

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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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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IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: Since June 2002, the U.S. bishops "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" has provided guidelines for Catholic dioceses across the United States. In its latest step to ensure the safety of children, the diocese is establishing a centralized data system of **all who work and minister in the Church and who have contact with children under the age of 18.** To create this secure diocesan database, all who have contact with youth in parishes and schools are now required to create an electronic file by completing an application. This centralized database ensures that the Church—both locally and nationally—fulfills the mandate as outlined in the 2004 diocesan requirements but also meets the requirements for both state and federal law. Most importantly, this centralized repository is vital in sustaining a safe environment for our children.

Completing this application takes about 20 minutes. All volunteers in our parish who have contact with children; Teachers, Catechists, Ushers, Lectors, Ministers of the Eucharist, Knights, Choir, Catholic Men's Club, Christian Mothers, Parent Volunteers, Volunteers for Festival, Pastoral Council Members, any activity of the Church, etc. are **required** by law to file an electronic application in order to continue participation as a volunteer in our parish activities. All volunteers are being asked to complete their electronic application **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** in order to avoid a cost to the parish of \$8.00 per person. Informational cards are located at all exits of the church with detailed instructions for completing the application. If you do not have computer access, internet or require assistance, please contact Carol Serbak, Site Administrator at (724)745.3784.

We value all of our volunteers and are committed to providing support to ensure that we meet this requirement that ensures a safe environment for our children.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT—JUNE 17, 2007	
Envelopes(675)	\$10,921.70
Children's Envelopes (29).....	34.75
Loose Cash and Coin	983.61
St. Patrick School	90.00
Parish Total	\$12,030.06
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21
Genesis Collection	\$1,122.45
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken at all Masses today for **PETER'S PENCE**. This annual collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world

SPECIAL THANKS to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association for their generous donation of \$1,500.00 to St. Patrick Parish and \$300.00 donation to St. Patrick School. Thank you for your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Gabriel Badurina on June 29—his Ordination Day. Thank you Fr. Garbriel for your years of faithful service to God's family.



Our best wishes to Philip and Bonnie Belfiore on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They will receive a Marriage Blessing during the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 1, 2007. May God bless them and their family a this happy time.

The WPXI, Channel 11 taping of the Shut-In Mass with Fr. Rich for June 27th has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled later this summer.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone that helped with our Festival. We couldn't do it without you!



CAR WASH: Our Senior Youth Group will hold a "CAR WASH" on Saturday, June 30, 2007 in the church parking lot, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Members of the Youth Group are reminded to meet in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and to bring clean used towels. Any questions, call Nicole at (724.745.9413). All funds raised will be used to help our youth travel to the 2008 World Youth Day in Australia.

Look WIN TWO SEASON STEELER TICKETS PLUS \$2,000 and help our youth travel to the 2008 World Youth Day in Australia. Tickets are \$20 each and the winner will be based on the July 4th, 2007 evening PA Lottery Drawing. Tickets are available by calling Nicole (724.745.9413), or in the rectory office during regular office hours (9:00-4:30 p. m.).

ADULTS are needed to help sell the remainder of the Raffle Tickets. If you can help, please call the rectory office (724.745.6560). **YOUR HELP would be greatly appreciated!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 25 to 29 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins at 9:00 in St. Patrick Center**
- June 25 BIBLE STUDY (7-8:15 p.m.) in Church—we will begin a 4 week class on Parables.**
- June 27 PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church**
- JULY 3 Adoration (12:00 Noon to 7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 24—NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- 5:00 SP (p.m.—Saturday VIGIL) Ronald S. Conti by Mary Ann Conti and Family
- 7:30 SP Carmella DelBene by Orchard Lake Aux.
- 10:00 SP Margaret Martys by Joseph Martys
- 12:00 SP Matteo and Maddalena Compana Family by Sue Gasbarro and Family
- 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

Pray for Mary Keegan, Herk Abbondanza, and Ernest Albeitz, Month's Mind

MONDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:00 SP Irene Verno by Children and Grandchildren
- 8:15 SG Pete Filius and Sr. Louise Olsfka by Dolly

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- 7:00 SP Joseph Edward Mayton by Ange Wingard and Mary Jane Neish
- 8:15 SG Rosemary and Walter Mark by Family

10:00 (Kingdom Manor) Mary Prince by Edith DiYenno

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27—Alexandria bp., doctor

- 7:00 SP Fr. Ed McGrath by Friends
- 9:00 SP Terry Fetsko by Florence, Adam, Joseph and Nathan

2:15 (Horizon) Frank Galletta by Joe and Anna Marie Trovato and Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 28—Iraeus, bp., martyr

