

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** St. Patrick Knights wish to extend their thanks and gratitude to all who came out on such a cold day to support our Pancake Breakfast. Because of your support we once again have the funds necessary to send our Care Packages to the men and women in Iraq.

**RAFFLE WINNING NUMBERS**

**50/50 No. is #72452 and the St. Joseph Statue is #611306**  
**Winner of the Basket was ( #72729) John Blumen**  
**Call the rectory (9-4:30 Monday thru Friday) to claim your prize.**

**Special thanks** to Fr. Jack, Fr. Rich, the Maintenance and Office Staff for all your help. "The Knights"



**SPECIAL THANKS** to Ray B. O'Shinski for taking care of the plastering and painting work that was badly needed in St. Genevieve church. We greatly appreciate your generous donation.

**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 on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:15 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. All are welcome to attend this meeting that will have brochures available and information on the price of the trip. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**NEWLY MARRIED MINISTRY: FINANCES AND STEWARDSHIP:** All "newly married" (and engaged) couples are invited to a special evening program devoted to a topic with which many young couples struggle - money and finances. The Office for Family Life and Catechesis of the Diocese of Pgh. is sponsoring the program on Wed., March 7 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure Parish (Newmeyer Hall), 2001 Mount Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. The evening includes prayer as well as social with wine and cheese. Donation \$10 per couple. To register, call 412.456.3160 or [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org).

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS:** In this season of Love, remember your wedding day. Repeat to each other today, on Valentines Day, or on your anniversary, "I \_\_\_\_\_, again take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." Memorize it.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

February 11, 2007

Envelopes .....	\$14,281.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$79.75
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$744.96
St. Patrick School .....	\$501.00
Parish Total .....	\$15,606.71

Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense .....	\$2,885.00
<b>TOTAL NEEDED each week .....</b>	<b>16,125.21</b>

**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 **Amanda Anselmino** by Mom, Dad, Danielle and Anthony; In loving memory of **Dolores Sifinski** by Ann and Frank Chuppetta, Dom and Carrie D'Orazio; in loving memory of **Mary Guiliani Goff** by Mag and John Mazza. **MASSES** received for **Mary Guiliani Goff** by Mag and John Mazza.

**RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

**LADIES OF CHARITY** will attend a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Miraculous Medal Church (Meadowlands). Retreat Master is Fr. Donald Raila, OFB, from St. Vincent Archabbey (Latrobe). There is a \$10.00 fee and includes coffee and donuts served at 9:00 a.m. and lunch. Make your check payable to Rosemary Kosiorek and place in an envelope (marked to the attention of Ladies of Charity). You can drop it in the offertory basket or bring to the rectory office by March 2. **The Retreat is open to all women of the parish. Any questions, call Carol Serbak (724.745.3784).**

**SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING (Religious Education and St. Patrick School parents)** will be held Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Any questions, call the Religious Education (724.745.3784).

**Parenting Pointers:** "*The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.*"

*(Fr. Theodore Hesburgh)*

Don't get so busy caring for your child that you forget the love between you that loved your child into being.

**Fr. Rich Reflections**

*“God’s love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now.”*  
-St. Thomas Aquinas

This past Monday when the temps where 6 degrees and all CCD classes and Catholic schools where closed I congratulate the over 70 people who came to Bible study. Not even the cold could keep us away from sharing God’s Word! I told the class that the Pitt Panthers are ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in college basketball. As it was 6 degree outside, 6<sup>th</sup> ranked Panthers, and it was the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Bible study-- but they still came and played like champs!

I called a ‘priest-friend’ of mine from Chicago to console him in the Bears loss to the Colts in the Super Bowl. I mentioned that God has a great sense of humor. God sent the rain for the game, just so the game final score would be ‘somewhat’ close. Otherwise, it would have been a total blow-out! But, it still had 93 million viewers (second most in Super Bowl history)!

