

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, December 26 7:30 A.M.
Liz Lynam Mochan (Ladies Fellowship)

Tuesday, December 27 7:30 A.M.
Oney Ferrari (Margaret Ferrari)

Tuesday, December 27 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, December 28 7:30 A.M.
Andrew Poklemba (Eddie & Nell Hardy)

Thursday, December 29 7:30 A.M.
Vincent P. Cataldi (Roseanne & Michael LeDonne)

Friday, December 30 7:30 A.M.
Anthony & Carmella Chianese (Theresa Wargo)

Friday, December 30 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, December 31 4:00 P.M.
Anthony Iovino (Carmela Iovino)

Sunday, January 1 10:30 A.M.
For Our Parishioners



Saturday, December 31 4:00 P.M.
Krista Bagwell & Eliza Bagwell

Sunday, January 1 10:30 A.M.
Molly Zellers & Tyler Tomko



Saturday, December 31 4:00 P.M.
Al Haski, Cathy Wreath, Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield

Sunday, January 1 10:30 A.M.
Betsy Tomko, Marilyn Barton, Bill Pfoff, Margie Williams



Saturday, December 31 4:00 P.M.
John Ballog

Sunday, January 1 10:30 A.M.
Joel Williams



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



The Alter Candles are in memory
of
CHARLES ARGENZIO
From Helen Argenzio & Family.



The Altar Wine is in memory of
JOSEPH & HELEN TESTA
From The Testa Family.

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 _____

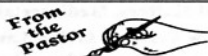
From _____

+ **REST IN PEACE** +

LEONARD LISJAK, husband of Geraldine.
NELLIE CIOPPA.

SPREADING GOD'S LOVE/BECOMING CATHOLIC

We are all called to spread God's love to others. As god appears to you in prayer & in the Scriptures, what is your wish? Perhaps it is that a loved one would share your faith. Prayerfully ask God to help you reach out to another & invite him/her to inquire about becoming Catholic through RCIA. There are brochures in the literature racks of the church that explains the process. For more information, contact Ron Demblowski at 412-241-1372 or wordofgodpa@gmail.com or Paul Osterman at 412-400-6003 or ostermanpj@upmc.edu



FROM FR. JOHN, FR. JOE & DEACON KEITH

May the Lord pour out His abundant blessings on you & your family during the Christmas Season & throughout the new year.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who volunteered to decorate our church. As usual they did a great job.

Thank you to all who helped make the Solemnity of our Lord's birth a very prayerful and reverent celebration. A special note of appreciation to Ed Kapsha and the choir who always do a great job.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day, January 1, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate Masses on December 31 at 4:00 p.m. and January 1 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.

Also: the office will be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

MONTHLY COLLECTION

November regular offertory \$15,116.42
 November PSP collected \$2,396.00
 PSP still owed \$14,440.00

Did you know?

What Happens When Abuse is Reported?

Most people who hold positions of trust in Catholic institutions are mandated by law to report child abuse. Teachers, teacher's aides and counselors in our schools; therapists and social workers in our counseling agencies; nurse and doctors in hospitals; and clergy in parishes or other ministries all have the obligation to report the reasonable suspicion of child abuse to the local police, child protective services or other appropriate agency. This is true for those ministering in facilities owned and operated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as Catholic institutions owned and operated by religious communities.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church, Cranberry Twp., is hosting a New Year's Eve Party on December 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marriott, Route 228, Cranberry Twp. The cost is \$75 per person (\$25 tax deductible) through December 21 then increases to \$80 and includes 1 hour hors d'oeuvres & 2 drink tickets, 3 course sit down dinner, DJ and dancing. Cash bar during and after dinner and a New Year's champagne toast. Dress is casual to semi-formal. Ages 18 and over are welcome. Reserved seating for 10 is available. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be sold after Mass and during regular business hours at the Education building or by calling 724-776-9177, ext. 313.

RETROUVILLE

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Retrouville is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13, call 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrouville.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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Pro-Life Corner

"The mystery of the Incarnation reveals the specific value of the dignity of human life. God gave us this gift and sanctified it when the Son became man and was born or Mary. Life is a gift that must be protected, from conception until natural death. With all my heart I join people involved in various initiatives aimed at respecting life and promoting a new social awareness." Pope Benedict XVI.

Choose the culture of life.

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