

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



September 27, 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 .....	<i>Pastor</i>
Keith Kondrich .....	<i>Deacon</i>
Ron Demblowski .....	<i>Deacon/Pastoral Associate</i>
Edward Kapsha .....	<i>Madonna Music Director</i>
Michael Burke .....	<i>Word of God Music Director</i>
Kelly James .....	<i>Madonna Parish Secretary</i>
Karen Flynn .....	<i>Word of God Parish Secretary</i>
Patricia Aducci .....	<i>Coordinator of Religious Ed.</i>

### 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* |

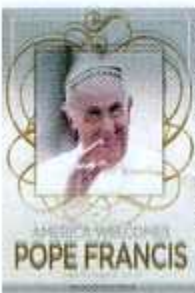
School Website ..... www.eastcatholicsschool.org |

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.



**PRO LIFE CORNER:** Openness to life is at the center of true development. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good. If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday - September 26 - Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM Antonio & Carmelina Cartella (Rita & Dominic Cappella)
  - 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 Capezzuto)
- Monday - September 28 - St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**
  - 7:00 PM DePasquale & Coyne Families (Carmella Coyne)
- Tuesday - September 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael, Archangels**
  - 9:30 AM Wilbur Goff (Joe Markowski)
- Wednesday - September 30 - St. Jerome**
  - 8:00 AM For Thanksgiving (Jude Aniekwe)
- Thursday - October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus**
  - 9:30 AM Rosella & Isabelle Bianco (Family)
- First Friday - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels**
  - 8:00 AM Karen Nuzzo (Dominic, Jr. & Robert Nuzzo, Amy & Eric Friez)
- First Saturday - October 3**
  - 9:30 AM Walter Poland (Gwen Poland)
- Saturday - October 3 - Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM For the People
  - 6:00 PM Karl Koch (Frances Ambrozio)
- Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4**
- Respect Life Sunday**
  - 9:00 AM Regis Lutz (Walter Supe Family)
  - 11:00 AM Angeline Candiello (John Candiello & Amelia Pickle)

**THIS WEEK**

- Sunday - Collection of Food for Swissvale Food Pantry**
  - 1:00 PM Bingo Bash - Madonna, Dattilo Hall
- Monday**
  - 7:00 PM Word of God Choir Rehearsal - Word of God
- Tuesday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour for Adam Potter/Rosary - Madonna
- Wednesday**
  - 2:00 PM Ladies Fellowship - Dattilo Hall
  - 7:00 PM Gospel of Matthew Bible Study - Dattilo Hall
- Thursday**
  - 7:00 PM Ladies of Charity - Dattilo Hall
- Friday**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
  - 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes - Madonna
  - 10:30 AM Blessing of Pets - Madonna (lawn or covered parking area)
  - 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
- Next Sunday - Genesis Collection at Doors of Churches**

**Scouts from Troop 23 will be selling popcorn after Masses Sun., Sept. 27th at Word of God & Madonna.**

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)

**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT**

**BOTH PARISHES:** Strong words spoken by Jesus to His apostles this week and strong support with the Feast of the Archangels and our Guardian Angels! Jesus knows we are to be tempted, that we need His constant graces and He provides us with His Heavenly Hosts to battle and protect.

"Gahenna" is real, we are in battle, but the battle has also been won....will we share in that victory? Check our selections, strengthen yourself for today. **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. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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 diaconate ordination in Rome on Oct. 1st. See last page in bulletin for information on a Spiritual Bouquet.

**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 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](mailto:burkemf@verizon.net).

**40 Days for Life began on Wed., Sept. 23th and will end on Sun., Nov. 1st.** Our parishes are invited to unite with Christian churches in the Pittsburgh area to pray and fast to end abortion. Our parishes will also stand in peaceful prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic 933 Liberty Avenue on **Mon., Oct. 12th, 11:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Information packets with sign up forms are available in the literature racks and tables. Please sign up for one or more hours. You may also participate on any day between now and November 1<sup>st</sup>. Questions: Deacon Ron, parish office or [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com).

