

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Rev. Richard S. Jones, Parochial Vicar
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Parish Office Hours

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AUGUST 12, 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.

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

WE ARE ON OUR WAY !

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| <p>FUNDS NEEDED: <u>\$75,000.00</u></p> |
| <p>DONATIONS RECEIVED</p> |
| <p>\$15,079.92</p> |

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity and support of the parish.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be administered on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop David A. Zubik. Confirmation candidates (9th grade students) have been notified by mail as to their final preparation classes and times.

Confirmation



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All Confirmation papers are to be handed into the Religious Education office immediately. If you have any questions, please call Carol Serbak at the Religious Education Office (724.745.3787).

Wedding Banns

- Second Time:** Dennis Buckley and Autumn Mayersky
- Third Time:** Thomas Jordan and Christina Magnetta

WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER located on Taylor Drive (former Girl Scout House) in Canonsburg is offering a (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) **KIDS PROGRAM for grades 7th thru 10th**. More information is available on the church bulletin boards or by calling Jean Popp (724.745.3801).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 5, 2007

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| Envelopes (859) | \$15,373.25 |
| Children's Envelopes (33)..... | \$37.25 |
| Loose Cash and Coin | \$835.40 |
| St. Patrick School | \$635.43 |
| Parish Total | \$ 16,881.33 |

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

TOTAL NEEDED each week 16,125.21

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

Little Sisters of the Poor Collection on July 21/22

We are happy to announce that we collected \$6,001.88 on this weekend. It was the best collection from the Parish, so far. It is almost 3x better. Thanks for your sincere support of our work. In closing, I would like to repeat the words of our Mother Foundress: "Pray for our benefactors, be grateful to them, they are God's instruments..."

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Sister Rosemarie, I.s.p.*

The Christian Mother's of St. Patrick Parish are conducting a drive for **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**. The items will be given to the Canonsburg Food Bank and will be distributed to students in need. The following



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items are needed: back packs for teens as well as youth (boys and girls), stretchy book covers, pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons and sharpeners, folders, 3 ring binders and paper, note books (all sizes), scissors, glue and glue sticks, etc.

Containers will be placed at all exits of the Church beginning August 11 thru August 20.



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CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: All women of the parish are invited to join the Christian Mothers/Women's Guild. We invite you

to attend a meeting on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Pat Vernau (724.745.5362) or Patty Falcione (724.745.0137).

BLOOD DRIVE – AUGUST 19, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Walk-ins are welcome, but why not stop and schedule your appointed time when it is most convenient for you to donate this precious gift. Members of our Knights of Columbus will be coordinating the Blood Drive and will have sign-up sheets available after all Masses today. Please help our Knights with this worthy cause. There are so many area patients counting on you to give them a second chance at life. If you have any questions in regard to donating blood, call Central Blood Bank's Medical Help Desk at 412.209.7160 or 412.209.7156.

AN ITALIAN MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church with Rev. Brian Welding as celebrant. A procession with the Statue of the Blessed Mother will take place after Mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be enjoyed after mass. **Cookie donations** would be greatly appreciated; please deliver them to the cafeteria on the morning of the 15th, someone will be there waiting to receive them.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A number of people have asked why Bishop-Designate David Zubik, is not being mentioned in the Eucharistic prayers during mass. We have been instructed by the Worship Office, not to include his name until he is installed, on September 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., as the 12th Bishop of Pittsburgh. We should all, however, keep him in our daily prayers as he prepares to assume his new role as the shepherd of our Diocese.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Joselyn Villalon will speak briefly at the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass to give us some information about Marriage Encounter

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 12—NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Donald Alexander Drain by Family and Friends
- 7:30 SP Guerino and Bell Angelone by MM Paul Thompson
- 10:00 SP Paul Tissot by Wife, Natalie
- 12:00 SP Louis D. Sebelia by Family
- 5:00 SP (P.M.) Frank Mirisciotti by Wife and Children

MONDAY, AUGUST 13 – Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs

- 7:00 SP Margaret, Mary and Michael Dzurino by George Dzurino
- 8:15 SG Fred Adams by Elizabeth Adams
- 2:00 (Consulate) Mathilda Saver by Constantino Family
Pray for Andrew E. Lesso, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14– Maximilian Kolbe, priest/martyr

