

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 9:00 a.m.

..... & 11:00 a.m.

Consult the bulletin for Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday's after the 11:00 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 Intentions
For The Week** 

PSP DONATION

In memory of:

Monday, August 8 7:30 A.M.
Honor, St. Dominic

Tuesday, August 9 7:30 A.M.
Thomas Colapietro (George & Peggy Wallo)

Tuesday, August 9 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 10 7:30 A.M.
Rosella Pfoff (Joe & Delores Barbusio)

Thursday, August 11 7:30 A.M.
Living & Deceased Cerny Family (Family)

Friday, August 12 7:30 A.M.
Veronica Palmer (Pat & Guy Mazzella)

Friday, August 12 7:00 P.M.
Holy Hour

Saturday, August 13 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 13 4:00 P.M.
For Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 14 9:00 A.M.
Mary Kay Scaramucci (Dr. John Scaramucci)

Sunday, August 14 11:00 A.M.
Vera Natolino (Arlene & George Abram)

JULIE CATANZANO from Maxine Grove.



The Tabernacle Lamp is in memory of
THE DEFRANK & CIAO FAMILIES
From Josephine Ciao.



The Altar Flowers are in honor of
MADONNA DEL CASTELLO
From The Living & Deceased Families
of Formicola.

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:

Saturday, August 13 4:00 P.M.
Angela Petrarca & Molly Zellers

Sunday, August 14 9:00 A.M.
Dominic Capezzuto & Alex Delazio

Sunday, August 14 11:00 A.M.
Andrew Klabnik & Savannah Stophel

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



Saturday, August 13 4:00 P.M.
Dave Petrarca, Dave Fiumara, Wayne Sarsfield, Guy Mazzella

Sunday, August 14 9:00 A.M.
Denny Capezzuto, Andy Migliorato, Jim Tomko

Sunday, August 14 11:00 A.M.
Stan Cheyne, Karen Turner, Dan Turner

In Memory of _____

In Tribute to _____

From _____



WORD OF GOD PARISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 13 4:00 P.M.
Peggy Gibson

Sunday, August 14 9:00 A.M.
Dorothy Webb

Sunday, August 14 11:00 A.M.
Tim Bagwell

Save the dates of August 11, 12 & 13. There will be nightly entertainment, games for adults and children, bake sale, bingo, flea market, and good food. Win \$5,000 first prize on our raffle. Tickets will be sold at the festival. Come join the fun beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Word of God School playground, 7436 McClure Avenue, Swissvale. For more information call the rectory office, 412-241-1372.

PASTOR'S NOTES

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BEAUTIFUL!!!

What a beautiful festival this year. Many thanks to all those who chipped in and volunteered and for those who supported our work and the parish. Thanks to David Petrarca who, as always, goes above and beyond the call of duty to manage all the different aspects of the festival. Thank you in a special way to our Tuesday Kitchen volunteers for providing a wonderful witness to our Lord by using their talents and culinary gifts to give glory to His Name. Our efforts this year will help to serve the Parish, but also give a beautiful witness to the Presence of the Lord in our Faith Community.

ANNUAL FEAST DAY



Our annual Feast Day in Honor of Madonna del Castello is Sunday, August 7. It's been our tradition for the last few years to have a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Swissvale. Those who are not able to process are asked to stay in church and pray. The procession will be followed by a banquet in the social hall. All are welcome.



Mark Candiello & Brooke Hendrickson — 08-13-2011

Did you know?

How Old Does a Child Need to Be in Order to Stay Alone?

Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he or she is ready to walk out the door by themselves. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving children of certain ages alone (for example, under 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others.

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

Source: "Know the Rules...After-School Safety Tips for Children who are Home Alone," www.missingkids.com

BINGO BASH

Save the date! Sunday, September 18 is the Bingo Bash! Tickets will be on sale soon. Watch the bulletin! Any questions please call Peggy Gibson at 412-824-4508.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA FLEA MART

The Ladies Society of the St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1999 McGovern Boulevard, Crescent, PA 15046, will hold their annual flea market on August 26, 27, and 28 starting at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Household items, books, toys, small electronics, jewelry, pictures, and holiday merchandise are just some of the things we have for sale. The flea market will be held in the small parking lot and the CCD trailers. The prices are unbeatable so come and see what treasures you can't live without!

