



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

Rev. Mr. Joseph Cerenzia, Deacon

Parish Office Hours

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

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APRIL 1, 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

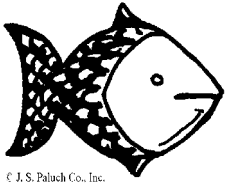
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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.



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THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make our Lenten Fish Frys so successful. Special thanks to those who provided the advertising, baked the delicious desserts,

worked the kitchen and serving line, cleaned the tables, served the food and beverages, setup the tables and chairs, cleaned the cafeteria, and to the ladies that scheduled our volunteers Barb and Amy (Lunch) and Rena (Dinner). See you next year!

50/50 FISH FRY RAFFLE WINNER on March 23 was Dale Mahramas (#874216) for \$201.50. Congratulations!

APRIL FOOD DRIVE: April is Scouting For Food Month and our Scouts will have containers available at all exits of the Church on April 15 through April 22. Any questions, please feel free to call Jim Dubina (724.745.6244).

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: Beginning Experience is a peer grief resolution outreach to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. 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 familylife@diopitt.org. or call Jim Ackerman (724.334.0118).

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 25, 2007

Envelopes (909)	\$13,682.50
Children's Envelopes (57).....	\$74.70
Loose Cash and Coin	\$ 927.40
St. Patrick School	\$106.00
Parish Total	\$ 14,790.60

Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00

TOTAL NEEDED each week16,125.21

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

HOLY LAND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

It has been a longstanding tradition for all Catholics throughout the world to support the special Pontifical collection to maintain the holy shrines and Franciscan Missionaries who serve in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as your means permit.

THE SECOND COLLECTION last Sunday was for the good works of the Canonsburg/Houston Ministerium Association. Thank you for your generous donations, which amounted to \$1,309.75.

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.



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EASTER FLOWER SALE: Stop in the school cafeteria after all Sunday Masses today (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.

WEDDING BANNS

Second Time: James Sweeney and Taryn Jespersen

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Good Friday, April 6 and Monday, April 9. Thank you Fr. Jack! (The Staff)

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!

✠✠ Penance

PENANCE SERVICES will be held on **Monday, April 2** at Immaculate Conception (Washington); **Tuesday, April 3** at St. Benedicts (McMurray) and **Wednesday, April 4** in St. Patrick Parish. All Penance Services begin at 7:00 p.m. Several visiting Priests will be available for confession.



GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges

all between the ages of 18 and 59. 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, April 2 followed by **BIBLE STUDY.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP is open to all high school students (grades 9 thru 12). All teens wishing to make the Seven Church Ride after Mass on Holy Thursday (April 5) need to call Nicole Guyton (724.745.9413) During Lent, the Youth group meets 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.

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TWO STEELER SEASON TICKETS PLUS \$2,000.00 CASH RAFFLE will be held to benefit our YOUTH in their travels to Australia for 2008 World Youth Day. Tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing will be based on the July 4, 2007 P.M. Lottery Drawing. Tickets are available by calling Nicole (724.745.9413), Dave (724.745.3403) or in the rectory office during regular office hours (9:00-4:30 p.m.). Don't miss out on getting your favorite number.



APRIL 1—PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

MONDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:00 SP Julia Brezinski, Anna Wudkwyh and Helen Sluciak by Katherine Kissell and Family
- 8:15 SG Deceased members of DiSibio, Colaizzo, Scandale, and Marra Families by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scandale
- 2:00 p.m. (Canon House) Henry Foley by Lois Davis
- 6:30 SP Anthony Barbosky by Wife, Mary Ann

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- 7:00 SP Stanley and Dorothy Kurnik, by Conrad and Donna Klemens
- 8:15 SG Cwiklinski and Walchuck Families by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cwiklinski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

- 7:00 SP Susan Marin by Ed Marin
- 9:00 SP William (Jerry) Marcischak by Fred Marcischak Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 5—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 7:00 SP (P.M.) Joseph A. Rydle Jr. by Bea Rydle

FRIDAY, APRIL 6—GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 12:00 Noon Private Prayer
- 1:30 p.m. Good Friday Service
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

APRIL 7—EASTER VIGIL

- 8:30 SP (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE
- EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8—RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**
- 7:30 SP Steve Plazak by Family
- 10:00 SP Samuel A. Mirisciotti and Anthony J. Mirisciotti by Family
- 12:00 SP Bart DeJohn Jr. by Mom and Dad

NO EVENING MASS

Fr. Rich Reflections

“We are told that Christ was killed for us, that His death has washed out our sins, and that by dying He disabled death itself... That is Christianity. That is what has to be believed.”

-- C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

Today is Passion/Palm Sunday. This one week of the year is called **Holy Week** (in the Western Church) or **The Great Week** (in the Eastern Church). A friend of mine always takes the same two weeks of the year off—namely, Thanksgiving week and Holy Week. This allows him ample time to reflect on the blessings of the past, in the present, and the promised future.

