

# 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 11, 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.



**CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN...**

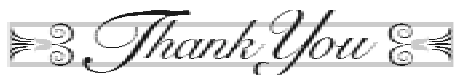
The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual Christmas Seal Drive to benefit the developmentally disabled children at McGuire Home and those enrolled in the St. Anthony School Program at the various parochial schools throughout the diocese. Christmas seals are included in all bulletins this weekend for you to use on your holiday correspondence. Instructions for donating are included with the seals. Your generosity is appreciated!

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR THE TROOPS**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Christmas letters and cards to be sent to our servicemen and service-women overseas. Many of the troops who have received our care packages in the past were very moved by the personal notes that were included. Letters and cards will be collected during the last two weeks of November to insure delivery by Christmas. Please place your letters and cards in the box in the back of Church and simply address them to "Any American Serviceman or Service-woman".

The Knights of Columbus will collect these on Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> to ship them overseas. Thank you for supporting our troops.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Tony Luisi for the beautiful banner he created for the Mass of Remembrance on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will hang in the sanctuary of St. Patrick Church for the entire month of November. Tony has been giving his time and talent creating these banners since 1992.



**To the Knights of Columbus and Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish...** There are no words to express our gratitude for the love, support and generosity shown to our family during this very difficult time. The turnout at the pancake breakfast was truly overwhelming, and it is a great source of comfort to know that so many people care and are thinking of our family at this time. We thank you for your continued prayers as they are greatly needed and appreciated. We will never forget what you have done for us. With our deepest gratitude, Amy, Nick, Ashley and April Currey.  
*"One can pay back the loan of gold, but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind. ~Malayan Proverb*

**ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

8:30 - 9:45 am

November Sessions: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 4, 2007*

Envelopes.....	\$16,325.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$70.60
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$864.70
St. Patrick School .....	\$326.00
Parish Total .....	\$17,586.30

All Saints ..... \$3,819.15

Weekly Budgeted Expenses ..... \$13,980.67

**YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!**

**PARKING LOT RESURFACING**

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

**\$45,429.35**

Construction will begin on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no available parking in the lot on weekdays from November 12<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your patience!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Sister Virginia Rose, a member of the Congregation of the School Sisters of St. Francis, spoke about the annual Retirement Fund for Religious at all the Masses last weekend. The proceeds from this fund go to those who really need it. A second collection will be taken at all the Masses next weekend - November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CEMETERY ENVELOPE:** An envelope for the upkeep of St. Patrick Cemetery can be found in your envelope packet for the month of November. Your donations help to keep the operation of the cemetery in the black. Thank you for your generosity.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- November 12 -** 12 - 3:00 pm St. Gen's- Pierogi Pick-Up  
7:00 pm Church - **Bible Study** - Joel Osteen Book  
7:00 pm Center - **RCIA**
- November 13 -** 8:00 am - 12 noon Center - **MOM'S Sharing**  
2:00 - 3:00 pm Church - **Organ Recital**  
7:30 - 9:30 pm Church - **Adult Choir**
- November 14-** 6:30 pm Cafe - **H.S.A. Mtg.**  
6:30 pm Church - **Pray the Rosary**  
7:00 pm Center - **Christian Mother's Ex. B. Mtg.**  
7:00 pm Center - **Parish Pastoral Council**
- November 18-** 7:30 pm Center - **Catholic Men's Club**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)

John & Georgine Batykefer Anniversary  
by Son, Jack

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - St. Josaphat

7:00 (SP) Stanley Krulce by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Margiotta

8:00 (SG) Antonina & Anthony Osinski by Family

2:00 (Consulate Skilled) Vincent Mohn by Marolyn Piacenza

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of Cербach, Laskowski, Olminsky &  
Dichak Families by David, Irene & Lisa Olminsky

8:00 (SG) Thomas Wylie by Richard & Joanna Ziack

10:00 (Rest Haven) Mary Prince by Andy & Tracy Oliastro

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 (SP) Irene Schildkamp by Carmen Centore

