



THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be exposed in St. Patrick Church throughout the day on January 22nd beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on spending some time in prayer for an end to abortion and the safety of our travelers to Washington, D.C.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER: In all the dioceses of the United States, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of **penance** for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of **prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS with Bishop Paul Bradley presiding will be held at St. Mary of Mercy Catholic Church (Pittsburgh) on Monday, January 22nd at 12:00 noon.

HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME AND HOME VISITATION MINISTRY: On Wednesday, January 24th in St. Patrick Center (7:00 to 8:00 p.m.) there will be a meeting for those wishing to take the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Chaplain Cathy Peternel, Fr. Gabe and Fr. Rich will be present.

CELEBRATE AMERICA DINNER DANCE will be held on February 17th at the Holiday Inn (Meadowlands). Price is \$60 per person, which includes sit down dinner and open bar. Tickets are limited – call Kathleen Bench 724.942.0338 for more information.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Open House and Registration for students entering *PRE-SCHOOL* and *KINDERGARTEN* for the 2007-2008 school term will be held on *SUNDAY, JANUARY 28* immediately following the 12:00 pm Mass. Parents *must* bring the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and immunization records. A \$35.00 non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration in order to hold a place for your child. Registrations will also be accepted on *MONDAY, JANUARY 29* in the school office between the hours of 9:30 to 11:30 am.

For more information, please call the school office at (724) 745-7977 or visit our website at www.saintpatsschool.org.

TAX-FREE DONATIONS from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) – This applies to persons at/over 70 ½ years of age. Donations made from the IRAs are not subject to federal or state income tax during this time period up to \$100,000 yearly. This was in effect for 2006 and for 2007 only. For more information, call Paul Stabile at 412.456.3085.

CARLOW UNIVERSITY: Sunday, January 28 (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is Campus Visit Day. Information on financial aid opportunities exclusively for Catholic students, ranging in value from \$4,000-\$10,000 will be available. February 15 is scholarship deadline. For more information, call 1.800.333.2275 or visit www.carlow.edu.

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| STEWARDSHIP REPORT | |
| January 14, 2007 Sunday Mass Offertory | |
| 875 Envelopes..... | 13,550.00 |
| 53 Children's Envelopes..... | 55.60 |
| Loose Cash and Coin..... | 791.27 |
| St. Patrick School..... | 138.00 |
| Parish Total: | \$14,434.87 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses | \$13,241.00 |
| Weekly Loan Expense | 2,885.00 |
| TOTAL NEEDED each week..... | 16,125.21 |
| March for Life Bus Trip..... | \$1,243.14 |
| YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED! | |

Please remember St. Patrick Parish when writing your Will.

MEMORIALS were received as follows: **“My Father’s House” Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Joseph Wiencek** by Mary Kostelich; In loving memory of **Jacob Martincic** by Pete Cargnoni, John and Lucille Tomsic, Albert and Gloria Imperatore, Stan Mikuta, John and Barbara Solensky; In loving memory of **Albert Como** by Katie Simpson; In loving memory of **Philip Beltz Sr.** by Ange Wingard, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, Agnes DeJohn, John and Velma Pleskovich. **St. Patrick Choir Memorial:** In loving memory of **Walter Mark** by Louis F. Colaizzo Family; In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Philip Beltz Sr.** by Linda Stegenga.

MASSES were received for **Philip Beltz Sr.** by Dan and Judy Wingard, for **Arthur DeJohn** by Sister, Flora McCarthy, Ray and Tom DeJohn; and for **Jacob Martincic** by Bob and Wilma Solensky, Adolph and Sophie Kern, Herman and Rose Marie Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Motto, Richard and Barbara Guida, Kathy Cook, Suzanne and Len Haduk, James Curnarski, Mary Salamon, Agnes DeJohn, Tom and Betty DeJohn, Margaret and Andrew Zubanko, Emily Sustrich, Richard and Joan DiSalle, Olga FlorJancic and Wilma Martincic and Family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 21** **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Jan. 21** **Catholic Men’s Club** (7:30) in the Center
- Jan. 22** **RCIA** (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Jan. 22** **Ministry of Mother’s Sharing** (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Jan. 22** **Bible Study** with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
- Jan. 24** **ROSARY** (6:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month to pray the Rosary!
- Jan. 24** **Hospital, Nursing Home and Homebound Ministry** (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Jan. 28** **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY**

