



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

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APRIL 22, 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.

A BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM will be held for parents in preparation for the Baptism of their child on Sunday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the rectory office. Parents must call the rectory to register for this program (724.745.6560). The next program will be held in July.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is normally held during Mass the first Sunday of the month and after Mass at 1:15 p.m. on the second and third Sunday of the month. Parents must call the rectory in advance to schedule their Baptism.



The Spring Chorale Concert under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Hosni will present ***“Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Christ Will Come Again”*** this Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the talent of our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Bell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend this "festival of song". A freewill offering will be taken.

A WEDDING MUSIC SHOWCASE conducted by Mrs. Lucy Hosni will be held in the Church choir loft at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Letters have been mailed to all couples being married in the parish this year. If you have not returned your reservation to attend this showcase, please call Mrs. Hosni (724.745.8576). Reservations are necessary.

EASTER DUTY: All Catholics who have made their First Holy Communion, and are not otherwise impeded, are reminded of the Easter duty to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season to Trinity Sunday.

COOKBOOK: Our Youth Ministry will sponsor a fundraiser cookbook that will be ready in time for Christmas 2007. Please submit your favorite family recipes; remember to print legibly and sign your name and phone number. Recipe forms are available in the vestibules of the church. Drop your completed recipe form in the box placed on the table near the parking lot entrance.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
APRIL 15, 2007**

Envelopes (924)	\$14,012.00
Children's Envelopes (50).....	\$ 57.75
Loose Cash and Coin	\$ 915.48
St. Patrick School	\$20.00
Parish Total	\$ 15,005.23
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 a triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish in your will.



“My Father's House” Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Dolores Sethner** by Cathy and Ed Hornak; In loving memory of **Mary E. Brigich** by Anna Marie Novak and Ann Mondik; In loving memory of **Blanche L. Gregory** by Dom and Carrie D'Orazio, Wesley and Darlyn Campbell, Ann and Frank Chupetta, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. D'Orazio, Mary and Tony Luisi, Richard and Joanna Ziack,

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of **Blanche L. Gregory** by Mary Gromacki, Andy, Lorraine and Wendy Gregus.

MASSES were received for **Mary E. Brigich** by Connie Testa; and for **Blanche L. Gregory** by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Midge and Tony Vallone.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our **Measure Up Campaign** for the mentally challenged will be held on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th following all Masses. The Knights will be stationed at all exits for any donation our parishioners can give to this worthy cause. The funds collected will benefit persons with mental retardation and other cognitive intellectual and developmental disabilities. The funds collected for children and adults in need of our support will be directed to our local ARC chapter in Washington County.

We thank everyone for their continued support.

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 getting your favorite number.

SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9 thru 12) will meet on Sunday, April 29 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) in the teen room of St. Patrick Center. All high school students are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Any questions, call Nicole Guyton at 724.745.9413.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100;
 Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** (8:30-9:45 a.m.)
April 23 **BIBLE STUDY** (7:00 to 8:15 p.m.) I in St. Patrick Church
April 25 **PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 p.m.) in church—All are encouraged to attend—bring the family
April 29 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** (8:30-9:45 a.m.)
April 29 **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY** 6:30-8:00 p.m.) in the Teen Room
April 30 **JESUS NIGHT** for 2nd grade First Communion students (School and Religious Education) 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center.

COMMUNITY COURTESY

SPAGHETTI DINNER at the VFW 191, W. Pike St. on Sunday, April 22 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.50 (takeouts .50 extra) to benefit the Washington Co. Community Center in Canonsburg. For tickets or information call Jean Popp 724.745.3801.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 22—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) John and Maria Imperatore and Joseph and Estelle Szolek by Al and Gloria Imperatore
 7:30 SP Jack Glass by Ida Glass and Family
 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Gayarski Family by Family
 12:00 SP John E. Capozzi by Gloria Capozzi
 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, APRIL 23—George, Martyr, Adalbert, Bp., Martyr

7:00 SP Living and Deceased Members of Tony DeCola Family by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DeCola
 8:15 SG Steve and Helen Smith by Daughter, Irene

