

# 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 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

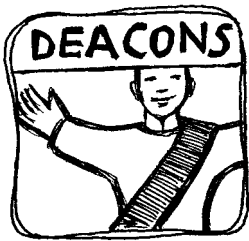
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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.



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**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 Diaconate in the Fall of 2007.

**WHAT IS A DEACON?** A deacon is a man who has been called by God through the Church for ordination to the ministry of service to a particular diocese. The service of deacon is documented from apostolic times with its origin and institution recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6). At the initial grade of sacred hierarchy, deacons have always been greatly esteemed in the Church.

The diaconate must be considered like every other Christian identity from within the Church which is understood as a mystery of Trinitarian communion. Since a man is ordained into holy orders, the diaconate imprints a character and communicates a specific sacramental grace for the purpose of service. The spirituality of service is a spirituality of the whole Church however this becomes particularly evident in the deacon. The spirituality and ministry of the deacon can therefore be a source of inspiration, motivation, and example for all the faithful in the church. He, in a most special way, exudes the spirituality of service and acts as a minister of Christ the Servant.

**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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**Lou Bevier "The Alignment Specialists"**  
**724.746.2010**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**July 15, 2007**

Envelopes (757) .....	\$11,981.20
Children's Envelopes(28) .....	33.50
Loose Cash and Coin .....	678.00
St. Patrick School .....	214.00
Parish Total .....	\$12,906.70

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 this weekend.. Please be as generous as your means permit and help the Sisters continue their works of charity to those in need.



**"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Robert Verno** by Greg Guyton.

**St. Patrick Library:** In loving memory of **James Krupa** by Connie Testa.

**St. Patrick Choir:** In loving memory of **Andy Lesso** by Morning Mass Group

**MASSES** were received for **Andy Lesso** by the Morning Mass Group

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is for those interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about it. Also welcome are those who are baptized and are interested in receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call the Religious Education Office (724.745.3787).



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

**“Cook-Out” Companions!**

Did you ever host a celebration in which half of the guests replied with an affirmative RSVP and yet, double the number actually comes to the gathering? Well, that's what happened this past Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at our midsummer Bible Study picnic at the Parish Center. There were 125 people expected who *“signed-up”* for the occasion, and surprisingly 250 in fact *“showed up”*. What a dilemma to face, right? No, not at all.

The motto for our “Cook-Out” was **‘God’s Word Feed Us’**. I was wondering, who is going to feed this *‘large crowd’*? After my favorite bakery forgot to make the ordered cake for the gathering, and the hot dogs and water ran out—these were minor glitches. My heart was filled with abundant joy. Such joy, that I didn’t sleep too well that night!

Just to take the time to journey **to come together, to be with, to be for, to be among God’s people** in sharing a simple meal produces many miracles of love. Thank you for the gift of your time through *‘presence’* it was a blessing to others. Thank you for the delicious specialties and recipes that made the food so palpable. Thank you for bringing or meeting a friend—it *‘doubled’* its favor. Thank you for the hospitality, spontaneity, creativity, and generosity that renewed the bonds of community that unites us. Thanks for the gift of the Spirit that fills us with new energy, enthusiasm, and passion to grow in faith, hope, and love. Thanks to the Lord, Creator of day (Psalm 3) and night (Psalm 4) to share all these beautiful blessings. Thanks for the midsummer memories that make life so dear, meaningful, and special.

Keeping *‘feeding’* on God’s Word in you daily life and blessing will multiply. Enjoy the summertime —take time to pray, meditate, and read God’s Word. *“It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always want something else.”* (Ecclesiastes 6:9) Thanks for the blessing you are! God bless you. *Fr. Rich*

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM** consists of a series of twelve classes for the families of persons with serious and persistent brain disorders (mental illness). There is no cost to participate in this program. Classes start: Monday, September 10 (7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) at the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center, 240 Wellness Way, Washington, PA. Registration is required and classes are limited to 20 persons. Call Tom Shade (724.228.9847)

**MASS INTENTIONS****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

**MONDAY, JULY 23—Bridget of Sweden, Religious**

- 7:00 SP Edward E. Progar by Stan Mikuta  
 8:15 SG Guy Marks by Children

**TUESDAY, JULY 24—Sharbel Makluf, Priest**

- 7:00 SP Mary Guilliani Goff by John and Mag Mazza  
 8:15 SG Kenneth Hundzienski by Ann O’Rourke Family

**10:00 (Kingdom Manor) Mary D’Amico by Mella D’Amico****WEDNESDAY, JULY 25—James, Apostle**

- 7:00 SP John M. Kranz by Zorka Tomsic  
 9:00 SP Matthew T. Senkinc by Pauline Barbish

**2:00 (TownView-Horizon) Fernando Castelli by Lisa Bazis****THURSDAY, JULY 26—Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary**

- 7:00 SP Fr. Alfred Cicola, Deceased Members of Bartos and Rocco Families by Pasquale Rocco Family  
 8:15 SG Scandale, Stopenski, Colussi and DiSibio Families by Stopenski Family

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**

- 7:00 SP Alfred Tedeschi by Alan, Cathie and Yvonne  
 8:15 SG Deceased members of Kebart Family by Family

**SATURDAY, JULY 28**

- 7:30 SP Edward Jeswilkowski by Mary Ann Badia  
**Pray for Mary Zaricki, Month’s Mind**

