



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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September 9, 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) 8:00 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

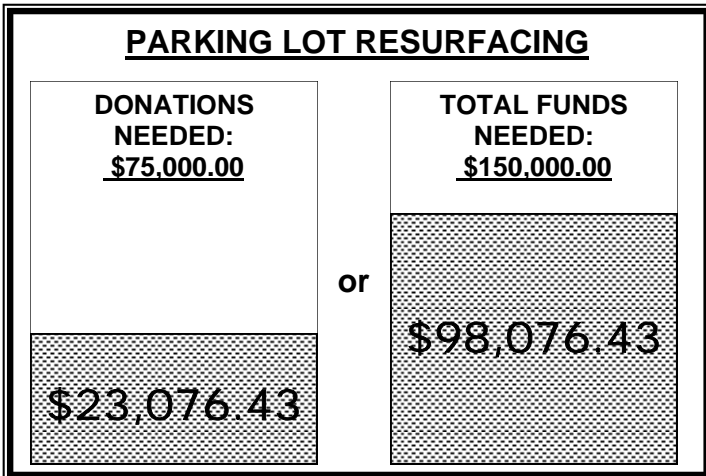
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>September 2, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$15,505.00
Children's Envelopes	\$62.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$803.42
St. Patrick School.....	\$437.00
Parish Total	\$16,380.42
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 13,980.67</i>
<i>Weekly Loan Expense</i>	<i>\$ 2,381.35</i>
TOTAL NEEDED each week	\$16,362.02
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Have you been pondering becoming Catholic, or know of someone who you think would be interested in joining the Catholic church? We will begin the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults with a meeting on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 P.M. at St. Patrick Center. The first stage is simply called the Inquiry period, for one never knows unless they ask. The first disciples in John's Gospel after hearing that Jesus was the Lamb of God began to follow Him. He turned around and asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Teacher, where do you live?" And Jesus replied, "Come and see." (John 38-39)

RITE OF RECEPTION & HOLY HOUR

Thursday, September 27, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

On the eve of his solemn installation, Bishop Zubik will participate in The Rite of Reception and will preside over a Holy Hour at St. Paul Cathedral. This Holy Hour will be open to the public, allowing large numbers of the faithful an opportunity to witness this historic rite and to join with Bishop Zubik in prayer. The event will also be televised in the City of Pittsburgh on the Christian Associates' channel.

CANONSBURG/HOUSTON FOOD PANTRY

"Saint Patrick's Church members, I wanted to thank you so much for participating in the school supplies drive. It was very successful because of every ones effort and generosity. Many children in our community will be going to school with backpacks and supplies they otherwise would not be able to afford. It is wonderful knowing that your church cares so much about others. Thank you again for your help."
Sincerely, Barb Jones, *Coordinator*

Fr. Joseph, a missionary priest from the Diocese of Itanager will be with us next weekend. There will be a second collection taken the following weekend, September 15 and 16, "for establishing Primary health Centers at Basar, Sagalee and Tato. By establishing these centers they wish to make available to the rural people the services of a trained nurse...including the construction of a small building with four rooms to admit and treat patients for sickness like Malaria, Tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases which are rampant in the state. We are very grateful to you for your kind co-operation with us and assure you of our continuing prayers."

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 10** Bible Study
RCIA - 7:00 : Center
- September 12** Rosary - 6:30 : Church
H.S.A. Meeting - 6:30 : Cafeteria
Pastoral Council - 7:00 : Center
- September 13** Knights of Columbus- 8:00 : KofC House
- September 14** 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat - 9 - 5:00
- September 15** Wash for Life - 9:00 to 1:00: Parking Lot
- September 16** Catechists Commissioning - 10 am. Mass
Catholic Men's Club - 7:30 pm. : Center
- September 19** Christian Mother's Exe. B.M. - 7:00 P.M.



To: Stan & Margaret Shutok on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, and John & Mary Urbancic on the occasion of their 68th Wedding Anniversary. Thank you for your witness and may God bless you on your anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 9,

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY - ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Mike Leson by Wife and Children
- 7:30 (SP) Mr. and Mrs. F. Bevec, Nina (Bevec) Bean and
Ted Bevec by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony C. Bevec Sr.
- 10:00 (SP) Joe Cianelli by Parents
- 12:00 (SP) Walter and Mary Krayvo by Family
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10-

- 7:00 (SP) Fred Santoro by Joe & Mary Katruska
- 8:00 (SG) Charles Sandy by Dorothy & Harry Castello
- 10:00 (*Pine Lawn*) Bob Wingard by John Walko Jr.

