

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 Intentions
For The Week**



Monday, September 26 7:30 A.M.
Ann Plutto (Viny & Rose Cataldi)

Tuesday, September 27 7:30 A.M.
Milan Beketic (Ann Beketic)

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

Wednesday, September 28 7:30 A.M.
Jennie & Joseph Punturi (Andrea & Scott Eicher & Tyler Punturi)

Thursday, September 29 7:30 A.M.
Andrew Poklemba (Peggy Puhalla)

Friday, September 30 7:30 A.M.
Pete Iannucci (Ann Hopood)

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

Saturday, October 1 7:30 A.M.
Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 1 4:00 P.M.
Catanzano & DeLucia Families (Julie Catanzano)

Sunday, October 2 10:30 A.M.
For Our Parishioners



Saturday, October 1 4:00 P.M.
Andrew Klabnik & Angela Petrarca

Sunday, October 2 10:30 A.M.
Savannah Stophel & Dominic Capezzuto



Saturday, October 1 4:00 P.M.
Dave Petrarca, Al Haski, Cathy Wreath, John Bonacci

Sunday, October 2 10:30 A.M.
Dennis Capezzuto, Richard Defazio, Andy Migliorato, Marian Iovino



Saturday, October 1 4:00 P.M.
Janice Bonacci

Sunday, October 2 10:30 A.M.
Janice Marco

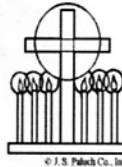
PSP DONATION

In memory of:

MARY CERRONE from Carmen Costanza, Dave Iovino, Vera Palangio, Dolly Bloise, Tom & Elmira Dinardo.
FRANK P. MARTIN, JR. from Val & Jim Bonacci.



The Tabernacle Lamp is for
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From David & Diane Petrarca.



The Altar Candles are in memory of
M/M WILLIAM BURKHARDT
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The Altar Flowers are in memory
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LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Madonna del Castello has a Ladies Fellowship Group that meets every other Monday in our social hall at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is Monday, September 26. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, call Patti Aducci at 412-243-9457

70TH INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 2 for the 70th International Eucharistic Rosary March. At 1:30 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Word, Homily & reflection with Fr. Joseph M. Freedy at Epiphany Church, 1018 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh. Followed by the Eucharistic Rosary March & Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament from Epiphany Church to St. Mary of Mercy Church on Stanwix St. There will be prayer of the Rosary en route. Ending with Litany & Benediction at St. Mary of Mercy Church, crowning of Our Lady of Fatima then Light Refreshments in Lawless Hall. For those who cannot process there will be recitation of the Rosary at 2 p.m. at St. Mary of Mercy Church. Call 412-884-3213, 412-885-8822 or 724-468-4306 for more information.

PASTOR'S NOTES

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BINGO BASH

Many thanks to all who volunteered & those who supported our bingo extravaganza. What a great joy to see our people with a true sense of community & hospitality.

PARKING

Realizing that parking is difficult, especially with combining of masses, we are in dialogue with contractors to see about adding spaces to our lot. Thank you for your patience.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Fr. John will bless the pets at 10:30 a.m. on October 8. The blessing will be after CCD classes at the Word of God School near the flag court. Please call Patti Aducci with any questions.

PARISH FAMILY SUNDAY

Parish Family Sunday will be held on the weekend of October 1 & 2. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the 4pm and 10:30 am masses. The finance council will be hosting.

SCHEDULES

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers, please pick up your schedules located in the sacristy as soon as possible. They are dated from September 10, 2011 to January 1, 2012.

Did you know?

Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children.

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

Source: www.missingkids.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection box has been placed at Word of God School on the Church St. side. Please donate your unused clothing and shoes by dropping them off in this box and you will be helping those in need. Our Swissvale/Rankin St. Vincent de Paul group alone has had many requests for clothing and we personally know the need is great. If you have been considering making a donation to the Madonna del Castello/Word of God conference of the St. Vincent de Paul society, a great opportunity to have your donation doubled has come up. The Pittsburgh Foundation has announced that Tuesday, October 4 will be a "Day of Giving" in which they will match donations given via their website. To do this, visit www.pittsburghgives.org on Tuesday, October 4 and "donate now" to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Madonna del Castello Parish.

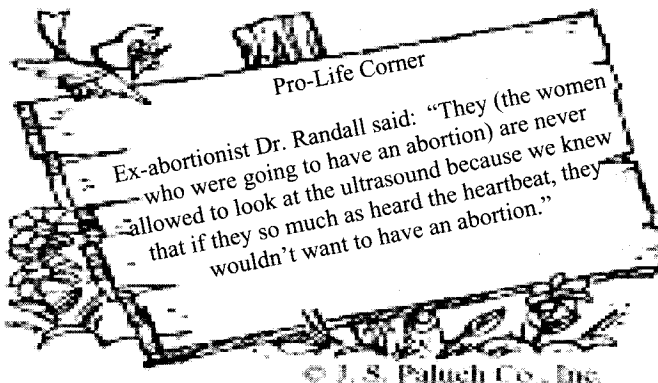
GENESIS OF PITTSBURGH

There will be a second collection on October 1 & 2 for Genesis of Pittsburgh. Genesis provides comprehensive pregnancy support and caring adoption services. The Genesis House provides a self-help, homelike environment to women in need of temporary shelter. The two learning centers provide necessities for mom and child. For information, call 412-766-2693.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
FIRST ANNUAL GOOD SAMARITAN 10,000 STEP WALK

Help your Swissvale neighbors in need one step at a time. "The Good Samaritan 10,000 Step Walk.", *benefiting our local conference* of Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held during the month of October.

All you have to do is register during the times listed below to received a pedometer to measure your steps. Next, solicit your pledge dollars, collect the money from your supporters and complete your 10,000 steps within the month of October. You choose the days, times, and places to walk with family, friends, or co-workers!

When you register you will receive Sponsor Cards that will provide a chance for your sponsors to win some fantastic prizes. After you record your 10,000 steps, about 5 miles, you will turn in your pedometer, sponsor money with the completed sponsor cards to the same location.

For those parishioners that are unable to walk, please consider dropping by the Social Hall and being a sponsor for "Charlie The Dog".

SIGN UP ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24th & 25th

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1st & 2nd

After 4PM and 10:30AM weekend Masses in the Bishop Datillo Social Hall



**Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate
Take Action at www.pacatholic.org by September 30**

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an unprecedented threat to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a “religious employer” that has the “inculcation of religious values” as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public – will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover “all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.” Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved “emergency contraception” (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, “Ella,” a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.pacatholic.org. With just a few clicks of the mouse, you can send a message to HHS asking them to respect religious liberty and to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans’ moral and religious convictions.

MESSAGE TO HHS: “Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should require all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of ‘preventive services’ the federal government is mandating in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS’s new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.”

WHEN: Please send your comments to HHS by the September 30 deadline. You can send your message at www.pacatholic.org.