

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The following parishioners were installed as members of St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council during the 10:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday:

**2 Year Members:** Dolores Centore, Vincent Crider, Mary Dombrowski, Nick Galizia, David Helinski, Anthony Milbower, Walter Olshanski, Amy Solobay and Gil Yurus

**4 Year Members:** Mary Ann Badia, Barbara Bender, John Blumen, Marsha Blumen, Betsy Coughlin, Joseph Kusic, Bella Livolsi, Ed Patrick, Marian Plovic, Peggy Sollon, Natale Tissot and John Welch.

**Ex-officio Members:** Rev. Mr. Joseph Cerenzia, Rev. Rich Jones, Stanley Mozina, Lucy Hosni, Carol Serbak, Barbara Turk and Shirley Gottschalk.



**PIEROGI TIME:** Place your **PIEROGI** order now! Call Pat (724.745.3931) or Rena (724.745.3058) to order your pierogi for Lent. Only a limited number of pierogi will be available so don't delay in placing your order. Cost is \$5.00 per dozen and can be picked up on Monday, March 12 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in St. Genevieve Social Hall or by special arrangement.

**Pierogi workers** – see you on Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12, (8:00 a.m.) in St. Genevieve Social Hall for this enjoyable time. Profits benefit the parish.



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Join us on the Friday's of Lent (**except Good Friday**) for our delicious freshly breaded fried (or baked) Fish 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. Takeouts at lunch or dinner by calling 724.745.6560. **Lunch:** Fish

Sandwich and Sides: (coleslaw, haluski or mac and cheese); **DINNER:** Baked or freshly breaded fried Icelandic Cod, Baked Potato or Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage and Dessert.

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Married and single Catholic men are encouraged to join other men throughout the Diocese at the **Answer the Call Catholic Men's Conference** on April 1, 2006 at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Additional Parish Conference Leaders (PCL's) are needed to promote at the parish level. To learn more about the PCL role email pat@cmfpitt.org or call 412.276.2685.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** Are the daily challenges becoming too great? Come experience a St. Paul's weekend Retreat on March 16, 17 and 18 to recapture your peace of mind and the joys of God's creation. You will return home relaxed and renewed, better able to cope in a busy world. For more information, call John at 724.745.1735, Doug at 724.873.1483 or Brian 724.873.0780.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
February 18, 2007

Envelopes .....	\$12,332.10
Children's Envelopes .....	\$ 69.32
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$936.31
St. Patrick School .....	\$34.00
Parish Total .....	\$13,371.73

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**

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**MEMORIALS** were received as follows: "My Father's House" **Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Dominick and Maria Serenta** by Sara and Frank Carigiene; In loving memory of **Mary (Mae) Polosky** by Carl and Judy Luisi, Angelo and Eileen Cianelli; In loving memory of **Richard M. Batista** by Stan Mikuta; In loving memory of **Ora Polansky** by Tony and Mary Luisi.

**PARISH SHARE** All registered parishioners should have received the Parish Share mailing this past week. Also enclosed was a letter from Fr. Jack, a Lenten Schedule and Census Form. If you did not receive your Parish Share mailing, please call the rectory in order that we may correct our records

**CENSUS UP-DATE:** Please make every effort to return your up-dated family information as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM** will be held for parents preparing to have their child baptized on March 4, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the rectory. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Registration is necessary by calling the rectory office (724.745.6560).

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM** will be held Sunday, March 18, 2007 at UPMC-Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh at 9:00 a.m. Speaker will be Mike Aquilina. For more information, contact Dr. Brian W. Donnelly at donnellyb@pediatricalliance.com.

**PARENT POINTERS:** We make ourselves rich by making our wants few." (Henry David Thoreau). Do you consider yourself richer or poorer than average? Today, model for your child the art of letting go of a want, even if it's just a decision not to eat a dessert.

**Spaghetti Dinner** at Canonsburg White Eagles on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 (12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.) Adults-\$6.00 and Children-\$4.00 (10 and under). Benefits: Canonsburg Lady Knights 12 and Under Team.



**Mario L. DeAngelo Funeral Home**

**Fr. Rich Reflections**

***"The secret to a good life comes down to two things: we must control ourselves and we must endure." – St. Augustine***

Every Lent I find myself going back to this simple, yet wise story.

A wise, old middle-eastern mystic said this about himself. "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the courage to change the world'. As I approached middle-age and realized that my life was half-gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied'. Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start, I would not have wasted my life."

Lent is a 'special graced' season reminding us that prayer is needed to come 'face-to-face' or 'heart-to-heart' with God. Like our Pirates in Bradenton, Florida engaged in 'spring training' for the 'real' season; so too, Lent is our preparation it is a 'spring-time' of opportunities to grow in God's graces in new and marvelous ways. Get on "God's team" this spring, and don't let our defeats in life destroy you or others.

It was a joy to baptize 6 new members to God's family the last Sunday before our Lenten journey 2007. What better preparation than ---4 girls and 2 boys in God's family!

St. Jose Maria Escriva (1902-1975), a Spanish priest, who founded Opus Dei in 1928 and Pope John Paul II proclaimed him a saint on Oct. 6, 2002 wrote in his book—The Way—#913--"Don't doubt it: your vocation is the greatest grace our Lord could have given you. Thank Him for it."