Month's Mind: Mason Klezia

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:00 (SP) Health and God's Blessing for Dorothy, Regis,
Clare, Joanne, & Dolores Schildkamp by Maria,
Guy & Marshall Wilde
- 8:00 (SG) George Skovranko by Doris & Robert White Fam.
- 10:00 (*Charles House*) Steve Kulakowski by Kay Boone

Month's Mind: Elmer Cook

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12-

- 7:00 (SP) Donald Demarest by Family
- 9:00 (SP) Cadez Family by Mary Cadez
- 2:00 (*Golden Living*) Paula Falconi by Louise Mroz

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:00 (SP) Martinsky Family by Dorothy Showvron
- 8:00 (SG) Ora K. Polansky by Rita & Mary Polansky
- 10:00 (*Ahepa Apts.*) Angelo Tatano by Dr. Galletas Office Staff

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14-

- 7:00 (SP) John "Buck" McCoy, DiMuzio & DelBene Families
by Rosalie McCoy & Family
- 8:00 (SG) Amanda Anselmino Family by Family
- 2:00 (*Town View*) Elvira Matalik by Francis

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-

- 7:30 (SP) John P. Fartro by Mike and Patty & Family

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

3:00 p.m. (SP) WEDDING:
Andrew Dino and Samantha Tarabella

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16-

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Darrel Demoshek (Birthday) by Joe & Carolyn
Demoshek Family
- 7:30 (SP) Steve, Anna & Anna Mae Solensky by Family
- 10:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 12:00 (SP) Joseph Osinski, Sr. by Beverly Osinski
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) William & Katherine Borza by Children

HOME WITH CHRIST: Gracious Lord, remember and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Joseph Smelko** and all the faithful departed.

MEMORIALS

"My Father's House Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **John Popovich** by Margaret Popovich & Family; In loving memory of **Antonette Strnisa** by Judson Wiley & Sons, The Ben Maffio Family, Dolores Maffio. **Parking Lot Paving Memorial:** in honor of **Shirley Gottschalk** by Ila and Paul Stabile; in loving memory of **Lillian Jendrczak** by Dorothy, Harry, Roberta Suleski and Matthew Mals.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN have issued the September "Prayer for Priest's" list :

Sept. 1- Sept. 7: Most Rev. David A. Zubik, Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley, Most Rev. William J. Winter, Most Rev. John B. McDowell, Fr. Lester Knoll, Rev. George J. Moneck, Rev. Dam D. Nguyen, Rev. Alan E. Morris, Deacon Thomas J. O'Neill.

Sept. 8 Rev. Thomas R. Miller and
Rev. John McCloskey

Sept. 9 Rev. Francis J. Murhammer

Sept. 10 Rev. James F. Murphy and
Rev. Richard J. Mueller

Sept. 11 Rev. Peter P. Murphy
Rev. Michael L. Seeger

Sept. 12 Rev. Kenneth E. Myers
Rev. Frank A. Mitolo

Sept. 13 Rev. Edward J. Trzeciakowski

Sept. 14 Rev. Robert M. Miller

Sept. 15 Rev. William G Rutledge
Mr. Brian E. Wolford

The remainder of the list for the month of September will be published in next week's bulletin.

Wedding Banns

**Second Time: Robert Smith and
Elizabeth Hosni**

**Third Time: Andrew Dino and
Samantha Tarabella**

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, September 15

5:00 pm - J. Angott, K. Angotti, L. Law

Sunday, September 16

7:30 am - M. Fonagy, M. Fonagy, J. Hofrichter

10:00 am - A. Lochran, A. Broglia, D. Broglia

12:00 pm - A. Severyn, A. Corey, M. Corey

5:00 pm - A. Starcevic, J. Reis, M. Sadlek

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

"No commitment in the whole world demands quite as much as bringing up children." -J.W. Baadsgrand

I share these thoughts on Monday, Labor Day as the quiet is shattered by the ringing of the school bells. Nonetheless, the day is perfect, and I thank the good Lord for the work entrusted to our care.

Whether it is the construction of a new arena as the home of the Pittsburgh Penguins or sending our children off to get an education or waiting for our monthly telephone bill—one asks: **How much does it cost?** The same question is asked in being a disciple of the Lord—**How much does it cost?**

On this **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jesus does not 'beat around the bush' nor 'sugar coat' His invitation to discipleship. His challenge is bold and demanding. It costs **everything, everyday**. Jesus never lowers His standards. Jesus offers some 'harsh sayings' today. Jesus does not hide **the difficulties, the hardships, and the sacrifices** that would be required to follow Him in any culture at any time. **Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms that it wouldn't be easy.** In today's Gospel lesson -- **Luke 14:25-33**-- Jesus challenges us to examine **our relationships, our crosses, and our possessions in light of the Gospel**. Make no mistake about it this is a 'costly calling' described in 3 ways: **preferring Jesus to the supportive kinship network; as carrying the cross; and as giving up possessions**. Jesus says:

- 1.) "If anyone comes to be without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters and yes his own life too, he/she cannot be My disciple." (Lk. 14:26)
- 2.) "Whoever does not carry his/her own cross and come after me cannot be My disciple." (Lk. 14:27)
- 3.) He concludes: "None of you can be My disciple unless He gives up all his possessions." (Lk. 14:33)

In the Ancient Near East Semitic world, the word 'hate' did not mean *extreme dislike or to detest or to reject* as it does today in our culture. 'Hate' meant *an order or priority*. Prefer **no**

one and **nothing** to God, even the *nearest* and *dearest* to you (family members or friendships). No love in life must be greater than our love for God. God must be **first** place in one's life, period. At the *center* of our life, must be God and His will. Discipleship demands *difficult choices* and *priorities* in one's life. The gospel is radical commitment which involves some kind of cross.

