

# 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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## JULY 15, 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.

## WE HAVE A WINNER!

David Olminsky won the July 4th drawing for 2 Steeler season tickets and \$2,000.00.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone that helped by purchasing Raffle Tickets for the drawing. Over \$12,000.00 profit was made on this raffle and will be used to send our youth to World Youth Day in Sydney Australia in 2008.



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**Thank  
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**FR. GABRIEL CONVEYS**  
**THANKFULNESS** to entire St. Patrick pastoral staff and to all the loving persons on their love, magnanimity and generosity offered at his recent celebra-

tion of his 45th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Genuine gratitude is also expressed to all on their physical and spiritual health giving and healing to our disabled and sick persons in Canonsburg Hospital and fourteen Nursing Homes. May the saving Lord keep us all in His divine love, care and concern.

**DEACONS:** Men interested in learning more about the diaconate should contact Fr. Jack. The diocese will host two listening sessions at Saint Paul Seminary on July 25 at 7:00 p.m. and July 28 at 10:00 a.m. Pastors will nominate men who express interest to the Office for the Daconate in the Fall of 2007.

**GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION:** The Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh is again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 7, 2007, beginning with a Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral. A reception will follow at Oakland Catholic High School.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th Wedding anniversary in 2007, and would be interested in attending, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than July 30, 2007. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.



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Join your fellow parishioners in the school cafeteria on Sunday, after the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses for coffee and donuts.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

JULY 8, 2007

Envelopes (854) .....	\$14,798.00
Children's Envelopes (25).....	\$29.76
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$ 907.36
St. Patrick School .....	\$287.00
Parish Total .....	\$16,022.12

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 triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish in your Will.

**SECOND COLLECTION** — The Little Sisters of the Poor will be at all exits of the Church collecting donations after all Masses for Sunday, July 21. Please be as generous as your means permit and help the Sisters continue their works of charity to those in need.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO GENESIS**  
They wish to extend thanks to all for your contributions on Father's Day. Your donation will help provide vital programs and services for the distressed pregnant women, children, and adoptive families we serve. We wish you our sincerest thanks and appreciation. Your dollars have significantly and positively impacted on the lives of those in need of our services.



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**"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Sandy Wilkins** by Stacie Bornemann; In loving memory of **Albert Imperatore** by Becky Ozel-ski, Loretta E. Lee and Family; In loving memory of **Josephine Brezinski** by Marie and Joe Talpas; In loving memory of James Krupa by **Cappelli and Marcischak Families**; In loving memory of Philip Beltz Jr. by Wanda Wagner and Linda C. Stegenga.  
**A MASS** was received for **Robert Verno** by 7:00 a.m. Morning Mass Group.

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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.**

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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DATABASE:** The Religious Education office (in St. Patrick Center) will be open on **Monday, July 16, Tuesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and in the evenings by appointment. **VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NEED YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER TO FILE THIS APPLICATION.** If you DO NOT have a computer with internet access, please come to the Religious Education office on the days and times listed above to file your application. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** are required to file this electronic application with the diocese.

**IT IS IMPORTANT to write down your User ID Number and Password** in order that you need to make any changes. If you have any questions, please call Carol Serbak at 724.745.3787.

**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### JULY 15—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday VIGIL) Louis Natale by Wife, Marie and Family  
 7:30 SP William (Jerry) Marcischak by Joe and Jeanie Rydzak  
 10:00 SP Lawrence Maffio, Patsy and Gustine Rocco by Nettie, Regina and Family  
 12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE  
 5:00 SP (P.M.) Ray Mowry by Mr. and Mrs. David Kosek

### MONDAY, JULY 16—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

- 7:00 SP Frank Kissella by Estate  
 8:15 SG Steve and Helen Smith by Daughter, Irene  
**Pray for Michael Massino Jr. and Frank Toth, Month's Mind**

