

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Parish Office Hours

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MAY 13, 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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! A special word of thanks and congratulations to those special women celebrating Mother's Day today. May God reward you for the many blessings you bring to your families each and every day throughout the year. May you look to our Blessed Mother, Mary as your source of inspiration and strength.

May God bless you today and always.

Fr. Jack

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT will begin on Friday, May 18 (after all Masses) and continue daily until Pentecost Sunday. This Novena is the oldest of all Novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the First Pentecost. It is still the only Novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

WEDDING BANNES

First Time: Matthew Davis and Leah Miller
Samuel Boyer and Natalie Itzel

Third Time: Cong Diep and Christina Peoples

PIEROGI VOLUNTEERS—WE NEED YOU! We are making Pierogi for the Parish Festival on Sunday, May 20 and Monday, May 21. Volunteers are encouraged to come to St. Genevieve Social Hall on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (or after 7:30 a.m. Mass) to peel potatoes and on Monday, May 21 at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided on Monday. Any questions, call the rectory office Monday through Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 15, 2007**. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. Any parishioner wanting to be placed on a future Council agenda should contact council President Walter Olshanski (724.551.3522).

MOM'S MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Mom's Ministry, please call Liz Boni (724.873.7326).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 6, 2007

Envelopes (852)	\$15,732.00
Children's Envelopes (42).....	63.50
Loose Cash and Coin	1,837.12
St. Patrick School	381.00
Parish Total	\$18,013.62

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

TOTAL NEEDED each week 16,125.21

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

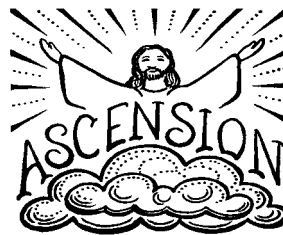
MEMORIALS

"My Father's House" Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Madaline (Madge) Rinaldi** by Gloria and Al Imperatore, Violet and Freddie Kochanski, Irene and Alex Supinski.

St. Patrick Choir: In loving memory of **Madaline (Madge) Rinaldi** by Mary Lou DiTullio.

MASSES were received for **George Skovranko** by Doris and Robert White Family, John and Pat Skovranko, Mary and Stan Solowski, Adolph and Sophie Kern, Joseph and Evelyn Tkach.

BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL: We congratulate the following students: Adam McParlane and Andrew McParlane who earned a high enough grade point average for the Spring semester to be enrolled in the National Honor Society. Christina Rosati, a senior, was named Valedictorian of the 2007 Graduating Class. Christina, a graduate of St. Patrick School, has received a full scholarship to the University of Villanova. We are proud of you all!



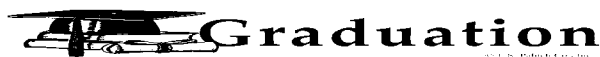
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is Thursday, May 17, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wed. at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St.

Patrick Church and on Thursday at 12:00 Noon at St. Genevieve Church. The mystery of the Ascension brings comfort and peace to those who are separated from their loved ones.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY: The water is on at the cemetery. PLEASE do not leave garbage near the trees or road – try to take it to the dumpster. Thank you!

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those of our parish family who have died this past week and have gone before us marked with a sign of faith, we especially remember **E. Jane Bruno, Julia Testa and Albert Imperatore.** We also remember **Vincent Sossion** (brother of Fran Mele and Rita Fetsko), **John Dapkiewicz** (father of Mary Ann Dellovade) and all the faithful departed. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones



BACCALAUREATE: The high school graduating class of 2007 is invited to attend a special Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2007 in St. Patrick Church. Please wear your caps, gowns and honor cords. Graduates will meet in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. for the procession to Church.

