

MADONNA DEL CASTELLO

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at Noon

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:30 a.m.

Saturday (vigil mass) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday's after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 21 7:30 A.M.
Patrick Aducci (Dan & Debbie Turlizzi)

Tuesday, November 22 7:30 A.M.
Martha Catone (Lisa Cook)

Tuesday, November 22 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 23 7:30 A.M.
Mike & Connie Trenga (Children & Grandchildren)

Thursday, November 24 7:30 A.M.
Poor & Hungry

Friday, November 25 7:30 A.M.
Honor, John & Olive Magnotta (Regina & Fred)

Friday, November 25 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, November 26 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 26 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners

Sunday, November 27 10:30 A.M.
Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (Legion of Mary)



Saturday, November 26 4:00 P.M.
Miles Gibson & Mason Gibson

Sunday, November 27 10:30 A.M.
Paige Perla & Grace Perla



Saturday, November 26 4:00 P.M.
Chris Gibson, Guy Mazzella, Dave Fiumara, Al Haski

Sunday, November 27 10:30 A.M.
John Bonacci, Margie Williams, Stan Cheyne, Marian Iovino



Saturday, November 26 4:00 P.M.
Peggy Gibson

Sunday, November 27 10:30 A.M.
Janice Bonacci

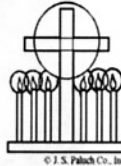
PSP DONATION

In memory of:

ELIZABETH A. MOCHAN from John & Olive Magnotta, Peggy & Chris Gibson.



The Tabernacle Lamp is for
THE DEFRANK & CIAO FAMILIES
From Josephine Ciao.



The Alter Candles are in memory of
PAUL & LENA TOMKO & ROSELLA PFOFF
From Richie & Ryan Feczko.



The Altar Bread is memory of
PAUL & LENA TOMKO & ROSELLA PFOFF
From Richie & Ryan Feczko.



The Altar Wine is in memory of
CAM MELE
From Robert Testa.

Anyone who would like to have any or all of the gifts celebrated in memory of or tribute to a loved one(s), should complete the form below, place information and money in a plain envelope and deposit sealed envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the rectory or deposit in the front door mail slot.

Memorial or Living Tribute Request

I would like to offer:

- Altar Flowers (\$50) _____
- Altar Bread (\$25) _____
- Altar Wine (\$25) _____
- Altar Candles (\$10) _____
- Tabernacle Lamp (\$10) _____
- Complete Offering (\$120) _____

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____



From
the
Pastor



Thanksgiving
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Thursday of this week, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day. Please join us at 7:30 a.m. for Mass. The best way of expressing our gratitude is by participating in the Eucharist.

Also, the office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

THANK YOU

Thank you to RoseAnne & Mike LeDonne for chairing our Senior Dinner, the youth who served as waiters and our seniors, who are such pleasant guests. The dinner was a great success.

RAFFLE FOR QUILT

Beginning the weekend of November 5 & 6 after all weekend masses and continuing through December 4 & 5, tickets will be on sale in the Bishop Dattilo Hall for a handmade large Christmas tree quilt/wall hanging. All proceeds will go to the Madonna del Castello St. Vincent de Paul Society. Tickets are one for \$2 and 3 for \$5.



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There will be a Respect Life meeting on Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m. in the Bishop Dattilo Hall. Helene Paharik from the Diocese will discuss committee formation & planning. Contact Ron Demblowski

at 412-241-1372 if you are interested and can or cannot attend.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR WOMEN

"There just isn't time." We know. Schedules are packed and it seems there isn't space for one more thing. Please prayfully consider though, if God is call you to develop a more lively faith—one that includes personal prayer, celebration of the sacraments and sharing with other women of faith. If God is calling you to do this, can you give a weekend or part of a weekend to spend time with Him? The women of Word of God Parish would like you to join them at St. Paul's Retreat Center the weekend of January 6-8. For details, please call Peggy Evens—412-398-0776, Peggy Keene—412-271-3862 or Mary Diaddigo—412-241-6982.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you know of someone who has no one to share a Thanksgiving meal with; cannot leave their house; cannot afford to provide a meal for their family; has to work that day, please invite them to either dine in or take out a Thanksgiving dinner, compliments of First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood, 120 East Swissvale Ave. Pleas contact the church office for reservations or questions at 412-241-4613.

