

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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January 6, 2008

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.

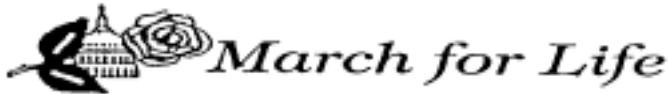
BECOMING A CATHOLIC

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.

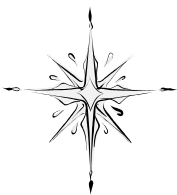
Bring a Bible, invite a friend. All are welcome!



34th MARCH FOR LIFE will be held in Washington, DC on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student and \$30.00 per family. Any student going will have their \$10.00 refunded on the bus that day. There are two buses leaving from St. Patrick Parish; one will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. and another "Youth Bus" is leaving at 12:30 a.m. and also returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. Plan now to make arrangements for your pilgrimage to Washington, DC., call Alan Henderson at 724.747.2572 or Sharon Maikranz at 724.745.3616.

Students in grades 7th and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students will receive more information at their Youth Ministry Meeting. *Permission forms can be found on the bulletin boards in the church.*

If you are unable to attend the March for Life consider being a sponsor and make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the bus or help sponsor one of our teens to attend the March. Just put your donation in a plain envelope marked to the attention of the March for Life and drop in the offertory basket on Sunday or bring to the rectory office.



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture.

It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2007*

Envelopes.....	\$14,719.00
Children's Envelopes	\$32.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$995.72
St. Patrick School.....	\$110.00
Parish Total	\$15,856.72

Christmas

December 25, 2007

Envelopes.....	\$18,102.00
Children's Envelopes	\$119.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$2,770.36
St. Patrick School.....	\$30.00
Parish Total	\$21,021.86

The Holy Family collection, December 30th will be published in the January 13th week's bulletin, as this was sent for publication on Friday, December 28th.

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: \$134,225.79

Including \$58,855.79 in individual donations

Amount still needed: \$43,774.21

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT !**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 5** - Youth Ministry Christmas Party:
After the 5:00 pm. Mass – Rectory
- Jan. 6** - Religious Education Classes Resume
- Youth Ministry Christmas Party:
1:30 – 3:00 pm Teen Room
- Jan. 7** - RCIA: 7:00 - 8:30 pm. – Center
- BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm.– Church
- Jan. 8** - Council Exec. Bd. Mtg.: 7:00 pm.
- Jan. 9** - Pray the Rosary: 6:30 pm. – Church
- HSA Meeting: 6:30 pm. – Cafeteria
- Jan. 10** - Market Day Pick Up: 5:30-6:30 pm. – Café
- Baptism Instruction: 7:00 pm. – Rectory
- Knights of Columbus Mtg: 7 pm. – K House

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL for Epiphany of the Lord)

Relatives of Mr. & Mrs. Gary J. Edell

7:30 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

10:00 (SP) Mascetta & Verrone Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mascetta Family

12:00 (SP) Antosh & Jacobs Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacobs

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Mary Schnore by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Illig

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

7:00 (SP) Sabia D'Orazio by the Family

8:00 (SG) Victor & Stella Palko by Daughter, Mary Ann Tharp

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 (SP) Edward Taper by Family

8:00 (SG) Helen M. Sulkowski by Elizabeth Cernava

3:30 (Canon House) Brian Mary by Dolly Setto Family

Months Mind: Joseph Fickulak & Anna M. Andy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 (SP) Joseph Feconda by Wife, Ann & Family

9:00 (SP) John Daphewicz by Larry & Barb Sandy

2:00 (Greenery) Herk Abbondanza by Fred & Dolores Fagliafini Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 (SP) Sam Campagna & Son by Josephine & Catherine

8:00 (SG) Frank Bozek by Joe, Barbara & Kendra

10:00 (Pine Lawn) Robert J. Verno by John Brucker

Months Mind: Frank Cox

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 (SP) Ken Cox by Sam & Alycia Sepe

8:00 (SG) Henry Natale by Wife, Sophie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 (SP) Frank Milligan by Grandchildren

11:30 to 12:30 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL) Stanley Krulce by Wife and Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 (SP) Helen Fela by Dennis Fela

10:00 (SP) Dominick Mazza & Encandela Family by Mary M. Mazza

12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Carole Wilson, beloved Mother & Grandmother by Mr. & Mrs. David Frohnnapfel

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.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, L. Law

Sunday, January 6

7:30 am - M. Ruane, T. Grebeck, J. Hofrichter

10:00 am - S. & E. Hammell, Z. Simpson

12:00 pm - A. & A. Fairfull, D. Broglia

5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, L. Hornak

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 12

5:00 pm - C. & M. Cappelli, C. Pavcic

Sunday, January 13

7:30 am - G. Burke, C. & M. Dombrowski

10:00 am - J. , M., & B. Illig

12:00 pm - M. Cushma, P. Gent, E. Regoli

5:00 pm - L. & A. Starcevic, A. Currey



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January Class Sessions: 6th, 13th, & 20th
8:30 - 9:45 am.

Second Grade Parent Session: January 15th



CONGRATULATIONS to John and Margaret Eckenrode on the occasion of their 55th Wedding Anniversary. They received a marriage blessing during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 29, 2007. May God bless them and their family at this happy time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

FR. RICH JONES

A special and heartfelt thank you for the countless Christmas remembrances which have blessed and graced our lives - gift certificates, cookies, candies, breads, mass intentions, fruit baskets, cards, letters, gifts, etc. for which we are most grateful!

