

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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August 19, 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

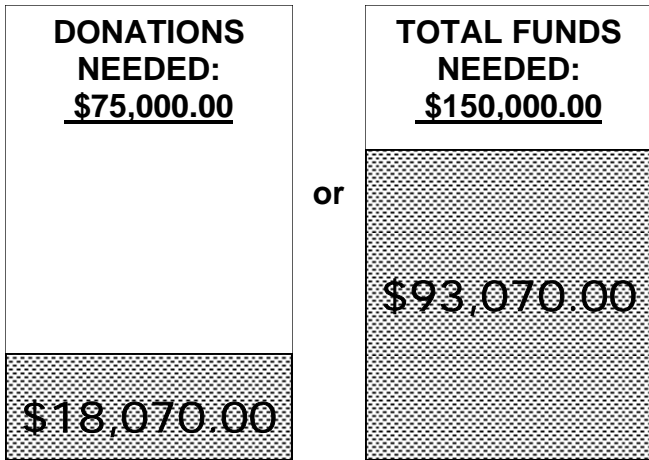
POST ABORTION 1-800-593-2273

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



As you well know, raising the money for our newest project, the paving of the parking lot is now in its fourth week. Through your generosity we have raised almost \$20,000 and are almost a quarter of the way to reaching our goal. In reality, we are almost three quarters of the way to reaching the bid price of \$150,000 and a new parking lot BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES, THIS YEAR. For some this might seem like a daunting or even an unachievable task, but I guess it depends on whether you see the glass three quarters empty or three quarters full. Perhaps we can look at it another way. If only 1,000 families, or one third of the total registered members from our parish gave \$75 we could easily meet our goal. Perhaps you are not in a financial situation to afford that amount, then simply give what you can. That is why we are taking a weekly second collection. A little each week can go a long way. Thank you, once again, for your continued support and may God bless you and our parish family.

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.

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).

Confirmation



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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

August 12, 2007

Envelopes	\$13,388.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 23.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$954.50
St. Patrick School	\$235.00
Parish Total	\$14,601.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

Wedding Banns

Third Time: Dennis Buckley and Autumn Mayersky

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 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.

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).

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 19** Catholic Men's Club: 7:00 pm - Center
- August 21** Pastoral Council Exec. Mtg. : 7:00 pm
- August 30** Market Day Pick-Up: 5:30-6:30 pm- Cafe

MASS INTENTIONS

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) For the People

MONDAY, AUGUST 20— Bernard, abbot, doctor

- 7:00 (SP) Frank Cernava by wife, Elizabeth and Family
8:15 (SG) Morofsky Family by Mary L. Morofsky
Pray for Mary Cornell and Ernest Kobert, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21— Pius X, pope

- 7:00 (SP) Ray Duda by wife, Margaret Duda
8:15 (SG) Alice Staniszewski by Family
10:00 (Charles House) Mary Zullo by Betty Paletta
Pray for James A. Dellorso, Month's Mind

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22— Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary

- 7:00 (SP) Lucy and Jim Dadeo by Fr. Jack
9:00 (SG) Samuel and Lucille Caputo by Constance M. Caputo
2:00 (Town View) Edith D'Orazio by Charles Cerenzia

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 – Rose of Lima, virgin

- 7:00 (SP) Albert Trunzo by Debbie & Mary Ann Roberts
& Bob Moore
8:15 (SG) Edward Golonka, Frances & Jacob
Wozniak by Florence Golonka

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 – Bartholomew, apostle

- 7:00 (SP) Robert Novak by Tom and Marie Novak & Family
8:15 (SG) John Lipski by Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 – Louis of France

- 7:30 (SP) Frank and Anna Bracki by Pat and Paul Rush
11:30 TO 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION
3:00 p.m. (SP) WEDDING:

Dennis Buckley and Autumn Mayersky

AUGUST 26 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Joseph W. Skotnicki by Dad and Mom
7:30 (SP) Jack Glass by Ida Glass Family
10:00 (SP) Mary & Giuseppe Catalano, Louis & Ann
Fabian by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fabian
12:00 (SP) John Churney, Dora and William DePaoli by
Loretta Churney 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 **Elmer E. Cook**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the consolation of their families.

MEMORIALS

“My Father’s House Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Robert J. Verno** by Anna Marie Novak, In loving memory of **James Dellorso** by Ron and Julie Yarkosky

St. Patrick School Memorial: In loving memory of **Al Claus** by Marge Popiolkowski.

St. Patrick Parking Lot Paving Memorial: In loving memory of **Donna DeVitis** by Rena Patrick; In loving memory of **Shirley Anesetti** by Daughter, Michele Anesetti Keener and Family; In loving memory of **Jane Bruno** by Mary Morofsky; In loving memory of **Andy Lesso** by John, Dan and David Progar, Patricia and Mary Agnes Respet.

MASSSES were received for **Ernest Kobert** by Thomas Polowisclck, John and Josie Bradburn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117;
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



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.

Fr. Rich's Bible Study resumes Monday, August 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Invite a friend, bring a Bible, and open your life to God's Word of truth and life. Open God's Word prayerfully, read God's Word Carefully, and obey God's Word Joyfully Please read books: Proverbs, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes. See you on the 27th.



FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“People should know what you stand for. They should also know what you won’t stand for.”
Author Unknown

Last Sunday I had a pool gathering and family meal with 4 couples and their 10 children. Inevitably, we discussed the steamy and stormy weather this August. In conversation, we touched upon the issue of air-conditioning. They all had different views and ideas. The husbands and wives each wanted to set their thermostat dials at different degrees. The husbands were proposing the higher degrees for summer and lower for winter. The wives instead wanted it lower for the summer and higher in the winter. Both cost and comfort issues seemed to be at stake. Degrees in the house and the heart must be regulated!

