The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218

September 4, 2016



Word of God Catholic Parish

7446 McClure Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218 Administrative Office: 2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218

MASS SCHEDULE			
Daily: Monda	ay (Madonna)	7:00 P.M.	
Tuesd	ay (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.	
Wedne	esday (Madonna)	8:00 A.M.	
Thurso	day (Word of God)	9:30 A.M.	
Friday	(Madonna)	8:00 A.M.	
Saturd	lay (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	
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
Marcia Murello	Coordinator of Religious Ed.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 12:00 Noon (Word of God church)

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment at least 6 months before the wedding

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Parish Office for an appointment

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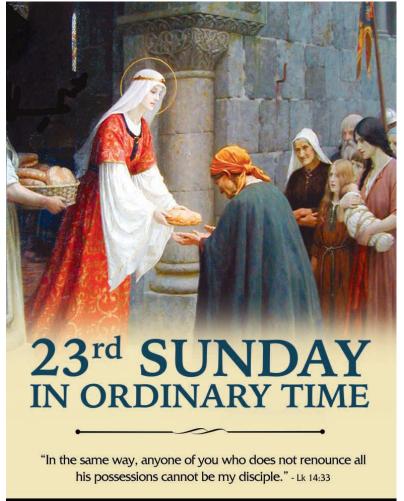
Available after Mass and upon request

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bulletin Deadline Monday at Noon.



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Seminarians Benefit Luncheon-Sat., Sept. 17, St. Paul's Seminary, O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. There will also be a



Chinese Auction, raffles and bake sale. **Doors** open 10:00 a.m. for early bird players (cards or board games). Lunch served at 12:00 p.m. (choice of entrée: chicken romano, crab cakes or vegetable lasagna; donation is \$30. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Ameri-

cas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee. For reservations or additional information call Johanna Leonard, 412-231-0931, or email lami719@verizon.net.

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE is a wonderful monthly devotional booklet that has helped millions of Catholic 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 are sample copies and order forms at the exits. The deadline is Friday, September 23rd.

Join Us and Renew your Faith-The New Evangelization for the New Millennium Conference-Sat., Nov. 5, 1:00p.m.-5:30 p.m., Monroeville Convention Center. Early special in-



centive: register three by August 31, and get one extra free. Young adult and teen tracks available. For info. visit www.stbrnadet.org or www.namcatholicchurgh.org.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil - September 3

4:00 PM For the People

Henry George Clougherty Sr. (Family) 6:00 PM

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 4

9:00 AM Regis Lutz (Cousins Sherry Reis/Melissa Morris)

11:00 AM Julie Chmelik (Peggy Gibson)

Monday - September 5 - Bl. Theresa of Calcutta

7:00 PM Ruth Robinson (Rose Pascal)

Tuesday - September 6

9:30 AM Doc Lucarelli (Wife, Jennie & Family)

Wednesday - September 7

8:00 AM Nino & Lina Cartella (Domenic & Rita Cappella)

Thursday - September 8 Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary

9:30 AM Bob Och (Eileen with Love)

Friday - September 9 - St. Peter Claver

8:00 AM Fr. John & All Madonna Priests Living & Deceased (Peggy & Chris Gibson & Family)

Saturday - September 10

9:30 AM Charles Hergenroeder (Family)

Saturday Vigil - September 10

4:00 PM Marilyn Sepesy (Husband)

6:00 PM For the People

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 11

Regis & Mary Harkins (Marian & Kathleen) 9:00 AM

11:00 AM M/M DiodoroDiMatteo & Nicholas Dinardo

(M/M Thomas Dinardo)

THIS WEEK

Sunday - Missionary Appeal

Monday - Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday

7:00 PM Holy Hour/Rosary - Madonna

Wednesday

10:30 AM Legion of Mary - Dattilo Hall

7:00 PM Bible Study - Revelation - Dattilo Hall

Thursday

1:00 PM Birthday Party to Honor the Blessed Mother

For Legion of Mary Auxiliary Members

Hi Rise Community Room

7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Group - Madonna

Friday - Registration Deadline—CCD

Holy Hour/Divine Mercy Chaplet - Madonna 7:00 PM

Saturday

12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM-Gift Shop open, 1st fl., Parish Center