9:00 (SP) Joseph Gulla by Wife and Son

2:00 (Greenery) Genevieve Davadik by Tom & Barbara Gloady

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - St. Albert the Great

7:00 (SP) Joseph & Frances Sroka by Linda & Katz Kacvinsky

8:00 (SG) Guido DiGiovanni by Wife, Rose & Family

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude

7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of Mathia and Rozsas Families  
by Mr. & Mrs. John Rozsas

8:00 (SG) Elizabeth Egizio by Anna Mae

10:00 (Ahepa) Jacob Martincic by Emily Sustrich

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:30 (SP) Stan and Rita Carpetta by Family

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)  
Daniel Badia by Mary Ann

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

#### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

10:00 (SP) Anthony Barbosky and John & Jacqueline  
Alterio Family by Mary Ann Barbosky

12:00 (SP) Amanda, Marie, Andrew & Antonia Tarnik  
by Mr. & Mrs. John C. Tarnik

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Stephen Rattay by Wife, Elizabeth

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

## This 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

## Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm - P. Corwin, J. Cavallo, S. Luba

### Sunday, November 19

7:30 am - C. & M. Dombrowski, P. Tordella

10:00 am - C. & M. Cappelli, A. Broglia

12:00 pm - Z. Simpson, L. Sollon, M. Sadlek

5:00 pm - C. Tarnik, A. & L. Starcevic

## MEMORIALS

*Were received for the following:*

**Parking Lot Fund:** in loving memory of **Pauline Mirisciotta** by Gloria Imperatore.

**My Father's House:** in loving memory of **Husband, John** by Wife, Mrs. John Urbancic, Jr.

**Masses:** in loving memory of **Pauline Mirisciotta** by Mary Bertie.

## PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN OCTOBER PRAYER FOR PRIEST'S LIST :

- Nov. 15** Rev. Michael J. Stumpf  
Rev. William J. Fay
- Nov. 16** Rev. Robert M. Staszewski  
Mr. David Rombold
- Nov. 17** Rev. John W. Skirtich  
Rev. Walter A. Sobon
- Nov. 18** Rev. John C. Vojtek

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

## FR RICH REFLECTIONS

**“Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.”**

St. John Chrysostom

Each first Friday of the month a team of two (as Jesus sent His disciples “two-by-two”) from our parish go to visit the ‘shut-ins’ and bring them Holy Communion. There are four different routes in our parish here at St. Patrick’s with about 15 people to visit *per area*. The graces and blessings one receives far outweigh the time and energy one gives to this pastoral ministry. Of course, fulfilling this *corporal work of mercy* “visit the sick” and *spiritual work of mercy* “pray for the living” is an act and deed of charity. There is much wisdom, experiences, and stories exchanged during these visits.

Recently, in sharing at one of the homes, a lady told me that she was one of 21 children in her family. Can you imagine having 21 children? Naming 21? Raising 21? I said that your parents must be in the “front seats” in heaven, a reserved section especially for ‘saints’. There on her living room wall she had pictures of them all. She delighted in explaining and telling the names of them. She noted that 8 are here “on earth”, and the rest are “in heaven”.

As the liturgical year is winding down these weeks of November—Mother Church, in her wisdom, holds before us the stark reality of death. As the outside weather becomes cold, dark, and bleak during this time of the season—nature itself begins to die. So too, our human life’ journey has its cycles, seasons, stages, and inevitable changes. Spring is a season of ‘birthing’. Summer is a season of ‘fruitfulness’. Autumn is a season of ‘surrender’. Winter is a season of ‘waiting’.