- 7:00 SP William G. and William W. Weishner by Mary C. Smith
- 8:15 SG No Mass
- 10:00 (Rest Haven) Patricia Hernberger by Batista Family
- 7:00 SP (P.M.- Vigil) Peg and Bill Wingard Families, and Deceased Members of the Mary and Dan D'Amico Family by Ange Wingard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15– ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 7:00 SP Kumer and Zullo Families by Mr. and Mrs. James Zullo, Jr.
- 9:00 SP Tkaczuk, Polochak, Betarie, Ungvari, and Kazak Families by Bertha Kazak
- 12:00 SG Alex and Mary Polasky by Family
- 2:00 (Golden Living) Rose Racioppi by Karla R. Fortwangler
- 7:00 SP Edward Kandel by Wife, Judy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 – Stephen of Hungary

- 7:00 SP Marra and Porcaro Families by Family
- 8:15 SG Carmen Naccarato by Saverio Verbene
Pray for Stephen Gostic, Month's Mind

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:00 SP Pauline Plazak by Family
- 8:15 SG Helen Bitsko by Pat and Mike Zatawski
- 10:00 (Ahepa Apts.) Marion Cyprowski by Pat & Sandi Mayer
Pray for Jon. J. Heitmeier, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 – Jane Francis de Shantel

- 7:30 SP Deceased Members of the Cosimo Cancilla Families by Gloria Cancilla

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

3:00 p.m. (SP) WEDDING:

- Thomas Jordan and Christina Magnetta**
Pray for Shirley Anesetti and Mary Schultz, Month's Mind

AUGUST 19 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 SP (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL) Carmella Sacco Niedzwickie by Family
- 7:30 SP Deceased Members of the Milbower and Kelso Families by Anthony Milbower
- 10:00 SP Daniel Dami by Parents, Mary and Al
- 12:00 SP Deceased Members of Kennedy and Urbanek Families by Fred and Carol Kennedy
- 5:00 SP (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

FR. RICH'S REFLECTION

“We must worry more about enlarging the kingdom of God than adding to our own possessions.” - St. Vincent de Paul

Perhaps one of the things that I missed most while away was writing. Perhaps one of the things that you enjoyed most is that you did not have to read it!

With canceled and delayed flights due to storms, it was great to see the sign at the airport—*‘Welcome to Pittsburgh!’* I did not even mind that my luggage did not make it on the day I arrived home. It was a joy to run into Dr. Tim Campbell, a physician I met while serving as chaplain at Mercy hospital. As we greeted, he remarked—*“Father, you are the first familiar face I ran into in coming home to Pittsburgh!”* He was as brown as a bear and I was white as a ghost—a contrast indeed.

Dr. Campbell, a husband and father of 5 children himself, had just spent 10 days of his summer vacation in Guatemala, Mexico tending to the care of children who had not seen a doctor in 4 to 6 years. They were to give him a translator, but he had no one. But, Dr. Campbell remarked—*“Love and kindness are the language that everyone understands.”*

I went to visit my brother Dan (dermatologist) and his wife Kelly (nurse) and their 2 adopted sons—Daniel Patrick (4yrs.) and Alex Pace (18 months) in Greensboro, NC. One of Dan’s patient’s has a 41 year-old daughter with pancreatic cancer. She is the mother of a 7 month-old baby girl. So, despite the circumstances, it was good to see this *‘special guest’* in their home. As the mom struggles with this terminal illness, Dan and Kelly are delighted to care for the baby.

August 3rd marked the **61st wedding anniversary** of my parents. Dad died at age 63 on Feb. 8, 1986. He journeyed 40 years with Mom (like as to the Promised Land), but she has journeyed the last 21 years alone.

When Dad died, Mom gave me two things that I’ll always treasure: his **wedding ring** and his **badge at United States Steel**

(USS) where he worked as a computer analyst for over 30 years. Every now and then, I put his ring on my finger and I feel that bond of the covenant that unites us. When I look at Dad’s photo on his work badge, I rub his picture in thanksgiving for the decades of his sacrifices and love. In practicing these little rituals not only do I feel closer to him, but I hope to absorb some of his spirit. Dad was a very simple man. He had few possessions. But he was *‘rich in the things that really matter’*—like **faith, integrity, truth, discipline, and love.**

In today’s gospel Luke 12:32-48, on this **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus admonishes us to **“be ready, be vigilant, and be faithful” for tomorrow you may die.** *‘Real life’* is not about how much money I can accumulate, or power that I can wield or prestige that surrounds me.

