

The Parish Share Program 2007 begins today. Parish Share plays a critical role in meeting the Church's needs throughout our six-county diocese. It assures that all the ministries and services funded by PSP, that no parish could provide on its own, as well as the distinctive ministry of the diocesan bishop will continue to be available to everyone in this diocese.

In order that we may up-date our Census Information, we are enclosing a Census Form with our regular Parish Share mailing to all parishioners. We have not had a Census in the parish since 1993 and we need to up-date our current information. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form and return it in the same envelope as your Parish Share Pledge card. If you do not receive your Parish Share mailing, please call the rectory in order that we may correct our records.

WORD AMONG US: This Lenten booklet is available to all parishioners as you leave Church today. Be sure and read the scripture passage before reading the meditation.



February 21, 2007
Day of Fast and Abstinence

ASHES are distributed **ONLY DURING** the following Masses: 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church; and 12:00 Noon at St. Genevieve Church.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59) and abstinence (no meat). **The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat).**

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
February 18, 2007

Envelopes	\$16,609.80
Children's Envelopes	68.00
Loose Cash and Coin	1,039.05
St. Patrick School	220.00
Parish Total	17,936.85
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21

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 **Dolores J. Sifinski** by Marie J. Polly Family and Rosella Finney Family.



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 (724.745.3787).**

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Pittsburgh will present its second annual **"GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN"** on Saturday, March 24 at the A.J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh's uptown neighborhood. Group discounts to parishes or other groups are available. The deadline for group ticket sales is march 10, 2007. Call 412.276.2685 or email pat@cmfpitt.org for group ticket or other promotional information.

Fr. Rich Reflections

*"There are no problems we cannot solve together,
and very few that we can solve by ourselves."*

-Lyndon Baines Johnson

Two thoughts to consider while away in Florida.

The World We Make

We make the world in which we live
By what we gather and what we give,
By our daily deeds and the things we say,
By what we keep or we cast away.

We make our world by the beauty we see
In a skylark's song or a lilac tree,
In a butterfly's wing, in the pale moon's rise,
And the wonder that lingers in the midnight skies.

We make our world by the life that we lead,
By the friends we have, by the books that we
read,
By the pity we show in the hour of care,
By the loads that we lift and the love we share.

We make our world by the goals we pursue,
By the heights we seek and the higher view,
By the hopes and dreams that reach the sun
And the will to fight till the heights are won.
What is the place in which we dwell,
A hut or a palace, a heaven or hell
We gather and scatter, we take and we give,
We make our world—and there we live.

-Alfred Grant Walton

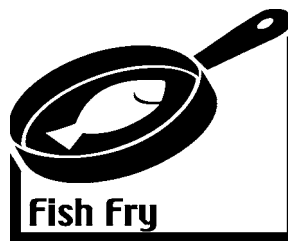
The Bible in 50 words.

"GOD MADE
ADAM BIT
ABRAHAM SPLIT
JOSEPH RULED
JACOB FOOLED
BUSH TALKED
MOSES BALKED
PHARAOH PLAQUED
PEOPLE WALKED
SEA DIVIDED
TABLETS GUIDED"



Baptisms

BAPTISM: We welcome into Saint Patrick Parish family the following infants baptized in January: Hannah Joy Teahan, Victoria Lynn Lewis, Venisia Maria Servey, Abigail Mairi Thomas and Wyatt Joseph Gulla. May God bless them and their family at this happy time.



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Join us on the Friday's of Lent (**except Good Friday**) for our delicious freshly breaded fried (or baked) Fish Sandwiches and sides for Lunch or Dinner in the school cafeteria. Lunch is served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. and Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Takeout will also be available.

VOLUNTEER: If you haven't volunteered to work a Fish Fry please call the rectory office and give your name and phone number and someone will get back to you.

CANDY SALE: Remember to get your Easter Candy order form and check made payable to "Saint Patrick HSA, to St. Patrick School on Monday, February 19th. 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. For questions, please call the school (724.745.7977).

PANCAKE BREAKFAST RAFFLE WINNING NO. 50/50 No. is #72452 and the St. Joseph Statue is #611306 Call the rectory (9-4:30 Monday thru Friday) to claim your prize.

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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 18 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
Feb. 19 RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
Feb. 19 Ministry of Mother's Sharing (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
Feb. 19 Bible Study with Fr. Rich (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
Feb.21 Christian Mothers Exec. Bd. (6:00 p.m.) Center
Feb. 24 Junior Youth Group (6:30-8:30 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center!
Feb. 25 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)

The Christian Mother's and Guild will attend the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, March 4. Please meet in the cafeteria by 11:40 a.m. A luncheon meeting will follow at Hoss's Restaurant in Canonsburg. No reservations are necessary. There will be no meeting in March.

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 18—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:00 SP Cushman and Kisella Families by family
Pray for Elizabeth J. Rozance, Month's Mind
8:15 SG Andy and Anna Moticko and Deceased members of Conway Family by family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 7:00 SP In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
8:15 SG Judy English by Blanche Pensak
10:00 (Charles House) Robert Pintar by Krivacek Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21—ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 SP Steve A. Namit by wife, Jackie
9:00 SP Donald R. Demarest by M/M Robert Riggs
12:00 SG Helen Renner, Son Peter DePasquale and Grandson Michael Lenco by Cynthia
2:00 (Beverly) Janet Colaizzo by Margaret Catola
7:00 SP (P.M.) Domineck A. Fenimore by Raymond Zelinsky Jr. and Daughters

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22—Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

- 7:00 SP Mel DeFilippo by Dr. and Mrs. Regis Stinely
8:15 SG Louie DeFilippo by Gary and Karen Hancher

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23—Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

- 7:00 SP Antonio Conte by Evelyn Carrescia
8:15 SG Stephen and Helen Mikus by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Szafraniec

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 7:30 SP Stan and Rita Carpetta by Family

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP (P.M. Saturday Vigil) Ila Dale DiVincenzo, Antoinette and Mario Ranalli Sr.

FEBRUARY 25—EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 SP Deceased Members of Smutney and Prusnak Families by Mr. and Mrs. Francis N. Smutney
10:00 SP Bob Wingard by Mary Ann Jacobs
12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 SP Andy and Steve Davadik by Hornak Family

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 **Ruth V. Gostic, Father Francis P. Plantes, and all the faithful departed. Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, February 23 at 2:20 p.m. (with St. Patrick School Students) and 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church

MONDAY EVENING MASS: During Lent Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study .

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: The real winner of the Souper Bowl Sunday collection (\$5,285.00) was our local Meals on Wheels program. The Trophy will go to St. Elizabeth Parish for collecting \$6,200.00. Our parish placed second in the diocese.

Special thanks to our Senior Youth Ministry group and to everyone that helped to make this worthy cause such a success.

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 FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!

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!

If you have any questions or would like to help our great team, please call Kathy Fontana, Festival Chairperson at 724.746.3404.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13