

# 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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## October 7, 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

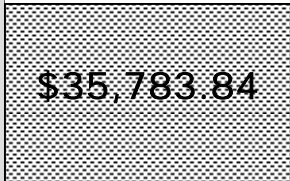
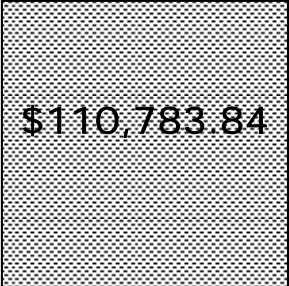
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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>or</b>
<b>\$35,783.84</b>	

<b><u>STEWARDSHIP REPORT</u></b>	
<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$13,262.08
Children's Envelopes .....	\$69.25
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$893.95
St. Patrick School.....	\$83.00
Parish Total .....	\$14,308.28
<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>
<b>YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!</b>	

**MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING**

Will begin an 8-wk session for those wishing to deepen their spirituality while creating true Christian relationships. We began meeting on Tuesdays from 9-11 am on Oct. 2. Please call Liz Boni (724.873.7326) to register or for further information.

**LENDING LIBRARY**

St. Patrick Christian Mothers are managing a 'Lending Library' of religious books after masses on Sunday mornings, housed in a metal cabinet in the front corner of the school cafeteria. You may check out a book for your reading enjoyment, and then return it within two weeks. Check it out.

**SECOND COLLECTION** — There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for Respect Life Sunday. Your donation will be used to offset the cost of transportation for the parish trip to Washington, D. C. this January for the March for Life. Please be as generous as possible.

**THE ROSARY** will be prayed before all masses during the month of October. Representatives from the Ladies Guild-Christian Mothers, the Ladies of Charity, & the Knights of Columbus will be leading us in this devotion to our Lady 15 minutes before mass begins.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH 2007 SURVEY RESULTS**

The insert in today's bulletin have the results of the survey taken at mass a few months ago. I think that you will find these results telling of the strengths as well as the needs of our parish community. In the next few weeks we will be recruiting members to help in those areas where there is most need of improvement in ongoing ministry. These areas will include: ministry to the sick and shut-ins, creating a ministry team to direct 'Pre-Cana' or 'Engaged Encounter' workshops for those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage, and a revitalized ministry to the poor and disadvantaged through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Fr. Rich and I will be working as a team in order to spearhead these needed ministries within our parish.

Look for future information in upcoming bulletins....and, Please keep us and these ministries in your prayers and ask God (and yourself), "What is it that I can do to help?"



**WE WELCOME** into our parish family the following children who were baptized here in September: Haiden Johnson Evans, Alexandria Diane Wood, Jordan Victor Chase, Giana Grace Santoro, Ella Mackenzie Thompson, Matthew Thomas Fet-sko, Olivia Michelle Podrasky, and Conner George Sweeney. May God bless them and their families.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 6 & 7** **Pick Up Hoagies** - after masses
- October 7** **High School Youth Ministry**  
1:30 - 3:00 Center
- October 8** **Bible Study** - 7:00: Church  
**RCIA** - 7:00: Center
- October 10** **H.S.A. Meeting** - 6:30: Cafeteria
- October 11** **Spaghetti Din. Fundraiser** - 4-7 pm: Cafe  
**Knights of Columbus** – 8:00: KC House

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - *Respect Life Sunday*

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)  
Floyd Underkofler by Wife, Mary Lou  
7:30 (SP) Edward T. Patrick by Family  
10:00 (SP) John and Frances Hosni by Family  
12:00 (SP) Paul F. Stabile Sr. by Family  
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

**Months Mind: Ralph Castafero & Sean Currey**

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 7:00 (SP) For the Protection of the Unborn by  
Alan Henderson  
8:00 (SG) Tony Di Piazza by Vincent Di Piazza

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9— *St. Denis and His Companions*

- 7:00 (SP) Jacob Martincic  
8:00 (SG) Leo & Josephine Peta by Family

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:00 (SP) Martin Turk by Family  
9:00 (SP) Joseph Vercek by Adolph & Sophie Kern

**Months Mind: Anthony Sivavec**

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 7:00 (SP) Jacob Martincic by Charlotte & Martin Gallagher  
8:00 (SG) Kenneth Hundzienski by Capiola Family