There is a story told that when St. John Bosco was an old priest and very ill a companion said to him, “People all over the world are praying for recovery.” John Bosco said, “For my recovery? I don’t want to recover. I want to go to heaven.” So no matter what good or ill befalls us, the most important thing is that God *is always with us*. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are “sons and daughters of the resurrection”, thus we live with the conviction that the love of God transcends all our disappointments, defeats, and deaths. “If you are willing to suffer no adversity, how will you ever be a friend of Christ?” – Thomas a Kempis

Week after week at Mass, when we pray the

Profession of Faith (whether it is the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, or our Baptismal promises) we profess our belief in “*the life of the world to come.*” One of my favorite maxims is: “*Learn as if you will live forever. Live as if you will die tomorrow.*” So, let us heed St. Paul’s advice and give encourage and strength “*in every good deed and word.*” Let us remember this November to pray for the living and deceased. I find comfort and strength in this song from Styx:

### SHOW ME THE WAY

Every night I say a prayer  
In the hopes that there’s a heaven  
But every day I’m more confused  
As the saints turned into sinners  
All the heroes and legends I knew as a child  
Have fallen to idols of clay  
And I feel this empty place inside  
So afraid that I’ve lost my faith

#### Show me the way, show me the way

Take me tonight to the river and wash my illusions away

Please show me the way

And I slowly drift asleep  
For a moment dreams are sacred  
I close my eyes and know there’s peace  
In a world so filled with hatred  
Then I wake up each morning and turn on the news

To find we’ve so far to go  
And I keep on hoping for a sign  
So afraid, I just don’t know

#### Show me the way, show me the way

Bring me tonight to the mountain and take my confusion away

And show me the way

And if I see a light, should I believe  
Tell me how I will know

#### Show me the way, show me the way

Take me tonight to the river and wash my illusions away

#### Show me the way, show me the way

Give me the strength and courage  
To believe that I’ll get there some day  
And please show me the way

And every night I say a prayer  
In the hopes that there’s a heaven.



### **ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS**

Mr. Mike Clark, the Channel 4 Action News Anchor, rescheduled his visit to St. Patrick School on Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

He will speak to the children about the importance of the Chimbote Mission Project of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The students of St. Patrick School purchased Chimbote Mission Packets each year during the month of April. The proceeds from the sale are forwarded to the Diocesan Mission Office and used to support the Chimbote Missions in Peru.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- November 12: Veteran's Day - No School
- November 14: H.S.A. Meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- November 14: Retention and Recruitment Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- November 15: Washington East-West Deanery Meeting
- November 15: Grades 4-8 visit the Benedum to see "Behind the Curtain"

### **TAX-FREE GIFTS FROM IRAs... a WHOLE NEW BALL GAME!**

Congress recently amended the Internal Revenue Code to allow, for the first time, completely tax-free charitable contributions of assets investing in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). This new law benefits IRA owners who are 70 1/2 years of age or older at the time of their gift, but only for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Any donor age 70 1/2 who has an IRA - no matter what size of IRA - would do well to consider using his or her IRA as a source of gifting in 2007. Taxpayers who have significant assets in their IRAs have the most to gain from the new law. The benefits include greater flexibility in income and financial planning, and more sizeable, tax-wise gifts to one's favorite charity.

Parishes are eligible recipients of tax-free IRA distributions up to certain liberal dollar limitations. Since each person's financial capacity differ and special rules apply to IRA gifts, talking soon with your financial, tax or legal advisor about your particular situation is critical. For more information, please contact the rectory or Paul Stabile at the Office for Stewardship & Development (412.456.3085).

### **Attention: BULLETIN ARTICLES**

With Thanksgiving holiday approaching, we will need to submit the bulletin for Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at noon on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, please

gather and submit the articles to be published in that bulletin by Friday morning, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

*Schedule Change*

### **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!

### **COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS**

#### ***After the Loss of a Loved One***

~Support Group Series November 12, 19, and 26, 2007 ~ Each session will cover various topics. Register for the program by calling Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, 724.250.4500 or 724.627.8118.



### **VENDORS WELCOME ! CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL!**

The High School Youth Group of our parish will host a Christmas Carnival 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 in the school. Interested crafters should submit their registration fee & form (found in the vestibules of the church) via the offertory or by stopping in the parish office by November 26th. For more information, please call the rectory at 724.745.6560.

### **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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring a dessert: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_