Today we will receive a piece of blessed palm branch as a symbol of life, hope, and victory! Some people weave their palm into crosses, perhaps as a way to recognize the connection between today's triumphal procession and Good Friday's journey to Calvary. Yes, we all have this journey to make this Holy Week 2007 from sin and death, to grace and new life in Christ. Let us not just endure, but observe it. Let silence reign this week!

The central word of our Christian faith is accented this week especially. It is the word-- '**Paschal Mystery**'—which derives from the Greek (and Latin) word, '*pascha*' that in turn comes from the Hebrew word, '*pesach*', or Passover. In the Gospels there is a special and indeed critical link between the Passover of the Hebrews and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we come together as Christ's Body, the Church this Holy Week 2007 we indeed celebrate the great mysteries of our redemption through the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We enter the **Three Days**, Triduum "*Trih-doo-uhm*" in Latin, **called** the 3 most sacred time and days of the church year. It is 3 days in length (**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil**), also, **3 acts**—yet, **one** worship. Although **not** required as holy days of obligation, they are indeed the '*richest*' days of the year to **remember**, **reflect**, and **renew** one's faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ. What Christ offered on Calvary, we receive in faith

through the marvelous gift of His abiding and enduring love through the grace of the Eucharist.

Wherever one is on the journey of life, may the blessings of our shared and lived faith bless, guide, and strengthen us as the Lord's disciples in this time, in this place, in this people, and in this Holy Week 2007. For in Christ we walk through our past, present, and future knowing that all three are covered in His grace and love. Jesus is **our hope, our love, and lasting peace!**

Jesus is All in All

'He is:

Peace for the fearful,
Refuge for the lonely,
Triumph for the trials,
Over-comer for the challenged,
Conqueror for the lowly,
Strength for the weak,
Restoration for the addicted,
Encouragement for the downtrodden,
Mercy for the suffer,
Grace for the sinner
Forgiveness for the offender,
Life for the lifeless,
Victory for the oppressed.
Delight for the desperate,
Hope for the desperate,
Gladness for the sorrowful,
Love for the unloved,
Righteousness for the unrighteous,
Wholeness for the broken,
Stability for the chaotic,
Abundance for the deprived,
Deliverance for the depressed,
Honor for the humble,
Rest for the restless,
Bravery for the faint[-hearted],
Comfort for the confused,
Triumph for the defeated.
And could I say more?'

By Joan Clayton

Living Stations: The following students gave generously of their time and talent by participating in the spiritual enactment of the Passion of Jesus in the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 16: Sarah Ackerman, Kelsey Cordisco, Tony Costantino, Ashley Currey, April Currey, Megan Decker, Larry Law, Jake Marcischak, Casey Peel, Mike Reis, Erica Regoli, Elizabeth Sethner, James Stinson, Louis Sollon and Molly Thompson.



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In your kindness and charity toward others, please remember the sick, the shut-ins, the troubled, the unemployed, and others who need our special prayers.

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. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES have arrived. Those having their picture taken can pick them up in the school cafeteria after all morning Masses today. We do have a few extra and after those that are entitled to them have picked them up, we will make the others available to the parish.

COMMUNITY COURTESY

MINI GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL on Thursday and Friday, April 12 & 13 (11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church (601 W. McMurray Rd.). Great food and take-out available until 4:00 p.m. (724.745.2249).

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Pike Street, Meadowlands, PA on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Church Basement. Adults are \$5.00, children under 10, \$3.00. All are Welcome.

PARISH FESTIVAL

June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

Grand Raffle Tickets: If you haven't received your **FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS**, please call the rectory office so that we may check to make sure that we have your correct address. Remember to send your ticket stubs and \$30.00 in as soon as possible so that you will be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing on Monday, April 23. Five **sellers of tickets** 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 & 8 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
April 4 PENANCE SERVICE (7:00 p.m.) St. Patrick Church— Visiting Priests available for Confession



TRIDIUM BEGINS

April 5 Mass of the Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m.)
Church will be open until 12:00 Midnight.
Spend some time with the Lord

April 6 Passion and Holy Communion (1:30 p.m.)
Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 7 Church Decorating (8:00—2:00 p.m.)
All are welcome

April 7 Blessing of Easter Baskets (2:00 p.m.)
April 7 Vigil of Easter at 8:30 p.m.

April 9 NO BIBLE STUDY today

COOKBOOK: Remember to drop your favorite recipes in the box located in the parking lot vestibule. Forms are available near the box. Please print and add your name and phone number.

Mark your calendar for the Spring Chorale Concert by St. Patrick Adult and Children's Choirs on April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. More information will follow in next week's bulletin. A freewill offering will be taken.

STARS OF TODAY/STARS OF TOMORROW Concert will be held at Canonsburg Town Park on June 3 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required, please call Jean Popp (724.745.1800). ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME!