

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.



Monday, February 20 7:30 A.M.
Rose Rossetti (Mary Mele Abel)

Tuesday, February 21 7:30 A.M.
Ben Cuccaro Family (Family)

Tuesday, February 21 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 22 7:30 A.M.
Antonette Del Prete (Lilliam K. Plutto)

Wednesday, February 22 7:00 P.M.
Patrick Aducci (Mary & Dave Wallowicz)

Thursday, February 23 7:30 A.M.
Thomas E. Ruffner (Family)

Friday, February 24 7:30 A.M.
Martha Catone (Madonna Ladies of Charity)

Friday, February 24 7:00 P.M.
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 25 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 26 10:30 A.M.
Robert Bonacci (Wife Diane & Children)



Wednesday, February 22 7:30 A.M.
David Petrarca

Wednesday, February 22 7:00 P.M.
Miles Gibson & Mason Gibson

Saturday, February 25 4:00 P.M.
Lois Ballog & Mike Zak

Sunday, February 26 10:30 A.M.
Tyler Tomko & Trevor Tomko



Wednesday, February 22 7:30 A.M.
Al Haski, Cathy Wreath, Andy Migliorato

Wednesday, February 22 7:00 P.M.
Wayne Sarsfield, Marian Iovino, David Petrarca, Ellie Yearsley

Saturday, February 25 4:00 P.M.
Al Haski, Guy Mazzella, Mike Pascal, Ellie Yearsley

Sunday, February 26 10:30 A.M.
Dan Turner, Karen Turner, Linda Probola, Bill Pfoff

Wednesday, February 22 7:30 A.M.
Josie Pallotta

Wednesday, February 22 7:00 P.M.
Peggy Gibson

Saturday, February 25 4:00 P.M.
Olive Magnotta

Sunday, February 26 10:30 A.M.
Michaela Buzzard

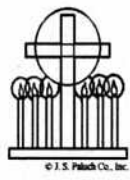
PSP DONATION

In memory of:

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The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
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The Altar Bread & Wine is in honor of
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From M/M Joe Sepesy.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS

There will be commissioning ceremonies for all our Vincentian members first at Madonna del Castello - Sunday, Feb. 26, during the 10:30 am mass for the Madonna Vincentians and then at Word of God St. Anslem church - Sunday, March 4th during the 9:00 am mass for the WOG Vincentians. A short service will be conducted after communion by Deacon Keith. He will talk about the Society's mission, we will take Vincentian vows and receive our pins. All our Vincentians are urged to attend both masses to show our number and support. After the mass at Word of God on March 4th there will be a reception at the school hall where we will be available to explain our mission and to talk with parish members about what we have done and what we are capable of doing in the Swissvale/Rankin communities.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET FOR LENT

There are devotional booklets available to parishioners in the back of church for Lent. The Little Black Book and the Stations of the Cross booklets.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the letter/petition campaign to our political representatives. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Ash Wednesday is February 22. Ashes will be distributed at the 7:30 A.M. Mass and the 7:00 P.M. Mass. There will also be Mass at Swissvale Towers at 1:30 P.M.

and ashes will be distributed.

Lenten regulations are

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
- The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
- Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour are held during Lent on Fridays at 7 p.m. in church.

PSP APPEAL

Next weekend begins our Parish Share Appeal for 2012. Our participation in the Parish Share Program (PSP) is one way in which we reach out to members of the Church outside our parish limitations. It supports the Diocesan mission to reach out to those in need; to train and educate priests and future priests & provides chaplains for our hospitals just to name a few of the efforts that PSP supports. There will be envelopes in the back of church starting next week, please pick up as soon as possible. Remember, whatever is raised over and above our goal remains with our church.



Our Annual fish Fry will be held Ash Wednesday & Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday) in our social hall from Noon to 7:00 P.M. Baked or fried cod

dinners, sandwiches, haluski, macaroni & cheese, pasta e fagiolo, applesauce, bread & butter & beverages are available. Children's menu and take out orders available. Deliveries available within a reasonable distance until 3:00 P.M.

Also, we are asking for donations of butter/margarine (no spread), noodles, cabbage, onions, sugar & flour. You can drop these items off at the social hall before or after all weekend masses or call Lois Petrarca (412-371-9458) or Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912).

We will be needing baked goods for Ash Wednesday & Lenten Fridays. Call Karen Sarsfield (724-325-4849) or Mary Iannucci (412-371-4912).

We also need volunteers to help with this years Fish Fry—Setting up, cooking, serving, drivers to deliver take out orders and for clean up. There will be sign up sheets in the hall.

WORD OF GOD ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Word of God Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows: 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Anselm Church
12:00 p.m. Ash Service at St. Anselm Church
7:00 p.m. Ash Service at St. Anselm Church.

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Pro-Life Corner

Evil acts such as rape and murder remain evil acts. They can never become good. Abortion is an evil act that can never become good. It is a common tactic to use rape and incest as a battering ram to break down opposition to abortion. Once the exceptions were allowed for non-extreme cases, it becomes much easier to make exceptions for non-extreme cases. Then exceptions become the rule. We must never make exceptions that will subvert the moral law.