Next Sunday - Bishop's Education Fund Collection, Utilities Collection; Parish Family Socials

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM-Gift Shop open, Parish Center

12:30 PM Bingo Bash - Madonna, Dattilo Hall

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST-Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m.

to 12 Noon, DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Nikki Bruni tell her amazing story of finding God, her conversion to the Catholic faith, and finding her purpose in prolife work. She is director of Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life and an artist who uses her abilities to glorify God; cost: \$23. To register, call Pam, 412-461-8906, or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES: Labor Day,

the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. And Our Lord has created each day, providing us with all that we need...only asking us to spend a little time with Him to share in His love for us......every day should be rejoiced as God's day.....celebrate with Him! Please be sure to place

your suggested donation in the money slot on the dis-

play so the ministry can be self-supporting.

Bishop's Education Fund Collection—weekend of Sept. 10th & 11th. Please use the envelope provided and place it in the regular collection. Since the fund was established in 1995, over \$11 million in assistance has been given to 40,000 children from nearly every parish in the diocese.

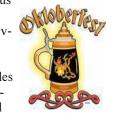


Legion of Mary Birthday Party to Honor Our Blessed Mother-Thurs., Sept. 8, 1:00 p.m. (for Auxiliary Members)

Swissvale Hi-Rise, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor. <u>Please call the parish office if you plan to attend</u>.

OKTOBERFEST-Sat., Oct. 15, 7:00p.m.-10:30p.m.

-Word of God Church grounds. Come join us "under the tent" for good food (catered by Veltre's), music by Deacon DJ Len, plus several small games of chance. Come out and enjoy getting together with old friends and making new ones. Ticket cost of \$25 includes food, entertainment, and soft drinks; \$35 includes the previous plus beer and wine. All



proceeds benefit Word of God Parish. Over 21 years old ON-LY; no tickets sold at the door. Tickets available for purchase in September. Contact Word of God Parish office for tickets/info., 412-241-1372. **EARLY VOGEL (BIRD) SPE-**

CIAL: Now through September 30th, tickets are \$5 off the regular price. \$20 for admission and dinner, \$30 includes beer & wine. On October 1st, tickets go back to the regular price of \$25 and \$35. Please talk it over with family and friends and plan to buy your tickets early. Only 200 tickets will be sold. No ticket sales at the door. Looking forward to seeing you there.



IS HERE! Today check out the great many online offerings including: *Catholicism*, a series of 10 videos by Bishop Robert Barron or *Symbolon*, a series of 10 videos in which

the Catholic Faith is explained by some of the best teachers. 33 Days to Morning Glory or Consoling the Heart of Jesus are Do -It-Yourself Retreats for the busy parishioner whose heart is thirsty for more. Please check out all the programs, movies, ebooks and CD's. If you find you want assistance making use of FORMED, demonstrations will be available at the back of the churches Sept. 17th & 18th. See flyer on the back page in the bulletin.

PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP meets at 7:00p.m. the 2nd & 4th Thursdays each month at Madonna. For info. call Mike Matthysse, 412-241-1254.



New Altar Server Training: Girls and boys, gr. 3 and older, both parishes. One session required with one or both parents present after one of the Sunday Masses in September. Please contact Deacon Ron at the Parish Office by noon on Tues., Sept. 6th to register and indicate 2 or more Sunday dates you could be available for training.



OUR PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND SOCIALS will take place at both parishes after the weekend Masses Sat., Sept. 10th & Sun, Sept. 11th. Servers & Communion Ministers will host the

social at Madonna. The Pastoral Council will host the social at Word of God. **NOTE:** There is no social after the 11:00 a.m. Mass due to the Bingo Bash.



INGO BINGO BASH, Sun., Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m.

