

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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November 4, 2007

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.



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!

 *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.

Thank You! On behalf of the **Knights of Columbus**, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to our fellow parishioners and all of the other guests who came out to support our **Memorial Pancake Breakfast** for the benefit of the Currey family. We are truly in awe of the outpouring of charity and love that was displayed to support this family. God bless you all! — *Brian Podobnik, Grand Knight Council #3291, Canonsburg.*

Pancake Breakfast 50/50 Drawing

The winning ticket # is 6131256. Please contact the rectory by Friday 11/09/2007 to claim your prize. If unclaimed by this date, the winnings will be used by the Knights of Columbus for charitable purposes.

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!

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.



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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2007*

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| Envelopes..... | \$14,370.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$52.00 |
| Loose Cash and Coin | \$676.06 |
| St. Patrick School..... | \$314.00 |
| Parish Total | \$15,412.06 |
| <i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i> | <i>\$13,980.67</i> |

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

**DONATIONS
NEEDED:
\$75,000.00**

**TOTAL FUNDS
NEEDED:
\$150,000.00**

or

\$40,493.78

\$115,493.78

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 3 & 4 - Hoagie Pick-Ups**— after masses
- November 5 -** 7:00 Church - **Bible Study** - Joel Osteen Book
7:00 Center - **RCIA**
- November 6-** **Adoration** - 12 noon -7:00 pm: Church
Second Grade Parent's Meeting - 7:30 pm
Parish Council Exec. Mtg.-
7:30 pm: Rectory
- November 7-** **Veteran's Recognition School Mass-**
9:00 am: Church
Mike Clark - 10:00 am: Church
Christian Mothers Mtg. - 7:00 pm: Cafe
- November 8-** **Baptism Instruction** - 7:00 pm: Rectory
Knights of Col. Mtg. - 8 pm: KC House
- November 10-** **Anointing Mass** - 11:00 am: Church

MIKE CLARK from WTAE

Mike Clark from WTAE will give a presentation on Chimbote, Peru on November 7 at 10:00 am, after the school Mass at St. Patrick church. He has been very involved with our Diocesan mission in Chimbote for several years and continues to avidly support and educate others about this mission. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 7:00 (SP) Frances Studzinski by Gertrude Pavlik
8:00 (SG) Dorothy Cushman, Kisella & Cushman Families by Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 7:00 (SP) Campana, Mazza and Progar Families by Mr. & Mrs. John Mazza
8:00 (SG) Carmen Naccarato by Vich Yolanda Brunl
12:00 SP **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
2:00 (Canon House) William E. Johnson by John & Erma Heiser
7:00 SP (P.M.) **Benediction and Vespers**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 7:00 (SP) Anthony & Edith D'Orazio by Children
9:00 (SP) Carmen Porcaro by Wife, Sarah

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 7:00 (SP) Angelo & Mary Christy by Granddaughter, Linda Stegenga
8:00 (SP) Jim Morgan by Robert & Augusta Garrity

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 7:00 (SP) Michael & Margaret Mulik by Estate
8:00 (SG) Samuel J. Perry Jr. by Mom and Dad
9:00 (Pine Lawn) Bob Wingard by Donna K. Mayton & Joseph P. Decker

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

- 7:30 (SP) Charles Rogers by Peggy & Jim Lisiak
11:00 (SP) **MASS OF ANOINTING**
11:30 to 12:30 Noon – **NO RECONCILIATION**
3:00 p.m. (SP) **WEDDING:**
Neil Kochosky & Donna Durkin
5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)
John & Georgine Batykefer by Son, Jack

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 (SP) John & Catherine Sroka by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sroka
10:00 (SP) Eutimio R. (Timio) & Elizabeth G. (Betty) Vitullo by Family
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Richard and Margaret Cinello & Robert & Dorothy Simmons by Rick & Bernie Simmons

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 **Genevieve Svitek, Anna Marie Gordon, Jeffrey Marshall** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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. Pavcic, J. Reis, E. Regoli
12:00 pm - E. Collins, A. & M. Corey
5:00 pm - P. Gent, M. & R. Rozak

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 10

5:00 pm - C. & J. Helinski, N. Castelli

Sunday, November 11

7:30 am - J. Hofrichter, M. & M. Fonagy
10:00 am - A. Lochran, A. Sciulli, L. Thompson
12:00 pm - A. Severyn, M. Cushma, L. Law
5:00 pm - L. Hornak, B. & M. Illig



Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered on Saturday, November 10, due to the Anointing Mass.

