

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*) Kathryn Mottey & Catherine Taylor -- John, Susie, Justin & Joshua
- 5:00 p.m. Joan Sarafite -- Pete & Elaine Pape
- 8:00 a.m. Bill Hudak -- Denny & D. J. Bianco & Family
- 10:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Mary Jane Gigliotti -- Family
- 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

MONDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Leo Johnston -- Joseph R. Gigliotti Family
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) Ann Ananea -- Red Ferrent Family

7:00 p.m. Rose Buterbaugh -- Jean Buterbaugh

TUESDAY The Immaculate Conception

- 7:00 a.m. Louise Catalano -- Eileen & John Muir
- 9:00 a.m. Bill Jose -- Jim & Donna Jose
- 12:10 p.m. (*Walston*) John Astorino -- George Farcus Family

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph Farcus -- Agnes VanGelder
- 9:00 a.m. (*Walston*) James A. Martino -- Bernie Mae Elroy & Family

THURSDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Stanley & Sophie Shambelan -- Rose Shambelan
- 9:00 a.m. (*Adrian*) Irene Shiock -- St. Adrian Altar Rosary Society

FRIDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Emily Zaborowski -- Pat Zvaleny
- 9:00 a.m. (*Anita*) Mary Agnello -- John Agnello & Daughters

SATURDAY

- 4:30 p.m. (*Adrian*) Carl Bellerillo -- Ed & Mary Felix
- 5:00 p.m. Grace Certo -- Angie

SUNDAY

- 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

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 12/13, 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	Jimmy Kachmar	Brandon Bish Nathan Lingenfelter	Pat Defelice Marisa Stockdale	Robert Welsh	Anna Horner Jacob Horner
Lector	Jackie Bosak	Delores Chicka	Frank McSteen	Tom Gigliotti	Kim Horner
Eucharistic Ministers	Dorothy Pisarcik JoAnn Young	Carol Lowmaster Maureen Freas Patricia Murdock Ellen Overly Jessica Perry Jean Roberts Lena VanDyke	Joe Nogacek Alice Orsich Charles Stewart Dick Venesky Connie Venesky Nancy Wise Tom Wise	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti	Mary Beth Bosak Rick Bosak Mary Lou Brown Jeanne Curtis Renee Doverspike Jude Griffith Mike Horner
Ushers	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Flip Freas Gary Godak J. R. Overly Lena VanDyke	Dan Milton Rich Smochek Jim Stello Ralph Yenzi	<i>Volunteers from those present</i>	Joe Guzzo Eric Ray <i>Volunteer Volunteer</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 6

- 9:15 a.m. -- Religious Education Classes
- 9:15 a.m. -- Confirmation Class
- 5:30 p.m. -- C. D. of A. Christmas Party - Wienker Hall

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

- 8:30 a.m. -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church
- 6:00 p.m. -- Apostolate of Fatima Rosary - SSCD Church
- 6:00 p.m. -- Girl Scouts - Wienker Hall
- 6:30 p.m. -- St. Joseph Altar Rosary - Church

Wednesday, December 9

- 6:30 p.m. -- Choir Practice - Church
- 7:00 p.m. -- St. Vincent DePaul - Meeting Room

Thursday, December 10

- 7:00 p.m. -- Evening of Prayer and Recollection

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12

Sunday, December 13

Following 8am & 11am Masses -- Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Testing - Meeting Room

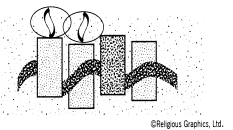
- 9:15 a.m. -- Religious Education Classes
- 9:15 a.m. -- Confirmation Class
- 2:00 p.m. -- Youth Group - Reschini Hall
- 2:30 p.m. -- Secular Franciscans - Meeting Room
- 4:00 p.m. -- Advent Penance Service - SSCD Church

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Saturday, December 12th - Mary Ann & Joe Kernich

