

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Parish Office Hours

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November 18, 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 GREETINGS FOR THE TROOPS...

The **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting Christmas letters and cards to be sent to our servicemen and servicewomen 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 Servicewoman".

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS Members of the Respect Life Group will be in the school cafeteria from 8:30 am until 12:00 Noon. Beginning Sunday, November 25th thru December 16th for your convenience in purchasing religious Christmas cards. Proceeds will benefit the Respect Life movement. Any questions, please feel free to call Alan Henderson, 724.747.2572.

A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON for pierogi workers will be held at 12:30 p.m., Monday, December 10th at St. Genevieve's Hall catered by Gretchen's Good Eats. To make your reservation, contact Marsha Kulakowski (724-745-3194). Cost is \$18.00/person. Checks should be made payable to Marsha or to "Cash." Please bring your payment to the next pierogi session (December 2 and 3) or drop in the rectory mailbox. Reservation deadline – Tuesday, December 4.

ST. PATRICK CHOIR'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Patrick Choir will be presenting, 'A Season of Dreams', on December 9th at 2:00 pm., featuring the Adult, Children, Cherub, and Bell Choirs of St. Patrick Church. Mark your calendar!

OUR PARISH COOKBOOKS ARE HERE, and



just in time for holiday baking. They are quite lovely! The members of our Junior & High School Youth Ministries will be making them available after all the masses the next few weeks. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Carnival & Craft Show, and at the local community breakfast with Santa Claus. For the price of \$10.00, they will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>November 11, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$13,970.50
Children's Envelopes	\$56.85
Loose Cash and Coin	\$997.25
St. Patrick School.....	\$183.00
Parish Total	\$15,207.60
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Total cost: \$178,000.00*

*This includes the added cost for the new parking areas of \$28,000.00.

Amount in savings to date: \$122,425.00
Including \$47,425.00 in individual donations

Amount still needed: \$55,574.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SECOND COLLECTION at all the Masses this weekend is for the Religious Retirement Fund.

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 18-** 6:30 pm Youth Room- **Junior Youth Group**
7:30 pm Center - **Catholic Men's Club**
- November 19-** 7:00 pm Center - **RCIA**
7:00 pm Church- **Bible Study**
- November 20-** 7:30 pm Church - **Adult Choir**

- November 21-** 6:30 pm Church - **Thanksgiving Eve Mass**
Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner- Cafeteria -following Mass
- November 22-** 9:00 am Church - **Thanksgiving Day**

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

- November 25-** Adoration: 12:00 noon – 4:30 pm

ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th - 8:30 - 9:45 am

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)

Daniel Badia by Mary Ann

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 (SP) Joe and Ora Polansky by Barbara Malone

8:00 (SG) Paul Koren by Anne and Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 (SP) Emily Eonta Renk by Mary Uchal

8:00 (SG) Rosemary Mark by Family

10:00 (Charles House) Margaret Wilk by Tony and Nancy Ann

Months Mind: James E. O' Bosky & John Urbancic

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21— Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

7:00 (SP) Robert C. Price by Mike and Lois Barkac

9:00 (SP) Robert J. Verno by Helen Rossi

2:00 (Golden Living) Josephine Olshack by Katherine King

6:30 PM (SP) THANKSGIVING EVE

Al Imperatore by Jack and Georgine Batykefer

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22— St. Cecelia

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 (SP) Grandpap & Grandma Marino and Nina Bean by Family

Months Mind: Irene Ducsay

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - St. Clement I; St. Columban

7:00 (SP) Albert Trunzo by Debbie and Mary Ann Roberts and Bob Moore

8:00 (SG) Franko, Malpassi & Markovich Families by Betty & Joyce

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24- St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

7:30 (SP) Walter A. Mark by Janet Boston

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kulakowski and Mr. & Mrs.

John Polocheck by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hickson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

7:30 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of LaSalvia & Koren Family by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry LaSalvia

10:00 (SP) John Rossero by Wife, Susan

12:00 (SP) Joseph Mullig and Paul & Margaret Miklic Family by Mr. & Mrs. Mario Mullig

1:00 - 4:30 (SP) ADORATION & BENEDICTION

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 Ann Koziel & Joan Ciarallo and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

7:30 am - G. Burke, E. Regoli, A. Boni

10:00 am - L. Thompson, L. Hammell, C. Pavcic

12:00 pm - M. & T. Costantino, E. Collins

5:00 pm - D. & M. Broglia, T. Grebeck

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

- Nov. 18 Rev. John C. Vojtek
Nov. 19 Rev. William J. Schwartz
Rev. Pierre G. Sodini
Nov. 20 Rev. Gerald J. Lutz
Deacon S. Daniel Kielor
Nov. 21 Rev. Timothy F. Whalen
Rev. Joseph Monahan, T.O.R.
Nov. 22 Rev. Robert L. Seeman
Nov. 23 Rev. Kenneth R. White
Rev. Theodore A. Rutkowski
Nov. 24 Rev. John F. Walsh
Nov. 25 Rev. Daniele Vallecorsa

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: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20;

Lk 23:35-43

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

"If the only prayer you're entire life-long is 'thank you' that will suffice."

-Meister Eckhart (13th century, German mystic)

There is an old Cherokee tale about a grandfather teaching his grandson about a great lesson in wisdom. There is a battle that goes on *inside* people. The wise old Cherokee said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all." One wolf is **evil**. It's angry, jealous, unforgiving, proud, lazy, greed, arrogance, sorrow, regret, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other wolf is **good**. It's filled with love, kindness, humility, self-control, peace, joy, contentment, hope, serenity, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith.

