

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN - SS. ADRIAN, ANTHONY & JOSEPH

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- 4:30 p.m. (*Adrian*) Carl Bellerillo -- Ed & Mary Felix
- 5:00 p.m. Grace Certo -- Angie
- 8:00 a.m. Catherine Adams -- Tom & Martha Farabaugh
- 10:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Anna Marie & Ken Curry --
John & Pat Farcus
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

MONDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Frank & Anna Molnar -- Family
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Jesse Ananea -- Peter P. Pascuzzo

TUESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Catherine Adamczyk -- Anthony T. Adamczyk
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Betty Ballas -- Marie Farcus & Bob

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Julia Poydock -- Dick & Connie Venesky
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Frances Cassidy -- Mary Molinari

THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Emerick Finamore -- Mr. & Mrs. Craig Satoev
- 9:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Kathryn Smelko --
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Kopas

FRIDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Doris Cekovsky -- Mike Cekovsky
- 9:00 a.m. (*Anita*) Walter Baranoski -- Children

SATURDAY

- 4:30 p.m. (*Adrian*) Edward Kengersky, Sr. --
Kengersky Family
- 5:00 p.m. James A. Martino -- Kevin Klender

SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Arlene Renwick --
Mike & Mary Renwick & Sons
- 10:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Betty L. Betts --
Edward Skarbek Family
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

We invite family members for whom each weekend Mass is being offered to bring the gifts to the altar. Please make yourself known to the ushers 15 minutes before Mass.

Schedules for December 19/20, 2009

	4:30 p.m. St. Adrian	5:00 p.m. SSCD	8:00 a.m. SSCD	10:00 St. Anthony	11:00 a.m. SSCD
Servers	Jordan Mesoraco	Kallie Crawford Allison Shields	Cooper Ferko Braxton Giavedoni	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>	Gabby Mock Nathan Steffey
Lector	Dorothy Pisarcik	Annette Caldwell	Jeanne Curtis	Jennifer Smith	Ed McGinnis
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Bosak JoAnn Young	Jessie Anderson Janice Blose Karen Bugay Maureen Freas Ed Kengersky Carol Lowmaster Celine Tersine	Jeff Curtis Kim Curtis Carol Overly Peter Pape Ann Smith Dick Smith Mike Snyder	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti	Ange Giavedoni Jean Gigliotti Bernadette Horner Mary McHenry Bill Roberts Katie Roberts Diane Wehrle
Ushers	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Karen Bugay Flip Freas J. R. Overly Terry Tersine	Mario Cardamone Paul Koza, Jr. Paul Koza, Sr. Stan Maciejewski	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Sam Gattuso Jim Infantino Bill Pride Mike Ruffner
Organist/ Cantor	Sandy Bevak Larry Bosak	Michael Busija Mary Neal	Toie Neal Arlene Stewart	Bill Farcus Debbie Barilar	Elaine Pape Joe Parente

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SSCD, St. Adrian, St. Anthony & St. Joseph

Sunday, December 13

- Following 8am & 11am Masses -- Blood Pressure and
Blood Sugar Testing - Meeting Room
- 9:15 a.m. -- Religious Education Classes
- 9:15 a.m. -- Confirmation Class
- 2:00 p.m. -- Youth Group - Reschini Hall
- 2:30 p.m. -- Secular Franciscans - Meeting Room
- 4:00 p.m. -- Advent Penance Service - SSCD Church**

Monday, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. -- Adult Basketball - Gym
- 7:00 p.m. -- SSCD Alumni Meeting - Meeting Room

Tuesday, December 15

- 12:00 Noon - 6pm -- Blood Mobile - Wienker Hall
- 6:00 p.m. -- Apostolate of Fatima Rosary - SSCD Church

Wednesday, December 16

- 6:30 p.m. -- Choir Practice - Church
- 7:00 p.m. -- C. D. of A. - Wienker Hall

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

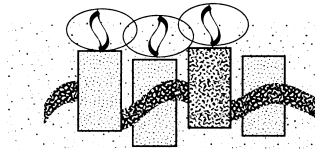
Sunday, December 20

- 9:15 a.m. -- Religious Education Classes
- 9:15 a.m. -- Confirmation Class

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Saturday, December 19 -

Tom & Nancy Wise, Sam Puleio, Gerry Gigliotti



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SSCD Daily Mass Servers

Mark Vasbinder	Monday 8am	Tuesday 8am	Wednesday 8am
Thomas Vasbinder	Thursday 8am	Friday 9am	

**From The
Desk of Msgr. Riccardo**

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.

REJOICE! THE LORD IS NEAR

Imagine you heard on the radio that Santa Claus will be at the mall as usual, but this year he has a surprise: he's going to tell you how to have the best Christmas ever. So you rush down there and stand in line to hear this great secret. Finally your turn comes, and Santa says: "Listen – if you want a really beautiful Christmas, get out of this place as fast as possible. Go home, put up a tree, build a fire, gather your loved ones in your arms, and start to sing!"

