

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

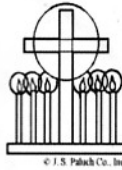
Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

MassSchedule

- Monday, November 28** 7:30 A.M.
Anthony & Louise Marchesiano (Marchesiano & Cravotta Families)
- Tuesday, November 29** 7:30 A.M.
Diane Lynn Alder (Michael Alder)
- Tuesday, November 29** 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
- Wednesday, November 30** 7:30 A.M.
Joseph Murello (Patti Aducci)
- Thursday, December 1** 7:30 A.M.
Caruso Family (Mafalda Zenone)
- Friday, December 2** 7:30 A.M.
Liz Lynam Mochan (CCD Staff)
- Friday, December 2** 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
- Saturday, December 3** 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant
- Saturday, December 3** 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners
- Sunday, December 4** 10:30 A.M.
Andy Orfitelli (Gilda Orfitelli & Family)



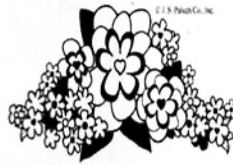
The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of M/M WILLIAM BURKHARDT From Karen & Vince Balistreri.



The Alter Candles are in memory of ANNA FARKASOVSKY From Family & Friends.



The Altar Bread & Wine is memory of ANNA FARKASOVSKY From Family & Friends.



The Altar Flowers are in memory of ANNA FARKASOVSKY From Family & Friends.



- Saturday, December 3** 4:00 P.M.
Savanah Stophel & Mike Zak
- Sunday, December 4** 10:30 A.M.
Molly Zellers & Dominic Capezzuto



- Saturday, December 3** 4:00 P.M.
Dave Fiumara, Guy Mazzella, Wayne Sarsfield, Cathy Wreath
- Sunday, December 4** 10:30 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard DeFazio, Linda Probola, Andy Migliorato



- Saturday, December 3** 4:00 P.M.
Olive Magnotta
- Sunday, December 4** 10:30 A.M.
Diane Bruno

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 _____

VOLUNTEERS

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh is in need of volunteers to help on Tuesday afternoons between 12:30 & 2:30 p.m. with arts & crafts & field trips and to drive clients where they need to go. Contact Nancy Schepis at 412-368-4400 or nschepis@pghvis.org.



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.



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.

Did you know?

Road to Priesthood Involves a Rigorous Formation Process

Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to Ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the seminary, staff, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1-888-808-1235.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas cards sketched by Sister Martha, Isp. 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.

TAMBURITZANS

Duquesne University Tamburitzans Eastern European Folk Ensemble will be at West Mifflin High School, 91 Commonwealth Ave. on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. For tickets, call 412-364-7424.

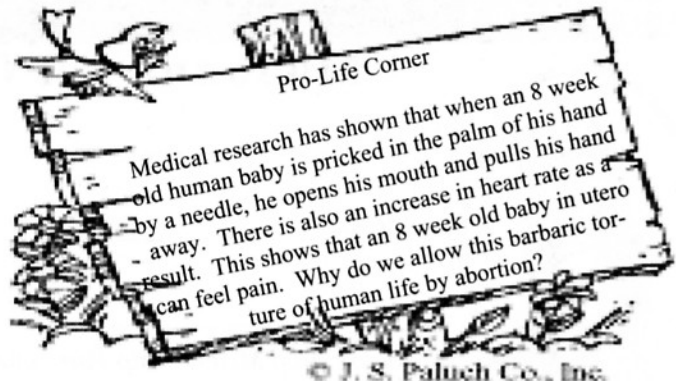
MONTHLY COLLECTION

October regular offertory \$16,413.31
 October PSP collected \$2,847.20
 PSP still owed \$16,836.00

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Advent 2011



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

27
Make and bless an Advent wreath with three purple candles and one pink one. Light the first purple candle tonight.

28
Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent.

29
Let your Bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you.

30
Include in your Christmas cards a note about the blessings you have received this year as a witness to God's love.

1
Offer your parish the gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor.

2
Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent.

3
Set a timer or other reminder to help you pray every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.

4
Light two purple candles in the Advent wreath each night this week. Sit in silence and enjoy the quiet.

5
Today, try to remember stories from the Bible of God's merciful treatment of sinners.

6
Show love on St. Nicholas Day by making at least one generous act today.

7
The presence of Jesus in our lives speaks of our hope in God's mercy. Today, list your reasons for hope in the future.

8
Today is the feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrating Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend Mass.

9
St. Juan Diego was a simple and loving man. In his honor, pray a Rosary to recognize his devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

10
Perform a thorough examination of conscience today. Then attend Confession to ready your soul to greet the Savior.

11
Today is Gaudete Sunday - the halfway point of Advent. Light two purple candles and the pink one for joy.

12
To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.

13
Light a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Remember for whom it is you are waiting.

14
In honor of St. John of the Cross, offer any suffering or difficulty you experience today to our Savior, Jesus.

15
Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas.

16
Pray for the men and women in the armed services who won't be able to spend Christmas with their families.

17
Even if you live alone, put up a Christmas tree. Put just a few ornaments on each day and finish up on Christmas Eve.

18
Light all four candles in the Advent Wreath tonight and all week. Reread today's Gospel reading. *Luke 1:26-38.*

19
Make time today to feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or one who is hungry for kindness, too.

20
Choose a candle as your "Jesus Candle." Light it every night until Christmas to remind you of the light Jesus brings.

21
Take a drive or a walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations. Let yourself get swept up in the excitement of the season.

22
Set up your Nativity scene. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.

23
Gather some friends and neighbors and go Christmas caroling at a nursing home or homeless shelter.

24
This can be a sad time for those who are alone. Include anyone in your own gatherings who might otherwise be forgotten.

25
Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-20. Think about how joyful it will be to finally meet Jesus when he comes.

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"... For (un)to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11)

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:1-7)