"These two wolves are constantly fighting," the grandfather said. The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf is going to win?" The grandfather smiled and replied, "Whichever one you feed."

With the national feast of Thanksgiving upon us this Thursday, it gives us time to pause and reflect upon the 'wolf' that is daily feeding us. If our lives are fed and fueled by cynicism, faultfinding, and negativity then 'dark clouds' will hang over us and others. Are we chronically dissatisfied with ourselves, with others, with work, with the world, with life, and even with God? If, on the other hand, our lives are sustained and nourished by God's providence we become generous-givers, good-finders, and gracious receivers. Sometimes the best gift at Thanksgiving is an 'attitude of gratitude'. Perhaps it simply should be, "Thank God, I'm alive. I live in a great country. I have a family. I have an opportunity. I'm going to make the most of this day and give it my best." Whatever our condition, good or bad, we thank God! **When was the last time we told someone—I thank God for you.**

Everyday is a gift from God and for all that God gives—deserves Thanksgiving! As Catholics, we gather each Sunday at the Eucharistic Table, the Feast of Thanksgiving to be nourished and sanctified at the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist to find strength and grace for another week of discipleship. Flowing from this 'Great Table' sharing are the blessings conferred to live Eucharistic

lives - one of *thankfulness*, one of *sacrifice*, one of *unity*, one of *holiness*, and one of *love*. If Christ feeds us, others are fed.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. in his book—The Holy Longing offers 9 reasons one should go to church:

1. It is not good to be alone
2. To take my place within the family of humanity
3. God calls me to be there
4. To dispel my fantasies about myself
5. Because the saints have told me so
6. To help others with their pathologies and to let them help me with mine
7. To dream with others
8. To practice for heaven
9. For the pure joy of it

Things to Be Thankful For...

- Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.
- Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.
- Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means that you are employed.
- Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.
- Be thankful for the heating bill, because it means that you are warm.
- Be thankful for the laundry, because it means that you have clothes to wear.
- Be thankful for the space that you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.
- Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.
- Be thankful when people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.
- Be thankful for the alarm clock that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive.

Thanks for taking the time to read what I write!
Happy Thanksgiving Day 2007!!

(11.18.07)



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Stanley Mozina, principal of St. Patrick School, has named the Honor Roll Students for the first quarter of the 2007-2008 school term:

High Honors: Nicholas Burton, Ty Lesko, Ethan Marra, Maria Costantino and Julia Severyn

Honor Roll: Abby Lochran, Kathryn Bench, April Currey, Sierra Strnisa, Colleen Bench, Michael Cappelli, Mark Dugan, and Michael Sadlek

Honorable Mention: Mary Cassidy, Stephanie Hammell, Jessica O'Shell, Jessica Burton, Molly Thompson, Andrew Fairfull, Lisa Hornak, Garrett Craig, Elizabeth Chase, and Alyssa Miller

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 191 Patriot's Pen Contest. The first place winners are all students of St. Patrick School. First Place: Jessica O'Shell (\$100 Savings Bond) Second Place: Abby Lochran (\$75 Savings Bond) Third Place: Hannah Wudkwyh (\$50 Savings Bond) Congratulations to all!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 20, 2007: 5th Grade Gateway Vision Class
- November 21, 2007: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 3
- November 21, 2007: Early Dismissal at 12:30 P.M.
- November 21, 2007: Parish Thanksgiving Celebration 6:30 P.M.
- November 22, 2007: Thanksgiving Break Begins
- November 27, 2007: Classes Resume



VENDORS WELCOME !

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & CRAFT SHOW!

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 Erin at 724.745.8063.

JUNIOR YOUTH Reminder... Meeting this evening, November 18 from 6:30—8:00 at the Parish Center. We are looking forward to our next tour to Troy Hill to see the incredible relics of hundreds of Saints in St. Anthony Chapel. We'll also stop in Downtown Pittsburgh to see the life-size Nativity display. Permission forms for this trip, schedules for December 2, will be available at tonight's meeting.



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. If your family is bringing a dessert, please take it to the cafeteria on Wednesday afternoon if possible. Thank you.

COME TO THE ABUNDANT TABLE OF THE LORD ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

Begin the day as we should begin every day of our lives – in giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness to us. Join us for Mass on Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in St. Patrick Church.

MASS OF ANOINTING

A special thanks to all who participated in the Healing Mass held on Saturday, November 10, 2007. Without the efforts of our parish priests, lector, altar servers, Eucharistic Minister, organist, ushers, our chef and support staff this endeavor could not have been accomplished. With appreciation, Pastoral Council Worship Committee.

LADIES OF CHARITY

will meet on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Center to wrap Christmas gifts for the Shut-Ins and Nursing Homes. If at all possible please bring a roll of wrapping paper, tape and scissors. Don't forget to come at 6:30 p.m. for rosary in the church and the meeting after the rosary. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE ...MARK YOUR

CALENDAR!! The Ladies of Charity will be selling Christmas flowers on Saturday and Sunday, December 1st and 2nd & December 8th and 9th after all Masses in the cafeteria. The proceeds will help to purchase Christmas gifts for our parish shut-ins and patients in the nursing homes. The Ladies of Charity thank you for their generous support.

ANGEL TREE

St. Patrick Parish will be participating in the Washington County Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh Angel Tree this Christmas season. Please take an Angel from the tree in Church—purchase the suggested item and bring the gift back to Church wrapped and with the angel on it to identify the person receiving it. The gifts have to be in Church by December 10th for Catholic Charities to pick-up for distribution. Thank you for your cooperation.