Schedules for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
7pm Monday SSCD	Claire Smith Alicia Swtlick	Tony Fallara	A. Giavedoni, J. Griffith F. Hetrick, M. Horner J. Anderson, J. Roberts D. Wehrle
7am SSCD	Maddison Kernich Parris Kernich	Gerry Gigliotti	Alice Orsich Ann & Dick Smith
9am SSCD	<i>Assigned by school</i>	<i>Assigned by school</i>	<i>Assigned by school</i>
12:10pm Walston	<i>Adult Volunteer</i>	Tom Gigliotti	Angela Gigliotti Tom Gigliotti



SSCD Daily Mass Servers:

Gabby Mock -
Monday - 8am
Wednesday - 8am

Ivy Phillips -
Thursday - 8am
Friday - 8am

*From The
Desk of Msgr. Riccardo*

Dear Parishioners,

**“When the year dies in preparation for the birth/
Of other seasons, not the same, on the same earth,**

**Then saving and calamity together make/The
Advent gospel telling how the heart will break...**

**Therefore it was in Advent that the Quest began; in
wail of wind the flower of the Britains all/Went out, and
desolation was in Arthur’s hall.” – C. S. Lewis.**

THE QUEST

The Quest for the Holy Grail in the King Arthur story has captivated millions of people over the centuries. Lancelot, the Christ-figure of the Arthurian legend, is the noble knight who begins a search for the cup that Christ used at the Last Supper. This cup has appeared in many places in literature, theater, and the movies. In Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, for example, Indiana Jones finds his way down a passageway and comes into a room full of chalices. He must select one and drink from it. If he selects the wrong cup, he dies. An ancient figure in the room tells him, “Choose wisely.”

Legend has it that Joseph of Arimathea carried the cup to a castle in Great Britain. The court of King Arthur believed that a descendant of Joseph would rediscover the Grail. Of the Knights of the Round Table, only Galahad, Lancelot’s son, was able to find and enter the castle with the Grail. When he finally gazed upon the cup, the story goes, grail and man were lifted up to heaven together.

What’s the point of this story for us? Lancelot’s quest began in Advent, and our quest, our preparation for Christmas, likewise begins in Advent. And like the Wise Men preparing for their quest, we need to set out to find our King, the Christ Child. When we begin our Advent season with Scripture and seek the Holy Christ rather than the Holy Grail, we are choosing wisely.

**God, grant us wisdom to choose thoughtfully our
preparation for your coming in Jesus. Amen**

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo

EVENING OF PRAYER AND RECOLLECTION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As part of our year-long Anniversary Celebration there will be a very special evening of Prayer and Recollection on Thursday, December 10th at 7pm in church.

Father Jack Bauer will be here with us to address the topic of “Coping With Illness”. The service will also include Liturgy of the Hours, Anointing of the Sick, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a social to follow in Wienker Hall.

The Sacrament of Anointing is meant to bring about a conscious awareness of God’s presence in our lives at moments of physical or mental stress, pain or suffering. It is for anyone, young or old, who feels they are in need of this very special blessing of Anointing.

Please join us for this first of three special Evenings of Prayer to be held throughout the anniversary year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Paul Nicholson, husband of Nancy Nicholson of SSCD Parish, who died last week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. May his 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

#99: Fr. Francis Johnston, our 14th assistant (1952-1956), soon after his service at Punxsutawney, was named pastor of St. Anthony’s in Walston where he undertook renovation of the interior of the church in accord with the liturgical renewal of Vatican II.

#98: Fr. William F. Presley, our 15th assistant (1956-1965), served the longest of all our past assistants – 9 years. During that time he is best remembered for his intense coaching of the high school’s boys basketball team. He currently lives in Lancaster, PA.

#97: Fr. John Robert Lynch, our 16th assistant (1957-1958), was an avid golfer. He boasted, justly so, of winning a number of golf tournaments throughout Pennsylvania. His obituary in 1990 remembered him as “a man who loved a challenge.”

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.

- **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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday of this week, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00pm Monday and 7am & 9am Tuesday at SSCD and 12:10pm Tuesday at St. Anthony.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS The indomitable spirit of religious enabled them to build schools, hospitals and much of the social service infrastructure of this country. Religious helped establish the institutions that enabled millions of Catholics to engage in the mainstream of our country's industry and economy. They invested, not in pension plans, but in ministry, in people and in the future of the Church they served. Today, the majority of religious are over the age of 60; a significant number are past age 80. Many institutes simply do not have the resources to meet the dramatically escalating costs of care for their growing population of elderly, especially those who are frail or in need of skilled care.

