

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.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 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 \$40.00 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.

CANDY SALE: St. Patrick School is selling Sarris candies for Easter. Make your selections on the Sarris Candies forms. Drop the completed form and your check, made payable to "Saint Patrick HSA, in the offertory basket on or before Sunday, February 18th. The candy will be available for pick up after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 31st or between 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Additional forms and color brochures can be found in the vestibules of the church. For questions, please call the school (724.745.7977).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
January 21, 2007 Sunday Mass Offertory	
889 Envelopes.	14,421.00
64 Children's Envelopes	69.75
Loose Cash and Coin.....	717.45
St. Patrick School.....	61.00
Parish Total:	\$15,269.20
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21
St. Anthony School Programs	\$2,553.66
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

A Will is triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. 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 Vladimer Germovsek** by James P. Cargnoni. In loving memory of **Connie Cancilla** by Sam Cancilla Family; In loving memory of **Walter A. Mark** by Special Court Judges Assoc. of Washington County; In loving memory of **Mary Gayarski Gregor** by Margaret Gayarski.; In loving memory of **Mary Chuppetta Harper** by Sam, Mary, Frank and gena Chuppetta

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of **Mary Gayarski Gregor** by Marge Popiolkowski, Ed and Cathy Hornak Family, .

Choir Memorial: In loving memory of **Albert Como, Jr. and Helen Hamill** by the Sam Cancilla Family.

MASSES were received for **Mary Gayarski Gregor** by Emelia Lawther, Joy and Carol Madeo, Billy, Lorie, Janice and John, Mrs. Lucile Colombo, Mary Ann Gayarski., Lisa and Greg Gayarski, Steve and Dorothy Samila,

FOUND: Blue tooth (ear phone adapter) was turned in to the office. Please call the rectory office during regular office hours (Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

MARCH FOR LIFE: Special thanks to everyone who made monetary donations to help defray the cost of the bus trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life. Your prayers and generosity were greatly appreciated and both buses returned our parishioners safely to the parish.

Ham and Pierogi Dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes (Burgettstown) on Sunday, Feb. 11 (11:00 to 3:00 p.m.) Takeout or dine-in. Adults \$7.00, Child \$3.00. All Welcome!

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS*"Love changes everything."*

- A line from a song in the Phantom of the Opera

This weekend I will be at Kearns Spirituality Center on LaRoche Univ. campus in the North Hills offering an Engaged Encounter retreat for 22 couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage. There will also be two couples from EE (Engaged Encounter) community, who will help offer the weekend. The motto of EE is: *'A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime.'* It is most fitting that today's second reading from 1Corinthians 12:31-13:13 is the *'Hymn of Love'* a favorite of many. In your generosity, kindly pray for these couples making this *'life-changing'* commitment of love and sacrifice.

The following reflection was given at a funeral I had in one of my assignments. I thought it was a beautiful and *'real'* sharing with Valentine's Day soon on the horizon. This man died tragically and unexpectedly. The name has been change in his story. However, the eulogy is fully intact.

'I don't need to tell you all out there that Peter is an unusual man. He loved you all without measure. He and I have talked over many things these past few months, including one of us crossing over to be with Jesus before the other. He has lectured me on all subjects (and I have needed thousands of lectures). Several have been on how and what I should do if he went before me.

He always told me, "I am not afraid to die. Life goes on and you must go on". He wanted me to go on with my life for my wonderful family. He kept telling me that they needed me. Right now my heart is torn in two and I just can't see how this can be, but I know the peace and security and love that I felt in his arms is gone and I'll have to rely on the true love he left in my heart. I will make it, I pray, with his love, memories, my family, my friends and God. I long for the day I will be with him in heaven.

To all of you out there he would want me to say these words. When Peter and I were married we made a commitment to be on our honeymoon forever and we worked at that. We've had many ups and downs over 31 years, but our love for each other we worked at keeping alive.

We dealt with many problems and have conquered them with the help of God. (Problems, that through God can be conquered, such as drinking, valiums, frigid partner, the sports widow, the whining wife, money

problems, and the list goes on). He would tell you to turn to God and He will guide you through anything.

And I tell you never go to bed angry. Love your mate to pieces. Be their friend, lover, psychiatrist, helper, whatever and have God in the center of this and you'll have a marriage from heaven. To those who want to cross over and see our beloved Peter again, turn your lives over to God. Read the Word, pray, come worship with His brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peter and I were not perfect, but we were growing in the Lord everyday and traveling that path to heaven. He has just ran on ahead of me. So remember when you occasionally think of my love, think of what he was as a man who loved everyone, especially all of you. Please strive to do the same. And that means no grudges, nasty comments about each other, no fault-finding, but love without measure.' (1.28.07)

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST: Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, presents Mother Nadine Brown at their prayer breakfast on Sat., February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry Twp. Mother Nadine, who will speak of her own faith journey, is an author of several books, has spoken to audiences worldwide, appeared on radio and television, including EWTN's Abundant Life. The cost is \$18.00 due by Feb. 2 by calling Kay (724.772.5749) or Pam (412.461.8906).