Isn't that what today's Scriptures are saying? The prophet Zephaniah says, "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel. Be glad and exult with all your heart." In reality, the prophet had little to sing about. Jerusalem was drifting more and more into a pagan lifestyle; the people were shutting God out of their hearts. But then, in his prophetic vision, Zephaniah saw a deeper reality: God had not deserted his people. "Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst."

It's the same with Saint Paul in the second reading. Remember, he's writing this from a prison cell. Yet he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Why? Because "the Lord is near." He is right here – in this prison cell. It's like Paul is looking up at his jailer and saying, "Buddy, you may be standing guard over my body; but there's someone else guarding my mind and heart – someone you can't put in chains. My God is at my side.

Don't we too easily let our "Christmas spirit" depend too much on external circumstances: the way the economy is going, how other people are treating us? And then we forget the awesome truth: the Lord God is in our midst – loving us, blessing us, asking us just to trust him. Maybe Santa was right. Go home, gather your loved ones together and sing. Maybe with all the clutter of our self-centeredness cleared away, with all the inner turmoil quieted down, the Lord will be there, right in our midst – just as the Scriptures promised.

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES There will be several opportunities for you to receive the sacrament of penance during Advent. Penance services have been scheduled at the following parishes. Several priests will be available at each to hear individual confessions. Please take advantage of the Penance Services and don't wait until the last minute. The only other scheduled confessions will be the regular confession times at each parish.

- **Today Sunday, December 13th, 4pm - SSCD**
- Monday, December 14th, 7pm - Assumption Parish in Sykesville
- Tuesday, December 15th, 7pm - Immaculate Conception, Brookville
- Wednesday, December 16th, 7pm - St. Tobias, Brockway
- Sunday, December 20th, 3pm - St. Michael, DuBois

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Patty Curtis, daughter of Mary Curtis and sister of Jeanne Curtis both of SSCD Parish, who died this past week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May her soul rest in peace.

125 Years....125 Stories

By: Father Pino

As part of our year-long anniversary celebration, in each bulletin there will be some facts and historical curiosities about our parish and the people who have shaped our heritage for the past 125 years. If you have any stories or remembrances, please contact Jean in the parish office or Fr. Justin. So let's count down to number 1!

#96: Fr. Robert E. Murray, our 17th assistant (1965-1968), died at the early age of 48. Fr. Jerry Simmons said this of Fr. Bob: "When you met Bob, you met Jesus. When you met him in confession or spiritual direction, you met the compassion of Jesus."

#95: Fr. Thomas E. Wagner, our 18th assistant (1969-1973), was much involved in hospital ministry. He studied clinical pastoral education at the famed Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC.

#94: Fr. Jerome S. Simmons, our 19th assistant (1974-1975), was the founder of Ecclesia House in Erie, where he and his staff gave spiritual direction to a number of individuals. He continues to help those in need through his special brand of compassion and ministry.



THE BEAUTIFUL SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

As part of our year-long 125th anniversary celebration, and in honor of the 160th anniversary of the birth of Msgr. John R. Link, we are happy to present an Organ Recital which will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7pm, in SSCD church. Our own Saturday evening organist, Michael Busija, will be joined by tenor Allen Krynicki, to present a variety of traditional Christmas music.

Mr. Busija, a professional musician, frequently performs as a solo artist as well as an accompanist throughout the Western Pennsylvania and Ohio areas.

Mr. Krynicki has been a musician for most of his life. He is a member of the Greensburg Diocesan Choir and a member of the Westmoreland Choral Society.

Please join us on December 23rd at 7pm in church to sit, relax and enjoy the beautiful sounds of Christmas presented by these very gifted musicians.

SSCD ALUMNI There will be a meeting of the SSCD School Alumni on Monday, December 14th at 7pm in the Meeting Room. Any alumni of SSCD School is welcome to join us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES We are working on the SSCD ministry schedules which will cover the period of January 9th through April 4th. If you are aware of any dates that you would be unavailable to serve in your ministry during that time period, please call or e-mail that information and we will avoid scheduling you at those times.

Also, if you have not submitted your e-mail address, or if it has changed, please send an e-mail to sscdofc@comcast.net so we can add you to our address book. We'd like to e-mail as many schedules as possible. This will save on paper for us and make it easier for you to have your schedules readily available.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the cost of the flowers for Christmas may do so anytime between now and Christmas. There is an envelope in your packets for this purpose. If you are making your donation in memory of a loved one, just write his or her name on the back of the envelope.

CHRISTMAS OPLATKI is now available on the tables in the back of Saints Adrian, Anthony and Joseph Churches. The donation is \$3.00.

2010 LOTTERY CALENDARS The Home & School Association is selling Lottery Calendars for 2010. This year the calendars commemorate our 125th Anniversary. The cost is \$25 and provides you the opportunity to win every day of 2010 based on the PA daily number evening drawing.