- 7:00 SP Minnie, Tony and Mitilda Luongo by Susan Jaap Family
- 8:15 SG Lena and Arthur DeRosa by M/M A. DeRosa

Pray for Patricia Thomas, Month's Mind

FRIDAY, JUNE 29—Peter and Paul, apostles

- 7:00 SP Peter Elish by Agnes Elish
- 8:15 SG Antonette Chiaverine Camerson by Parents

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- 7:30 SP Nicholas White, Sr. by Wife, Mary

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, JULY 1—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (p.m.—Saturday VIGIL) Boles Family (John, Vera and Frances) by Helen Boles
- 7:30 SP Kulakowski and Porcaro Families by Loretta Kulakowski
- 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Mangiarelli Family by Dolores Miller
- 12:00 SP Deceased Members of Bernacki and Hervol Families by Helen Hervol
- 5:00 SP (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

Pray for Katherine Golaski, Month's Mind

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 **Frank Toth, Michael Massino Jr., Frank Czandankwicz, Sr. Louise Olsfka**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace. **Please pray for the consolation of their loved.**

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“When confession is made, the penitent must consider that he speaks not with man, but with God. For the confessor is there in God’s place.” St. Thomas of Villanova

I had a Jewish friend, Arnie Sales, a jeweler at my first parish assignment in Hopewell Township. He owned Henry Berger Jewelers in Aliquippa Shopping Center. Whenever I needed a new battery for my watch, Arnie took good care of me. Arnie would even sell my published tapes on his front counter in his store. Many customers were amused that a Jewish jeweler would sell a Catholic priest’s talks and tapes! There was a motto at his store: *‘It’s nice to be nice’*. That saying has blessed many generations.

One day, after I had left Our Lady of Fatima parish in Hopewell Township, I received a call that Arnie died of a sudden heart attack at San Francisco International airport. He loved to help keep the time for everyone, and abruptly time ended for him early in life. Boy, I miss Arnie’s joy and jokes! He once said, “I wish Jesus had a *‘half-brother’* so that I could celebrate his birthday in the summer months (June or July) when things are slow in my jewelry shop.” Without a doubt, the birthday of John the Baptist will never rival that other Nativity we celebrate in late December!

Today Mother Church honors and observes the **Feast of the Birthday (Nativity)** of the cousin of Jesus, namely, **John the Baptist (June 24th)**. **Happy Birthday, St. John the Baptizer! Happy Feast Day!**

The only other two birthdays that the Church honors with special devotion as feasts are: the Birthday of Jesus (Dec.25th-Nativity /Christmas) and His Mother Mary’s Birthday (Sept. 8th).

We celebrate John’s birthday to remind us that Jesus’ birthday is 6 months away! So, we have **183 shopping** and **repenting days** to prepare for the birthday of Jesus. One of John’s famous sayings, **“Christ must increase, I must decrease.”** Beginning with the summer solstice (the birth John the Baptist) the hours of daylight slowly and quietly **decrease** until the winter solstice arrives (the birth of Christ) when the process reverses itself. John the Baptist is the **“patron saint”** of all those who direct people’s attention to Christ!

The celebration of the **Birthday of John the Baptist** holds lessons for us all.

- # Be **‘John-like’**—be **humble**, be **real**, be **yourself**, and be **filled** with the Holy Spirit **‘grace-filled’**;
- # We are God’s **anointed** and **appointed**.
- # We are intimate with God in **prayer**, **faith** and **love**;
- # May life **purify** and **cleanse** us of every trace of **‘self-centeredness’** and **‘self-importance’**;
- # May we be mature Christians **inside** and **out**;
- # Let us **acknowledge sin** and **experience** God’s **mercy**.
- # God wants us to embrace fully the **time** given us;
- # Jesus paid the greatest tribute of all: **“There is no one born greater than John the Baptist.”**

Happy Birthday, St. John the Baptist !

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

- May you sip contentedly
From the fragrant wine of your life.
- May you stretch eagerly
Into the opening light of each new day.
- May you discover kernels of wisdom
Hidden in unwanted experiences.
- May you find comfort and consolation
When you are hurting.
- May you know the protection
And guidance of your angels.
- May you hear the tender voice
Of the Beloved calling to you
In the deepest part of your being.
- May you have a soul friend
Whose unconditional love
Gives you courage to keep growing.
- May you be a bearer of loving kindness
When you meet those who suffer.
- May you gather your daily blessings
To your heart and relish their presence.
- May you never give up seeking greater peace
For yourself and for your world.
- May you go to sleep each evening
Aware of being held in the embrace
Of a merciful and welcoming God.
- May you hear the marvelous music
Singing in your soul every moment,
Lauding the exquisite gift of being alive.

