

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

MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Robert Baumgartner -- Doney-Stauffer Family
9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Arthur Cassidy --
Steve & Peggy Gornich

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Frank Nitsche -- Daughters, Mary Ann & Jane
9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Loretta Cook --
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fairman

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Anna Barone -- Jim Bowser Family
9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Rosemary Croyle -- Theresa Astorino

THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Esposito -- Friends & Neighbors
9:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Catherine Bosak -- Dave Smith

5:00 p.m. Polly Hallman -- Mom & Dad
5:00 p.m. (*Anita*) Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish
Midnight Intention of the Celebrant

FRIDAY Christmas Masses

8:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Living & Deceased of St. Adrian Parish
9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Living & Deceased of St. Anthony
Parish
10:00 a.m. Carolyn Couser -- SSCD Choir

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. (*Adrian*) Robyn Kriser Mennetti -- Mary Lamey
5:00 p.m. Jack Dereume -- His Family

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Bernadette Allemang -- Mike & Margaret Hudock
10:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Jessie Gigliotti --
Rose Ellermeyer & 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 26/27, 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	Nicole DiPietro Ty Zimmerman	John Gigliotti Michael Gigliotti	Anthony Pascuzzo Michael Pascuzzo	David Roberts Nick Roberts
Lector	Jackie Bosak	Bob Roberts	Gerry Gigliotti	Tom Gigliotti	Dorothy Pisarcik
Eucharistic Ministers	Jackie Bosak Jo Ann Young	Jane Cunningham Carol Lowmaster Eileen Quatroche John Quatroche Jean Roberts Adeline Shemuha Lena VanDyke	Bertha Koza Joe Nogacek Carol Overly Pat Rougeux Nancy Wise Tom Wise Rita Yenzi	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti	Mary Beth Bosak Rick Bosak Jude Griffith Frank Hetrick Mike Horner Bill Roberts Katie Roberts
Ushers	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Jane Cunningham Flip Freas Adeline Shemuha Lena VanDyke	Mike Cekovsky Dick Phillips Stan Smoczek Karen Young	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Joe Guzzo Eric Ray <i>Volunteers</i> <i>Volunteers</i>
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 20

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

Monday, December 21

6:00 p.m. -- Adult Basketball - Gym
7:00 p.m. -- K. of C. - Reschini Hall

Tuesday, December 22

6:00 p.m. -- Apostolate of Fatima Rosary - SSCD Church
6:00 p.m. -- Girl Scouts - Wienker Hall
6:30 p.m. -- Choir Practice - Church
7:00 p.m. -- Finance Council - Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 p.m. -- Christmas Organ Recital - SSCD Church

Thursday, December 24

Friday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Saturday, December 26 - Donna Fallon, Lisa Fallon,
Kim McMonagle

Christmas Mass Schedules

	Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00pm SSCD	Ivy Phillips Taylor Phillips Nick Roberts	Kim Horner	Karen Bugay, Mike Horner Bill & Katie Roberts, Jean Roberts Bernadette Horner, Charles Stewart
5:00pm St. Joseph	Emily Urchuck Emily Travis	Mary Butler	Kathryn Smelko Michele Travis
Midnight SSCD	Dana McHenry Adrienne Hess Pat Defelice	Bob Roberts	Mary Lou Brown, Jeanne Curtis, Bertha Koza, Jessie Anderson Mary McHenry, Celine Tersine Diane Wehrle
8:00am St. Adrian	Jimmy Kachmar Jordan Mesoraco	Jason Grusky	Dorothy Pisarcik Holly Grusky
9:00am St. Anthony	Terra Parise-Frye Brady Smith	Jennifer Smith	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti
10:00am SSCD	Lucas Ambler Ethan Ambler	Frank McSteen	Janice Blose, Jeff & Kim Curtis Renee Doverspike, Maureen Freas Carol Overly, Ellen Overly



Blessed are you
who believed
that what was
spoken to you
by the LORD
would be
fulfilled

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SSCD Daily Mass Servers

Donna Jean Roberts -
Monday - 8am
Tuesday - 8am

Ryan Presloid -
Wednesday - 8am
Thursday - 8am

**From The
Desk of Msgr. Riccardo**

Dear Parishioners,

Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

**GOD'S GREATEST WORKS TAKE
PLACE QUIETLY**

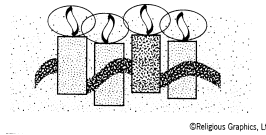
Imagine if today's "event coordinators" were to plan the Incarnation of the Son of God. They would take great care to make it a magnificent "media event" with reporters, TV cameras, celebrities everywhere. Today's Scriptures could not show a stronger contrast.

The Messiah, the first reading says, will not be born in Jerusalem, or in Caesarea (the great city Herod had built) – but in lowly Bethlehem, "too small (and insignificant) to be among the clans of Judah." In the second reading, the Letter to the Hebrews reflects on how Jesus will be the Savior. His ancestor King David had been "saved" by becoming a brilliant military general and securing peace for the nation. But he fell into disobedience to God, and the nation became divided. So the author of our text says that the very first act of Jesus as he came into our world was one of obedience: "I come to do your will, O God." This became the guiding principle of His whole life. By it he atoned for the disobedience of Adam and Eve, as well as the whole human race. But again, that first act of surrender took place in silence and obscurity in the womb of Mary.

