

# The Catholic Community of Rankin and Swissvale

## MADONNA DEL CASTELLO PARISH

2021 S. Braddock Avenue • Swissvale, PA 15218



September 6, 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 .....	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.**



**A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN**

**Abortion Absolution Clarification:** On Tuesday, Pope Francis granted permission for priests around the world to absolve Catholics who confess the sin of abortion if they repent with a contrite heart. For the past 25 years, priests in the Pittsburgh Diocese have been authorized by their bishop to absolve the sin of abortion. This is also the case in most, if not all, American dioceses and many overseas dioceses.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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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Dear parishioners of Madonna and Word of God,



Three years ago I arrived to Swissvale and Rankin feeling like a stranger. Three weeks ago I left Swissvale and Rankin feeling like family. Never would I have imagined when first entering seminary that such strong bonds could be made in just a few short weeks over the course of several summer assignments. Yet, I found just how amazing the people of God in Swissvale and Rankin are! I cannot thank you all enough for everything that you did to welcome me, support me, and encourage me on this journey to the priesthood. It is a path that is not made alone, that much is sure. I was reminded of that reality in a special way in saying goodbye to everyone in my last week at the parishes. Once again I was overwhelmed at the kind words, notes, cards, and hugs sending me on my way to an upcoming year that culminates six years in seminary with Diaconate Ordination on October 1 and Priesthood Ordination the following June. From the bottom of my heart I want to say how truly grateful I am to all of you. I could not have done any of this without you all and the Grace of God. In a special way, I want to thank Fr. John for the incredible witness he was to me of who a priest really is--a prayerful, hardworking, and humble man with unwavering trust in God. I beg you to please pray for my forty-two classmates and me as we prepare to lay down our lives in just under a month. Pray that we may be open to God to receive all the graces we need to be the ministers He is calling us to be--for our salvation and the salvation of souls. Be assured of my prayers for you especially at the tomb of St. Peter in Rome. In the peace of Christ,  
Adam Potter

**F.I.R.E. RALLY:** Faith, Intercession, Repentance & Evangelization Rally, Sun., 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.

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday - September 5 - Vigil**
  - 4:00 PM Marilyn Sepesy (Family)
  - 6:00 PM Cathy Lohner (Jeff Lohner)
- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6**
  - 9:00 AM Doc Lucarelli, Death Anniv. (Wife, Jennie & Family)
  - 11:00 AM For the People
- Monday - September 7 - Labor Day**
  - 7:00 PM John Gottenkiene (Jack Joyce)
- Tuesday - September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  - 9:30 AM Dom Dichiera (Niece, Rosetta & Family)
- Wednesday - September 9 - St. Peter Claver**
  - 8:00 AM Ruth Robinson (Rose Pascal)
- Thursday - September 10**
  - 9:30 AM Michael Green (Geri Green & Sr. Mary Victor)
- Friday - September 11**
  - 8:00 AM Paul Snyder (Vagnucci Family)
- Saturday - September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary**
  - 9:30 AM Elsie Horkulich (Greg & Julie)
- 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)

**THIS WEEK**

- Monday - Labor Day - Parish Office Closed**
- 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 - CCD Registration Deadline**
  - 7:00 PM Holy Hour - Madonna
- Saturday**
  - 12:00 PM Reconciliation - Word of God Parish
- Sunday - Bishop's Education Fund Collection**

Sat., Sept. 19 - 8:45 AM to 10:30 AM - CCD Classes begin-Madonna  
Sat., Sept. 26 - 7:00 PM - Oktoberfest - Word of God Church Grounds

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS** are conducted every Saturday after the 9:30a.m. Mass at Word of God Parish. The 10 minute devotional concludes with a blessing of the Assembly with the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The icon shows Mary protecting Jesus with her arms around Him. Her solemn face looks directly at us as the archangel Michael and Gabriel bring the instruments of Christ's crucifixion, a lance, sponge, cross, and nails.

**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](http://cmfpitt.org). Lots of great speakers! Register on-line or call Regis Rhodes at 412-351-3298 for tickets.



**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 bluntly: Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim. --Archbishop Charles Chaput





**LOOK FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSK AT BOTH PARISHES:** As summer offers us the last, lingering warmth, many families are preparing for a return to school. Many are busy shopping for all the 'needs' of a new school year. Perhaps we also 'need' a little inspiration to boost our knowledge and preparation for true life! Prepare for living a true life, guided by the Holy Spirit! **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 – a little longer as we get close to Christmas and Easter. Don't worry, you won't miss the start of any important Monday Night Football games! 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).



**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. in the Community Room, 1st Floor.

**THE ROSARY** is said at the Swissvale Towers, 1826 Monongahela Ave., Community Room, 1st floor, every **Mon., 3:30 p.m.**

**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, president & 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.



**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.



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)

**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.

**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 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 rectory and a packet will be mailed to you. Registration packets available at the exits of both churches. **DEADLINE to register-Fri., Sept. 11.**



**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 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 special brochures in the literature racks. Contact: Deacon Ron Demblowski, 412.241.1372 or [wordofgodpa@gmail.com](mailto: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. Tickets not picked up have been mailed to your current listed address. 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. GOOD LUCK!**

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.



**Madonna del Castello**



The Tabernacle Lamp is for the Frank & Ciao Families from Josephine Ciao.



The Alter Candles are in memory of Erik Joseph Valentino from Joe & Mary Pat Valentino Family.



The Altar Bread & Wine are in memory of Madeline Miele from Marie Capezzuto.

**PSP Donation:** In memory of Carmel Coffee from Jo & Vince Donatelli, Jim & Christine Scott, John & Diana Hardy, Lisa & Paul Marchitello, Ross & Maureen Cioppa, Stanley & Lauren Cheyne, Jim & Val Bonacci, Tony & Donna Veltre, Ron & Marcia Murello, Joe & Michelle Cioppa, Joan & Jack Abbenante, Rose & Mike Pascal, Vera Palangio.

Offertory for August 30 - \$2,737.00  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection—\$504.00

Rest in Peace: Madeline Miele, wife of the late Crescente Miele.

Office closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.



**BINGO BASH-SUN, SEPT. 27, Madonna del Castello, Dattilo Hall.** 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:

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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 **Walter Cummings** from Rose Mary O'Hara.



**IN YOUR CHARITY**, please pray for the soul of **William F. Aubele** who was buried recently from Word of God Parish. May his soul rest in peace with Christ.

**WEDDING BANS**

I Jessica Pietrusinski & Joseph LaSota

Please consider remembering the parish in your will.

**WORD OF GOD COLLECTIONS**

August 30 Offertory.....\$7,088.00  
St. Vincent de Paul.....\$626.00

**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 jendave1195@gmail.com to make arrangements to drop off donations or commit to creating a basket. We appreciate your support!

**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.