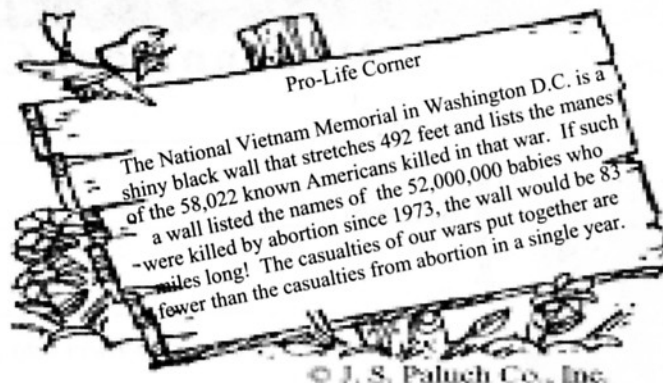
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas cards sketched by Sister Martha, lsp. This years sketch is white on burgundy background. The cards are 7 for \$10 (plus 1.50 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$2 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5 for shipping). Cards can be ordered by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212 or stopping at the main entrance of the home.

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Liturgy and Life

At its heart, the Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, bringing us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Liturgy brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving.

An ancient saying in the Church reads "*lex orandi, lex credendi*," meaning that the law of prayer is the law of faith. More loosely: as we pray, so we believe. To that we might add *lex vivendi*, meaning that as we pray, so we believe, and so we live. In the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, the bishops and translators have taken great care to ensure that the prayers accurately and fully reflect the mysteries of our faith. Thus, the words that we pray in each liturgical celebration will help to form and strengthen our understanding of the faith.

However, if the effects of the Liturgy stop at the doors of the church, we have not made our prayer and our faith part of our law of living. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that the Eucharist helps us to grow in union with Christ, avoid sin, increase in charity, strengthen communion with our brothers and sisters, and recognize Christ in the poorest and most vulnerable members of society (see CCC, nos. 1391-1397). But what does that mean in daily life?

LIVING A LIFE OF PRAYER

Our prayer lives should not be limited to a single hour on Sunday mornings. In fact, the richer our prayer lives are throughout the week, the more fully we will be able to enter into the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Here are some ways to make your daily life more prayerful:

- ✠ Try attending daily Mass at least once a week. Your parish may have an early morning Mass, or a church near your job may offer a lunchtime Mass.
- ✠ Stop in a church before or after work or on your lunch hour for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- ✠ Make it a practice to say grace before every meal—even if you are eating in the car.
- ✠ Schedule time for family prayer at least once a week. This prayer can be as simple as saying the Our Father or a decade of the Rosary together.
- ✠ Take time during the week to read or listen to the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The readings are available online (in print and audio) at www.usccb.org/nab.
- ✠ Begin your day with a brief prayer of thanksgiving to God, offering your day to him.
- ✠ End your day with an examination of conscience, looking at your successes and failures in what you have done or what you have failed to do. If you are aware of serious sin, receive the Sacrament of Penance before you receive Holy Communion again.

LIVING A LIFE OF LOVING SERVICE

Celebrating the eucharistic Liturgy and receiving Holy Communion should strengthen us to conform our lives more closely to the example of Christ. As Jesus knelt before his Apostles to wash their feet (see Jn 13), giving them an example of humble service, so must we who bear the name Christian live our lives in service to our brothers and sisters.

To help us in this endeavor, Church Tradition has identified works of mercy. These fourteen practices demand great sacrifice and generosity, but they also draw us more deeply into conformity with the Lord. Focusing on one of these works each week may be a practical way to integrate them into our personal, family, and parish lives.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ✠ Feeding the hungry
- ✠ Sheltering the homeless
- ✠ Clothing the naked
- ✠ Visiting the sick
- ✠ Visiting the imprisoned
- ✠ Giving drink to the thirsty
- ✠ Burying the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- ⊗ Converting sinners
- ⊗ Instructing the ignorant
- ⊗ Advising the doubtful
- ⊗ Comforting the sorrowful
- ⊗ Bearing wrongs patiently
- ⊗ Forgiving injuries
- ⊗ Praying for the living and dead

Our parishes and civil communities offer numerous opportunities to live out these works, from assisting with religious education classes or volunteering at a food bank to encouraging our legislators to put forward policies that protect the life and dignity of each person. As we grow in conformity to Christ, we see more clearly that all people are made in the image and likeness of God (see Gn 1:26) and so have an inherent value and dignity. By helping to build a more just and compassionate society, we act as Christ's Body in the world.

IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE EUCHARIST

Living the Christian life is not easy. "What material food produces in our bodily life, Holy Communion wonderfully achieves in our spiritual life. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ . . . preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage" (CCC, no. 1392).

And so, each Sunday, we return to the eucharistic table, bringing all our efforts of the previous week, the good and the bad, the successes and the failures, the

joys and the sorrows. We gather with our brothers and sisters in the Lord and, together with our priest, we join these efforts to the perfect sacrifice of Christ, asking that God will receive what we offer back to him in humble thanksgiving. The *Catechism* explains it as follows:

The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering. (CCC, no. 1368)

Then, strengthened by Holy Communion, we are once again sent forth into the world to glorify the Lord in our lives.

REFERENCE

Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

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