And in today's gospel, again profound things happen in a small town and with obscure people hidden from the eyes of the world. The baby in Elizabeth's womb "leaped for joy." She herself "was filled with the Holy Spirit." Without a word being spoken she knew the mystery that had taken place within Mary: "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

How often God works wonders in quiet ways: moments of prayer, when we come to a deep realization that God is with us and will never abandon us. Or we receive a message: I should call my brother/sister/friend. I need to apologize to someone or to pray for them. Today would be a good day to pray for peace in the Holy Land, the scene of such wondrous events, but where so many people are still suffering today. And pray that the

Prince of Peace may reign in our own hearts, so that we can bring something of His peace into our part of the world.



God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Devin Burkett, the son of Dan and Karen Burkett of SSCD Parish, who died last week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE The final area Penance Service before Christmas is being held this afternoon, at 3pm at St. Michael's Parish in DuBois. This is the final penance service before Christmas.



**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 Krynicky, to present a musical journey leading from the season of preparation and increasing light of Advent to the bright and joyous Christmas season.

Mr. Busija, a professional musician, frequently performs as a solo artist as well as an accompanist throughout the Western Pennsylvania and Ohio areas. He has been an organist at SS. Cosmas & Damian for nearly seventeen years. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists, American Federation of Musicians and Theater Musicians' Association.

Mr. Krynicky has been a musician for most of his life. He has been a cantor in several parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg. He is a member of the Greensburg Diocesan Choir and a member of the Westmoreland Choral Society.

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

Following the recital, light refreshments will be served in Wienker Hall.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS

The Anniversary Cookbooks are in! The cookbook contains over 300 time-tested family favorite recipes and will be a great addition to your cookbook collection!

The books sell for \$15 and can be purchased in the rectory office. These will make great last minute Christmas gifts.

ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA Be sure to stop in the gathering space to see the 125th Anniversary gifts/keepsakes which are available to purchase. You can also call or stop in the rectory office for more information.

Proceeds from the sale of these items will help to offset the cost of events during this anniversary year.

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.

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!

#93: Fr. David Findlay, our 20th assistant (1974-1975), completed his service as a priest of the diocese as pastor of St. Brigid Church in Meadville – the same parish where he was baptized and his vocation nurtured.

#92: Fr. Daniel J. Taylor, our 21st assistant (1975-1978), was an ordination classmate to our current pastor, Msgr. Riccardo. In 1980 he left the diocese to minister in the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona.

#91: Fr. Thomas E. Smith, our 22nd assistant (1978-1981), was ordained in 1967 and is among only a few priests of our diocese ordained by Bishop John F. Whealon during his brief tenure as Bishop of Erie (1966-1968).

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 Wiener Hall. If you wish to register for this session of Pre-Cana, call the office at 938-6540.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **Weekly Food Donation Sunday, December 27th - Apple Sauce.** Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

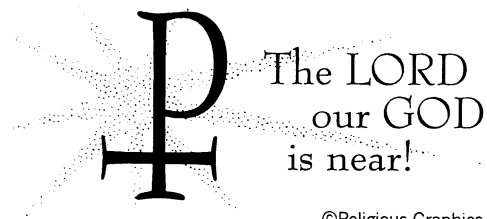
SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK Donna Adams, Sue Salsgiver, Lisa Phillips, Mary Lou Brown.

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.

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



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 Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly, some consider children as a liability, a “mouth to feed” or an obstacle to a career. Remember, your children will learn to value life by the way they observe your treatment of others. While some think that Christmas is only “for children” it is also for adults to appreciate the gift that children are to us.

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

RECTORY OFFICE The office will be closed this week on Thursday and Friday for Christmas.

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 12/13/09				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	98	62	584
Envelopes Used	21	34	26	236
Adult	\$480.00	\$527.00	\$597	\$5,583.00
Holy Day	\$111.00	\$344.00	\$140.00	\$1,258.00
Children	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$60.00
Loose	<u>\$65.00</u>	<u>\$48.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$572.69
Monthly				<u>\$3,115.00</u>
Total	\$656.00	\$924.75	\$737.00	\$10,588.69
Weekly Goal:	\$711.00	\$950.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$55.00)	(\$25.25)	\$87.00	\$3,588.69
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/09	\$4,392.00 (under goal)	\$5,699.75 (under goal)	\$526.05 Over goal	\$13,250.25 (under goal)

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.

SSCD KIDS ENVELOPES The 2010 envelopes for children have been distributed. If your child did not receive his/her envelopes, please check the table in the back of the church to see if they are there. If your child does not receive envelopes and you would like for him/her to have them, just call the office.

*Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb* **MARY
MOTHER OF GOD**

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<u>Readings for the Week of December 20</u>	
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52

125th Anniversary Capital Campaign

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

Pledged Amount \$499,686.00
Pledge Payments \$457,405.30
Unpaid Pledges \$42,280.70

Unpledged Donations \$28,702.44



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>\$21,887.65</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$160.00	\$852.35
Unpledged Donations	\$4,132.00	\$4,321.00	\$2,412.00	\$3,140.75
Collected to Date	\$5,597.00	\$6,676.00	\$7,612.00	\$25,028.40