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 7:00 (SP) Theresa Mathia by Family  
8:00 (SG) Louis Kurnal by Blanche Kurnal

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 7:30 (SP) Fred and Julia Santoro by Edith DiYenno  
**11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION**  
**3:00 p.m. (SP) WEDDING:**  
Dale Cianflon and Debra Ewing

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14-

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)  
Stanley and Mary Soberl by Daughters, Marie  
& Martha  
7:30 (SP) Lucy M. Krist, Ann and George Zemaitis, &  
Helen Krist France  
10:00 (SP) Mr. and Mrs. Edward Saniga by Mr. & Mrs. Ed  
Sharek, Dave, Mary & Courtney Saniga  
12:00 (SP) Mario, Francis & Chuck Livolsi by Mr. & Mrs.  
John Livolsi  
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

**Months Mind: James Petrich**

**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 and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

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

## This Week's Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, October 6

5:00 pm - J & M. Illig, A. Lochran

### Sunday, October 7

7:30 am - G. Burke, M. Jox, J. Hofrichter  
10:00 am - C. Pavcic, C. & J. Helinski  
12:00 pm - M. & R. Rozak, E. Collins  
5:00 pm - P. Gent, A. & D. Broglia

## Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, J. Reis

### Sunday, October 14

7:30 am - M. & G. Fonagy, E. Regoli  
10:00 am - A. Severyn, E. Morton, A. Currey  
12:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, A. Sciulli  
5:00 pm - L. Hornak, A. & L. Starcevic

## MEMORIALS

**Parking Lot Paving Memorial:** In loving memory of **Mike De Filippo** by Edgar and Dolores Cheverine; **Ted Bevec** by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Novak; **Patricia Kramer** by Ann Kramer; **Pauline Mirisciotta** by Stella and Jay Power, David and Kay Stutts, Kathryn Aquilino, Theresa De John, Mag & John Mazza, and Irene Stevens. **Masses** were received in loving memory of: **Pauline Mirisciotta** by Anna Gostic, and Mary & Joe Katruska.

*Wedding Banns*

**Second Time: Mark D. Zeitler and  
Melissa Anderson**

**Third Time: Dale Cianflone and  
Debra Ewing**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
Lk 17:11-19

## FR RICH REFLECTIONS

**“My children, the three acts of faith, hope, and charity contain all the happiness of man on earth.”**  
—St. John Vianney

One of the hottest tickets in town last Friday was to get a seat at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Oakland for the installation ceremony of our new Bishop David Allen Zubik, 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Pittsburgh. The bishop was **amused**, yet **mystified** by the term “*sanctified scalping*” in reference to the great demand for tickets for this ‘invitation-only’ event. Two tickets were designated for two members of each parish in the Diocese. Most people viewed the event on TV, radio, or computer. Bishop Zubik remarked—**“If people are scalping tickets to come to church, how much must they be in love with God.”** The bishop **challenged** and **dared** us to get **enthusiastic (passionate)** about our **faith** through **living** our faith of the **dying** and **rising** of Jesus Christ in our daily life. Welcome home, Bishop Zubik, our new ‘*faith*’ leader and shepherd!

On this 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus’ own apostles in today’s Gospel Luke 17:5-10 pray —**“Lord, increase our faith!”** (Luke 17:5)

Faith is a gift from God. Faith is a **personal** act—the free response of a human being to the initiative of God who reveals Himself. **Believing** is possible only through God’s divine grace, the working of the Holy Spirit, and our acceptance of that free and generous gift. Christ invites all people to **salvation**, yet **not** all respond to the ‘**great call**’.

Is our faith on the **increase** or **decreasing**? Is it a **cable** (a mighty force) or a **thread** (thin)? Is it ‘**active**’ or ‘**deactivated**’? We live in a world that certainly tests, challenges, and can even shake our faith to its very core. 2,600 years ago the prophet Habakkuk means ‘*wrestler with God*’ names the ‘*age-old*’ problems that we still face today—violence, destruction, strife, injustice, hatred, etc. The only answer to ‘**faithlessness**’ is ‘**faithfulness**’. The longer I live, the more I ‘*look out*’ and ‘*treasure*’ people of faith. The prophet Habakkuk 2:4

writes—**“The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.”**

Faith like any gift can die if it is not nourished by the devotion of prayer, the fuel of good works, and the holiness of a committed life. Nothing extinguishes faith like apathy, indifference, boredom, hardness of hearts, and sin. As St. Paul urges Timothy to be **fervent** and **faithful** in his ministry-- 2 Timothy 1:14—**“Guard this rich trust of faith with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.”**