Tickets-\$10 are available after Masses at Madonna or call Peggy Gibson, 412-225-3350.

CCD REGISTRATION: Believe it or not, it is time to register your children for the 2016-17 CCD year! The first day of class will be Sat., Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 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, sac-

ramental, 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 each of them! Registration packets have been mailed to all 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 this year, please call the parish office and a packet will be mailed to you. Packets available at exits of both churches. Registration DEADLINE is Fri., Sept. 9th.

Become Catholic? 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 anoth-



er 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 that begin in late September. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who would like to join us. They may be waiting to be asked. There are special "Are You Thinking About Becoming a Catholic?" brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron

Demblowski, 412-241-1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com.

Madonna del Castello

PSP Fund in memory of: TONY PETRARCA from Mr. & Mrs. John Abbenante.

MADONNA COLLECTION

August 28 Offertory	84,146.00	0
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MASS READERS NEEDED: Please contact 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

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 ____ Phone

Child Protective Services Law: Report any acts of child abuse to Commonwealth of PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313. **Diocesan Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.** Diocesan website, www.diopitt.org, under "Protecting God's Children." Sessions available on-line.

Diocesan Safe Environment Certification: Contact Kelly James at the parish office.

Readings for Sunday, September 11

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14....Moses implores God not to punish the Israelites for having made and worshiped a golden calf by recalling the great good and promises that God has made to his chosen people.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17...Paul knows that he has been treated mercifully by God despite his sinfulness and is to serve as an example for those who would come to believe in Christ.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32...Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with sinners and tax collectors. He tells three parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son...to show that God seeks out the lost to forgive them and welcome them back.

Questions for reflection: Just as Paul experienced God's mercy, how have you most experienced God's loving mercy? How have you shown a similar mercy to others?

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 Henry Clougherty Sr. from Family.

IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the soul of **Michael J. Evonich,** husband of Theresa, who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May his soul rest in peace with Christ.



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Communion Ministers: Please Remember to volunteer in the summer.



WORD OF GOD COLLECTION

August 28 Offertory.....\$5,003.00

WORD OF GOD CHOIR NEWS

The Word of God Choir begins the 2016-2017 season at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 11th. Choir rehearsal resumed Monday.

August 29, 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome! Join us at rehearsal for a rewarding experience with a wonderful group of people. Have you considered becoming a cantor? Since an audition is necessary for this ministry, the best way to prepare for this is to participate in the Word of God Choir and become familiar with its liturgical repertoire. Do you play an orchestral instrument...brass, timpani, strings, or oboe? Please share your gift of music with us!

Mark your calendars for a VERY SPECIAL musical event this fall! Word of God Parish will be hosting THE SAINT VINCENT CAMERATA, Fr. Ste
CONCERT phen Concordia, O.S.B., Director, in a concert of Early Baroque Choruses with special guests, Chatham

Baroque. The concert will be on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Word of God Church. Fr. Stephen has celebrated Mass a number of times at

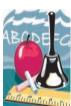
Word of God and is very impressed with the church's acoustics. This will truly be an event not to be missed!

CANTERBURY CORNER GIFT SHOP

The gift shop will reopen for the Parish Family Social Sat., Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. It will continue to be open on Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



East Catholic School welcomes prospective new



families who are interested in learning about our programs from 3 year old preschool through the 8th grade to come join us and be a part of East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, PA. Registration for the 2016-17 school year is open. Call the office at 412-351-5403 (8:30a.m.–2:00p.m.) to schedule a tour of the school, request info. or

discuss registration requirements. Tour our campus and discover the wonderful educational opportunities available to your child. Meet parents, students, teachers and administration and see firsthand how East Catholic School offers a rich curriculum that fosters a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for your child in a safe and caring environment. 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. "Become a part of the school of tomorrow where knowledge meets faith and where timeless values and learning evolves."

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.

