

**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) Robyn Kriser Mennetti -- Mary Lamey
- 5:00 p.m. Jack Dereume -- His Famil
- 8:00 a.m. Bernadette Allemang -- Mike & Margaret Hudock
- 10:00 a.m. (Walston) Jessie Gigliotti --  
Rose Ellermeyer Family
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

**MONDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Stephanie Havrilla -- Peggy Mocek

**TUESDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Judith DeFoor -- Mother, Grace Rouillard
- 9:00 a.m. (Walston) Guy M. Astorino --  
Jim & Anita Bowser

**WEDNESDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Jessie Maruca -- Joe & Connie Hudock
- 9:00 a.m. (Walston) Kelly Cielo -- Peter Bianco Family

**THURSDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Nicholas Lotito -- Ange & Pat Giavedoni
- 9:00 a.m. (Adrian) Guy Scuiello -- Lou, Elaine & Barb

**FRIDAY**

**Mary, Mother of God**

- 9:00 a.m. Eugene & Mary Jane Guignet --  
Angelo Infantino Family
- 12-10 p.m. (Anita) Marie Takash -- Son & Family

**SATURDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Anna E. Molinaro -- Joe & Pete Molinaro
- 4:30 p.m. (Walston) Mildred Ananea --  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Albino
- 5:00 p.m. Phil Rumbosky -- Coffee Club

**SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Margaret Laska -- Terry & Celine Tersine
- 10:00 a.m. (Anita) Mary Agnello -- 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 January 2/3, 2010***

	<b>4:30 p.m. St. Anthony</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. SSCD</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. SSCD</b>	<b>10:00 St. Joseph</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. SSCD</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Terra Parise-Frye	Adrienne Hess Adam Murdock	Samantha Juart Gabby Mock	<i>Adult Volunteers</i>	Mark Vasbinder Thomas Vasbinder
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Gigliotti	Tony Fallara	Frank McSteen	Kathryn Smelko	Delores Chicka
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti	Rose Marie Cipolla Ed Kengersky Patricia Murdock Jessica Perry Jean Roberts Adeline Shemuha Lena VanDyke	Alice Orsich Carol Overly Peter Pape Mike Snyder Charles Stewart Dick Venesky Connie Venesky	Nancy Wise Tom Wise	Mary Lou Brown Renee Doverspike Ange Giavedoni Jude Griffith Bernadette Horner Mary McHenry DianeWehrle
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Rose Marie Cipolla Gary Godak Adeline Shemuha Lena VanDyke	Dan Milton Rich Smocek Jim Stello Ralph Zenzi	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Sam Gattuso Jim Infantino Bill Pride Mike Ruffner
<b>Organist/ Cantor</b>	Bill Farcus Debbie Barilar	Michael Busija Marilyn Lotito	Toie Neal Tammy Ransel	Debbie Barilar Debbie Barilar	Elaine Pape Arlene Stewart

***SSCD Daily Mass Servers***

***Mon., Tuesday 8 am -  
Joe Roberts***

***Wed., Thursday 8am -  
Alicia Switlick***

***Saturday 8am -  
Ethan Ambler***

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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

**Sunday, December 27**

**Monday, December 28**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Adult Basketball - Gym

**Tuesday, December 29**

- 6:00 p.m. -- Apostolate of Fatima Rosary - SSCD Church

**Wednesday, December 30**

**Thursday, December 31**

**Friday, January 1**

**Saturday, January 2**

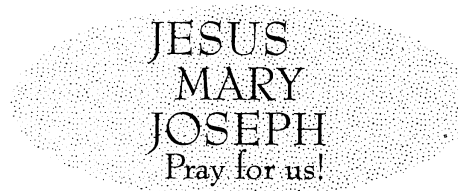
- 8:30 a.m. -- Recitation of the Rosary - SSCD Church

**Sunday, January 3**

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

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL**

- Saturday, January 2 - Eric & Dana Ray and Lynn Hess**



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***Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedules***

	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>7:00pm SSCD</b>	Megan McKillop Alex McKillop	Dave Osikowicz	Carol Lowmaster Jean Gigliotti, Frank Hetrick Eileen & John Quatroche Pat Rougeux, Rita Zenzi
<b>9:00am SSCD</b>	Ryan Sloniger Alex Young	Ed McGinnis	Janice Blose, Celine Tersine Jeff & Kim Curtis Renee Doverspike Bertha Koza, Ellen Overly
<b>12:10pm St. Joseph</b>	Emily Urchuck	Mary Butler	Kathryn Smelko Michele Travis

*From The  
Desk of Msgr. Riccardo*

Dear Parishioners,

**For today...a Savior has been born for you who is  
Christ and Lord! Luke 2:11**

**SILENTLY THE WONDROUS GIFT IS  
GIVEN!**

In a few churches there is a custom during Advent of putting up a manger with straw but no infant. The infant is placed there on Christmas Eve. There is a powerful symbol to be had by this experience. Straw is basically useless; it's leftover from the harvesting of oaks. And the crib is empty. So the whole scene speaks to us of our lives. Don't they sometimes seem like so much straw, useless, insignificant? And that empty manger – doesn't it seem like the absence of God in today's world? We're excluding him from public life more and more. Where are the reminders of God in our society today?

Sadly, even some Catholics no longer honor God in their daily lives. They do not pray, read the Bible, attend church, or provide religious education for their children. Their life is like that empty manger, filled only with straw.

Even in our melancholy, we must remember that within all churches, even with an empty manger scene, there is the tabernacle – and that brightly burning sanctuary lamp, reminding us that God is present. The Lord Jesus is right here with us in the Blessed Sacrament. The Scriptures call him Emmanuel, "God-with-us." That empty manger was filled with the Child Jesus, with his arms outstretched, silently saying to us: "I am here, I am with you; do not be afraid." Oh, how we need to hear that message of Christmas over and over again.

