

# 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 16, 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

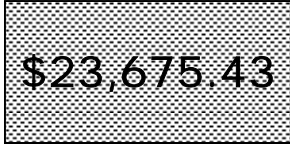
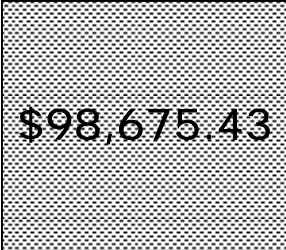
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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.

<b><u>PARKING LOT RESURFACING</u></b>	
<b>DONATIONS NEEDED:</b> <b><u>\$75,000.00</u></b>	<b>TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED:</b> <b><u>\$150,000.00</u></b>
	
<b>\$23,675.43</b>	<b>\$98,675.43</b>

<b><u>STEWARDSHIP REPORT</u></b>	
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>September 9, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$15,493.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$61.75
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$835.65
St. Patrick School .....	\$205.00
Parish Total .....	\$16,597.45
Bishop Education Fund .....	\$2,014.00
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....</i>	<i>\$ 13,980.67</i>
<i>Weekly Loan Expense .....</i>	<i>\$ 2,381.35</i>
<b>TOTAL NEEDED each week .....</b>	<b>\$16,362.02</b>

**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.

**HOLY HOUR at St. PATRICK**

In the spirit of solidarity, Bishop Zubik is inviting all parishes in the diocese to hold a Holy Hour at the same time so that we can all be joined in prayer for the needs of the Church. Those who are unable to come to the cathedral can participate in the Holy Hour in that manner. Therefore, at 7:00 P.M. , we will participate in this Holy Hour at St. Patrick for the installation of our new Bishop and the needs of the Diocese at large. All are welcome.

**HEARTFELT APPRECIATION**



Words could never express my appreciation to everyone for such a wonderful Retirement Celebration on September 2nd. Fr. Jack's entrance riding my bike will never be forgotten. I've had my bike on the Montour Trail several times and it's a dream to ride. Special thanks goes to the men and women that set up the cafeteria, prepared such a great luncheon, and those that did the clean up. I know how hard all of you worked and it was greatly appreciated. God has truly blessed us with a kind and generous parish. I look forward to having the time to enjoy God's world. Sincerely, Shirley

**BIG THANK YOU**

I, Fr. Joseph Nedumpettil, a missionary priest from Itta Nagar Diocese - North East India, give A BIG THANK YOU to the pastor, Rev. Fr. Jack (John), parochial vicar Rev. Fr. Richard, the guest priest, Rev. Fr. Gabriel, the parish staff and the parish community for the generosity, hospitality, love and care rendered to me during my stay at St. Patrick Church for the Mission Appeal. I appreciate you very much and pray for you all that the good Lord bless you abundantly. Please pray for me and the people of North-East India.



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

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

*After the 7:30 & 10:00 am Masses*

On Sunday, September 16, the Christian Mothers will start operating a lending library of religious books & tapes in the cafeteria. Come see!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- September 16** Catechist Commissioning - 10:00 Mass  
Catholic Men's Club - 7:30 : Center
- September 17** NO BIBLE STUDY !  
RCIA - 7:00 : Center
- September 19** Worship Committee - 7:00 : Center  
Christian Mother's Ex. Bd. Meeting -7:00 pm
- September 24** Bible Study - 7:00 : Church  
Junior Girl Scouts - 6:00 - 8:00 : Cafe  
RCIA - 7:00 : Center
- September 25** WYD Info Meeting- 7:00 pm: Center
- September 26** Ladies of Charity - 7:00 pm: Center  
Pray the Rosary- 6:30 pm: Church
- September 27** Market Day Pick-up - 5:30-6:30 pm: cafe

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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
- Month's Mind: Elmer E. Cook**

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17— St. Robert Bellarmine

- 7:00 (SP) Ralph John Cheverine, Sr. by Family
- 8:00 (SG) John Setto, Steve and Rose Churray & Farro Family by David and Family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:00 (SP) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*
- 8:00 (SG) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — St. Januarius

- 7:00 (SP) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*
- 9:00 (SP) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20— Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Their Companions

- 7:00 (SP) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*
- 8:00 (SG) **No Mass**—*Priest's Convocation*