I must say, I was delightfully surprised to see about 100 people last Sunday for the 5:00 pm Mass on Super Bowl Sunday. Deacon Joe preached for that Mass that I offered. I told him what I tell all the missionaries, who come to do a Mission Appeal, at the church—the *less you speak, the more they give!* Well done, Deacon Joe, it was a Super Bowl 2 minute ‘delight’ and ‘feast’! Congrats to our Senior Youth Group who collected over **\$5,285.00** for meals-on-wheels in our local area—that’s **SUPER!** Thanks to all who offered their charitable giving in this cause—**YOU** helped in the **VICTORY!**

As you read this message, I’ll be away for a week in Florida. I will stay several days with one couple in Lakeland and then the rest of the week with another couple in Estero, Florida. Several weeks ago, there was a new church just completed in Estero, Florida and my friend has signed up to celebrate Mass. What better way to celebrate Valentine’s week than—with loving couples and a brand new church!

I’m reminded of a story of a minister in Florida who lamented that it was difficult to get his message across to his congregation: *“It’s so beautiful here in the winter,”* he said, *“that heaven doesn’t interest them...And it is so hot here in the summer...that hell doesn’t scare them.”*

Time away and ‘time out’ gives one time to reflect on where one has been and where one is going. It has indeed been a great ‘blessing’ on my journey to spend the past 5 months with all of you in Canonsburg! There is a lot of goodness and grace here in this place. And so it is good to “get away” and it is good to come home with a “new view”.

In today’s Gospel in the 6<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time—did you notice once again it was number 6? In chapter 6 (what else!) of Luke’s Gospel-- Jesus delivers his Sermon on the Plain. It’s a Great Plains’ Sermon—just tells it just like it is. Jesus does some ‘plain talking’ today. Jesus speaks on ‘level ground’. Jesus certainly has a way of ‘leveling’ us. Jesus emphasizes our need for *total trust* and *faith* in God over our *trust* and *faith* in *human beings*. Jesus tells us both the *blessings* and the *woes* in these Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are qualities of life that help us to live *happy, humane, and holy* lives. To be “blessed” is to share in God’s life and grace. When we bless

**Fr. Rich continued...**

someone, or say “*God bless you*” we are asking that God’s grace becomes a real and intimate part of one’s wholeness. Jesus’ Sermon on the Plain articulates a *new vision, a new attitude* in viewing life: to seek the *common good* before our *individual interests*; to bring *compassion* and *forgiveness* to others despite our own *anger* and *humiliation*; and to *free ourselves* from the pursuit of *the things of this world* in order to possess *the lasting things of God*.

Jesus speaks plainly and directly to us, ‘*cor ad cor*’, namely, ‘*heart to heart*’. *I love you, I thank God for you, I pray for you!*

No Bible study this Monday, Feb.12<sup>th</sup>. Bible resumes on Feb.19<sup>th</sup>. Keep reading 2 chapters a day!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

(02.11.07)

**CELEBRATE AMERICA DINNER DANCE** will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ARMED FORCES:** We would really like to honor our troops at this year’s dinner dance. Your family need not be present to be included. Any member of our school and parish family can submit names of loved ones who are serving or have served our country. We intend to have the names listed in an area of honor. We can also hang pictures if you would like (please send copies only). All information must be received by February 7<sup>th</sup> by calling please call Kathleen Bench (724.942.0338) or Dawn Gotkiewicz (724.745.8483).

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. The candy will be available for pick up after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 31<sup>st</sup> 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).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Feb. 11** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Feb. 12** RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Feb. 12** Ministry of Mother’s Sharing (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Feb. 12** **NO Bible Study** with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church—see you Feb.19th
- Feb. 12** **Second Grade Parent Mtg.**—School and Religious Education parents—in the cafeteria (7:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 13** **Pastoral Council Mtg.** (6:30 p.m.) Rectory
- Feb. 14** **PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 p.m.) St. Patrick Church—ALL ARE WELCOME!
- Feb. 18** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Feb. 18** **Catholic Men’s Club Mtg.** (7:30 p.m.) Center