Jesus warns us to *be prepared, be aware, and alert* to the prowling power of evil that can take us *‘off-course’*. Like the pagan Roman culture whose motto was —*“Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow you may die.”* This makes a *‘godless society.’* One becomes a *slave to ones ‘unholy’ desires.*

Psychologists have long held that a vital sign of maturity is to **‘delay gratification’**. Spiritually, we call it **‘mortification’**. We must **‘deny’** self in order to **‘transcend’**. Without **‘self-control’**, we live **‘out-of-control’** lives-- which spells **disaster** and **death**. St. Francis de Sales stressed the importance of conquering *small temptations such as anger, impatience, gossip, lying, and laziness* and in so doing, we share in *greater victories* in our lives. **Be a victor not a victim.**

“Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.” (Psalms 90:12) Just like the Biblical people throughout Scriptures we wait for things to unfold, we hope for the best, and we long to love and be loved. Don’t let evil catch you off guard this week-- conquer it with **prayer, purity, and preparedness.**

Let us Pray— *‘Lord, help us to serve you faithfully so that on the last day, we may receive the greatest of rewards—the fullness of joy in your presence.’*

BIBLE STUDY RECRUTEMENT

As school shortly is upon us, it is important to remember that we are 'lifelong disciples'.

In the New Testament, the word disciple appears in only the four gospels and the Act of the Apostles, and is there over 250 times. 'Disciple can refer to a student (pupil) of a teacher, an apprentice, or a follower. Jesus understood it primarily both as being a lifelong student and a lifelong commitment.

What better way than to read God's Eternal Word. There are various metaphors for God's Word. For example, mirror (James 1:22-23), food: (Job 23:12), a lamp (Ps. 119:105), fire (Jer. 23:29), a hammer (Jer. 23:29) water, (Eph. 5:26), a two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12), a seed (1 Peter 1:23), and milk (1 Peter 2:2). The Word of God **reveals, convicts, purifies, breaks, consumes, cleanses, regenerates, illuminates, and nourishes the believer.**

Beginning Monday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Church, we resume reading the Word of God weekly as a community of faith. We invite you to consider joining us by bringing your Bible, inviting a friend and giving God the time through His Spirit to speak to your life. It is a grace and blessing to read and share His Word. Fr. Rich

MEMORIALS

"MY FATHER'S HOUSE" Renovation Fund: in loving memory of Tony (Teech) Mavrack by Wife, Mary and Family,

MASSES were received for **Albert P. Imperatore** by Joe and Lisa Cerenzia.

Additional Memorials and Masses will be published in next week's bulletin.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 13 **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- August 19 **Blood Drive** (8:00 am -1:30 pm)
- August 21 **Pastoral Council Exec. Mtg.**
- August 27 **BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**



All are invited to attend the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, September 2, with a Social to follow in the school cafeteria, to celebrate the Retirement of our parish secretary. Shirley will retire from her position after nearly 21 years of service.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

As the faculty and administration of St. Patrick School prepare for the new school term, our goal is **"Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."** This mission statement reminds us that we are to love each other through sharing our talents and gifts that God has given each of us. Let each one of us make it a great year working together.

St. Patrick School will open its doors for a new school year for the 53rd time on Thursday, August 23, 2007. if any parent is interested in enrolling their child in Pre-school through Grade 8, please call the school office at 724-745-7977 between the hours of 9:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. This year we will open two Kindergarten classrooms, First Grades and two Second grades. Registrations will be taken on a first come—first serve basis.

SCRIP purchases can be made on Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the school cafeteria during the summer. Special orders will need to be placed by Monday to insure delivery for Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Kristie (724.969.1069).

COMMUNITY COURTESY

CANONSBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL is looking for volunteers to work in the Snack Shop at Canonsburg General Hospital from 5 to 8 pm. On the first and third Tuesday of every month. Volunteers are also needed every Friday from 9 to 11 am. To distribute patient mail and sell newspapers For more information, call Kim Manko at 724.873.5835.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, Washington County, is offering a free series of 12 weekly classes designed for families and friends of persons suffering with major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, panic disorder, or obsessive compulsive disorder. The course consists of information on the above mental illnesses, such as coping skills, communication techniques, medications, and support systems. Classes start on September 10. Call Tom Shade, 724.228.9847 or Emily Stavovy, 724.229.9121. Registration required.

Prayers for Priests

Remember the following priest in prayer and pray for vocations to the Religious Life.

- Aug. 12 Rev. Thomas Manion, Very Rev. Robert Miller
- Aug. 13 Rev. John McKenna, Rev. Robert Mellott
- Aug. 14 Rev. Kevin McKnight, Rev. Philip Fink, OFM, Cap.
- Aug. 15 Rev. Samuel Esposito
- Aug. 16 Rev. Ray McColligan, Deacon Kenneth Gleason
- Aug. 17 Rev. Paul Merkovsky, Rev. Donald McIlvaine
- Aug. 18 Rev. Warren Metzler, Mr. Michael Sedor