



# St. Patrick

## Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

Rev. John J. Batykefer, Pastor  
Rev. Richard S. Jones, Parochial Vicar  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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## March 25, 2007

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (SP) 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday (SP) 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 Noon and 5:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri. (SP) 7:00 a.m.  
Wed. (SP) 9:00 a.m.  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. (SG) 8:15 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and anytime by request.

### BAPTISM

First time parents should contact the Parish Office well in advance of an expected Baptism, before birth when possible, to prepare for and to schedule the Baptism. Baptisms during Mass are held the 1st Sunday of the month and Baptisms after Mass at 1:15 p.m. are held the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Instructions to prepare adults for reception into the Catholic Faith or for any of the Sacraments are offered by our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program. Please call 724-745-3787 for more information.

### BIBLE STUDY

Meet every Monday in Church, 7:00-8:15 p.m. Bring a Bible, invite a friend. All are welcome!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 724-745-3787

Carol Serbak, Catechetical Administrator  
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  
Pre-school - 8th Grade

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact a Priest 6 months before intended date of marriage. Pre-marriage preparation is required. Call the Rectory - 724-745-6560.

### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 724-745-7977

Mr. Stanley Mozina, Principal  
Pre-school - 8th Grade

### COMMUNION CALLS

Any homebound member or shut-in may receive Holy Communion in their home. A Eucharistic Minister, Deacon or Priest will visit.

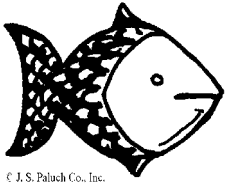
### COUNSELING SERVICES

Catholic Charities 724-228-7722  
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243  
POST ABORTION 1-800-593-2273

### CHAPLAIN

#### Fr. Gabriel Badurina, TOR

Serving Canonsburg General Hospital and area Nursing Facilities. Fr. Badurina can be reached by calling 724-745-6560, Ext. 21.



Our last Fish Fry for the Lenten season will be held this Friday, March 30. Join us 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. **FISH SANDWICHES** will also be available at dinner. Special thanks to those who baked the delicious desserts for our Dinners. If you volunteered for the Fish Fry but were not called please call the rectory office (724.745.6560). We have three shifts (9:00 to 1:00 p.m., or 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and clean up (7:00 to 8:30 p.m.), includes cleaning kitchen, taking tables and chairs down, and moving supplies to the storage area downstairs.

**Thank you to all our volunteers and our great customers**

**50/50 FISH FRY WINNER** was Philip Sollon (# 873749 ) for \$151.50. Congratulations!

**MOTHERS IN NEED DRIVE** sponsored by our K of C will continue until Palm Sunday. Items needed are formula, baby food, diapers, Baby Hygiene Products, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

**COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS** flown at the Embassy in Iraq in honor of St. Patrick Church and School are for sale by contacting Kathleen Bench 724.942.0338 or the rectory office. They are encased in cherry wood containers with beveled glass and carry a certificate of authenticity. These flags are priced at \$125.00 and only a limited number are available.

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** On Wednesday, March 28th at **Garfield's** (in Washington Crown Center) 10% of all sales will go to St. Patrick School. You can also help by purchasing your Garfield's certificates from the school Scrip Program. They are available every morning in the cafeteria (8:30-9:00 p.m.) and on Sunday morning 8:30 to Noon.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

March 18, 2007

Envelopes (848) .....	\$13,881.00
Children's Envelopes (560).....	66.75
Loose Cash and Coin .....	815.23
St. Patrick School .....	110.00
Parish Total .....	14,872.98

Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....	\$13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense .....	2,885.00
<b>TOTAL NEEDED each week .....</b>	<b>\$16,125.21</b>
CCHD .....	\$1,913.27

**YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!**

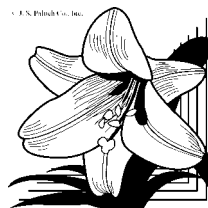
**A WILL** is triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish in your Will.

**MASSSES** were received for **Ora Polansky** by Thomas and Rosemarie Pallaria.

**DONATION:** Special thanks to **Bill Brooks** for his donation to the Lenten Fish Frys.

**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 Joseph L. Scears and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

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



**EASTER FLOWER SALE:** Stop in the school cafeteria after all Sunday Masses on March 31 and April 1 for a great selection of Easter flowers. This sale is sponsored by the Ladies of Charity and

all profits will benefit the shut-ins, elderly and needy in our parish.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar:** Jesus sent a strong message when he prevented the stoning of the woman. It is wrong to correct another by verbally attacking and hurling insults. A family must not be an arena of violence, but a refuge where we find love, acceptance, forgiveness and respect.