True disciples must renounce **anyone** (person) or **anything** (possessions) or **anywhere** (place) that stands in our way to 'wholeheartedly' following Jesus.

Fr. John Kavanaugh, S.J. wrote a marvelous book worthy of our attention and reflection entitled—**Following Christ (Still) in a Consumer Society**. Jesus does not want us to be enslaved by 'things' and 'stuff' such as cars, ipods, computers, homes, lands, money, boats, golf clubs, Steelers tickets, (notice I did not put Penguins tickets!) etc. that can possess our hearts and lead to idolatry. Perhaps none of us like to admit it but power, position, and prestige have tremendous influence on our daily lives. Jesus wants us to be joyful and free. Entanglement in possessions thwarts those graces and peacefulness.

In order to live out the life of discipleship we need the grace of *wisdom* and *counsel*, the grace to *understand the things of heaven*. We need to invoke the Holy Spirit daily through prayer to stay on course. The cost of following Christ demands our daily attention to our relationships, our crosses, and our possessions. The price to follow Christ is great, but the rewards are far greater. Our faith assures us that the help of God is always available to those who avail themselves to grace and seek it wholeheartedly.

Monday, Sept. 10 Bible study at 7:00pm in Church—All are welcome!

Tuesday, Sept. 11—6th anniversary of 9/11—God Bless America!

I will drive to Greensboro, NC this week (Friday thru Sunday) to Baptize my new niece Samantha Jones. I'll return Sunday afternoon to offer Mass here, attend a 60th anniversary of Sr. Adele Rodgers, and then cheer the Steelers - Bills in their home opener next week. Notice the priority list. Not easy, I know. (9.09.2007)

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September: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

CCD CLASSES for 2007-2008 YEAR will begin on September 9th from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 thru 8.

ENROLLMENT: All new students entering for the first time are encouraged to enroll in St. Patrick Religious Education. For more information contact Carol Serbak at the Religious Education Office (724.745.3787).

NINTH GRADE- SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Celebrated with Bishop David A. Zubik.

NINTH GRADE- CONFIRMATION RETREAT
Please return the permission slips along with reservation fee as soon as possible, in order that we may make the final preparations.



September 9: after the 12:00 noon mass

KICK OFF MEETING & STEELERS TAILGATE PARTY! We will be watching the game on the big screen T.V. in the rectory, and picnicking in the courtyard. All parents and interested adults are welcome to attend this first meeting. Sydney 2008 WYD plans will be discussed!

WORLD YOUTH DAY HOAGIE SALE

The Youth Group continues to work hard raising funds to help cover the costs associated with their pilgrimage to Australia for World Youth Day 2008!



Our Youth will be taking Hoagie Orders after all masses the weekends of September 22nd-23rd and 29th-30th. We will be offering **15"** Italian, Roast Beef and Turkey Hoagies for the low cost of \$6.00 each. You can pick up your hoagies after all masses (except Sunday 5:00pm) the weekend of October 6th-7th.

Payment is due when you pick up your hoagies.

If you would like to sell hoagies to your family, friends and/or co-workers, please feel free to take an order form with you. The forms are located at each exit of the church. If you have any questions, please contact David Fontana at 724-746-3403.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

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We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Jeff Schmidt will be teaching Instrumental Music this year at St. Patrick School. The Instrumental Program is expanding this year to include the third grade. The program is made available to us through the Music Department of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at no cost to the school or parish. Lessons being offered this year will include the flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, trumpet, snare drum and trombone. A special assembly was presented to the students by Mr. Schmidt on Thursday, September 6, 2007.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- September 11: Kathryn Beich Fundraiser Kick-Off
- September 12: Student Liturgy - prepared by Grade 5 9:00 A.M.
- September 12: Diocesan Principal's Meeting, 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- September 12: Parent's Information Meeting and Open House, 6:30 P.M.
- September 12: 50 Cent Casual Dress Day

SARRIS CANDY SALE

Saint Patrick School will be selling Sarris Candy for Christmas. The colored brochure is available for your convenience. Please only return the completed order form (not the colored brochure) with your check made payable to "Saint Patrick H.S.A.". These can be returned in the offertory basket or at the school office. Pick up will be on Tuesday, December 4th after school, Saturday December 8th from 4 - 5 pm., or Sunday December 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. For questions, please call the school. Additional order forms are available at the exits of the church. Thank you for your support!!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11 |
| Tuesday: | Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19 |
| Wednesday: | Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26 |
| Thursday: | Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38 |
| Friday: | Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 |
| Saturday: | 1 Tm 1:15-17; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Sunday: | Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10] |