TUESDAY, APRIL 24—Fidelis, Priest, Martyr

7:00 SP Vincent and Mary Simko by Children
 8:15 SG Angelo Sacco by Mary Jane Neish
 10:00 (Kingdom Manor—Greenside) Sarah P. Thomas by Mike and Flo Petros

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25—Mark, Evangelist

7:00 SP Paul D. Popovich Jr., Anna and Paul Popovich Sr. by Eileen Popovich Menger
 9:00 SP Antonetta Verona by Joe and Jean Mascetta
 2:15 p.m. (Horizon) Joseph Warabow by Lucy Mirisciotti Young

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 SP Charles Rubis Sr., Charles Rubis, Jr. and Tony Francari by Family
 8:15 SG Margarite and Alfonso Mastrangelo by Nancy Giammarco

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 SP Robert C. Price by Edith DiYenno
 8:15 SG Chubock and Savenelli Families by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Churbock

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 SP Law and D'Amico Families by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Law

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Jeannie Spiller, Antosh and Szczerbienski Families by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 29—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 SP Matilda Fenimore by Husband, Bill
 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Scarcell Family by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Felton
 12:00 SP Living and Deceased Family and Friends of Francis Milbower Family
 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

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 **Blanche Gregory, Rudolph A. Tomsic, and all the faithful departed.** May they rest in peace.

Please keep in your prayers the family of **Ethan Patrick White** who recently died, he was the Grandson of Christine Osborne and the Great grandson of Irene Manduzio.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“If you trust in the Lord, you cannot lose.”

– Sirach 33:1

My brother Dan and I are one year apart (Dan being the youngest of 7 in our family). In May 1989, Dan graduated from Penn State Medical School in Hershey, Pa. In May 1988, I completed my seminary training at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. As we both studied and pursued our respective dreams and vocations in the healing ministry—Dan as a dermatologist and mine, as a priest, it was wonderful to occasionally visit each other on the weekends. Hershey, PA. to Emmitsburg, MD. was only **one** hour away on Route 15. I think the healthy competition at the medical school and the peaceful leisure of the seminary surroundings were good for the both of us in the ‘long-run’ of life.

The one thing that both Dan and I found most intriguing and inspiring is that the same book by Father Henri Nouwen was a recommended for most of our professions, namely, **The Wounded Healer** (1972). This book bonded our ‘faith-healing’ ministries at the outset and even today.

Fr. Nouwen was born in Holland in 1930's, ordained a priest in 1957, and died of a heart attack in 1996. Nouwen was a prolific writer, powerful orator, charismatic figure, and a ‘real-faith’ companion to countless. Perhaps as much as any other single figure in the 20th century—Nouwen renewed and revolutionized the concept of ministry and faith. Nouwen believed strongly, all Christians are **potential ministers, potential healers**. Nouwen developed this notion of **“the wounded healer”**. We are all on ‘equal-footing’—wounded, fragile, broken people ministering to the same wounded, weak, and sinful people. It is through the tremendous power of God's grace and healing love that He uses “us” to bless “others”.

Listen carefully to St. Paul's words-- **2 Corinthians 12:10** – **“Whenever I am weak, then I am strong.”** It is precisely in our scarred, weak places in our lives that we have **more** of a potential to bless others than all our other gifts, talents, and abilities. As the saying goes, **“People do not care how much you know, but how much you care.”**

We must make our **“own wounds available as a source of healing”** to others. Behold the miracle, in Christ whenever we are weak, there we are strong.

True ministers **do not** work from a superior position. It is **not** just our educational degrees or an impressive resume that qualifies us, as if only the strong can minister to the weak. The more “in touch” we are with God and ourselves, the more “in touch” we will be with others. To minister to another is a sacred **responsibility, obligation**, and indeed **privilege**. **“O Lord, I cried to you for help, and you, my God healed me.” (Psalm 30:3)**

We've all heard, **“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.”** Some say, “When the going gets tough, the tough go shopping.” Well, in today's Gospel, when the going got tough, Peter and the disciples went fishing.

In our tough times, what do we do? Go shopping? Get busy? Give up? Run away from confrontation? Turn to ‘comforts’ of drugs, alcohol, sex, sports, or TV? Jesus has the same answer He had for Peter, **“when the going gets tough, come to me.”**

When our initial fervor and zest for ministry, life, or vocation fades and wanes--our love for Jesus is definitely put to the test. If we ‘run away’ from the cross in our lives, then we run away from His love and His sheep, too. Before each homily I deliver, I pray silently that one soul might be fed through His grace and love. May the love of God be poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit and lead us to a renewed love of Jesus, which leads us to feed a world of people hungry for the ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ.

