

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

Rev. John J. Batykefer, Pastor
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Parish Office Hours

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October 28, 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.



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be held Tuesday, November 6, beginning at Noon until 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to set aside some time with the Lord.



New Parish Web Site!!! Our Knights of Columbus have sponsored a web site for our parish. Check it out at www.stpatrickparish.net. Our site contains mass schedules, information on parish services and organizations, upcoming events, the weekly bulletin and much more! We will do our best to keep the information current and relevant.

MEMORIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a memorial pancake breakfast from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm on Sunday October 28th in the school cafeteria in memory of Sean Currey, 34, who passed away unexpectedly this past September 7th. Sean was a very active member of our parish and of the Knights of Columbus, and he will be greatly missed by all. All proceeds from this memorial breakfast will be used for the benefit of Sean's wife and 3 young children. We hope to see you there.



USHERS NEEDED:

Join the Catholic's Men's Club and help the parish with your talents and enjoy the fellowship of other Catholic gentlemen. According to the Parish Survey, many people expressed an interest in being an usher. Unfortunately, we do not have your name, so please contact any usher (or Vince Crider 724.745.2551) for details and an application. Thank You !

PIEROGI TIME

Pierogi (potatoes/cheese) will be made on November 12 and December 3. To place an order, please contact Pat Rush (724.745.3931) or Rena Patrick (724.745.3058) \$6.00 per dozen. Pick-up at St. Genevieve's Hall between 12 - 3 pm on both days, or by special arrangement. Workers are to report at 8 am; Please bring a dozen eggs, a roll of paper towels, a dessert, or a 2-liter bottle of pop. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>October 21, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$13,782.95
Children's Envelopes	\$45.00.
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,034.67
St. Patrick School.....	\$157.00
Parish Total	\$14,862.62
World Mission Sunday	\$2,243.98
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
Weekly Loan Expense	\$2,381.35
TOTAL NEEDED each week	\$16,362.02
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

<u>PARKING LOT RESURFACING</u>	
DONATIONS NEEDED: <u>\$75,000.00</u>	TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED: <u>\$150,000.00</u>
 	or
\$38,937.63	\$113,937.63

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM will be offered for PARENTS and GODPARENTS in preparation for the Baptism of their child on **Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory. Note: If you plan to attend this session, please call the rectory office (724.745.6560) to register for this program. The next Baptism Instruction Program will be held in January.



Second Time: **Neil Kochosky and Donna Durkin**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 27 & 28 - Hoagie Orders :** after all masses
- October 29 -** 7:00 Church - **Bible Study** - Joel Osteen Book
7:00 Center - **RCIA**
- November 2 - Christian Mothers Breakfast**
after the First Friday Novena
- November 3 & 4 - Hoagie Assembly & Pick-Ups**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Ronald S. Conti by Mary Ann and Family
7:30 (SP) James Moeller by Mr. & Mrs. Moeller
10:00 (SP) Dicio & Holt Families by Wilbur and Claudia Holt
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (PM) Frank and Anna Wyda and Joseph
Szczerbienski by Janet & Mark Szczerbienski

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 7:00 (SP) Cadez & Sacco Families by Rose Cadez
8:00 (SG) Rev. Raymond Cercone by a Friend

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:00 (SP) Valia Panelli by Family
8:00 (SG) Ed Popiolkowski & Helen Hornak by Marge
Popiolkowski

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 7:00 (SP) Moze & Pirillo Family by Mr. & Mrs. Patsy Pirillo
9:00 (SP) NO MASS
7:00 (SP) (PM- Vigil) Wilbert & Clara Ogden by Mr. & Mrs.
William Brooks

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS

- 7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. Of Gostic & Vittoria Family by
Ann Gostic
9:00 (SP) Castelli & Mascetta Families by Rena Castelli
12:00 (SG) Mary & Peter Mandus by daughters, Joyce
Balzama & Gwen Kuhn
7:00 (SP) Bill Backner by Wife, Betty and Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SOULS DAY

- 7:00 (SP) For the Poor Souls
8:00 (SG) For the Poor Souls
10:00 (Consulate) For the Poor Souls by Mrs. Lil Nalitz
7:00 (SP) (PM) For the Poor Souls, Especially Those
Who Have Died This Past Year