To purchase a calendar, just stop in the school or rectory office or contact any school parent. Calendars are also available in the gathering space following the weekend Masses.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING The men of the K. of C. and their spouses, along with choir members of all four of our parishes, will be singing Christmas Carols at the area nursing homes today Sunday, Dec 13th. We will be leaving from the SSCD parking lot promptly at 12:45pm. Questions, call Larry at 938-9256 or Pete at 938-9315. Please join us!

SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK Carol Marasco, Marie Hoffman, Pat Phillips, Lorraine Kaczynski.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A Marriage Encounter weekend would make a great Christmas gift for your marriage and your family! Upcoming dates: State College - February 19-21, call 412-635-7775; Fairview, PA - February 19-21, call 823-4600; Lake Chautauqua Retreat Center, Bemus Point, NY - March 26-28, call 823-4600.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **Weekly Food Donation** Sunday, Dec. 20th - **Canned tomato sauce**. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THE MONTH OF December:

- St. Adrian - No cleaners
- St. Anthony - Julie Mondy, Julie Hollenbaugh, Freda Martino
- St. Joseph - Lucille and Elaine Scuello

YOUTH GROUP The Youth Group will meet today, December 13th, from 2 - 4pm at Reschini Hall in Walston. We will be baking cookies to deliver to the home bound for Christmas. The Youth Group is open to members of our four parishes in grades 7th through 12th. Please join us!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.*



PRE-CANA For those planning to be married in 2010, Pre-Cana will be held at SS. Cosmas & Damian on Sunday, February 14th, from 10am - 5pm in Wienker Hall. If you wish to register for this session of Pre-Cana, call the office at 938-6540.

RADA CUTLERY SSCD Rosary Altar Society is selling RADA Cutlery. You can stop in the office to look at a catalog or contact Laura Jesse, 939-4228, for information or to place an order.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE When the crowds in today's gospel asked "What shall we do?" the Baptist was very clear: share! Resist giving token obligatory Christmas gifts. Instead consider sharing your own good tidings with those less fortunate than yourselves. Nothing compares with the feeling you get when you live the gospel by sharing with the poor.

PRAYER CHAIN If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 427-2456. If you are unable to reach them, you can call the office, 938-6540, Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS The accounting year for contributions will end on December 31st. If you wish to have your contributions posted for 2009, please have all your envelopes and/or contributions in by that time. End-of-year statements will be sent upon request.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS 12/06/09				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	98	62	584
Envelopes Used	30	39	27	285
Adult	\$384.00	\$640.00	\$668.00	\$5,990.17
Holy Day	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$88.00
Children	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$54.00
Loose	<u>\$21.00</u>	<u>\$102.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$452.00
Monthly				<u>\$393.00</u>
Total	\$415.00	\$747.50	\$673.00	\$6,977.17
Weekly Goal:	\$711.00	\$950.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$296.00)	(\$202.50)	\$23.00	(\$22.83)
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/09	\$4,337.00 (under goal)	\$5,674.50 (under goal)	\$439.05 Over goal	\$16,838.94 (under goal)

HOME & SCHOOL LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

October: Rhonda Lewis, Dolores Toven, Ann Smith, Fran Crago, Mr. & Mrs. William Meterko, Delores Urchuck, William LaBelle, Eugene D. Smith, Eva Lingenfelter, Helen Jerko, Marian & Fred Klotz, Dot Deeley, Jake Curtis, Alice Orsich, Suzanne Shumaker, Steve Dubensky, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Zitzler, Ann Craig, Leah Means.

November: Vonnie Milliron, Rita Jennings, John Bauer, Rose Hall, Jay & Siobhan Barnett, Justin Riggie, Amy Seaton, Doris J. Amato, Delores Urchuck, Jodi Blose, Donna Sherman, Josephine McElwain

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES If you would like to purchase religious articles for Christmas gifts, call Pat Rougeux, at 938-4464. There is a nice selection of religious gifts in the cabinet in the back of SSCD Church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have Christmas cards depicting the beautiful Nativity window of SSCD Church. These cards are in full color and are available with or without a verse.

The cards sell for \$8.00 for a box of 8 and can be purchased at the rectory office.

Readings for the Week of December 13	
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

125th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Target Goal: 400,500.00
Stretch Goal: 445,500.00

Pledged Amount \$499,686.00
Pledge Payments \$456,028.30
Unpaid Pledges \$43,657.70
Unpledged Donations \$28,595.72



All money pledged will stay at SSCD and be used for renovations to the church as we prepare for our 125th Anniversary.

Catholic Services Appeal 2009				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D
Assessment	\$4,686.00	\$7,456.00	\$6,045.00	\$30,390.00
Pledged Amt.	\$1,465.00	\$2,470.00	\$5,360.00	\$22,740.00
Paid on Pledge	<u>\$1,465.00</u>	<u>\$2,355.00</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>	<u>\$21,657.65</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$160.00	\$1,082.35
Unpledged Donations	\$4,046.00	\$4,301.00	\$2,402.00	\$3,083.75
Collected to Date	\$5,511.00	\$6,656.00	\$7,602.00	\$24,741.40