**MISSING??** Our new 100 cup coffee pot and some of our stainless steel pans are missing from the school cafeteria. Please call the rectory office (724.745.6560) if you are able to help us locate these items.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **FEBRUARY 11 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday Vigil) Pat Herrnberger, Joseph and Margaret Cheverine by Joe and Patty Cheverine and Family
- 7:30 SP Deceased Members of Harton, Stopperich and Barringer Families by Rick and Amy Harton
- 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Kiselow and Yarkosky Families by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Counihan
- 12:00 SP Family of Nathan M. Chardello by Parents and Brothers, Zach and Tyler
- 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 7:00 SP Helen Christoff by Valie Rozance Family
- 8:15 SG Mary Felton by Elsie Vasuta
- 2:00 (Tandem Skilled) Annibale Colaizzo by Mary Lou and Mario DiTullio

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 7:00 SP John Plazak by Family
- 8:15 SG Ray Kochanski by Duane and JoAnn Lanzy
- 10:00 (Rest Haven #1) Josephine Casacchia Nicosia by Mary Berti

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Cyril and Methodius, Bishops**

- 7:00 SP Al DeLucia and DeLucia and Santell Families by Eleanor
- 9:00 SP Ray and Tillie Kochanski by Sons, Ray and Jim
- 2:00 (Greenery) Caroline Helmich by Dennis Dolanch
- Pray for Anna Skittle, Month's Mind**

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 7:00 SP Carmella Tatano by Joe Mikuta
- 8:15 SG Flory DiYenno by Edith DiYenno

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 7:00 SP Marlene Calabro by Rosalie McCoy Family
- 8:15 SG Fernando Castelli by Lehotsky Family

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 7:30 SP John Stolarski by Wife and Sons

### **11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION**

- 5:00 SP (P.M. Saturday Vigil) FOR THE PEOPLE

### **FEBRUARY 18—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 SP Earl and Violet Crosson by Chuck and Charlotte
- 10:00 SP DiCio and Holt Families by Wilbur and Claudia Holt
- (Installation of Pastoral Council at the 10:00 a.m. Mass)**
- 12:00 SP Elio and Isabella Spinosa by John and Bella
- 5:00 SP Russell Crivaro by Brothers and Sisters

**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 **Henrietta Ball, Dolores Sifinski, Mary Guiliani Goff** (sister of Columbia Puchany), **and all the faithful departed. Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar:** Jesus “stood on level ground” when teaching the people; this did not diminish his authority. Being on “level ground” enables loving and respectful relationships. This is different from domination, which seeks to control. Choose the “level ground”, so you can be the spouse and parent you want to be.

**PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!**

# CONGRATULATIONS

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY:** Special thanks to our Senior Youth Ministry group and to everyone that helped to make this worthy cause such a success. Our collection amounted to \$5,285.00; and the entire amount will be given to our local Canonsburg/Houston Meals on Wheels Program.

Thank you for your generosity! Fr. Jack

**JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY** will meet for their next session on Saturday, February 24 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center. Topic: Relationships. Bring a friend and your favorite snack.

## PARISH FESTIVAL

**June 14, 15, and 16, 2007**

Mark your calendars and help make this year's event a blessed success! You can help in so many ways: volunteer your time; donate an item to the Cafeteria, Used Book Sale or the Theme Basket booth; become a family or business sponsor; sell extra Grand Raffle Tickets; invite your neighbors, family and friends to our Festival. Every effort, small or large is not only appreciated but greatly needed.

Grand Raffle prizes and the Early Bird Special have been increased. We will hand out Grand Raffle Tickets in the cafeteria. **Those participating last year helped save us a great deal of money on postage.**

**The following positions are in need of a coordinator:**

**PIZZA COORDINATOR:** Submit 3 bids from local shops to Festival Committee. Duties include pricing, delivery schedule, payment method and contact information. All of this is done prior to May 15, 2007. You will report directly to the Festival Chairperson. You do not have to be present for the three festival dates.

**MARKETING COORDINATOR:** We are looking for a creative person who currently works in the advertising/marketing profession or someone who has the heart to promote the festival to the community. Duties include updating and locating roadside promotional material, establishing a place in the print media; organizing mascots (from area sports teams, fast food icons, etc.). **YOUR** help is needed in this

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13  
**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103;  
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38