A BREAKFAST for the graduates and their parents/guardians will be held in the school cafeteria immediately following Mass. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and Registration forms are available in the vestibules of the church.** Any questions, call Mrs. Serbak at 724.745.3787.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Who are the Knights of Columbus? Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing family life. For more information on joining the Knights, call Bob Clark at 724.941.7928.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
MAY 20th AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES
EVERYONE INVITED!**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 20th after all morning Masses including the 12:00 Noon Mass. Come to the school cafeteria and enjoy our delicious golden brown pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee served by a Knight with a smile. As usual, donations will be accepted at the door and the proceeds will be directed toward the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

Special thanks to everyone for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 13—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 SP (p.m.— Saturday Vigil) William Smith and Frank Bostjancic Families by Lucy Smith
- 7:30 SP Porcaro and Vidmar Families by Mr. and Mrs. John Vidmar
- 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Steven E. Berti and Prencipe Families by Mary Berti
- 12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
- 5:00 SP Edward Getzik, Balzy and Getzik Families by Patricia Getzik

MONDAY, May 14

- 7:00 SP Fran Castafero by Family
- 8:15 SG Mary and Peter Mandus by Family

2:00 (Tandem Skilled) Victoria Zuzek by Ted Lazorchak Family

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- 7:00 SP Joan O'Brien by Fr. Jack
- 8:15 SG Special Intention by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Churney

10:00 (Charles House) Mary D'Amico by Mr. and Mrs. J. D'Amico

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

- 7:00 SP Eldora and Tony Mastrangioli by Nieces and Nephews
- 9:00 SP No 9:00 a.m. Mass today
- 2:00 (Beverly)** Frank Imperatore by Dolly and Mont Miller
- 7:00 SP(p.m. Vigil) Bette Madden by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Albright

THURSDAY, MAY 17—ASECNSION OF THE LORD

- 7:00 SP D'Ottavio Family (Frank, Emilia, Lee, Anthony, Frank Jr., Helen and Millie) by Dora D'Ottavio
- 9:00 SP Joseph Warabow and Deceased Members of Warabow and Anderson Families by Dorothy Elizabeth Egizio and Krashna Families by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pabian
- 12:00 SG Elizabeth Egizio and Krashna Families by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pabian
- 7:00 SP (p.m.) Frank, Jr., Frances and Frank Batista Sr. by Rich Batista

FRIDAY, MAY 18—John I, Pope, martyr

- 7:00 SP Joseph Verno by Children and Grandchildren
- 8:15 SG Polosky and Vercek Families by Gerry

10:00 a.m. (AHEPA Apts.) Carrie DiRosato by Mary Monday

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- 7:30 SP Stan and Rita Carpetta by Family

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

3:00 SP Wedding—Cuong Diep and Christine Peoples

SUNDAY, MAY 20—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 SP (**Saturday—Vigil**) Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. John J. Batykefer by Mom and Dad
- 7:30 SP Edward T. Patrick by Wally and Barb Grego Jr.
- 10:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
- 12:00 SP Rose Marie Kloes and Joseph Scarci by Family
- 5:00 SP Julia Antol and Deceased Members of Borsody Family by Jim

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.” - St. Therese of Lisieux

Happy Mother’s Day! President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother’s Day as a National holiday in 1914.

Last Sunday, May 6th the **oldest mother** and **member** of our parish died **Julia Testa, 108 years old**. Also, on that same day, a 27 year old **new** and **‘first-time’ mother** had their first daughter **Josephine Danielle Dzikowski** baptized in our faith community at the 10:00 a.m Mass. God’s love is as old as the hills and is as fresh as the morning dew.

A preacher once began his Mother’s Day sermon with this following story. Just a thought!

Years ago, a busy young executive stopped at a flower shop in Cleveland, Ohio to send flowers to his mother in Cincinnati, about 225 miles away. When he walked in the store, he noticed a young girl sobbing and crying uncontrollably. So, he inquired what was wrong. The girl went on to explain that she wanted to buy a rose for her mother. The store owner was charging 75 cents per rose and she had only a quarter.

The young executive purchased the rose for her, and asked if she needed a way home (unheard of in this day and age—right). The girl accepted the offer but added, “First I’d like you to take me where my mother is.” She then directed the man to the cemetery and laid her white rose on a freshly dug grave. She then said a prayer silently and the flood gates of tears released. The man joined her in praying the Lord’s Prayer.

The man proceeded to take her home, and he quickly returned to the flower store to cancel the order of flowers that he placed earlier. He got back in his car, and made the long drive down I-71 to his mother’s home where he personally delivered a bouquet of flowers purchased at a local store.