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - St. Martin de Porres

- 7:30 (SP) James Herron by Wife, Elizabeth Herron
11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
Dorothy Cushman by Family
7:30 (SP) Fritz Scarci by Fran and Family
10:00 (SP) James W. Mahramas by Wife, Regina & Family
12:00 (SP) Carl A. Fetcko by Carl W., Linda & Shannon
Fetcko
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

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 **James E. O'Bosky & John Urbancic**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 27

5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, T. Grebeck, C. Tarnik

Sunday, October 28

7:30 am - M. & A. & D. Broglia
10:00 am - P. Tordella, A. Currey, S. Luba
12:00 pm - N. Castelli, M. & T. Costantino
5:00 pm - P. Corwin, L. Hornak, J. Cavallo

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 3

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, M. Sadlek

Sunday, November 4

7:30 am - A. Currey, A. Boni, G. Burke
10:00 am - C. Pavci, J. Reis, E. Regoli
12:00 pm - E. Collins, A. & M. Corey
5:00 pm - P. Gent, M. & R. Rozak

ALL SAINTS DAY

Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day, is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m. (Vigil) on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church; and 12:00 Noon at St. Genevieve Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our sincere congratulations and God's blessings to our young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the hands of Bishop Zubik this past Thursday. May you be strengthened by these seven-fold gifts and use them to be drawn closer to the Lord throughout your life.

MEMORIALS

Memorial: In loving memory of **Raymond H. Syska** by Matilda A Syska. **Masses:** In loving memory of **Pauline Miriscotti** by Minnie Kostic.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,
or any readings from no. 668 or from the
Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145;
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

A meditation that I shared at the funeral of Ryan Vincent Madonna, 26 years old, from West Allegheny High School, a math teacher and baseball coach. His Christian Funeral of Thanksgiving was held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at St. Joseph Church, Coraopolis, Pa. A website <http://ryanmadonna.angelfire.com/> has been created in his loving memory. I thought it would be appropriate to share with All Saints Day/ All Souls Day upon us this week:

"Change me, oh God,
Into a tree of autumn.
And let my dying
Be a blaze of glory"

- Esther Popel "October Prayer",
American poet, 20th century

Thursday, October 18th was the last day of my week retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side. I woke up at 5:00 am and headed out to preach the funeral of Ryan Vincent Madonna from West Allegheny High School who had died through a sudden and tragic fall. There were many beautiful stories about this teacher in the media and newspapers.

Before going off to the church, I packed my belongings, and drove to the Montour Trail to run. In the early dark hours of the morning (symbolic of 'death'), the fog rolled in (meaning 'vagueness, loss, emptiness, directionless'), and finally, a beautiful sunrise (marking 'daylight'), the perfect dawn of eternal life. I was most grateful to God for the quiet and peace of this 'encounter' afforded me to embrace the challenge to speak God's Word of comfort, healing, and compassion to the countless hurting people at the sudden and tragic loss of such a young man. I stopped off at a friend's house in the area to shower up and share breakfast with them before the funeral Mass. I prayed in silence as those who were grieving came into the church. This reminded me when the mourners of Jesus came to the tomb early in the morning, only to find that Jesus had risen from the dead.

At the start of my homily, I asked the 'full-packed' church of family members, faculty members, student body, and people from all faith and

walks of life to stand to greet one another as a tribute to Ryan. I viewed many hugs, handshakes, kisses, greetings of welcome, words of peace, tears of sorrow purged, etc., throughout the vast crowds of young and old alike. I asked them to say to each other --"I thank God, for you." It was like a pep rally before a sporting event, the flood gates erupted of various emotions that needed to be released. It was indeed good for all be together to support, to thank, to pray, and to love one another. In the pain and misery of our loss and 'apparent' defeat, the comfort and mercy of God shined through His people, and collectively, we said: "Thank God, for Ryan."

Life isn't always fair, pretty, easy, and what we expect or planned, but God who has given us life is remarkably with us always in the valleys and mountains, joys and sorrows, victories and defeats. I urged the assembly that like the speed bumps at the high school these remind us to 'slow down'--be aware and observant always of your surroundings. Stop. Look. Listen. Navigate through life yielding to God's laws, plans, and will. No death is in vain. Death does not have the last word. Death is not the end of life--it is a new beginning! And so, death and life are wedded together, just like earth and heaven, night and day. St. Paul reminds us to keep running the 'great race of faith' striving, sacrificing, suffering, and always seeking the finish line—eternal life, union with Christ. The goal of our faith is Christ.

