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27**
 - 9:00 AM Janice Porter Rajakovich (Jim & Rita Hyland)
 - 11:00 AM Madeline Miele (Marie Capezuto)

THIS WEEK

- Sunday - Utilities Collection**
- Monday**
 - 7:00 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God
- 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
 - 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM - Oktoberfest
Word of God Church Grounds
- Next Sunday**
 - 1:00 PM Bingo Bash - Madonna, Dattilo Hall

BLESSING OF PETS-Oct. 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You are invited to bring your pet to Madonna del Castello for a "Blessing of Pets" **Sat., Oct. 3, 10:30 a.m.** The blessing will take place on the lawn or covered parking area in case of bad weather.



Mental First Aid: A workshop designed for participants to recognize and handle mental health issues which range from chronic mental illness to circumstance-generated depression. What are the symptoms? What should you do? How, where and when do you refer to mental health professionals? www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org. **Sat., Oct. 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,** Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, 2018 S. Braddock Ave. Lunch provided. Conducted by a representative from Mercy Behavioral Health. There is no charge. Register by contacting Union Baptist Church 412.271.3900 by **Saturday, September 26th.**

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES: "Don't allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unfailing JUSTICE OF GOD triumph over it!" "You don't have to be worthy; you only have to be willing." "Pray, Hope, and don't worry!" **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina:** As relevant today and it was years ago! Celebrate this Saint, know his life, let him help you to lead the life Our Lord wishes. Please be sure to place your suggested donation in the money slot on the display so the ministry can be self-supporting.



Genesis Collection, Oct. 3rd & 4th: Genesis provides comprehensive pregnancy support and caring adoption services. The Genesis House provides a self-help, homelike environment to women in need of temporary shelter. The two learning centers provide necessities to Mom and child. Information: 421.766.2693. Volunteers will accept donations and distribute rose appliques at the exits.

Holy Hour for Adam Potter-Tues., Sept. 29th, 7:00 p.m., Madonna. Exposition, Adoration, Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for the intention of Adam's diocesan ordination in Rome on Oct. 1st. Information on a Spiritual Bouquet will be included in next week's bulletin.



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.



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.



Rosary Rally: Sat., Oct. 10th, noon to 1:00 p.m., by the statue of Mary on the corner of So. Braddock and Westmoreland. Join in prayers for God's blessing and mercy on our nation through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. There will be refreshments at the conclusion of the rosary. Sponsored by America Needs Fatima and our local Legion of Mary. Questions: call Mary Anne at 412.823.0533.

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. 30. 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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its monthly meeting on Mon., Sept. 21 in Dattilo Hall at 6:00 p.m. We are a very active conference; if you've ever wondered if this ministry is for you please join us.

HOMEBOUND: Please contact the parish office so we can bring you Holy Communion on a regular basis. If you have homebound parishioners who are neighbors, please let us know.

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.

Parish
Raffle

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.

Readings for Sunday, September 27

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29... The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6... James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48... Jesus teaches that whoever does good actions in his spirit will be rewarded. He tells his disciples that "whoever is not against us is for us."

Question for reflection: When and where have you discerned the spirit of God present in other people?

Madonna del Castello



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of M/M William Burkhardt from Vince & Karen Balistreri



The Altar Candles are in memory of M/M William Burkhardt from Vince & Karen Balistreri

PSP Donation: In memory of Carmel Coffee from Bob & Annette Milacci. Agnes Paesano from Jim & Edna Tomko.

Offertory for September 13- \$3,051.00
Energy Needs of Parish - \$908.00



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 **Peg Koontz** from Trish Wilson.



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the souls of **Aloysius Mahler**, husband of the late Margaret; **Joseph McCarthy**; and **Michael McDonough**, husband of Susan, who were buried recently from Word of God Parish. May their souls rest in peace with Christ.



THROUGH THE SAVING WATERS OF BAPTISM we welcomed into the church recently **Zachary Alan Smith**. With great joy we share our happiness with his parents and friends.

WEDDING BANNS

I Caitlin Harding & Chris Chamberlain
III Jessica Pietrusinski & Joseph LaSota

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

September 13 Offertory.....	\$6,053.00
September 13 Bishop's Education Fund.....	\$379.00

OKTOBERFEST: Don't forget to get your Oktoberfest tickets after Masses, at the parish office or by calling Jen Pekor at 412-417-5731. Please see flyer on back page.



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, please call Edwin Goldbach, 412-371-2909.

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 through grade 8 programs. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for Kindergarten. **There is now a Pre-school at East Catholic.** The 3 year olds meet Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9:00a.m.-11:30a.m. The 4 year olds meet daily, 12:30p.m.-3:00p.m.

Donations: Do you work for a company that gives matching grants to non-profits or that donates money if you volunteer? Many companies do this. Check with your company and perhaps you could get additional funds for the school.

Support Our School:

Please visit www.redrobin.com/betterschools to sign up and select our school to receive 1% of total sales.