**11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION****JULY 29—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 5:00 SP (p.m.—Saturday VIGIL) Donald R. Demarest by Family  
 7:30 SP Imperatore and Broglia Families by Theresa Broglia  
 10:00 SP Deceased members of Giaquinto and Quinn Families by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Giaquinto and Daughters  
 12:00 SP Vince Gasbarro and Members of Guiseppe Gasbarro Family by Sue Gasbarro and Children  
 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 **Andrew E. Lesso**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

## FR RICH REFLECTIONS

*"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."*

Hebrews 13:2

During these summer days it is normal to have guest clergy, guest musicians, and guest parishioners. Last weekend, I traveled to Midland, Pa. (43.2 miles from Canonsburg) to St. Blaisé parish. I filled in for a priest/ friend Father John Jordan, pastor there, while away on vacation near to the Pacific Ocean! It provided extra *'time away'* to enjoy rest, solitude, peacefulness, and quiet. I had 9 penitents at St. Blaise and 11 at St. Patrick parish for the sacrament of reconciliation. Saturday is a great *'garage day'*-- let Jesus remove the *'trash'* that inevitably accumulates in our hearts.

I ate dinner alone at the Bad Frogs restaurant (along the Ohio River) I read an article in the *Beaver County Times* concerning *"grilling and cooking out"* in Canonsburg and felt right at home! One woman asked a favor--*"Could you come to Midland once a month to give us a message?"* I said--*"That is so kind of you to invite and ask me to return to your parish. I'm sorry; however, I will not be able to fulfill your request."* **Hospitality** and a **welcoming spirit** are the *'name of the game'* in today's readings.

Abraham welcomes 3 strangers to his tent. These messengers arrive at the most unlikely time, at the heat of the day in the desert sun. Abraham, *'well-advanced'* in age *"greet and meets"* these visitors with delight and gratitude to God. Abraham is quickly moved to offer them hospitality. They bathed, rest, and ate a great meal. Remember food and nourishment for desert travelers, could spell the difference between *life or death*. The spiritual principal that underlies ancient Near East hospitality is when we open our homes and hearts even to strangers--with generosity, we find that we are taking care of God as well. Generous giving brings us God's blessings.

After these 3 men had their fill and rest, one of them gave Abraham some astonishing and surprising news-- *"I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."* (Genesis 18:10) God always *rewards* our hospitality. As the Hindu people believe--**"The giving of a gift is superior to the acceptance of a gift."**

In the Gospel today **Luke 10:38-42** Jesus and His disciples arrive at the house of their friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany. Bethany lies 2 miles from the Holy City of Jerusalem, where Jesus will suffer and die. He stops for an hour or two at their home to be with His friends. Jesus felt at home--surrounded by hospitality, affection, joy, and love.

The two sisters Martha and Mary complemented each other. Martha worked, Mary sat. Martha fretted, Mary was at peace. Martha was rebuked, Mary praised. We are all different. We have different chemistries, personalities, and even come from different orbits. The spiritual masters encourage praying as the first thing every morning--offering the day in prayer to God who created it. The more time that we spent with God in prayer the more presence and more love we have for others. Time spent in prayer is time well spent. Let us serve the Lord and others in peace, truth, and love this week.

On Monday, July 23 my Mom will celebrate her **84<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Mom has been a resident at the Little Sisters of the Poor on the North Side the past 3 years. The Sisters hospitality and prayerfulness is second to none. They have a tradition in their Home that on your birthday, you get to select the menu for all the residents on your floor that particular day. Mom loves to **pick the meal, not prepare it!**

One of the greatest gifts the seven Jones children have all received is the *'gift of God'* of our humble, simple, gentle, wise, prayerful and faithful Mom. And we are eternally grateful that Mom now lives in the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor. She couldn't receive any better care or love. Last year as Mom blew out the candles on her birthday cake, a nun asked what she had wished for--*she said--"I thank God for this Home, and I hope to live in it until my next birthday"*. Thanks to all of you for your kind hospitality and generous contributions as the Little Sisters of the Poor stand at the doors of our church this weekend begging prayers and almsgiving to further their mission as Christ's disciples.

In the Benedictine Rule of the monks, they believe in *venit hospes, venit Christus*--**"When a guest comes, Christ comes."** There is phase in Spanish--*Mi casa es su casa*, meaning, **"My home is your home"**. As we gather at the Lord's House, as His guests, we all seek to be **renewed, refreshed, and revived** for the work of ministry.

# School News

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**REGISTRATION FOR SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL** for students entering St. Patrick School for the 2007-08 is being held in the school office Monday thru Friday (9:30 to 12:00 Noon). If you have any questions, please call the school office at 724.745.7977.



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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!!!

## 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 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30  
**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**PARISH COOK BOOK** deadline has been extended to Monday, July 30th. Please drop your favorite recipes in the box provided near the Priest's sacristy. The profits from this cook book will go towards the needs of our Youth Groups.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to David M. Olminsky for his generous donation to help our teens travel to Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. May God bless him and his family.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:** 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.** This includes 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 23, Tuesday, July 24, Wednesday July 25 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 assistance and support so that we meet this requirement that ensures a safe environment for our children.

## **YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY—AUGUST 5, 2007**

Jesus Christ conducted his entire ministry—and saved the world—as a young adult! On August 5, 2007, parishes across the Diocese of Pittsburgh will celebrate YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY and honor Him and other young adults—singles and couples in their late teens, 20s and 30s. For more information on young adult ministry, please contact Gary Slifkey at the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at 412.456.3140 or [yampgh@diopitt.org](mailto:yampgh@diopitt.org).