There is a tremendous hunger in our world for the gift of faith. If we put into practice **our** faith, whether **small** (like a **mustard seed**—smallest seed in Palestine) or **large** (**mulberry tree** which is nearly impossible to ‘*uproot*’) —it will impact and influence others. With faith everything is possible. To live, to grow, and to persevere in the faith is the work of an entire lifetime. On Tuesday, Oct.9<sup>th</sup> I celebrate first year anniversary of sharing the faith here at St. Patrick’s parish—**thanks** for **your faith**. Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta said, **“Faith keeps my life together.”**

A ‘little’ faith can make a big ‘difference’ in one’s life—it can even move a mountain. More things are wrought through faith than we could possibly ask or imagine. A **mature** faith grows through **self-discipline**, **self-sacrifice**, and **self-denial**. ‘Real’ faith shines through the **darkness** of life. St. Paul instructs us: **“We walk by faith, not by sight.”** (2 Cor. 5:7) Let our prayer be:

‘Lord Jesus, come into our weakness.  
Come into our fears.  
Come into our anxieties.  
Come into our failures.  
Come into our divisions.  
Come into our grieving.  
Come into our loneliness.  
Come into our darkness.  
Come into our doubting.  
Come into our despair.  
Come into our poverty of heart.  
Come into our searching.  
Come into our joys and hopes.  
Come into our dying.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.’

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The St. Patrick School faculty and staff will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, October 11, 2007 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The dinner will include a fresh tossed salad w/homemade Italian Dressing, Spaghetti with Meatballs, rolls and butter, and beverage. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00. Proceeds from this dinner will be used to purchase copy paper and art supplies. Your support will be deeply appreciated.



SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 8, 2007: Blind Association presentation to Grade 4 10:00 A.M.
- October 8, 2007: Firemen Inspection of St. Patrick School 2:00 P.M.
- October 10, 2007: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 7/8 at 9:00 A.M.
- October 10, 2007: Washington/Beaver County Deanery Meeting 9:30 A.M.
- October 10, 2007: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting for Confirmation 7:00 P.M.
- October 11, 2007: Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 -7:00 P.M
- October 12, 2007: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation to Bishop Canevin High School
- October 12, 2007: Firemen Assembly 9:30 A.M. for Fire Prevention Week
- October 12, 2007: Casual Dress Down Day

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

**WIN \$200 PER WEEK FOR 10 WEEKS!** Tickets are \$10 and are on sale Sundays from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. in the school cafeteria.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program provides transportation to cancer patients who may not otherwise have a ride to and from treatment. If you know someone who would benefit from this program, please refer them to the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345. If you would have some time to volunteer to drive a patient to and/or from treatment, please call the American Cancer Society at 412.919.1116. Thank you.



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October Sessions: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
From 8:30 - 9:45 A.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

- # **Meeting** today, October 7, from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. in the Teen Room in St. Patrick Center.
- # **World Youth Day Cruise on the Gateway Clipper** On November 4 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Cost for Dinner and Cruise is \$25.00. Space is limited: first come first served.
- # **October Outing at the Fright Farm!** Saturday, Oct. 27. Leaving St. Pat's at 5:00 pm. Returning at 11:00 pm. More information at the meeting on October 7.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Last chance to join for our Cathedral tour next Sunday. Permission forms and fee must be turned in today, October 7th. If you need a permission form, go to our bulletin board in the church vestibule. They can be returned to the rectory mailbox, or call Mrs. Galanko at 724.746.5768.



FREE HEALTH CARE CENTER

The CATHOLIC CHARITIES FREE HEALTH CARE CENTER, scheduled to open November 5, 2007, will provide free medical and dental care for Pittsburgh's working uninsured. The Center will be open initially 3 days a week and is looking for volunteer medical and dental professionals, as well as additional office help. We are seeking physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, nursing assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, clerical staff and greeters. The Center will be located at Catholic Charities' Administrative offices in downtown Pittsburgh at 212 Ninth Street. If you have a heart for service, we would like to talk to you! Volunteer training will begin in October. Contact the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center at 412.456.6911 for more details.