**Month's Mind: Frank Koval**

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — St. Matthew

- 7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of Hundzenski Family by Family
- 8:00 (SG) Samuel, Rose, Guy and Norma Raymond by Family
- Month's Mind: Joseph Smelko**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — Our Lady of Sorrows

- 7:30 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of Elias and Yarkosky Families by Ken & Andrea Yarkosky

**11:30 TO 12:30 Noon — RECONCILIATION**

**2:30 PM (SP) WEDDING:**

**Robert Smith and Elizabeth Hosni**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

#### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)  
Ralph Liberatore by Antonette Liberatore
- 7:30 (SP) Frank and Mary Pleskovich, Edward and Billie Verakis by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Verakis
- 10:00 (SP) Jerry and Barbara Barnes—50th Wedding Ann.
- 12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Russell Crivaro by Brothers & Sisters

**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 **Ralph Castafero & Sean Currey**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

*Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.*

## Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, September 22

5:00 pm - M. Cappelli, C. Cappelli, E. Regoli

### Sunday, September 23

7:30 am - C. & M. Dombrowski, A. Boni  
10:00 am - L. Thompson, Z. Simpson, A. Sciulli  
12:00 pm - L. Sollon, K. Decker, M. Decker  
5:00 pm - M. Hornak, B. Illig, M. Illig

## MEMORIALS

**"My Father's House Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Antonette Strnisa** by Richard & Martha Weishner; In loving memory of **Weishner and Chismody Family** by Mary Smith; Michael Caldwell by Loretta Kulakowski, .  
**Parking Lot Paving Memorial:** In honor of **The Priests, Staff and Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish. St. Patrick School Staff and Students, Religious Education Catechists and Students, Knights of Columbus and all Parish Organizations** by Rich and Shirley Gottschalk; **Toni Strnisa** by Albert Celio. **Masses:** In loving memory of **Michael Caleb Caldwell** by Eleanor DeLucia, and Minnie Kostic. **St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of **Toni Strnisa** from Mark Solobay.

## PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN have issued the September "Prayer for Priest's" list, *continued from last week* :

<b>Sept. 16</b>	Rev. Harry E. Nichols
<b>Sept. 17</b>	Rev. Robert A. Norton Rev. Walter F. Wichmanowski
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Rev. J. Patrick O'Brien Deacon Louis H. Kriston, Jr.
<b>Sept. 19</b>	Rev. Stephen M. Palsa Rev. Thomas E. Smith
<b>Sept. 20</b>	Rev. Louis F. Pascazi Rev. John D. Petrarulo
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Rev. Peter A. Kuenzig Rev. Victor J. Molka
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Rev. Peter R. Pilarski
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Rev. David G. Poeking Rev. Garry G. Patriquin
<b>Sept. 24</b>	Rev. Phillip P. Pribonic
<b>Sept. 25</b>	Rev. Phillip J. Przybyla Rev. Joseph P. Pudichery
<b>Sept. 26</b>	Rev. Michael J. Polak Rev. David M. Cillo
<b>Sept. 27</b>	Rev. Joseph A. Mastrangelo Deacon Stephen C. Pikula
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Rev. Gilbert Z. Puznakoski
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Rev. Richard R. Ragni Rev. Reginald Russo
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Rev. Robert J. Reardon Deacon Thomas W. Raymond

**FR RICH REFLECTIONS**

“Even the slightest sin is the greatest leakage in the spiritual life.” *St. Teresa of Avila*

I like to think of Saturday as the ‘*spiritual garbage day*’ to get rid of all trash. Today’s gospel on this **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** is the entire chapter of Luke 15<sup>th</sup>—the lost sheep (1 missing of 100), lost coin (1 missing of 10) and the lost ‘*prodigal*’ son (1 missing of 2). Jesus seeks to rescue and find all that is ‘*lost*’. Sin is *no laughing matter*; sin is serious. Don’t be a ‘*lost soul*’, let Jesus’ grace find, heal, and free you.

Last Saturday, I counted 18 penitents came to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, Conversion, Forgiveness, and Peace**. Fr. Joseph, the missionary priest visiting from India, also listened to confessions for an hour. Delighted so many came. When we take 1 step towards God, He takes 1,000 towards us-- so great is His mercy and love. There is no embrace, no hug, and no kiss like Jesus’.