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

"An inch of progress is worth more than a yard of complaint." Booker T. Washington (1856-1915)
Educator + activist

I've heard it said that the older that one gets-- the more one should look at the things that *unite*, not *divide* us. *Grace* and *love* unite, *sin* and *hatred* divide.

St. Paul used the analogy of the human body as an image to communicate the need for unity. Just as the body has many members and organs, so does the body of Christ. All are needed, all are important, and all affect one another. No matter how important or unimportant an organ or member seems to be—it affects the whole. The good of one is the good of all. The suffering of one is the suffering of all.

Since 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended a universal observance from *January 18th-25th* dedicated to prayer for the unity of all churches in Christ.

As a priest, I have been entrusted with a great privilege and a crucial responsibility to proclaim the Word of God. In answering the call of God, I am charged to fulfill the task: *to bring the Word of God to the people of God*. But, all of us, through the gifts of Baptism and faith are to witness to the "*Good News*" of Jesus Christ through our thoughts, deeds and lives.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.*" Jesus gives His '*inaugural address*' by telling people *who He is* and *what He is about*. He has come to bring them "*Good News*" ('*glad tidings*') and desires His followers to share in His ministry and deliver His message to the whole world. A person who knows God's love will dare to pray—"*Lord, I will do anything that you want me to do. I will go anywhere you want me to go. I will say anything you want me to say. I will be anything that you want me to be.*"

We can bring healing to others through our comfort and support for others '*well-being*'. We can bring freedom to others in making faith choices that '*lift-up*' human dignity and personhood. We can bring hopefulness to the hurting, neglected, or forgotten in society. We can bring love to one another in our '*day-to-day*' contacts. Mother Theresa of Calcutta spoke often of loving '*one-Jesus-at-a-time*'. We can bring peace to others, if we are at peace with God, and ourselves, first. We can bring pray to bear on others, and never forget its tremendous power to save!

Monday, January 22 marks the 34th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* decision of the Supreme Court which legalized abortion in our country. There are about 1.5 million Americans who suffer from heart attacks each year. Statistics show that there are about the same number of abortions. That's 1.5 million unborn children -- staggering and sad, indeed. Our bishops in our nation have called U.S. Catholics to observe a particular day of penance for violations against the dignity of human life and for the restoration of the guarantee of the right to life.

As two buses from our parish, join countless others across our country in traveling to our nation's capital in Washington, D.C. for the 'Right to Life' March this Monday. May the '*cries of the poor*' (the '*voiceless ones*') be heard in our land, and so give glory and honor to God, the Creator of

Fr. Rich continued....

all life! Jesus comes to comfort, uplift, and empower '*the powerless*'. Help us Lord, to be a '*life-giver*' and not a '*death-dealer*'. Let us pray for healing of hearts, lives, and souls on this special day in our land.

We honor all Catholic Schools in our country the week of Sunday, January 28th thru February 3rd. The theme is: "*Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education.*" A special word of thanks to all for the countless sacrifices made to share the treasure of faith in every generation. Seeds sown in faith and love provide a bright promise for tomorrow's Catholic leaders!

"As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well-spent brings a happy death." – Leonardo DaVinci
(1-21-07)

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL.

This person would be in charge of coordinating volunteers mainly for the game booths because the school handles the children's corner and Marsha handles the food volunteers. We have previous years records of volunteers and phone numbers so you are not starting fresh. We are very organized in that area. For questions or more information, call Kathy or Dave (724.746.3403). You will be working with a great team!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4th after all morning Masses and including the 12:00 Noon Mass. It's an easy date to remember because it is also Super Bowl Sunday. And, for those that may have forgotten, kick off time is 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy our delicious golden brown pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee served by a Knight and a smile. As usual, donations will be accepted at the door and the proceeds will be directed toward our Troop Care Program and other Knights of Columbus charitable programs. Special thanks to everyone for your continued support.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH FOR 2006 may be requested by using the following form and depositing it in the mailbox at the rectory, the offertory basket on Sunday or by mail.