MEMORIALS

Parking Lot Fund: In loving memory of **John Urbancic, Jr.** by Paul & Nancy Altman, John & Lucille Tomsic, Andy & Lorraine Gregus, and John & Velma Pleskovich. **My Father's House:** In loving memory of **John Urbancic, Jr.** by Olga Florjancic, Lillian Senkinc & Family, Joe Massack, and Sandy & David Greer. **Masses:** In loving memory of **John Urbancic, Jr.** by Francis and Marlene Trach, Joseph Benso, Mary L. Cadez, Paul & Jessica Spilak, Mr. & Mrs., Andrew Hullak, Donna Mayton & Ruth Hrutkay, and Jennie Senkinc & Family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“A saint is a sane person in an insane world.”

- G.K. Chesterton

One day a lady named Carol wrote a letter to the famous “Dear Abby” columnist. In it she said, “I am forty-four and would like to meet a man with *no* bad habits”. To which Abby replied, “So would I.”

Of course, neither Abby nor Carol will *ever* meet that man with no bad habits. Mr. Perfect does not exist. And if you’re looking for “Mrs. Perfect” or “Miss Perfect” or “Mr. Perfect,” you will *never* find that person—*ever*. We are *flawed* human beings, all of us. No exceptions! In the Biblical language, we are all “sinners”. But, as the old adage says—“*God doesn’t make junk*”.

We are all in the *process* of realizing our full potential, our “*sainthood*”, if you like. But none of us has arrived yet. No one is *blameless*, no one is *flawless*, no one is *perfect*, no one—not your spouse, not your fiancée, not your children, not your grandchildren, not your best friend, not your worst enemy, not your boss, and most assuredly, not *yourself*. In the Apostle John’s words, “*If we say we have no sin in us, we are deceiving ourselves.*” (1 John 1:8)

I’ve heard it said, “There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it is hard to tell which of us ought to reform the *rest* of us.”

In today’s **Gospel Lesson (Luke 19:1-10)**, Jesus encounters a man named Zacchaeus, a notorious sinner who had succeeded in *rejecting* the worst in himself and *embracing* the best in himself. People who are “*full of themselves*” have an inflated ego and have edged God out. Perhaps we can be so full of our own ideas, opinions, agendas, preferences, accomplishments, talents, demands, or possessions that *we don’t see others-- their needs, interests, and concerns*.

Zacchaeus, a tax collector, a very wealthy man, at the expense of exploiting and manipulating others in unethical business practices, even gangsterism. That is what tax collectors were like in those days. However, Zacchaeus had repented—*reformed* his life, *changed* his ways. And when this Jesus came to the affluent city of Jericho, a large number of people turned out to greet Him. Despite being small in stature, Zacchaeus was determined to get *close* to Him. First he ran out in front, but that didn’t work. Then he climbed a sycamore tree along Jesus’ route and that did work. Jesus saw this excited man perching in the tree and said to him---“*Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, I must stay at your house today.*” (Luke 19:5)

The crowd resented that Jesus would go to the house

of a public sinner to dine. In the course of the meal, Zacchaeus anxiously and excitedly conveyed that his life changed. He did a 360, a full circle. Where sin abounds, grace super abounds. Zacchaeus’s curiosity about Jesus leads to repentance, restitution, and salvation. The gaze of Jesus’ face healed the handicaps of his heart and life.

Something wonderful had happened to his life, and he had to share this ‘*good news*’ with Jesus and Jericho. Whereupon, Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “*Today, salvation has come to this house.*” (Lk. 19:9) Zacchaeus was now a *giver* not a *taker*. He was now *brutally honest* not a *deceptive fraud*. He was now a *blessing* and not a *curse* to society. He was no longer *hurting* others but *helping* them in whatever way possible. No one is beyond the reach of God’s grace. “*There is no darkness dark enough to hide a sinner from God.*” (Job 34:22)