**INVITE PEOPLE BACK TO CHURCH** — The Lent/Easter Season is a time when many people come back to the Church. Why not invite someone who has been away from the Church to Reconciliation during Lent.

**A PENANCE SERVICE** will be held in our parish on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Several visiting Priests will be available for confession.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.** The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

**CONFESSION at 6:00 p.m., MASS at 6:30 p.m.** on Monday, March 26 followed by **BIBLE STUDY.**

**LENTEN VESPERS** will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church and at 2:20 p.m. with St. Patrick School Students.

### PARISH FESTIVAL

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

**Grand Raffle Tickets:** You should be receiving your Grand Raffle Tickets in the mail this week. Make sure you return yours as soon as possible in order that you will be eligible for the Early Bird drawing. Prizes and the Early Bird Special have been increased. Our Early Bird winners will be drawn on Monday, April 23 and 5 winners will receive \$100.00 each.

If you have any questions or would like to help our great team, please call Kathy Fontana, Festival Chairperson at 724.746.3403.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** During Lent the High School Youth Group will meet each Sunday (6:30-8:00 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center. Please join us for a Journey of our Catholic Faith during this Lenten season.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED: Youth (grades 8 to 12)** are encouraged to register now for **Hosanna 07** on April 1 and the **2007 Catholic Youth Conference** in November 8, 9 and 10 (Columbus, Ohio). Call Nicole (724.745.9413) for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 25—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Stanley Ozelski and Deceased Members of Hincy, Wilson, Ozelski and Kirenko Families by Stella  
 7:30 SP Kulakowski, Schwing and Shoun Families by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kulakowski  
 10:00 SP Edward and Kathie Strnisa and Deceased Members of Urbano Maffio Family by Antonette M. Strnisa  
 12:00 SP Louis Bernard by Edith Bernard  
 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

#### MONDAY, MARCH 26—ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 7:00 SP Michael Turco by Gertrude Turco  
 8:15 SG Marilyn Feconda Catalano by Mother, Ann and Family  
 6:30 SP Special Intention in Honor of St. Lucy

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:00 SP Deceased Members of DeJohn and Koklich Families by Agnes DeJohn  
 8:15 SG Michael and Anna Kopcrak by Margie Sharek and Dave Saniga Families  
 10:00 a.m. (Kingdom Manor) Carrie DiRosato by Mary D'Amico

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- 7:00 SP Emily Eonta Renk by Caroline Dormo  
 9:00 SP Deceased Members of Rudolph and Frances Tomsic Family by Liz Tomsic  
 2:00 p.m. (Horizon) Robert Romanosky by Sandy and Leonard Romanek

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:00 SP Theresa Mathia by Merle Mathia  
 8:15 SG Rev. Francis, John and Regina Mallinowski by Eleanor Tirimacco Family

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:00 SP Mel and Lou DeFilippo by Sarah Saia and Family  
 8:15 SG Deceased Members of DiBiase and Cassanta Families and John Hnat by Ada

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:30 SP Joseph and Johanna Kacvinsky by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kacvinsky Sr.

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

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Gennaro, Philomena and Larna Centore by Gene Centore

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 1—PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 7:30 SP Living and Deceased Members of Cwiklinski and Dombrowski Family by Emily  
 10:00 SP Virginia and Edward Yorke and Deceased Members of Yorke Family by Dick and Gloria Yorke Sarlo  
 12:00 SP Victor Maffio Sr. and Urbano Maffio Families by Family  
 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

**PRAY FOR PEACE!**

## Fr Rich Reflections

**“Why do you engrave the shortcomings of others on stone, and write your own sins only in sand?”**

Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan—  
The Road To Hope #776

One of the most popular evangelists today in our country is **Pastor Joel Osteen** of Lakewood Church in Houston, Texas. Several sources report, this is one of America’s largest and fastest-growing congregations. Lakewood Church is a ‘*non-denominational*’ assembly where approximately **30,000** adults attend every week. Millions of viewers tune-in to watch his broadcasts on national and international networks. Locally, you can watch Joel Osteen preach on **Sunday mornings at 8:00 am KDKA, Channel 6** or view him on **Wednesday nights at 9:00pm on Channel 5**.

In Oct. 2004 I took a group of 50 people on a bus to Madison Square Garden in New York City to hear Joel live in person. Joel is a masterful ‘story-teller’ and displays a marvelous charisma relating Biblical passages effectively to everyday lives. Joel’s captivating ways through jokes, quotes, and stories holds the audience spellbound. He is a wonderful teacher through repetition and clarity highlighting his points. I’ve been a fan of his for many years and encourage my Bible study students to watch him.