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Seven Sacraments? Are you currently a catechist or teaching in a Catholic school and need to gain permanent certification? Are you an interested adult who would like to learn more about their faith? Then we have the course for you! Sacraments will be offered at St. Maurice starting Thurs., Sept. 29 and running for six weeks 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Catechists, Catholic school teachers and interested adults are encouraged to attend. Cost: \$30 and certification credits will be offered. Please contact Cheryl Kirkland at stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net or 412-351-6710 to register or for information

Marriage can become an emotional roller coaster when one or both couples want to stop the ride and get off. The Catholic Church has always held the sanctity of marriage in the highest esteem and reminds us it is a lifetime commitment.

Retrouvaille might be the spark you need to get your relationship going again. It has worked for many other couples. The next Pittsburgh program is scheduled to start **Sept. 16.** Call 412-277-3434, or check www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org.

PRO LIFE CORNER: "Let me tell you why I believe abortion is the crucial issue of our age. First, because abortion, too, is about living within the truth. The right to life is the foundation of every other human right. If that right is not inviolate, then no right can be guaranteed. Or to put it more blunt-

ly: Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim."

- Archbishop Charles Chaput

CROATIAN DAY AT KENNYWOOD-Sat., Sept. 3. Starting at 11:00 a.m. barbecue lamb, civaps, and baked goods including nut roll, apple and cheese strudels for sale. The program starts at 4:00 p.m. The newly organized Tamburitzas will entertain along with one of Croatia's finest ensembles, TS Bosutski Becari band, and female vocalist Marija Pavkovic & male vocalist Sima Jovanovac. Also, there will be a Croatian Mass at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Churchill, PA 15235, Sun., Sept. 4, 4:30 p.m., and post Croatian Day festivities at the Croatian Home, Rankin following Mass; info./tickets call 412-824-6680.

ST. COLMAN MONTHLY FISH FRY-Fri., Sept. 9,



4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., School Cafeteria, 100 Tri-Boro Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Hand dipped Baked or Fried Cod Fish Sandwich for just \$7, and our delicious side dishes for \$2.50 each or 2 for \$4. Side dishes include Pierogies,

Haluski, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Mac-n-Cheese, Boston Clam Chowder and Crab Cakes. Donations of baked goods needed—drop off at rectory office; info. call 412-823-2564.

Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass-Wed., Sept. 14, 7:00p.m., North American Martyrs, 2526 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA 15146; info. call 412-373-0330.

Mass-Thurs., Sept. 15, 1:30p.m., Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st Floor.

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Sorrows—(Slovak/English) Thurs., Sept. 15, Holy Trinity Church, 529 Grant Ave. Ext., West Mifflin. Prelude of Slovak hymns sung at 7:00p.m. Following will be a reception in the church social hall. For info. call Len Potemra, 412-672-6265.

Mass in Honor of Padre Pio-Fri., Sept. 23, 7:00p.m., St. Augustine Church, 220 - 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Confessions heard 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Relics from Padre Pio on display; the public is welcome. For info. call 412-682-0929.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY-Sun., Sept. 11, 1:30 p.m., St. Maurice Parish, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA 15221. Light refreshments will follow. RSVP Bernadette, 412-823-6191 or email chefbernadette@hotmail.com. Sponsored by Ladies of Charity.

ROSARY MARCH-Sun., Oct. 2, from Epiphany Church, 184 Washington Place, Uptown, through the City of Pittsburgh. Epiphany—Festival of Praise With Mary (Deacon William Strathmann). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at 1:30p.m. (Fr. David Rombold). Following Liturgy of the Word there will be a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament, returning to Epiphany 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 412-882-3027. For details see flyer on the bulletin board. Interested in Becoming a deacon? The Diocese

interested in Becoming a deacon? The Diocese is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of qualified Catholic men into the Deacon Formation Program. Prospective applicants should be between 30 and 59 years old, in full communion with the Church, active in their faith, and hold at least a bachelor's degree. They should consult their pastor about submitting a nomination on their behalf; deadline isSept. 15. Applications without a pastor's nomination won't be considered. More info.is posted on the diocesan web site, www.fiopiyy.oth. Questions—check deacons@diopitt.org

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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.