One must not be naïve or ignorant to the presence and power of evil in the world, others, and oneself. Life is full of dangers, full of traps. It is easy to fall into Satan's net and be trapped in patterns of sinfulness. Our impulses, our passions, our defects, our addictions, and our 'disordered desires' can lead us into a ditch and bring disaster to many. Lent is the time to 'break through' the slavery and captivity of sin and seek the power of His love, mercy, and forgiveness. Get rid of our "out-of-control" lives, and engage in "God control". Who is at the wheel of your life?

Jesus teaches us on this First Sunday of Lent—the importance of saying —'NO' to anything or anyone that deters us away from God and His plan for our life. Temptations are a 'real' part of life and discipleship—our whole 'life-long'. If one practices self-discipline through the sacrifice of body and soul, then they will be like 'two friends' united and invincible. However, if one is not disciplined in oneself, the body and soul will become 'two enemies'.

**Fr. Rich continues.....**

Conversion is not a 'one-Lent' matter, it is the work of a 'life-time'. Your decision to follow the Lord is not a matter of signing your name on a document or saying vows. It is the 'day-to-day' sacrifice involved in every decision throughout your entire life. To live in God's presence is to live a supernatural life.

If Jesus truly means everything to us this Lenten pilgrimage 2007 then--Jesus is the object of our desires, the reason behind all our actions, the power beneath all our emotions, and the model of all our actions.

May our Lenten 'spring-training' days be 'faith-filled' and fruitful, self-disciplined and sacrificial, silent and simple, prayerful and purposeful these blessed 40 days! Happy Lenten pilgrimage 2007!! (2.25.07)

**PARABLES OF JESUS** class with Fr. Rich Jones will be held on Saturday, March 3rd (8:00 to 12:00 Noon) at St. Justin Church, Mt. Washington. Interested—call the rectory (724.745.6560) and Fr. Rich can take 3 in his car. There will be a carpool that will leave the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome—Come journey with us!

**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). 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).**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 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.)
- Feb. 26** RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Feb. 26** Ministry of Mother's Sharing (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- Feb. 26** Mass (6:30 p.m.) Bible Study (7:00 -8:15 p.m.) in
- Feb 27** Lenten Vespers (7:00 p.m.)
- Feb. 28** PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church—EVERYONE WELCOME!
- March 2** FISH FRY—11:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 2** Stations of the Cross (7:00 p.m.)
- March 4** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- March 4** Baptism Instruction (1:30 p.m.) in the rectory office— Registration is necessary!

**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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7:00 SP Mary Zullo by Jacqueline Spara
- 8:15 SG Bob Novak by Violet Benter
- 6:30 SP (P.M.) Olive Shaffer by Family

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:00 SP Bob Wingard by Lois Rheam
- 8:15 SG Jean Kern by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Simko  
and Terri
- 10:00 a.m. (Kingdom Manor-Greenside Ave.) Pete Uchal  
by Paul and Dorothy Hoffman

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:00 SP Rose Racioppi by Madeline and Patricia Ferri
- 9:00 SP Mathilda Saver and Joseph Cianelli by John  
and Marsha Blumen

#### Pray for Ora Polansky, Month's Mind

- 3:00 p.m. (Horizon) Walter Rybarski by Mr. and Mrs.  
Wayne Ritchie

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- 7:00 SP Florian and Yarkosky Families by Mr. and  
Mrs. Richard J. Yarkosky
- 8:15 SG William C. Rukas by Wife, Kathleen and Family

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2—FIRST FRIDAY

- 7:00 SP Alex and Frances Eonta and Sons (Philip,  
Nick and Charles) by Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman
- 8:15 SG Carmella DelBene by DiMuzio Sisters

#### Pray for Dolores Sifinski, Month's Mind

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3—FIRST SATURDAY

- 7:30 SP End to Abortion

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

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Galizia and Knizner  
Families by Mr. and Mrs. Nick Galizia

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 SP Steve Kulakowski by Mrs. William Gennocro
- 10:00 SP Blumen and Hedtke Families by John and  
Marsha Blumen
- 12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
- Christian Mothers and Guild to attend 12:00 Noon Mass
- 5:00 SP John Rossero by Wife, Susan

**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 **Father Jerome  
Pavlik, O.F.M., Richard M. Batista** (son of parishioner  
Richard C. Batista), **Kathleen Rukas, Joseph C.  
Warabow**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in  
peace.

**Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for all of our sick parishioners,  
relatives and friends and their caregivers.



*Solemn Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held Tuesday, March 6 beginning at Noon until 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend some time with the Lord.



Please use the following information to take advantage of the spiritual riches of Lent, resolve to attend Mass more frequently and to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

**MONDAY:** 6:30 p.m. **Mass** followed by **Bible Study** in St. Patrick Church

**TUESDAY:** 7:00 p.m. **Vespers** (Psalms and hymns are used in this ancient rite of prayer.)

**FRIDAY:** 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** and at 2:20 p.m. **Stations** with St. Patrick School students  
Check the Mass Schedule for daily Mass times.

## **PARISH FESTIVAL**

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

### **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!

For more information, call Kathy Fontana, Festival Chairperson at 724.746.3404.

**Junior Youth Ministry** (grades 6, 7 and 8) will meet on Saturday, February 24 (6:30—8:30 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center. For questions or information call Lisa Ackerman (724)745.3989.