"I have finished the race...I have kept the faith...I wait for the crown of victory for all believers in Christ, the champion of our faith. 2 Timothy 4: 6-8.

The night of the accident at Slippery Rock Univ., I received the call from the family and anointed Ryan with the Sacrament of the Sick in Allegheny General Hospital (AGH) on Sunday morning, the Day of the Resurrection. His mom and dad stood by in silence, in tears, in faith, in love, in thanksgiving, and in prayer and delighted that he was their dear and beloved son.

The student body held a vigil light candle service the night of his burial keeping watch in loving remembrance. *'The greatest fortunes, the highest honors, when considered on the bed of death, will lose all their value and splendor.'* St. Alphonus Liguori

And so, make each day of your journey a masterpiece!
(10.18.07)



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh has chosen St. Patrick School to pilot a new program entitled "Fast Math" at St. Patrick School. The purpose of this program is to improve math computation skills. The cost of the program, which is approximately \$5,000, will be paid for through Act 90/195 Funds of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Dellovade and Mrs. Krupa will be attending a special in-service on the program at Madonna Regional School on October 26, 2007.

The third grade class has been invited to a Halloween Party at Horizon Nursing Home on October 31, 2007. The party will be provided by the staff and the patients of Horizon. The children will dress for Halloween and visit the patients of the nursing home. Each patient will be presented with a Halloween Card made by the students.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 29, 2007: End of the 1st Nine week grading period
- October 31, 2007: Halloween Parade at 2:00 P.M.
- October 31, 2007: Third Grade visits Horizon Nursing Home
- November 1, 2007: All Saints Day Liturgy prepared by Grade 7/8 at 9:00 A.M.
- November 1, 2007: Parent Luncheon for Grade 1 at 11:15 A.M



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

8:30 - 9:45 am.

(No Class on Oct. 28th)

November Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6th: Second Grade Parent's Meeting

HOAGIES ORDERS

Support WYD Pilgrims! Order your hoagies after the masses this weekend. This will be the only opportunity to order for the delivery dates on the weekend of November 3rd & 4th.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

- November 4: Youth Meeting -1:30 - 3:00 in Teen Rm.
- November 4: WYD Cruise on the Gateway Clipper Fleet Leaving - 5:00 pm, returning - 10:30 pm.
- November 8-10: NCYC Conference in Columbus, Ohio

REMEMBER

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be held Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Letters were mailed to one member of each family that lost a loved one since All Souls Day 2006. At this Mass, the name of each deceased parishioner, who died this past year, will be read aloud in the General Intercessions. We will then ask a member of the family to come forward and light a votive candle that will be placed in the sanctuary in memory of your loved one. We invite all parishioners to join us for this special commemoration.



HEALING MASS All parishioners are invited to attend a Mass of Anointing to be celebrated at **Mass on Saturday, November 10 at 11:00 am.** Those who are elderly, disabled, terminally ill, mentally ill, suffer from chronic conditions, and those who anticipate surgery in the near future should plan for this

Sacrament. Transportation can be arranged if you do not have a way to church. Register for the Sacrament of Anointing and/or the light luncheon to be served in the cafeteria afterwards will take place next weekend in the vestibule. Forms will be provided or you may call John W. Blumen at 724.745.2419.

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*Community Service Announcements*  
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SPAGHETTI DINNERS !!!

BARB MAVRICH MEDICAL FUND FUNDRAISER: DINNER, 50-50 DRAWING, CHINESE AUCTION, BAKE SALE held at Strabane SNPJ- **Sunday, October 28 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.**- Take-outs available; Tickets available at the door or the Greater CBG Library.

CANON MAC SOFTBALL BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION Don't Cook...Let us do it for you at Canonsburg White Eagles- **Sunday, October 28 from 12:00 - 5:00 PM.**- Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (12 and under). Take-outs available.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER Come and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner at the EAGLES, on **Sunday, October 28th from 12:00 - 6:00 pm.** To be held on North Central Avenue, Canonsburg. (Adults: \$6, Child: \$3.50, Take Outs: .50 extra). For tickets or information call Jean Popp at 724.745.3801. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.