**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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



**PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** is available in the racks /tables of the churches. It is the Excellence in Education Issue and also includes the Fall Events guide.



**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.

**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.

**Saint Vincent De Paul Annual Walk for the Poor:** In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." Know that you are serving Christ's poor ones when you sponsor a walker during this annual fundraiser. Your support is critical in allowing our parish Vincentians to carry out this important work.



**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](mailto:wordofgodpa@gmail.com).



**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 Tony Petrarca & Family, Joseph Miele, Gilda Orfitelli.

Reborn in Baptism: Luciana Elizabeth, daughter of Elizabeth Hipple & John Costanza.

Offertory for September 20 – \$2,746.00



**BINGO BASH-SUN, SEPT. 27, 1:00 p.m., Madonna del Castello, Dattilo Hall. Early Birds: 12:30p.m.;** tickets: \$10 will be on sale after Saturday evening 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:

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 **Florence Mrazovich Whalen,** from Daughter, Dawn.



**IN YOUR CHARITY,** please pray for the soul of **Carol A. Cain** who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May her soul rest in peace with Christ.

**WEDDING BANNS**

I Kaitlin Patrick & Max Burke

II Caitlin Harding & Chris Chamberlain

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

**WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS**

September 20 Offertory.....\$6,553.00  
Utilities.....\$509.00

**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.



**Readings for Sunday, October 4**  
**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24...God creates woman from Adam's rib.  
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2: 9-11...Jesus became "perfect"(or "complete") through suffering, so we all might be saved.  
**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10: 2-16...Jesus teaches about divorce. He welcomes and blesses the children.  
**Question for reflection:** In the gospel reading Jesus says, "whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a little child will not enter into it." What does this statement mean to you?

**DO NOT BE AFRAID**  
TO GO AND TO BRING CHRIST INTO  
EVERY AREA OF LIFE,  
TO THE FRINGES OF SOCIETY,  
EVEN TO THOSE WHO SEEM FARTHEST AWAY,  
MOST INDIFFERENT.  
-POPE FRANCIS

**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](http://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.



**OPEN HOUSE-Seton LaSalle Catholic H.S.-Oct. 4, 11:30a.m.-3:00p.m.,** 1000 McNeilly Rd., Mt.Lebanon. Administrators, teachers, coaches, and activities. Moderators will be present to address any questions. Seton LaSalle is also hosting a **Visitation Day for 8th grade students Fri., Oct. 9.** This year there will be a special performance by Frank Runyan, a nationally recognized performer of one-man plays of Scripture. Mr. Runyan will perform "Hollywood vs. Faith: The struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age." Questions call: Suzee Talerico, 412-561-3583, ex. 1127 or visit [www.slshs.org](http://www.slshs.org).

**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](http://www.oaklandcatholic.org) and register today!

**BISHOP CANEVIN H.S. FALL OPEN HOUSE-Sun., Oct. 11, 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.,** 2700 Morange Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (for 6th-11th grade students and families). Learn more about the only Ignatian/Jesuit based high school education in Western PA. Our administrators, teachers, students, parents, moderators, coaches, and staff are looking forward to meeting you! For more information call 412-922-7400.

**SERRA CATHOLIC H.S. OPEN HOUSE-Thurs., Oct. 15, 7:00p.m.,** 200 Hershey Dr., McKeesport, PA 15132. Meet our faculty, parents, and students. Refreshments, prizes, and more! For more information call 412-751-2020.

**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](http://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.

**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.** Time: **2:00 p.m.;** place: Shrine of St. Francis, which is located across from the main entrance to Beaufort Hall. Light refreshments served. For more info. 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](http://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](mailto:ptg@stbedepgh.org).

**HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, 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. 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](mailto:admission@stvincent.edu), or register online at [www.stvincent.edu](http://www.stvincent.edu)

**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](mailto: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.