Are we “*full of ourselves*” or “*full of Christ*”? Are we a ‘*lost soul*’ or has God’s grace ‘*found us*’? Do we give ourselves and others permission not to “*be perfect*”? Will we take a risk and “*go out on a limb*” for our faith? Do we find salvation ‘*day-by-day*’ ‘*in our house*’? Did we remember to “**Fall back**” 1 hour this weekend as ‘**Day-Light Saving Time**’ ends today—and thank God for an extra hour of sleep, prayer, or time with our loved ones? November is a month of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN have issued their

OCTOBER PRAYER FOR PRIEST’S LIST :

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| Nov. 1 | Most Rev. David A. Zubik |
| Nov. 2 | Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley |
| Nov. 3 | Most Rev. William J. Winter |
| Nov. 4 | Most Rev. John B. McDowell |
| Nov. 5 | Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy |
| Nov. 6 | Rev. William P. Siple and Rev. John Getsy |
| Nov. 7 | Rev. Albert Semler and Deacon Charles L. O’Keefe |
| Nov. 8 | Rev. Daniel T. Straugn |
| Nov. 9 | Rev. Thomas A. Sparacino |
| Nov. 10 | Rev. Charles W. Speicher Rev. Michael J. Vecchio |
| Nov. 11 | Rev. Nicholas A. Spirko Mr. Adam M. Verona |
| Nov. 12 | Rev. Richard J. Wesoloski Deacon John L. Layton |
| Nov. 13 | Rev. Rudolph F. Smoley Rev. Richard E. Ward |
| Nov. 14 | Rev. Kenneth A. Sparks Mr. Dean Caivano |

May God’s abiding presence nourish and sustain them each day as they boldly proclaim His Kingdom of mercy and justice.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

The annual Halloween Parade was held at St. Patrick School on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. The parade was lead by Mr. Mozina and pretzel treats were distributed to the small children watching the parade. Mr. Mozina was dressed as Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Mrs. Jennings and the 7th/8th Grade decorated the science room as a Scary Scientist Lab, which was visited by all the classes on Halloween. Parties were held in the classrooms and Krispy Kreme Donuts were served by the St. Patrick Home School Association.

The cafeteria staff prepared a special luncheon for all the 1st Grade parents on Thursday, November 1, 2007. The parents were than invited to visit their child's classroom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades K-3
CHIPS Child Identification Program 4:00 - 7:00
- Nov. 6: Parent-Teacher Conferences for Grades 4 -8
Second Grade Parent Meeting for Reconciliation
7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 7: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 2A at 9:00 A.M.
H.S.A. Board Meeting 1:30 P.M.
Diocesan Principal's Meeting 8:30 - 3:00
- Nov. 9: Casual Dress Down Day



ATTENTION VETERANS:

On November 7, 2007, join the students of St. Patrick School at the parish Mass at 9:00 A.M. Veterans and

those presently serving in all branches of the military are invited as we recognize all those who have and are presently serving our country. Refreshments will be served following Mass in the school cafeteria. Please call the school office at 724. 745.7977 no later than November 5 if you plan to join us.



HIGH SCHOOL

- 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



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

8:30 - 9:45 am.

November Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6th: Second Grade Parent's Meeting - 7:30 pm

FATHER SCOTT SEETHALER

ALL YOUTH 8th GRADE to COLLEGE AND PARENTS...YOU ARE INVITED! To hear Fr. Scott Seethaler speak about Faith Development at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish CCD Center on Thursday, November 8, 2007 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Questions, call Sarah DiNardo at 724.747.7176.



HEALING MASS

All parishioners are invited to attend a Mass of Anointing to be celebrated 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. Please register for the Sacrament of Anointing and/or the light luncheon to be served in the cafeteria afterwards. Forms can be found in the vestibule or you may call John Blumen at 724.745.2419.

**OUR THIRD ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING EVE MASS AND DINNER**

Parishioners are invited to attend the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, November 21 in St. Patrick Church. Following the Mass we will share in our traditional dinner held in the cafeteria for all who have made reservations. The menu will be once again: Fr. Jack's Mom's Pasta (shells), tossed salad, & homemade bread. If possible, we are asking those attending to bring a dessert. Please fill out the following reservation form and return it to the rectory by Friday, November 16.

DINNER RESERVATION FORM

I (we) plan to attend the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wed., November 21 and the Dinner to follow in the school cafeteria:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

Adults: _____ Children: _____

I will bring a dessert: Yes _____ No _____