Dear Friends;

*“Be at peace...the Father who cares
for you today will care for you tomorrow.”*
-St. Francis de Sales

Packed road ways, packed malls, packed mailboxes, packed churches, packed stores, packed packages...but the best packed is the “*divine crowd*” of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit that lives *within*. He has ‘*crowded*’ His miracles in each one of us.

At Christmas especially, we remember that all good gifts have as their origin, God. God is the **center** and **heart** of every gift, so teach us Lord, the blessings of both *giving* and *receiving*. In every single gift, both large and small, it is both **the spirit** and **the sacrifice** that make it. May the Lord bless your ‘*package*’ of love—it is humbly and gratefully appreciated.

The Venerable Father Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Franciscan would often say that he looked upon his whole life as one of **giving**, and he wanted to give until there was nothing left to give. What an *attitude*! What a *difference*! What a *grace*!

May we “*live to give*” all our days in ‘*countless*’ ways in the New Year 2008! I’ll close with a prayer found in the book—

Prayers from around the World and across the Ages compiled by Victor M. Parachin.

Be With Me, Lord:

Through every minute of this day,
Be with me, Lord!
Through every day of all this week
Be with me, Lord!
Through every week of all this year
Be with me, Lord!
Through all the years of all this life,
Be with me, Lord!
So shall the days and weeks and years
Be threaded on a golden cord.
And all draw on with sweet accord
Unto your fullness, Lord,
By grace at last,
Be with you, Lord.

With love, gratitude, and prayers! ...Fr. Rich

The Wise Men

Come To Bethlehem

Today the Wise Men see the little child
and Mary his mother.
With them, Lord,
we wish to discover you in the midst
of our brothers and sisters.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Today they prostrate themselves before you
and adore you.
With them, Lord,
we wish to adore your holy will for us.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!





ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Please note that "School News" will resume next week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 9, 2008: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 2B at 9:00 A.M.
January 9, 2008: H.S.A. Board Meeting 1:30 P.M.
January 10, 2008: Market Day Pick-Up 5:30 – 6:30 in Cafeteria
January 10, 2008: Principal Workshop on Catholic School Enrollment Solutions
January 11, 2008: Principal Workshop Continued
January 11, 2008: Casual Dress Day

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**MEMORIALS** were received for the following:

**Christian Mothers:** In loving memory of: **Alice Norwood** by Carol and Roger Turk, Carmon and Barbara De Furio, Margaret Shultz, Bill and Norma Koman.

**St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of: **Al De Lucia, Stacy Sellers, and Michael Caldwell** by Eleanor De Lucia.

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MASSES were received in loving memory of:

Joseph D'Amico by Maryanne Molish; **Anthony Palczynski** and **Susan Gallagher** by James & Kari Gallagher.

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**THANK YOU** to Marian Plovic for her generous gift to both the Religious Education & School second grade classes, for the Christmas book, "A Special Place for Santa." Her thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

**TRAINING FOR MINISTERS...** Louise Sharbaugh, Elderly Services Coordinator from Catholic Charities, has been invited to come to St. Patrick to provide training and guidelines **for the volunteers who visit the parish's homebound older persons and residents of long term care facilities.** Louise has a background in social work with older persons and has been with Catholic Charities for eight years. The following topics are included in the training: Myths vs. Realities of Aging, Ministry to Persons With Special Needs (Hearing Loss, Changes in Vision, etc.), a film on "Communicating With Compassion," and Do's and Don'ts. The training will be held on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the parish. Refreshments will be

served. Those already in this ministry and those interested in joining this ministry are welcome. Please call the office at 724-745-6560 to register. If driving conditions are prohibitive, the training will be held on the following Saturday, January 26 and those who registered will be notified.



**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM** will be offered for PARENTS and GODPARENTS in preparation for the Baptism of their child on **BAPTISM Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.** 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 instruction program will be held in March.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND** - An Experience of Seminary Life and Prayer. The Office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary from January 25-26, 2008, for all high school, college, and career age men interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. The schedule includes times for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, discussions led by our seminarians, a review of the priestly formation program by the rector, and an opportunity for individual discussion with the diocesan vocational director, Father Thomas Sparacino. During these exciting times of the church with our new bishop, there is a greater sense of renewal and revitalization. Come and see how our seminarians are being formed in the likeness of Jesus Christ with the possibility of priestly ministry. Come and see the peaceful environment where discernment takes place. Come and see how the Lord speaks to a community of believers through a life of prayer, study, and good fraternity. For more information, please contact Fr. Thomas Sparacino at (412) 672. 9763 or Fr. James Wehner at (412)456.3048.

#### **PROTECTING MARRIAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

Marriage is both a sacred union and the backbone of society. However, in recent years, traditional marriage has been devalued, and children and families have suffered the consequences. On January 8, 2008, at St. Paul Seminary representatives of Pennsylvania for Marriage will offer a presentation on strengthening marriage in Pennsylvania through a Marriage Protection Amendment. The presentation will be offered twice: from 2 - 3:30 pm. And from 7- 8:30 pm. at St. Paul Seminary. Please join us.