### TUESDAY, JULY 17

- 7:00 SP William E. Johnson by Eugene, Louise, Dan and Dottie Angelucci  
 8:15 SG Joseph Warabow by wife, Dorothy  
**10:00 (Charles House)** Mary D'Amico by Joe and Joyce Balzama

### Pray for Frank Czadankiewicz, Month's Mind

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

- 7:00 SP Joseph Pallaria by Natalie Tissot  
 9:00 SP Uncle Tony Mirisciotti by Jeanine, Eddie and Elizabeth

### 2:00 (Beverly) Frank Imperatore by Jim and Pat

### THURSDAY, JULY 19

- 7:00 SP Robert Verno by Morning Mass Group  
 8:15 SG Dolores Sifinski by Ladies of Charity

### FRIDAY, JULY 20

- 7:00 SP John P. Kostic by Ange Wingard  
 8:15 SG Fran Castafero by Family

### 10:00 (Ahepa Apts.) Mary Zullo by M/M John Rozsas

### SATURDAY, JULY 21

- 7:30 SP Joseph Politan by Cassandra Politan Family

### 11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

### JULY 22—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday Vigil) Stanley Friend by Family  
 7:30 SP Mr. and Mrs. George Sedora and Thomas E. Sedora by Thomas J. Sedora  
 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Quinn Family by R. J. Quinn Family  
 12:00 SP Frank C. Roney by Wife, Barbara and Family  
 5:00 SP (P.M.) 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 **Robert Verno**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

**Please pray for the consolation of their family.**

## FR RICH REFLECTIONS

**“Don’t pray when it rains if you don’t pray when the sun shines.”**

- Satchel Paige (1905-1982) Baseball player

I recall an oncologist once telling me that at the death of his own mother he experienced such a tremendous outpouring of care, support, love, and prayers from myriads of people that it has forever changed him. Family, friends, and strangers alike made it a memorable and powerful experience at a critical time in his life. Just to meet and greet those long streams of people filled him with indescribable hope, comfort, and gratitude. He was so touched, inspired, and determined that it made him want to be a more compassionate physician. He wanted to go beyond treating just the physical condition of his patients by being a more compassionate and understanding doctor. The doctor learned that in the end it is **not** our *titles, degrees, positions, possessions or roles* that really matters but having the presence, grace, and faith to ask—**“How can I help you?”** Whenever one of his patients died, he would take the time to walk the family member to the hospital-parking garage.

Over 2,000 years one of the most beautiful and powerful stories ever told is found in today’s Gospel lesson of the “Good Samaritan” story. (Luke 10:25-37) It is indeed one of the most widely known Bible stories.

The parable begins with Jesus telling a Jewish lawyer that the key to eternal life is *obedience* to God’s law, which requires love of God and love of neighbor, both. “*Do this,*” Jesus says, “*and life is yours.*”(Luke 10:28) Typically, the lawyer wants a definition of *terms*. “*And who is my neighbor?*” he inquires. Jesus responds with the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I think it is safe to say that most of us at sometime in our life are *‘beaten up’* and *‘left for dead’*. Our ditch might be: an unfaithful partner, deep business troubles, nose-diving children; drugs, alcohol, gambling; anger, hatred. If you have been there, you know the *‘view’* from the ditch: chemo or radiation; abuse, having your body or soul violated, your self-esteem taken

from you; false accusations or name damaged; homes destroyed by fire, wind, water; car crashes. Life in a ditch isn’t pretty, easy or nice. However, the U.S poet Emily Dickinson (1830-86) wrote: **“Life breaks us all at times, but some grow stronger in broken places. But God, must have all the pieces to be whole again.”**

Perhaps the real question is not, “*Who is my neighbor?*” The real question is, **“What does it mean to be a neighbor?”** We must make a decision to be neighbor to one another. Worship (love of God) cannot be separated from our love of neighbor. Race, ethnicity, nationality, social status, geographical boundaries, political affiliation or religious persuasion does **not** determine *“neighbor”*. Rather, we recognize our neighbor by fostering God’s **generous** and **inclusive** vision in our heart. There is no one who is not our neighbor, according to Jesus’ definition. When we open our **eyes** and **hearts** we will see the wounded Christ in those we meet along the dangerous journey of life.