Please mail my Financial Statement for 2006.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope No. _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE do not park your car at the Tiny Store while you attend Mass. These spaces are reserved for their customers. We have been notified that those parking during Mass will receive a citation.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M. – Vigil) Babka, Smith and Kosek Families by George Babka
7:30 SP Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sroka by Anna Sedora
10:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
12:00 SP Robert Novak by Wife and Family
5:00 SP Raymond Duda by Paul Kowcheck Family

Pray for Irene L. Schildkamp, Month's Mind

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

- 7:00 SP Joseph A. Tomsic by Rich Batista

One Mass today due to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7:00 SP Joseph and Philomena Cerenzia by Family
8:15 SG Frank Imperatore by Friends
10:00 (Kingdom Manor –Greenside Avenue) Intention for Carmella Tatano by Frances Eonta

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 – Frances deSales, Bishop/ Doctor

- 7:00 SP Living and Deceased Members of Schildkamp and Centore Families by Dolores Centore
9:00 SP Janet Colaizzo by Lou and Loretta Steward
2:00 (Horizon Nursing Facility) Intention for Pete Palfreyman by John Mitchell

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 – Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

- 7:00 SP Margaret Lavin by Estate
8:15 SG John Pape by Andy and Ann Marie Popernack

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 – Timothy and titus, Bishops

- 7:00 SP Deceased Members of Busovicki and DiFalco Families by Helen DiFalco

Pray for Philip Beltz, Sr., Month's Mind

- 8:15 SG Deceased Members of Henderson and Domsic Families by Alan Henderson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- 7:30 SP Paul F. Stabile Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stabile

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP (P.M. – Vigil) Michael Lenco by Ben Coleman

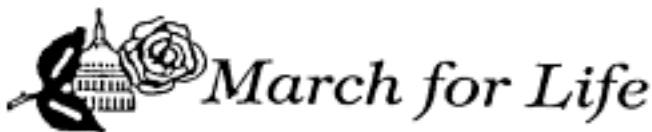
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
10:00 SP Jean Piechnick by Gerald and Dorothy Havelka
12:00 SP Bart DeJohn Jr. by Wife and Children
5:00 SP Victor and Stella Palko by daughter, Mary Ann

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Mary Gregor, Helen Glath, Katherine Lombardi Spiller, Anna Louise Skittle, Arthur DeJohn (brother of Flora McCarthy), and all the faithful departed.**

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL RETREAT: Our Senior Youth Ministry for grades 9 thru 12 will hold a Souper Bowl Retreat on Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4. It will include fasting, prayer and a service project. They will be at all exits of the church after each Mass on Sunday collecting your donation to be used for the Meals on Wheels program in the Canonsburg/Houston area. Last year \$4,765.86 was given to Meals on Wheels. Students need to have permission forms signed and returned to Nicole by January 30, 2007. For more information and details call Nicole Guyton at 724.745.9413.



34th MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington DC on Monday, January 22, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student and \$30.00 per family. Any student going will have their \$10.00 refunded on the bus that day. There are two buses leaving from St. Patrick Parish; one will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. and another “Youth Bus” is leaving at 1:15 a.m. and also returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. The Youth Bus will stop for breakfast then proceed to the MCI Center for a Youth Rally with 25,000 other young people. After the Rally they will join the March for Life and then proceed to Union Station to meet their bus and begin the return trip home. Plan now to make arrangements for your pilgrimage to Washington, DC. Call Alan Henderson at 724.747.2572 or Sharon Maikranz at 724.745.3616. **Students in grades 7th and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: If you are going on the March For Life on January 22nd please wear your green youth caps. This will help represent our Church in Washington DC and also help keep our group together. Any student interested in attending should call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989) as soon as possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!