We humans are so diverse and different in facing our everyday situations and challenges. No wonder that even in the *smallest issues*, we can be at odds with each other. The buzzword in today’s culture is **conflict resolution**- there are classes and books on this topic. In order to secure a stable relationship in any facet of life, there must be healthy **mediation**.

On this **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus says—**“I have come to bring fire to the Earth, and how I wish it were blazing already.”** (Luke 12:49) Christ’ Presence in the world is a *uniting* one. Think of the brokenness in the world... Estrangement, anger, hatred, bitterness, jealousy, and misunderstanding between husbands/wives, between parents/children, between employer/employee, between peoples of different Nations, between races, between classes, between sexes, between the religions, and even between members of Christ’s own community-- there are deep divisions.

There is ‘real’ evil in the world today, and if we are *really* honest, there is ‘real’ darkness in each one of us. In ancient Israel, the priests were instructed not to let the **fire** of the altar go out (Lev. 6:9, 12-13). In Jewish thought, **fire** is always the symbol of *judgment*. So, Jesus regarded the coming of the Kingdom as a *time of judgment*. As **fire** is used to eliminate the impurities from the ore to obtain the pure precious metal, so Jesus will eliminate the impurities in the world and in us.

Jesus makes it clear that we must make a free choice— **do good, avoid evil**. We are confronted by this same choice again and again. Not a day goes by, that we don’t have to decide which we choose. Do we choose **honesty\deception**? Do we choose **fidelity\betrayal**? Do we choose **decency\perversity**? Do we choose **generosity\selfishness**? Do we choose **acceptance\prejudice**? Do we choose **compassion\indifference**? Do we choose **integrity\duplicity**? Our daily choices should be influenced by the truth of the Gospel. The Letter to the Hebrews urges us today to **“keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who inspires and perfects our faith.”**

Have we lost the *fire/spiritual passion for faith, for life, for our dreams*? Unless we keep the *fire of devotion, good works, faithfulness, and prayer* burning strong in our lives it can easily be extinguished. Let not our love for Jesus ever die, regardless of our life situation. Trust that Jesus is always with us, seeking our best interest, and highest good always. Our crosses are ‘*catalysts*’ for purifying *transformation* within us.

If we are **Fired** by God’s Word *within* us, faithful to the **Baptism** we have received, we *must* always seek the *mercy, reconciliation and peace* of the Gospel that *unites* us to one another as *sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters in Christ*. “*To do God’s will-- is to set fire on this earth*”.

- St. Teresa of Avila

Lord, You Were Always There

Lord, you were there when all seemed lost,
 And you paid the price upon the cross.

Lord, you were there, in my deepest despair,
 Watching over me, with your loving care.

Lord, you are there when there is no hope,
 Guiding my way, helping cope.

Lord, you were there when my heart was crushed,
 Lifting me up with your healing touch.

Lord, you are there in all happy times too,
 With grateful thanks, I am praising you.

And Lord, I know you’ll be there to the very end
 When you welcome me home, to my Father,
 my Friend. Amen.

—Dolores Kostyak

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).

MARKET DAY: Our first sale of the school year is due by Friday, August 24th. Please go online at www.marketday.com account #8489, or drop off your order form at the school or church. The pick-up date is Thursday, August 30th in the school cafeteria from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you have any questions you can call Amy Hancq at 724.743.4334. We appreciate your support.

Prayers for Priests

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

Aug. 19	Rev. Thomas Manion and Very Rev. Robert J. Miller
Aug. 20	Rev. Gerald S. Mikonis
Aug. 21	Rev. Robert J. Meyer, Deacon Paul Devito
Aug. 22	Rev. Gary Oehmler, Rev. James Mazurek
Aug. 23	Rev. John Oesterle, Very Rev. Ken Oldenski
Aug. 24	Rev. James Orr, Rev. Joseph McCaffrey
Aug. 25	Rev. George Palick, Deacon David Gruseck
Aug. 26	Rev. Msgr. Wm. Ogradowski, Deacon James M. Sheil
Aug. 27	Rev. John O'Toole
Aug. 28	Rev. Jeremiah O'Shea, Rev. Thomas O'Neil
Aug. 29	Rev. John O'Malley, Rev. Thomas O'Donnell
Aug. 30	Rev. Terrence O'Connor
Aug. 31	Rev. Jeffrey Molnar

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All parish families whose children attend public schools are encouraged to enroll their children in St. Patrick Religious Education. For more information contact Carol Serbak at the Religious Education Office (724.745.4787).

BLOOD DRIVE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria Walk-ins are welcome; please stop by and share this precious gift today.

MASS REQUESTS FOR 2008

It is that time again! We will try to schedule your Masses as you request but it is necessary to send in your requests as soon as possible. It only takes a few weeks to have all the weekend Masses scheduled. We will begin to accept Mass requests for 2008 beginning September 4. The Mass Request Envelope can be found in your offertory envelope packet for September and October. Please do not come to the rectory office to schedule your Mass. We are using the envelopes because it causes less confusion in the rectory office. Drop your envelopes in the offertory basket or mail to the rectory office. The envelopes will be dated and numbered and scheduled in the order received. The date and time will be written on your check or you may include a self-addressed envelope and we will send the information to you. **If you were lucky enough to get a holiday once, please do not ask again.** Let other parishioners have a chance for a holiday.

WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

Please respect the quality of worship for those around you by turning off cellular phones and other electronic devices.

COMMUNITY COURTESY

PROPERTY TAX REBATE: The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue extended the deadline for property tax rebates for eligible low-income seniors and persons with disabilities until December 31, 2007. For assistance, contact the State Office building, Room 104, 300 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh 15222 or call 412.565.7540

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).