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is Sunday, February 11, 2007. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, Wildwood. It will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the church with Bishop Winter, as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. Jim and Margi Gregory will then give a talk titled :*"Beauty and the Beast: A story of Transformation."* Couples, married or engaged, are welcome. donation is \$10.00 per couple. To register please call the Office for family Life and Catechesis (412.456.3160).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Is winter starting to get you down? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the relationship blahs. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 23 through 25 at the Four Points Sheraton off Montour Run Road. Additional weekends are planned for April and September. For more information or to register, contact Mary and Lou Locante (412.635.7775) or check us out on the web at wwmepittsburgh.org.

TRIP: Join the St. Patrick Choir as they explore Italia October 5 through the 15, 2007. We promise wonderful and spiritual experiences as we tour some famous cities in this beautiful country. A community meeting will be held in a few weeks. Check the bulletin for further details.

MARRIED OUT OF THE CHURCH. What About Holy Communion? It is a sad consequence of remarriage out of the Church that the individuals involved are excluded from Confession and Holy Communion until their marriage can be blessed as a Sacrament in the Church. For many, this is a simple process that can be taken care of with relative ease. For others, this may require an annulment. Please take the time to personally contact one of your priests to help you get your marriage validated in the Church.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 28** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY
Jan. 29 RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
Jan. 29 Ministry of Mother's Sharing (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
Jan. 29 Bible Study with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
Feb. 4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
Feb. 4 SCOUT SUNDAY – Scouts will receive the Light of Christ awards during the 10:00 a.m. Mass
Feb. 4 PANCAKE BREAKFAST – after all morning Masses in the cafeteria
PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:00 SP Sarah Encandela by Tony Provenzano Family
8:15 SG Joseph Valek by Helen Valek

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 SP Matilda B. Luongo by Bob and Nancy Ward
8:15 SG Antoinette Ranalli by Julia Politano

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 – John Bosco, Priest

- 7:00 SP John G. Talpas by Lucy Smith
9:00 SP The Family of Sarah Louise Marcischak by Parents, Jeff, Paula and Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 -

- 7:00 SP Minnie Luongo by Dolores Kovatch
8:15 SG Genevieve Tomsic by Freda Higgins

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – FIRST FRIDAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00 SP Lorna Amorose by Stan Mikuta
8:15 SG Edward A. and Edward T. Taper by Barbara Taper
10:00 a.m. Tandem Retirement (Fr. Gabriel) – Intention for Rose Cortesi by Balestrieri Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – FIRST SATURDAY – ST. BLASE

- 7:30 SP End to Abortion

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP (P.M. – Saturday Vigil) Mazza and Buquet Families by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mazza

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 SP Marra and Porcaro Families by Sarah Porcaro
10:00 SP Matt and Margaret Ladich, Ted and Betty Malecki by Rosella Brown and Family
12:00 SP Joseph Phillip Imperatore Sr. and Joseph Phillip Imperatore Jr. by Lucille Imperatore
5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

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 **Elizabeth J. Rozance, Madeleine R. Spicer, and all the faithful departed.**

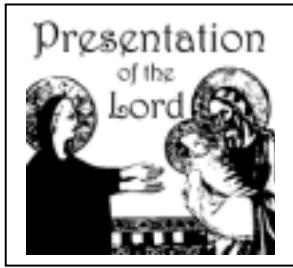
Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar: The people of Nazareth saw “Joseph’s son” as part of their own home-town hero and celebrity. When Jesus told them His mission was not only in Nazareth, their pride turned to “indignation”; they felt cheated. Today’s gospel teaches us that our concern must extend beyond our immediate family to all God’s children.

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Avila



Presentation of the Lord –

February 2: Often called “Candlemas Day” this feast’s theme is Light. We are well familiar with the beautiful symbolism associated with light. Light means Christ and the supernatural life of grace. Candles are blessed for

liturgical use and are also distributed to the faithful. In homes they should be lighted on the occasion of family devotions, in times of storm, household crises, or other dangers; also at the Communion of the Sick and Anointing of the Sick.

Blessing of Candles will take place on Friday, February 2nd at the 7:00 and 8:15 a.m. Masses. Candles will also be available for a donation.

FEAST OF SAINT BLASE: Saturday, February 3rd, is the Feast of Saint Blase. Associated with this feast is the customary blessing of throats, a popular sacramental. The prayer which the priest says as he blesses us is: “Through the intercession of Saint Blase, bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen” This blessing will be offered on Saturday at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.



ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL RETREAT: Our Senior Youth Ministry for grades 9 thru 12 will hold a Souper Bowl Retreat in St. Patrick Center 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
[22-32]
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
[3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11