

# 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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## MAY 27, 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.

**MEMORIALS:**

**"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **E. Jane Bruno** by Mary and Anthony Luisi; In loving memory of **Madaline Rinaldi** by Frances Eonta; In loving memory of **Albert P. (Al) Imperatore** by Mario and Virginia Mullig, Mary Liotus, Antonette M. Strnisa, Lawrence and Susan Ladzinski, Pete Cargnoni, Jack and Georgine Batykefer, Jean Lucas, Barb and John E. Solensky, Mace and Beverly Almasy, Rena Patrick, Kay Aquilino, Frank and Mary Scandale and Famiy, Edith Hartley, Laura Spadaro, Leonard and Helen Mavrich, Theresa DeJohn, Len and Ann Barsody, Rose Yorke, Mag and John Mazza, Bart and Clara DeJohn, Viola Cerenzia, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Aquilino, Mary and Tony Luisi, Mary Selva, Anna Gostic, Rena Castelli, Dolly Messina, Delphina DeFilippo, Pete and Janet Kouklakis, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gregory, Loretta Kulakowski, Richard and Joanna Ziack, Ange Wingard, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Luisi, Al Celio, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kulakowski, Stan Mikuta, Toni Liberatore, Kay and Dave Stutts, Francis and Agnes Smutney, Marie Markosky, Edgar and Dolores Cheverine, Janice and Mickey Mazza, Ron and Barbara Cianelli, Charles Cerenzia and Cheryl King, Bernie M. Rivera, Rich and Shirley Gottschalk, Ray and Pearl Belfiore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeGenova, Pete and Janet Castriota; In loving memory of **Julia Testa** by Ada J. Carozza; In loving memory of **Robert Thomas** by Nancy and Larry Gregory; In loving memory of **Stanley Martys** by John Straka.

**St. Patrick Choir:** In loving memory of **Albert P. (Al) Imperatore** by Mary A. DeVitis, Agnes DeJohn, Barbara Dobbin, Mr. and Mrs. Bernardi Sr. and Crystal.

**St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of **Albert P. (Al) Imperatore** by Joe and Adele Cerenzia, Josephine and Susan Rybacki; In loving memory of **Brian Mary** by Sharon Doran Maikranz.

**MASSES:** In loving memory of **Albert P. (Al) Imperatore** by Wife, Gloria Imperatore, Jack and Georgine Batykefer, Mr. and Mrs. Zolton Popp, John, Carol and Nick Salvi, Joe Jackovic, Mike and Shirley Baker, Patty Salandra, Roger and Joanna Renko, Connie Testa, Frank and Joan DiCio, Yvonne DeVitis, Lou and Mary Lou Popiolkowski, Joan and Diana Ciarallo, Joe Trovato and Family, Linda and Zane Karchella, Ed Dayno, Mr. and Mrs. Dom Calabro Jr. and Family, Kay Aquilino, Beverly Lytle, Diane and Mark Seemiller, Henry and Dolly Brezinsky; for **Frank Galletta** by Joe and Anna Marie Trovato and Family; for **John Dapkewicz** by Larry and Barbara Sandy; and for **Brian Mary** by Dolly Setto and Family, Ms. Nancy Gally and Friends.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Ascension—May 17, 2007**

<b>Envelopes (332)</b> .....	<b>\$3,038.00</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes (5)</b> .....	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Loose Cash and Coin</b> .....	<b>306.25</b>
<b>Parish Total</b> .....	<b>\$3,347.75</b>

**Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 20, 2007**

<b>Envelopes (833)</b> .....	<b>\$13,466.60</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes (51)</b> .....	<b>58.87</b>
<b>Loose Cash and Coin</b> .....	<b>818.04</b>
<b>St. Patrick School</b> .....	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Parish Total</b> .....	<b>\$14,743.51</b>

<b>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$ 13,241.00</b>
<b>Weekly Loan Expense</b> .....	<b>\$ 2,885.00</b>

**TOTAL NEEDED each week** ..... **16,125.21**

**Catholic Relief** ..... **1,918.70**

**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 when writing your Will.

**ST. PATRICK CEMETERY:** All graves in St. Patrick Cemetery have been top dressed for Memorial Day. **PLEASE** make every effort to take your refuse home or take it to the dumpster. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our volunteers who give their time and effort in picking up the garbage and taking it to the dumpster.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29 (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).



On Memorial Day we remember all those who have given their lives in service to their country and also those who are currently serving in the armed forces. Pray for the men and women who serve in our nations armed forces and for their families.