The second collection next week benefits elderly women and men religious. There is an envelope attached to your bulletin for this special collection. Please give as generously as you can.

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 e-mail that information to sscdofc@comcast.net and we will avoid scheduling you at those times.

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

BEAR SEASON BREAKFAST Thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make St. Adrian Church annual breakfast such a great success. Special thanks to the men of the Knights of Columbus for their help and to everyone who attended our breakfast. Your support is greatly appreciated! Profit from the breakfast is \$1,379.70. All proceeds go to Zubrzycki Hall renovations. Winner of the 50/50 is Chad Horner.

ST. ADRIAN BAKE SALE The first annual St. Adrian Bake Sale, held on November 22nd, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and to everyone who supported us with your purchases. Profit from the Bake Sale was \$1,092.25 and all proceeds benefit St. Adrian Church.

THANK YOU! The St. Anthony Altar Rosary Society extends a sincere thank you to all who helped with the recent nut roll sale. There were many who assisted in so many ways and your efforts and hard work are greatly appreciated. We could not have done it without you!

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 on Sunday, December 13th. We will be leaving from the SSCD parking lot promptly at 12:45pm. If you have any questions, call Larry at 938-9256 or Pete at 938-9315. Please join us!

SSCD ROSARY ALTAR CHRISTMAS PARTY The SSCD Rosary Altar Society Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 6pm at the Punxsutawney Country Club. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The cost is \$15. Reservations or information, call Joan, 938-2011 or Donna, 938-5362.

SSCD SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR THIS WEEK Gloria Lester, Rose Ranieri, Ange Pride, Betty Gigliotti.

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. 13th - Corn Flakes. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR THE MONTH OF December:

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

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.

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, please 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS 11/29/09				
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%				
	St. Adrian	St. Anthony	St. Joseph	SS.C.D.
Envelopes Sent	79	98	62	584
Envelopes Used	34	32	27	265
Adult	\$487.00	\$349.00	\$540.00	\$5,106.14
Holy Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Children	\$2.00	\$5.50	\$3.00	\$65.00
Loose	<u>\$85.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$80.00</u>	\$673.55
Monthly				<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$574.00	\$354.50	\$623.00	\$5,909.69
<i>Weekly Goal:</i>	<i>\$711.00</i>	<i>\$950.00</i>	<i>\$650.00</i>	<i>\$7,000.00</i>
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$137.00)	(\$595.50)	(\$27.00)	(\$1,090.31)
Accumulated (+/-) Goal Since 7/1/09	\$4,041.00 (under goal)	\$5,472.00 (under goal)	\$416.05 Over goal	\$16,816.11 (under goal)

CHRISTMAS TREE Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for a 20' Christmas tree. Your generous response is appreciated. We did receive a tree, donated by the McKillop children, and we are grateful to them for this beautiful addition to our Christmas decorations.

ROSARY On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, our school children will be praying the Rosary in church before the 9am Mass. We invite all parishioners to join them at 8:30am in their prayerful recitation. During the past month, the students have each made a rosary for their use.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE Parents feel outclassed by Twitter, Facebook and texting as they reach for their children's attention. Our high-tech culture can make a parent feel like a "voice crying out in the wilderness." But there is something about the light of a face-to-face dialogue that leaves our technological competitors in the dark. As God came to John the Baptist "in the wilderness" so God is with you in your "wilderness" moments as a parent.

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.

Readings for the Week of December 6	
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Next Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

125th Anniversary Capital Campaign

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

Pledged Amount \$499,686.00
Pledge Payments \$455,808.20
Unpaid Pledges \$43,877.80
Unpledged Donations \$28,321.52



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>\$2,305.00</u>	<u>\$5,100.00</u>	<u>\$21,582.90</u>
Unpaid Pledges	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$260.00	\$1,157.10
Unpledged Donations	\$3,783.00	\$4,020.00	\$2,187.00	\$2,987.75
Collected to Date	\$5,248.00	\$6,325.00	\$7,287.00	\$24,570.65