We all ‘*break away*’ and ‘*must return*’ to the Father. The focus of this beautiful sacrament of healing is not on our *waywardness*, ‘*woundedness*’ and *weakness*; but on God’s *unconditional love, faithfulness, and patience*.

I get my car washed 2-3 per month at Mr. Magic. I’ve known the owner Jim Schamming for many years. He would often say—“*Father, I can wash your car for free—if Jesus can forgive our sins for free.*” Of course, Jesus paid the ultimate penalty for our salvation by dying on His cross to set us free. **Penance is bad for our reputation, but great for our salvation.** Come *restore, renew, and reclaim* the graces of our Baptism through this **sacrament of tears**. There is no greater joy, peace, healing, freedom, love, and thanksgiving in the entire world. **Welcome home—sinner/saint!**

**FALL PILGRIMAGE TO LANCASTER & EMMITSBURG**

**Oct. 26th and 27th**

**“In The Beginning”**

**A guided tour of the Shrine & Grotto**

There are 20 seats still remaining.

Come join us for this spiritual pilgrimage.

Please call the rectory for more details about this trip.

**Prayer of the Prodigal Son by Fr. L. Deiss**

We are your prodigal children.  
We left your house.  
But your forgiveness opens for us  
the path to return;  
your love welcomes us like your children.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We are your prodigal children.  
We fled far from your tenderness.  
But you run to meet us;  
you clasp us in your arms;  
you embrace us.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We are your prodigal children.  
We had put on the worn clothes of sin.  
You clothe us in the splendor of your grace.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We are your prodigal children.  
We are living in the binds of sin.  
You break the chains of our slavery;  
you put on our finger the ring of the New  
Covenant.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We are your prodigal children.  
We are dying of hunger in a faraway and  
of misery.

You prepare for us a festive banquet;  
You satisfy us in your Eucharist.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We are your prodigal children.  
We were singing old songs of captivity.  
You put on our lips and in our heart the new  
canticle of freedom.

**Thank you, O Father of Jesus.**

**Keep us in your love.**

We want to bless you eternally,  
Father of Jesus and source of the Holy Spirit.  
We were dead and you made us come back to life.  
We were lost and you found us again.  
Keep us in your love forever and ever.  
Amen. (9.16.2007)

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*September Classes: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 30: **Parent Open House:** Grades Pre-School, Kindergarten, & Grade 1
- October 7: **Parent Open House:** Grades 2, 3, & 4
- October 10: **Eighth Grade Parent Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.
- October 14: **Parent Open House:** Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8
- October 25: **Sacrament of Confirmation** -7:00 p.m.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2007

Catechesis aims "to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ" (National Directory for Catechesis, no. 19B). On Sunday, September 16, 2007 at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is "Catechesis: Encountering the Living Christ." During our tribute we will commission our catechists both Religious Education and School during our Eucharistic celebrations. We will also recognize the role parents and guardians play in handing on the faith to the children and youth in our parish.

Catechetical Sunday reminds each of us that in Baptism we are charged with the responsibility of handing on and witnessing to the faith in all we do. Our Catechetical programs help us to fulfill that responsibility by presenting our faith in a systematic way. Take a minute and thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our children, youth, and adults.

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 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

**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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The first Annual Jack Ingold Memorial Golf Outing was held at the Nevillewood Golf Club on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. The day was a huge success thanks to the diligence, dedication, and hard work of the Golf Outing Committee and the Ingold family.



The day ended with a Prime Rib and Chicken dinner prepared by Nevillewood. Andrew Stockey, the sports anchor for Channel 4 Action News, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Proceeds from the golf outing will benefit both St. Patrick Church and St. Patrick School. A special thanks from the students of St. Patrick school for a job well done!

The school and faculty honored Mrs. Shirley Gottschalk at the student liturgy on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 as she began her retirement. Mrs. Gottschalk was presented with cards made by the students, a beautiful fruit basket, a dish garden and gift certificates. We all want to thank Mrs. Gottschalk for her 21 years of service to our parish and school.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 19: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 3 - 9:00 am
- September 20: School pictures for Preschool (3) through Grade 8
- September 21: School pictures for 4 Year Old Preschool Historical Float Trip for Grades 7 & 8

SARRIS CANDY SALE

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 - Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after school

- Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 5 pm.

- Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]