I thank you Lord, for my brother Dan who answered the call to serve as a dermatologist in the healing profession and all the people entrusted to his compassionate care. I thank you Lord, for the 19 years you have given me to serve as a priest at your altar and all the ‘faith-companions’ who have blessed and graced this journey.

Today we come to Jesus, as those first disciples did 2,000 years ago on the shore of Tiberius, to share a meal. Jesus is our nourishment for the soul, Jesus is our strength, and Jesus is ‘wounded healer’. Jesus is our love, today and forever.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD) REGISTRATION for Pre-school through eighth grade is scheduled for today (April 22) from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the school hallway. A Baptismal Certificate is required at the time of registration, if the child was not baptized at St. Patrick Parish. Pre-school students must be 4 years of age and Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by October 2007. If you were unable to make it today, please call Carol Serbak (724.745.6560)

REGISTRATION FOR SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL for students entering for the 2007-2008 school term is currently being held in the school office. A non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration in order to hold a place for your child. For more information, please call the school office at 724.745.7977.

SPRING FESTIVAL: The School Sisters of St. Francis, Mount Assisi Convent, 934 Forest Ave., Bellevue, invite you to their Spring Festival on Sunday, April 29. Chicken and halubky (stuffed cabbage) dinners will be served from noon until 6:00 p.m. Bingo, Bake Sale, Refreshments, Plant Sale, Crafts and Games of all types will be part of the activities for the day. .

The Sisters will be here after all weekend Masses this weekend selling Raffle Tickets. Please be as generous as your means permit.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Instant Lottery Tickets for our Lottery Theme Basket. Feel free to put your donation in an envelope marked "FESTIVAL" and drop in the offertory basket on Sunday or bring to the rectory.

BOOKS (books on tape, videos, children's books, cookbooks, fiction, biographies, etc.) can be brought to the rectory beginning May 1 and the Book Sale will again be held in the school. **We are unable to accept** encyclopedia sets or text books, as these rarely sell and we are burdened with the responsibility of disposing of them.

PARISH FESTIVAL- June 14, 15, and 16, 2007
THE EARLY BIRD DRAWING for ticket sellers will take place on Monday, April 23. If you didn't get your tickets in, you can still drop them in the mailbox next to the rectory office door (by 10:00 a.m.) and they will be deposited for the Early Bird Drawing. Five prizes of \$100 each will be awarded.

Festival Volunteers Needed!!!

Assistant Commissary Coordinator — Will assist Commissary Coordinator with distributing game pieces, starting cash and prizes to Booth Captains. Insure games are working properly. Help Booth Captains display both prizes and signage. Keep booths well stocked with inventory. Help prepare prize lists, inventory and reorders of prizes. You are needed all 3 nights of the Festival. Hours are 4:00 pm to 11:30 pm Thursday and Friday nights. Saturday night is 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. **This is a great opportunity to meet the many wonderful people of our Parish!** If interested, please contact David Fontana at 724-746-3403.

BOOTH CAPTAINS — We are in the process of finalizing our list of booths. We are increasing the number of gaming booths this year, so we are in need of a few more Booth Captains this year. Booth Captains are responsible for their booth for the 3 night festival. Duties include setting up the booth with game pieces, prizes, food, and signage. We are looking for you to tastefully decorate your booth, with your prizes, to attract one and all. We also would like for you to provide your own help in your booth. (Invite family and friends to assist you!) Food Booths open at 5:00 p.m. all 3 nights, gaming booths open at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. As Booth Captain, you need to be on grounds, at the Commissary, ½ hour before your scheduled start time so that you can pick up your inventory and set up your booth. If interested please contact Lonnie Flood, Volunteer Coordinator, at 724-745-1342.

THEME BASKETS: You can drop off a basket already made up or if you have a few items we will combine them with other donations and make a basket. Of course, monetary donations are always accepted and our committee will arrange the basket for you. Donations accepted beginning May 1.