To truly be a *‘neighbor’* to any person in need of God’s compassionate healing and love. Exclusion is not in Jesus’ vocabulary. *The poor, the sick, the downtrodden, the outcasts, the forgotten, the hungry, the little children and even His executioners* –Christ had *compassion* for them all! No one is outside of His circle of care or concern. To love one’s neighbor is to abolish all boundaries, all divisions.

Jesus concludes this parable with a friendly word to the doctor of the Law: *‘Go and do likewise’*. In effect, Jesus tells him-- *be understanding, involved, and compassionate* with whoever crosses your path. Our love for God is revealed in practical and concrete ways in our love for our neighbor. Only in Christ can we truly love others and wholeheartedly love God.

A smiling face, encouraging word, kind gesture, and simple thoughtfulness produces great miracles. Can’t we all *remember* or *imagine*, what it is like to be *‘in a ditch’*? Who was it that came to our rescue? Did you know the opposite of **compassion** is **cruelty**? Are we a victim or do we share in the victory of Christ’s redeeming grace? How can we be *‘neighbor’*, good Samaritan to someone this week ?



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Don't forget our mid-summer cookout on Monday, July 16 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rain or shine at St. Patrick Center. This Bible Study gathering is inclusive of everyone and all who would like to have fun

with us this night. Shared food, friendship, faith and fellowship are ingredients for a great time.

There will be a special video of a top TV evangelist on doing God's will in our daily life. Come join us and share in the fun.

I will be away July 23rd to August 1st thus a break from Bible Study and my weekly reflections. Please read the Books of Proverbs and Sirach during this free time. Fr. Rich



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**CALLING GOLFERS**  
**The Jack Ingold Memorial Golf Outing** benefiting St. Patrick Church and School will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at The Club at Nevillewood. The cost is

\$250 per golfer. Dinner only prices available. Call Jill at 724-544-4695 for details. Brochures with details will be available soon. Please mark the date, come out and golf to help our church and school!!!

# School News

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**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL** is now accepting registrations for 3 year old and 4 year old pre-school, full and half day kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8th. For more information or to register, call the school office (724.745.7977) Monday thru Friday (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

## PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

If you find you have to leave your pew with your child, the "Cry Room" is available to you. There are speakers there so you can hear Mass. Children at Mass are signs of life and of a growing community.

## THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

have issued the July "Prayer for Priest's" list:

- July 15 Rev. Ronald Lengwin
- July 16 Rev. Thomas Lewandowski
- July 17 Rev. Edward Litavec
- July 19 Rev. Joseph Luisi
- July 20 Rev. Michael MacVeigh
- July 21 Rev. Gary Krummert
- July 22 Rev. Thaddeus Maida
- July 23 Rev. Joseph B. Coordi
- July 24 Rev. Thomas Kunz
- July 25 Rev. Harry Petrie
- July 26 Rev. Domenic Mancini and Mr. Jason Gawaldo
- July 27 Rev. Edward Czemerda
- July 28 Rev. Michael Maranowski and Mr. Michael J. Roche
- July 29 Rev. John A. Marcucci
- July 30 Rev. Howard Hoffman and Deacon Joseph Kosko Jr.
- July 31 Rev. Harry Parsons and Rev. Alexis Anania, O.F.M.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 25 PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in Church
- July 23 NO BIBLE STUDY!
- July 30 NO BIBLE STUDY!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

**Community Courtesy:** Free Concert at Canonsburg Town Park on Sunday, July 22 (6:30 p.m.) presenting The Four Townsmen (Oldies Chart-Topping Quartet)

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**Frank's Body Shop—724.745.0335**