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. —1 Corinthians 12:13a

**THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The church wakes up to an amazing message this morning. Look around and see who has been called. Listen to the voices of those who proclaim Jesus is Lord. You'll find no race of people left out; you'll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim the glory of God. We call Pentecost Sunday the "birthday of the church." In many ways, the church is still being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today's Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul assures us in today's second reading that "all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit." When we look around us in the church we should see everyone. But we don't. Not yet. What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit? © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**First Time:** David Jungling and Ryta Mirisciotti  
**Third Time:** Matthew Davis and Leah Miller  
 Samuel Boyer and Natalie Itzel

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**WE WELCOME** into our parish family the following children who were baptized here in April and May: Darci Lynnae Sarchet, Josephine Danielle Dzikowski, Donovan Gregory McGranahan, Samuel Andrew Weir, Ayda Sophia Caster, Ethan Daniel Higgins, Jeremy James Webster Husk, and Miley Rae Kentros.

May God bless them and their families.

**BACCALAUREATE for 2007 High School Graduates** will be held next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast to follow in the cafeteria. **Graduates are to wear caps, gowns and honor cords and meet in the cafeteria by 9:45 a.m. Reservations are necessary.** Any questions, call Mrs. Serbak (724.745.3787).

**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 **Robert Thomas, Anna Popeck, Josephine O'Bosky**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

**Please pray for the consolation of their families**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 27—SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday Vigil) William F. Gennocro by Rena Patrick
- 7:30 SP Birthday of John Batykefer Sr. by Son, Jack
- 10:00 SP Mary Nicola by Angelo Nicola
- 12:00 SP Rev. Francis X. Malinowski by Katy Simpson
- 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

**MONDAY, MAY 28—Memorial Day**

- 8:00 SP Health of Anna Mae Sedora by Aunt Fran
- Pray for Stanley Martyrs, Mary Urban and Madeleine Rinaldi, Month's Mind**

**TUESDAY, MAY 29**

- 7:00 SP Francis, Anton, Joe, Edward and Rudy Tomsic by Family
- 8:15 SG Robert Stack and Tom Weir by Family

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

- 7:00 SP Deceased Members of Andrew and Josephine Campana Families by Josephine Campana and Catherine Brincko
- 9:00 SP Joseph R. Vercek by Geraldine Polosky and Family

**THURSDAY, MAY 31—Visitation of the Virgin Mary**

- 7:00 SP John R. Puskar, Lesso and Negle Families by Pat Puskar
- 8:15 SG Joseph Mirisciotti by wife, Irene and Children
- 7:00 SP (P.M.) For the Intention of the Eighth Grade Graduation Class

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1—FIRST FRIDAY**

- 7:00 SP Frank T. Polansky by Mary & Rita
- 8:15 SG Deceased members of Tkach and Hostinsky Families by Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Tkach
- 10:00 a.m. (Tandem Retire.) Anthony Malinsky by Lucille Luba

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2—FIRST SATURDAY**

- 7:30 SP An End to Abortion
- Pray for E. Jane Bruno, Month's Mind**
- 11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION**
- 12:30 (SP) Wedding: Matthew Davis and Leah Miller**
- 3:00 (SP) Wedding: Samuel Boyer and Natalie Itzel**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3—Solemnity of Trinity Sunday**

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday Vigil) Living and Deceased Members of Santoni, Hollman and Hodges Families by Judy Hodges
- 7:30 SP Edith Black by Al and Grace Wallo
- 10:00 SP For the People

**NOTE: Baccalaureate Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

- 12:00 SP Julia Liberatore Family by Mary Mazza

**NOTE: Baptism during the 12:00 Noon Mass**

- 5:00 SP (P.M.) Ethel and Delmont Phillips by Bill and Joan McClure

## FR RICH REFLECTIONS

***“Every good piece of advise regarding men’s salvation comes from the Holy Spirit***

*—St. Thomas Aquinas*

Did you pray your Pentecost Novena this year? It is one of the oldest novenas, and it reminds us of the 9 days between Jesus’ Ascension to the Father and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples on the first Pentecost. In 1897, Pope Leo XIII decreed that this be a time of intense prayer in all parishes. 100 years later, Pope John Paul II encouraged this same practice. Hopefully, the novena prayer in our church this Pentecost 2007 opens new doors in our discipleship.