GERMAN OKTOBERFEST-Sat., Sept. 10, Holy Spirit Parish Lyceum Hall, Millvale (North Hills). Traditional German Dinner and beverages served 5:000p.m.-8:00p.m. A German Band will play 5:30p.m.-10:00p.m. The D'Lustigen Isartaler Bavarian Club Dancers & Chorus will perform during band breaks. Tickets: \$25/adults—complete dinner & dessert, (\$10/event only, and \$5/children—no food); cash bar. For tickets call the parish office, 412-821-4424. For more info. check www.holyspiritmillvale.org.

ENJOY 2017 COUPON BOOKS-On Sale Sept. 15-

Dec. 30 from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Enjoy 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, Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline, 412-343-1382.

Diocesan Pilgrimage Oct. 8 to the National Shrine in Washington, D.C.: It's time to make reservations for the pilgrimage, led by Bishop David Zubik. It is a faith journey and time to gather as a Diocesan family. Buses will leave at 6:00a.m. from various locations around the Diocese. The Basilica is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine. It has over 70 chapels and oratories that relate to the people, cultures and traditions that are the fabric of the Catholic faith. Refer to www.diopitt.org by clicking of the pilgrimage link on the home page carousel banner for complete reservation listings.

PEACE AND PRAYER DAY-Sept. 9: Catholic

Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is hosting a Day for Peace and Prayer in front of its offices in downtown Pitts-

burgh, 212 Ninth Street. Bishop David A. Zubik will lead the prayer service at 11:00 a.m. The service should last approximately 30 minutes. The local event is in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Charities USA, who established Sept. 9th as a Day for Peace and Prayer.

Because the family is the root of society, we want our family to fulfill its vocation to build the common good.



God is not solitary. He is a communion of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As men and women we are created in this image. By our very nature, we are intended to belong to a communion, or community of persons. Through baptism, God has transformed us into his children and given us entrance into the community of the Church. This community is an exceptional one: It is the family of God. In it, each of us—as the sons

and daughter of God—are called to care for each other. When we seek to care for each other by making our individual families reflect the community of persons which is the Trinity, we truly build our family as the domestic church.

Meditation: From St. John Paul II's Letter to Families.

The civilization of love evokes joy: joy, among other things, for the fact that a man has come into the world (cf. Jn 16:21), and consequently because spouses have become parents. The civilization of love means "rejoicing in the right" (cf. I Cor 13:6). But a civilization inspired by a comsumerist, anti-birth mentality is not and cannot ever be a civilization of love. If the family is so important for the civilization of love, it is because of the particular closeness and intensity of the bonds which come to be between persons and generations within the family.

- 1. How is the family important in society? How do families shape our communities?
- 2. Does our family "rejoice in the right?" Do we recognize the joy and reasons for happiness in our communities, or do we only dwell upon the negative? What can we do to transform the negativity in our home and communities?
- 3. How do I think the saints-in particular, the Blessed Mother-would act in my community with its needs? How can we help it become a civilization of love?

Family Project: God calls upon us to be good citizens and to serve our communities. Talk to your family about service members of your community, such as police officers and firefighters, those holding public office, and those in the armed forces or similar services. Work with local groups to send care packages and letters to active duty members of the armed forces serving overseas. Visit elderly veterans and spend time with them talking, reading or playing a game as a way to show appreciation for their past service.





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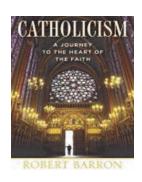
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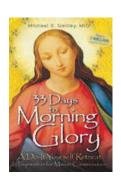
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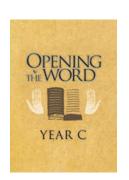
If you want assistance with making use of FORMED, demonstrations will be available at the back of the churches on Sept. 17th & 18th.

For questions: Contact Peggy Evans/ peggyevans02@gmail.com OR Karen Goldbach/ goldbachkm@verizon.net













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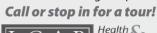
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