On this Mother’s Day we thank God for the vocation of motherhood. It is a blessed grace and presence in the world and in our lives. Whether you are a mother through birth, adoption, foster care, friendship, or life’s circumstances we give thanks to God for you. We pledge you our respect, honor, love, gratitude, and prayers this special day. Your contributions, your generosity, your sacrifices, and your

examples grace present and future generations. How glad and grateful we should be that our mothers model God’s love for us!

I recall once after a Mother’s Day Mass, a woman telling me that the greatest Mother’s Day homily she ever heard was on forgiveness and peace while on vacation in New Jersey. She regretted that her children were not there to hear it with her.

A mother’s love is **unconditional, self-less, inclusive, and never-ending**. A Jewish proverb states—**“God couldn’t be everywhere, so He created mothers.”**

On this 6th week of Easter, for 20 centuries Jesus has been saying to us—**“Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.” (John 14:27)** He wants our lives to proclaim His peace to the whole world. ***Pax Domini***, the peace of the Lord.

St. Augustine describes true peace as -- **“tranquility of order”**. Peace comes when there is order between God and ourselves, order within ourselves, and order in our relationships with others. If we live this 3-fold order we will have peace, and we will transmit peace to others. St. Francis of Assisi said: **“Peace is better than any fortune.”** True peace is the result of holiness of life. Let us find ways to pray for and promote peace and forgiveness as a way to honor our mothers and all mothers—peace in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our communities, in our churches, in our country, and in our world. ***Pax Domini***.

“His mother treasured all these things in her heart.” - Luke 2:51

Prayer to Mary, the Mother of God

Mary, Mother of God

**Virgin most powerful,
Mirror of Justice,
Health of the Sick,
Seat of Wisdom,
Mystical Rose,
Refuge of Sinners,
Gate of Heaven,
Queen of Peace,**

You are called by many names, for your grace is manifold:
guide us.
teach us.
heal us.
counsel us.
inspire us.
assist us.
open for us.
pray for us and grant our world your peace.

Amen

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. PA Lottery Drawing. Tickets are available by calling Dave (724.745.3403) or in the rectory office during regular office hours (9:00-4:30 p.m.). **Tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses on May 27th and June 3 in front of the cafeteria.** Don't miss getting your favorite number.

PARISH FESTIVAL- June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

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.

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 a basket for you.

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_____ Platinum (\$200) _____ Gold (\$150)
 _____ Silver (\$100) _____ Family (\$25)

NAME _____
 (as it should appear in print)

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Detach and return this completed form along with your check made payable to "St. Patrick Parish" to the rectory office or drop in the offertory basket on Sunday. Any questions, call 724.745.6560

Pop Sunday!

Can you add another case of pop to your shopping cart? We need your help! We will be collecting pop and water, starting ½ hour before all Masses, the weekend of May 19th and 20th. This is a great way to defer costs for our annual Summer Festival!

We are looking for cases (12 pack or cube) of 12oz. cans of the following products:

**Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, and Diet Pepsi.
 We need cases of 16.9oz. bottles of Water.**

PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) Ray Kennedy (813.433.3227) will donate a weather proof storage container, which will be located on site for our Festival. All of the non perishable Festival items will be stored in this container.

Watch future bulletins for other items.

If you are in need of renting a POD, please mention St. Patrick Parish and you will receive a discount.

PLEASE HELP US FILL UP THE POD!

Instant Lottery Tickets: We are still collecting scratch-off tickets for our Lottery Basket. Just drop them in the offertory basket or bring to the rectory.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 14** BIBLE STUDY (7- 8:15 p.m.) Church
- May 14** RCIA (7:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
- May 15** MOM'S MINISTRY (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- May 15** PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG. (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- May 20** PANCAKE BREAKFAST—cafeteria after all morning Masses
- May 20** CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB MTG. (7:30 p.m.) in the Center
- MAY 20** MAKING PIEROGI FOR THE FESTIVAL (8:00 a.m.) St. Genevieve Social Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday:** Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20