We continue to save Box Tops for Education. We receive \$.10 for each box top submitted. We received about \$2,000 this past year.

Oakland Catholic High School is hosting "Eagle for a Day" Fri, Oct. 9. All 8th grade young ladies are invited to attend and experience life at Oakland Catholic for the day. Please visit www.oaklandcatholic.org and register today!

ELKS SCHOLARSHIP: This is real money for our youth to live out their dreams of going to college. Last year the Elks received 50 applications and 32 of them received scholarships. For more information check the national web site www.elks.org, select "our programs" and then "scholarship" to learn more about the program. If you have any questions call Debbie, 412-823-1357.

CONNECTING WITH CATHOLICS IN COLLEGE: Do you want to help a college student stay connected to the Church? Send their name and contact information to the Newman Connection, which will invite them to Catholic activities on their campus. Fill out the form at www.dipitt.org/newmanconnection. Please pray for our students and share the Newman Connection with your friends and family.

"Opening Doors" Disability Awareness Mass-Sun.,



Oct. 4, 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik, celebrant, invites all laity and clergy to this triennial Diocesan celebration to heighten awareness of the presence and gifts of persons with disabilities. For more info. call 412-456-3170, or email diversityanddisabilities@diopitt.org.

St. Thomas High School All Class Reunion Mixer-Sat., Oct. 17, 7:00p.m.-Midnight, Grandview Golf Club, 1000 Clubhouse Dr., North Braddock. Soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres (cash bar for alcoholic drinks); also a disc jockey. Tickets are \$20—only 400 available. Call Lanigan Funeral Home, 412-824-8800 or email Laniganfunerals@aol.com Checks should be made payable to Marlene Waszkiewicz and mailed to the Lanigan Funeral Home, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112.

ENJOY 2016 COUPON BOOKS are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill through Dec. 30 for \$30. The coupon book provides hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons for travel, dining, shopping, sporting events, and regional attractions in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, and Fayette counties. To reserve your book call Sr. Agnes Steedle, 724-836-0406, ex. 6646, or Sr. Patrice Hughes at Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline, 412-343-1382.

East Pittsburgh VFW Post 5007 Super Saturday Bingo, Sept. 26th. Doors open 10:30a.m., kitchen opens 11:00am.; Bingo starts at noon. Admission is \$25 per person. Can double your pack for \$15 more. Admission includes 12 cards for regular, 12 cards for specials. 12 cards \$1,200 must go jackpot. Air conditioned, security on site. Free coffee and lots of parking. For more information call 412-829-1377.

Miracles for McGuire Telethon Sets September Goal of \$100,000: McGuire Memorial Fdn. Is seeking help of all members of the community to reach its goal. Jug and bootdrives, friend-to-friend campaigns, online giving, and an opportunity to give during the McGuire Memorial Telethon on KDKA-TV, Tues., Sept. 29, are being planned to help "make miracles happen." If you'd like to contribute, donations may be sent through the collection at Mass. You can also go to www.crowdrise.com/miraclesformcguire to make a donation or help raise money by sharing the link with family and friends on Twitter, in emails, LinkedIn or Facebook.

Monthly Fish Dinner, Fri., Oct. 2, 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m., St. Colman Parish, school cafeteria, 100 Tri-Boro Highway, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Fried or baked fish sandwich-\$7, side dishes-2/\$4, haluski, pierogis, mac & cheese, crab cakes, French fries & cole slaw, baked goods, and soft serve ice cream. The next dinners are Nov. 6, Dec. 4, & Jan. 9; info. 412-823-2564.

BLESSING OF PETS: Sun., Oct. 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You are invited to bring your pets to St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill. The blessing, 2:00 p.m. will take place at the shrine of St. Francis, which is located across from the main entrance to Beaufort Hall. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 412-241-4722.

Sun., Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m.-3:00p.m.—Blessing of the animals at Waverly Presbyterian Church, 590 S. Braddock Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221. For more information check www.waverlychurch.org or call 412-242-0643.

CONVENT CRAWL: Single Catholic women between the ages of 18 & 40 who are considering a vocation to religious life are invited to visit four Pittsburgh area convents for a 24-hour introduction to the lives of women religious Fri., Oct.9-Sat., Oct. 10. The informal program hosted by the Pittsburgh Religious Vocation council will include conversations with Catholic sisters from eight communities of women religious. Participants will get a taste of community life by participating in prayer services, a panel presentation and sharing in meals. Transportation, overnight hospitality and meals are included and there is no fee to attend. To register, contact Sr. Marlene Kline, OSF, prvc.



Invitations are being sent out to all St. Bede parishioners and school families for the **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 event, send their contact info. to receive an invitation to ptg@stbedepgh.org.

MAGNIFICAT

is a wonderful monthly devotional booklet that includes:

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- Daily Mass readings and meditation
- Interesting articles on prayer and Catholic life
- Lives of the Saints
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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.