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"Be Still and Know That I Am God"

(Psalm 46:11)

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As we approach the sacred season of Lent, I am asking you to consider a new approach to your Lenten Fast. Traditionally, many of us choose to "give up" food-items as our fast for Lent. However, it is important to keep in mind that the purpose of a Lenten fast is to give up something in our lives that **distracts** us from spending time with Jesus. In our electronic age, there is no lack of distractions from cell phones, email, internet, texting, Twittering, television, and video games. Many of us, including me, feel the need to be "plugged-in" 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

When was the last time that you simply sat still, sat quietly, and plugged-in to the presence of Jesus in your life and in our world?

This year, I am asking you to join me and fellow parishioners as we fast from the electronic/cyber distractions that prevent us from drawing closer to our Lord and using that time to **take on** an activity that helps to deepen your faith and personal relationship with Jesus. During the upcoming week, take some time as an individual or as a family, to prayerfully consider giving up something that distracts you from our Lord and taking on something that will bring you closer to Him.

Fill out the Pledge Card below and place it next week's collection basket. Don't worry, no one will see your pledge and we won't be publishing your individual pledge in the weekly bulletin! The Pledge is simply a tool to help you and your family focus on our faith during lent and tangibly commit to growing closer to our Lord in thought and deed.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "*the ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us make the complete gift of self to God. May every family and Christian community use this time of Lent to cast aside all that distracts the spirit and grow in whatever nourishes the soul. . .*"

May God Bless you & your family as we enter into Lent.

Father John

Father John Lynam
Pastor

----- Detach & Return in Sunday's Collection Basket -----

Name (optional): _____, I/Our Family
pledge(s) to set aside specific time during Lent to "be still" and get to know our Lord a little
better. I/We are committed to join fellow parishioners in:

- Giving up Television one day each week during Lent.
- Giving up Email & Internet-Surfing one day each week during Lent
- Giving up Texting & Twittering one day each week during Lent.
- Giving up Video Games one day each week during Lent
- Other: _____



In addition, I/We pledge to spend some of our time drawing closer to our Lord by:

- Attending Eucharistic Adoration at least once a week during Lent.
- Attending Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.
- Praying the Rosary at least once a week during Lent.
- Reading the book, *Rediscover Catholicism* (available for free at the back of Church) during Lent.
- Volunteering or contributing financially to a local organization serving people in need.
- Other: _____



LENT 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>).</p>						
<p>26 After Mass, decide what you need to change in your life in order to truly experience Jesus' love during Lent.</p>	<p>27 Raise the level of your prayer today and really think about the meaning of the words you are saying.</p>	<p>28 Put a cross, crucifix, or other image of Jesus in each room of your home to help keep you focused on him.</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY Attend an Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear the cross of ashes all day.</p>	<p>23 Choose Lenten offerings of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.</p>	<p>24 Abstain from eating meat today, and make your meals truly penitential.</p>	<p>25 Pick a saint to learn about and imitate. Ask for his or her special help and protection during Lent.</p>
<p>4 Choose someone who has passed away or someone who needs extra help as your Mass intention today.</p>	<p>5 Pray an extra Rosary today and every day this week.</p>	<p>6 Forgive someone who has hurt you.</p>	<p>7 Ask Jesus to heal whatever separates you from feeling God's bountiful love.</p>	<p>1 MARCH Resolve to say only positive things about yourself and others today.</p>	<p>2 Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.</p>	<p>3 Make a list of the ways you can support the poor, and resolve to do one activity each week.</p>
<p>11 Take one idea from today's Gospel reading or homily to implement during the coming week.</p>	<p>12 At the end of the day, make an examination of conscience. Pick one change to make.</p>	<p>13 Look for evidence of God at work in your life today.</p>	<p>14 Deal with anyone in your life who may be interfering with your relationship with God.</p>	<p>15 Try to find the time to read an entire Gospel at one sitting. (Hint: St. Mark's Gospel is the shortest.)</p>	<p>16 Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey today. Renew your Lenten observances.</p>	<p>17 Attend a parish Reconciliation Service or go to Confession on your own.</p>
<p>18 LAETARE SUNDAY Celebrate the halfway point of Lent. Do something fun after Mass today.</p>	<p>19 Go to a private room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.</p>	<p>20 Ask God for a new grace today that will bring you closer to him.</p>	<p>21 Resolve to go the entire day without judging or criticizing anyone.</p>	<p>22 Pick one way you can simplify your lifestyle to make more room for God.</p>	<p>23 Figure out how much money you saved by abstaining from meat and give it to the poor.</p>	<p>24 Trim down your possessions and give what you don't need to the poor.</p>
<p>25 Look around your neighborhood today for signs of new life.</p>	<p>26 Get up an extra 15 minutes early each day for the next two weeks and spend that time in prayer.</p>	<p>27 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can help.</p>	<p>28 Make a conscious effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>	<p>29 Today, pray for someone you don't like.</p>	<p>30 Eat a pretzel as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.</p>	<p>31 Perform some act of service for your parish. Ask at the rectory for suggestions.</p>
<p>1 APRIL Place palms around each image of Jesus in your home. Welcome the Messiah into your heart.</p>	<p>2 Recite the Profession of Faith or the Apostle's Creed each day this week.</p>	<p>3 Notice someone who may be hungry for love or attention and satisfy that hunger.</p>	<p>4 Forgive an offense you may have suffered and let God be the final judge.</p>	<p>5 Look for someone who is poor or homeless and share your food.</p>	<p>6 Meditate on the Stations of the Cross today. Try to imagine yourself at the scene of each one.</p>	<p>7 Think about a way in which you might have betrayed Jesus. Ask his pardon.</p>