10 days ago, on Ascension Thursday we celebrated Christ’s **ascent** into heaven (40 days after Easter). Today, on **Pentecost** meaning “**50<sup>th</sup> Day**”, we celebrate the Holy Spirit’s **descent** upon the apostles. Thus, the **ascending** and **descending** of the divine is the action that marks the birth of the church.

Today is the **final** and **climatic** day of the season we call **Eastertide**—the season of celebrating the Spirit. Pentecost is the day we honor the gift of the Holy Spirit and worship Him. God is revealed as Trinity, Three Persons in One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the grace to love as God has loved us.

We **do not** just commemorate a **historical** event of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of Pentecost is a **perennial** event in the life of the church through the divine power of God’s grace in the liturgy. The Holy Spirit is essential to our life of faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the ‘**life-force**’, the power, the grace, and the love of God poured into our hearts. **Without the Holy Spirit there are no gifts, no fruits, and no life. The Holy Spirit is the very oxygen of our spiritual life.**

Through Baptism we are grafted on to Jesus, the True Vine, and so we can bear fruit. St. Paul reminds us of such fruits born of the Holy Spirit, namely, “*love, joy, peace, pa-*

*ience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, humility, and self-control.*” (Galatians 5:22-23)

In the New Testament, the name **Paraclete** meaning Advocate, Protector, and Comforter is used for the Holy Spirit. With the aid of divine assistance and comfort from the Holy Spirit we are created anew. Sometimes the “baggage” of fears, anxieties, and resentments can weigh us down. When we throw off the selfishness of sin, we can fully enjoy the freedom as children of God. We are never alone; the Spirit is always with us! Our Christian vocation is to walk in the Spirit.

In gratitude to God for another year of ministry, I feel blessed to walk mile 19 (years) marker of my priestly service with all of you here at St. Patrick’s Parish in Canonsburg. In thanksgiving to my brother priests who have to live with me—congrats Fr. Jack on your 17<sup>th</sup> (May 19<sup>th</sup>) and Fr. Gabriel on your 45<sup>th</sup> (June 29) anniversaries of your ordinations! Ad multos annos!

### **The Parish Priest**

“No matter where he is located, the parish priest has to be the sharer of secrets,  
the carrier of burdens,  
the fountain of consolation,  
and the pillar of strength.

Solitary, he is called father by thousands;  
poor, he enriches the lives of thousands;  
weak, he gives strength to thousands;  
unimportant, he does things each day whose importance cannot be told in any tongue on earth.  
He is never too busy to hear another’s sorrows;  
often too busy to realize his own burdens.

He is a twenty-four-hour-a-day man.  
He is called from his dinner; wakened from his sleep; disturbed at his prayers.  
He is at the beck and call of any of his people.  
He is the target of God’s enemies, the magnet of God’s needy.

Occasionally he attracts attention; but usually he works unnoticed and unacclaimed while he does the noblest work on earth—keeps Christ in the lives of His people.”

—Unknown

**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.**

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

**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. Thank you to those that have donated baskets, lottery tickets and miscellaneous items to be added to a basket. **YOU ARE VERY GENEROUS!**

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**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone that donated pop/water for the Festival. If you were unable to donate this week, we have a "Wish List" bulletin board located in the back of the Church. Feel free to use one of those suggestions.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** On behalf of all the Knights, we wish to thank all who attended our Pancake Breakfast. Your continued support makes it possible to continue our support for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces in Iraq. Thank you!

**ALSO,** the Knights wish to extend congratulations to **Sean Currey, Martin Zupancic, Kevin O'Neill and John Serbak** on completing their 3rd Degree Exemplifications. Welcome and thank you all for choosing the Knights of Columbus. You gentlemen have joined the strongest Catholic Fraternal Organization today and you won't be disappointed.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 27** Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Men's Club at the VFW (noon to 6 p.m.)
- May 28** **NO BIBLE STUDY today**
- May 31** **8th Grade Graduation**—7:00 p.m.
- June 1** **Pre-school Graduation** (9:00 a.m.) in St. Patrick Church
- June 3** **10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass**
- June 4** **BIBLE STUDY** (7-8:15 p.m.) in Church—we will begin a 4 week class on Parables.
- June 5** **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**—(Noon to 7:00 p.m.)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
- Friday:** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

**COME TO US, SPIRIT OF HOLINESS**

Holy Spirit, you banish fear from our hearts; you bear witness in us that we are children of God; we pray to you:

Remove from our hearts the spirit of slaves; place in us the spirit of adopted children to make us cry out, "Abba, Father!"

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