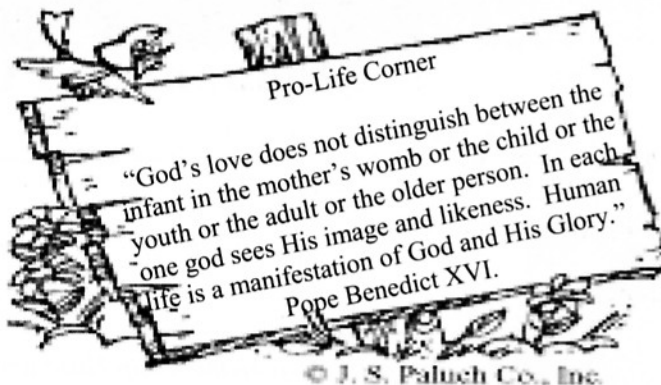
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The inaugural diocesan "Catholic Women's Conference: A Caring Quilt" will take place on Saturday, October 22, at the Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker is Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide and renowned speaker on faith and forgiveness. The day includes five workshops from which to choose and concludes with Mass with Bishop Zubik. Registration opens August 8, by mail only. The registration form will be available on the diocesan website: www.diopitt.org. Registration brochures for the conference are also available by calling 412.456.3129.

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August 6, 2011

Dear Parishioners:

As you are probably aware, the Pastoral Councils of Madonna del Castello and Word of God Parishes have been given the responsibility of reviewing our current Sunday Mass schedule and locations.

Our primary goal is to strengthen and build the community of faith, ensuring that the Eucharist is the primary source and central sign of parish unity. The number of Masses celebrated on Sundays and Holy Days should reflect the size of our parish community.

1. Effective September 3, 2011, Sunday Masses for Word of God Parish will be celebrated exclusively at Saint Anselm Church. There are **two options**, which will be decided by a majority vote of parishioners.
Please complete the preference sheet **below** & return it via the collection basket by Saturday, August 13 or Sunday August 14. Completed forms can also be dropped-off or mailed to the rectory office by Sunday, August 14. The new Mass schedule will be announced and published during Masses on Saturday, August 20 & Sunday, August 21.
2. Even though Sunday Masses will no longer be scheduled at Saint Barnabas or Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Churches:
 - a. For the time being, various sacraments (e.g., funerals, weddings, baptisms) will continue to be celebrated at these two churches upon the request of parishioners and with the permission of the pastor.
 - b. In addition, with the pastor's approval, there will be opportunities to celebrate Mass on various Feast Days appropriate to the ethnic heritage of these two individual churches. Requests to celebrate special occasions such as 50th wedding anniversaries will also be considered.

In reviewing our Sunday Mass schedules and locations, we took into account **these issues**:

1. The availability of our current priests and their capacity to serve the variety of sacramental and pastoral needs within the two parishes. Given the diminishing number of priests in our diocese, we need to create a Mass schedule that **one** priest can reasonably accommodate without rushing through and compromising the integrity of the liturgy.
2. Strong recommendation from our Regional Vicar, Father Fred Cain (in conjunction with Bishop Zubik) that Word of God and Madonna del Castello parishes reduce their total number of weekend Masses from 9 to 4.

Our decision-making process included:

- Parishioner responses to written surveys.
 - Open forum meetings.
 - Analysis from the parishes Finance Committees.
 - Review of demographic trends in Swissvale and Rankin.
 - Review of seating capacity, access, safety, and parking at all worship sites.
 - Review of weekly Mass attendance at individual worship sites.
 - And, most importantly, a great deal of prayer!
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While change brings challenges it also brings opportunity. My prayer for Madonna is the changes outlined below will help us to more fully, actively, and consciously participate in the Eucharistic celebration as a unified Catholic Community in Swissvale and Rankin.

In his pastoral letter, *The Church Alive*, Bishop Zubik reflects on what constitutes a parish and what determines vibrancy in parish life. He stresses five essential qualities of parish life: Eucharist, evangelization, catechesis, formation, and stewardship.

May the Holy Eucharist be the Source and Summit of our lives at Madonna del Castello Parish.

May God Bless you and your families.

Sincerely,

Father John Lynam

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Mass Time Preference Form

Please complete and return via the collection basket by Saturday, August 13 or Sunday August 14. Completed forms can also be dropped off or mailed to the rectory office by Sunday, August 14.

Each HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY is entitled to **one vote** (i.e., a family of six cannot submit six separate ballots)!

Family/Household Last Name (please print): _____

*You must submit a Family/Household name in order to verify your vote. All ballots will be treated with strict confidence and will **not** be shared with other parishioners.*

Please Check ONE Option.

Option A

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday @ Madonna del Castello
- 5:30 p.m. Saturday @ Saint Anselm
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday @ Saint Anselm
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday @ Madonna del Castello

Option B

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday @ Madonna del Castello
- 6:00 p.m. Saturday @ Saint Anselm
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday @ Madonna del Castello
- 11:00 am Sunday @ Saint Anselm