In 2004, Joel wrote his #1 New York Times Best-selling book—**Your Best Life Now—7 Steps To Living at Your Full Potential** (big book, 310 pages). In case, you don’t have time for a 300 page book, you can buy his most recent smaller book (2006) entitled **—Scripture and Mediations for Your Best Life Now** (little book, 140 pages). His focus and topic is the same in both books.

**The 7 steps to living at your full life:**

**Step 1:** Enlarge Your Vision

**Step 2:** Develop a Healthy Self-Image

**Step 3:** Discover the Power of Your  
Thoughts and Words

**Step 4:** Let Go of the Past

**Step 5:** Finding Strength through Adversity

**Step 6:** Live to Give;

**Step 7:** Choose To Be Happy.

Joel lives in Houston, Texas with his wife Victoria and their two children—Jonathan and Alexander. You can visit his Web site at [www.joelosteen.com](http://www.joelosteen.com) or P.O. Box 4600 Houston, Texas 77210.

The following opening story I used on my homily Sunday, March 11, 2007(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent). A number of people requested it, so I thought I’d publish it for all.

‘During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed into the conference and shouted, **“The building is on fire!!”**

The **Methodists** gathered in the corner and prayed silent prayers.

The **Baptists** shouted, “Where is the water?”

The **Quakers** quietly praised God for the blessings that fire such as this brings.

The **Lutherans** posted a notice on the doors declaring 96 ways in which fire was evil.

The **Jews** posted symbols on the doors hoping that the fire would pass over them.

The **Congregationalists** shouted, “Every church group for itself!”

The **Fundamentalists** proclaimed, “This is the vengeance of the Lord upon us.”

The **Episcopalians** formed a procession and marched out.

The **Christian Scientists** concluded that there was not a fire.

The **Presbyterians** appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter to make a written report.

The **Pentecostals** proclaimed a revival had broken out.

The **Roman Catholics** passed the plate to cover the damages.

And the **secretary** grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out!’

Jesus Himself said: **“I have come to set a fire on this earth, and how I wish it were already blazing!”** (Luke 12:49) And St. Theresa of Avila wrote: **“If we are who Christ calls us to be, we will set a fire on earth.”**

We are preparing for the great Easter Pasch, just 2 weeks away! Let us discover anew the fire of Baptism, and pray for the Elect (those to be Baptized), into our faith at the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm.**

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

Hope is not just a virtue for the seasons of Advent and Lent, but for all the seasons of our lives. Let not our own sin, or the sin of others, ever extinguish our hope in the Promise One. The choice before us each day is between holiness and sinfulness. The 'Sinless One' Jesus, choose to mercifully forgive the 'sinful one' not just the Adulterous Woman in today Gospel John 8:1-11, but all of who profess to be sinners. After all, Jesus Christ came, lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead to save sinners.

As St. Augustine powerfully wrote: "Where there is the 'misery' (sinful humanity), there shines forth the 'mercy' (abundant graces) of God." May the Word of God scrutinize our hearts, enlighten our minds, and strengthen our wills to follow the call of God in our daily lives.

(03.25.07)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday:</b>	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

**EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES:** On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, Bishops Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 p.m.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All Families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

**GRIEF PROGRAM:** There will be a Beginning Experience weekend for grieving single-again persons. Beginning Experience is a peer grief resolution outreach to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. Teams present the structured Beginning Experience programs under the guidelines of the Beginning Experience International Ministry Center. The weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. The pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The weekend will take place at St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, PA on April 20-22, 2007. The cost is \$130. Cost should not hinder anyone who could benefit from attending. Payment arrangements or possible financial assistance can be arranged. To register or for more information, contact the parish office or the office for Family Life and Catechesis (412.456.3160) or family-life@diopitt.org. or call Jim Ackerman (724.334.0118).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Mar. 25** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Mar. 26** RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Mar. 26** Confession (6:00 p.m.) Mass (6:30 p.m.) followed by Bible Study in Church
- Mar. 26** 8th Grade Parent Meeting (7:00 p.m.) in the school cafeteria. Any questions, call Mrs. Serbak (724.745.3787)
- Mar. 27** Lenten Vespers (7:00 p.m.) - Church
- Mar. 28** PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in Church
- Mar. 30** FISH FRY—11:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 30** Stations of the Cross (7:00 p.m.) and 2:20 p.m. with St. Patrick School students.
- April 1 & 8** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
- April 3** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Noon to 7:00 p.m.)

**Mass Schedule for Easter—Resurrection of the Lord: Saturday, April 7 Vigil is 8:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 8 is 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon — No Evening Mass**

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