-Joyce Rupp (06/24/07)

FESTIVAL WINNERS

GRAND RAFFLE:

Thursday: Keith Flood \$1,000.00
Friday: Faye Warchol \$1,000.00
Saturday: Pat Getzik \$6,000.00

THEME BASKET TOO

Microwave: Jeri Barbosky
 Tivo: A. Dott
 Pgh. Pirate Tickets: Carrie
 Quilt and Sheets: M. J. Rosenwald
 George Foreman Grill: Garrett McQuillan
 Rhythm House Certificate: T. Liberatore
 All-Clad: Conrad Yarkosky
 Lottery Trees: Pat Doman & Klasnick
 Steeler Tickets: Jane McKenery
 Wheelbarrow of Cheer: D. Urso

THEME BASKETS

Autumn Fest #10 (Lorraine Mahramus)
 CD Holder & More #11 (Karen Beltz)
 Memory Basket #12 (Barb Stevenson)
 Tea Time #13 (Patti Neilson)
 Autumn Greeting #14 (J. A. Belfiore)
 Creative Memories #15 (Sherri Pruce)
 Pretty in Pink #16 (P. Arcento)
 Beach Basket #17 (P. Bioni)
 Fiesta Basket #18 (Untch)
 Here Comes the 4th #19 (Karen Valencic)
 Let's Have Dessert #20 (M. Stoker)
 Winter Wonderland #21 (Ravyn Thomas)
 Wine Basket #22 (Jane McKenery)
 Stress Reliever #23 (Dorie Karner)
 Take A Break #24 (Bailey S.)
 International Gourmet #25 (Getzik)
 Little Princess #26 (Julia Cushma)
 Dog Treats #27 (Cindy O'Malley)
 Now I Lay Me Down #28 (Diana Harrison)
 Fragrance Lovers #29 (Bailey S.)
 Getting Ready for Christmas #30 (Lorri Conklin)
 Let's Get Pretty #31 (April Currey)
 Baby Basket #32 (Jamie Lewis)
 Girls Love to Play #33 (Nancy Domhoff)
 Nice Evening In #34 (Michele K.)
 Boys are Special Too #35 (Michele K.)
 Cats Cats Cats #36 (J. Grudi)
 Dogs are Special Too! #37 (Ruth Hrutkay)

Let's Bake Basket #38 (Adelia Verakis)
 Pasta and Wine Time #39 (Linda Galloway)
 Winter Evening #40 (#580474)
 Comfortable Evening #41 (Ray Margiotta)
 Coffee Break #42 (Diana Dorance)
 Cook Out Time #43 (Marcella Falconer)
 Desk Essentials #44 (Ed Badia)
 Pamper Me Perfect #45 (Loar)
 Time For A Wash #46 (Jennifer)
 Barbie and Princess Basket #47 (Alyssa Casey)
 Kitchen Helpers #48 (Tony Luisi)
 Back to School #49 (Kristin Angotti)
 Candles and More #50 (Fran Sylvers)
 Homemade Italian Basket #51 (P. Bioni)
 Steelers Basket #52 (John Solensky)
 Penguins Basket #53 (Kristin Angotti)
 Kitchen Delight and More #54 (G. McQuinlin)
 Christmas Time #55 (Carly Saxman)
 Barbie and Friends #56 (Karen Valencic)
 Stuffed Animals #57 (Mag Mazza)
 Bed Bath and Beyond #58 (Schreiber)
 Pooh and Friends #59 (Cyndee Bedillion)
 Religious Basket #60 (Mary Durish)
 Basketball Basket #61 (Catherine Cook)
 Fun Basket #62 (Kristin Angotti)
 Once Upon a Time #63 (C. Leja)
 Kitchen in a Box #64 (M. Guilan)
 Travel Basket #65 (Hayduk)
 Games (6 and up) #66 (J. Abbondanza)
 Art Basket #67 (Chris Diehl)
 Dora Picnic Set #68 (Geri Barbosky)
 Wagon of Toys #69 (Jami Ciencin)
 Avon Basket #70 (John Stajduhar)
 Hair Products #71 (S. Crumrine)
 Spring & More #72 (Kitty)
 Let's Have Breakfast #73 (Shaun Klemans)
 Home Fragrances #74 (Cyndee Bedilion)
 Wine and Cheese #75 (Diana Dorance)
 Bag of Books #76 (Tiffany Schmidt)
 Tote Bag #77 (Bob Garrity)
 Babies, Babies #78 (Dawn Gottschalk)
 CARMEN'S -\$50.00 #79 (Mike Neville)
 Mystery Basket #80 (L. Untch)
 Steam Iron and More #81 (P. Coppola)
 Patriotic Basket #82 (Sally Cappelli)
 Diabetic Basket #83 (Al Nock)

CONGRATULATIONS!