The last word is not the empty manger. The last word is the Child in the manger, the risen Lord Jesus in the Mass, in the Eucharist, in each one of us. God has not abandoned us. Let's resolve today: we will not forget him. I would like to close with my favorite verse of "O Little Town of Bethlehem":

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given! So  
God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin –  
Where meek souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in!**

God Bless!  
Msgr. J. Riccardo

**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.

**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.

**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!*

**#90:** Fr. Gregory A. Kirsch, our 23<sup>rd</sup> assistant (1981-1987), comes from a family of clergy and religious. Four uncles and a cousin are priests and four aunts are Sisters of Mercy. Currently he is pastor of Christ the King Church, Houtzdale, PA.

**#89:** Fr. Thomas Matts, T.O.R., our 24<sup>th</sup> assistant (1982-1985), is the only one of our past assistants who was also a native son of the parish. During our centennial celebration, he helped to write and perform a special musical for the parish's milestone anniversary.

**#88:** Fr. Gregory P. Passauer, our 25<sup>th</sup> assistant (1987-1991), currently serves as the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Crown. He recently returned to SS. Cosmas & Damian to preach at our annual Forty Hours Devotions this past October.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** Because the first Friday of January falls on New Years Day, January 1st, the First Friday Communion visits will be delayed one week. The visits will be made on Thursday and Friday, January 7th and 8th.

**THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY** The members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society extend a big "thank you" to all those who have contributed so generously to the Society in the last several weeks and, indeed, throughout the year. Your generosity will allow us to continue to serve the needy in our community.

Thank you also to all the team members who have volunteered their time to help with our weekly food distributions.

Your donations of food, of your time, and of monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**2010 CATHOLIC CALENDARS** We wish to thank the Deeley Funeral Home and the McCabe Funeral Home for again sponsoring our Catholic Calendars. We appreciate the generosity of these businesses.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP** The next meeting of the Youth Group will be on Sunday, January 10th, from 2 - 4pm in Reschini Hall in Walston. All youth of our parishes in grades 7 through 11 are invited and encouraged to join us!

**HOAGIE AND PIZZA SALE** The Youth Group will be taking orders for Marianna Hoagies and Pizzas throughout the month of January. If you'd like to place an order, contact any member of the Youth Group or call Linda at 814-952-8800 by January 31st. Orders will be available for pick up on Monday, February 8th at 5pm in Wienker Hall.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Weekly Food Donation Sunday, January 3rd: Macaroni & Cheese.** Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

**SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK** Rachel Starry, Carme Renne, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi.

**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.

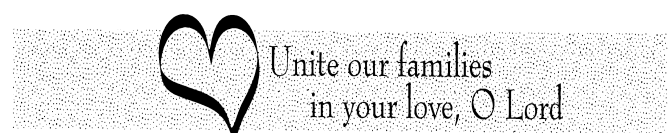
**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THE MONTH OF December:**

- 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** Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt guilty and 'out of touch'. Like the Holy Family, parents today operate with the same deficit when children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting remain the same.

**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 Friday for the New Years holiday.

**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 date. End-of-year statements will be sent upon request. If you need a statement of your annual contributions, please fill in the form below and send it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket.

**2009 Offertory Statement Request**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

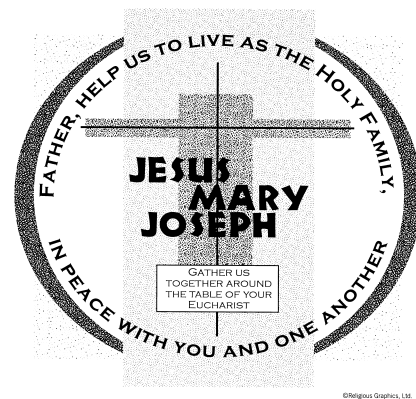
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**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES** If you would like to purchase religious articles call Pat Rougeux, at 938-4464. There is a nice selection of religious gifts in the cabinet in the back of SSCD Church.

<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS 12/20/09</b>				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	98	62	584
Envelopes Used	30	32	22	260
Adult	\$443.00	\$1,136.00	\$480.00	\$5,335.00
Holy Day	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$45.00
Children	\$0.00	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$52.25
Loose	<u>\$103.00</u>	<u>\$44.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$608.80
Monthly				<u>\$579.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$551.00</b>	<b>\$1,187.50</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>	<b>\$6,620.05</b>
Weekly Goal:	\$711.00	\$950.00	\$650.00	\$7,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$160.00)	\$237.50	(\$160.00)	(\$379.95)
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/09	\$4,552.00 (under goal)	\$5,462.25 (under goal)	\$366.05 <b>Over goal</b>	\$13,630.20 (under goal)

**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.

**SCHEDULES** The new ministry schedules for SSCD have been e-mailed to those who have provided us with an e-mail address. The schedules can also be found on the parish website at [www.sscdchurch.com](http://www.sscdchurch.com). For those not having internet access, there are paper copies in the sacristy.



<b><u>Readings for the Week of December 27</u></b>	
Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**125th Anniversary Capital Campaign**

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

Pledged Amount ..... \$499,686.00  
Pledge Payments ..... \$457,490.30  
Unpaid Pledges ..... \$42,195.70  
Unpledged Donations ..... \$28,901.92



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

<b>Catholic Services Appeal 2009</b>				
	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>\$22,132.65</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$0.00	\$115.00	\$160.00	\$607.35
Unpledged Donations	\$4,132.00	\$4,421.00	\$2,412.00	\$3,191.75
Collected to Date	\$5,597.00	\$6,776.00	\$7,612.00	\$25,324.40