

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
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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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January 13, 2008



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

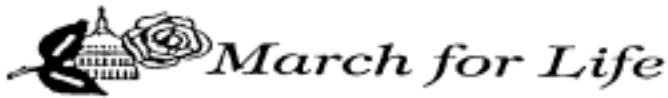
CRISIS PREGNANCY 1-888-543-3243

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.



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. Students 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 grade 7 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES During its November 14th general meeting, the Pastoral Council adopted the following parish mission statement: *“We, the people of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish, with a strong tradition of sacramental life guided by the Holy Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by God’s Word, commit ourselves to build strong families, foster Christian values and support all persons on their spiritual journey.”* Based on this mission statement, a pastoral plan to present to the diocese is being developed. Each standing committee has evaluated the results of the parish survey and is focusing on developing new programs and improving communication of services provided.

The Council’s next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 16th in the Center. Anyone wishing to address Council should notify Walter Olshanski (412.551.3552) prior to the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Feast of the Holy Family
December 30, 2007*

Envelopes.....	\$13,431.01
Children’s Envelopes	\$21.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,092.19
St. Patrick School.....	\$182.00
Parish Total	\$14,726.69

*Solemnity of Mary
January 1, 2008*

Envelopes.....	\$4,126.01
Children’s Envelopes	\$15.25
Loose Cash and Coin	\$386.40
St. Patrick School.....	\$10.00
Parish Total	\$4,537.66

*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2008*

Envelopes.....	\$14,418.25
Children’s Envelopes	\$52.75
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,035.28
St. Patrick School.....	\$529.00
Parish Total	\$16,035.28

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: \$136,264.45

Including \$60,894.49 in individual donations

Amount still needed: \$41,733.51

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT !

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** taken up next week to **defray the cost of our buses for the March for Life** on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 in Washington, DC.

The **DIOCESAN COLLECTION** for the **St. Anthony School Programs & the De Paul School for Hearing & Speech** will be taken up on the weekend of January 27th.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL for Baptism of the Lord)
Stanley Krulce by Wife and Family
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 Frohnapfel

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- 7:00 (SP) Ida Liberatore by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Liberatore, Jr.
8:00 (SG) Dec. Mbrs. of John & Mary Puskar Family by Mary
M. Mazza
2:00 (Consulate) Elmer Cook by Ralph Alterio

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 7:00 (SP) Charles Sandy by Larry, Barb, David,
Gretchen & Patrick
8:00 (SG) Margaret Wilk by Cecelia Smiddle
10:00 (Rest Haven) Mary Gregor by Lucille Colombo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:00 (SP) Mike DeFilippo by Wife, Mary & Family
9:00 (SP) James Krupa by Jennifer & George
2:00 (Golden Living) Al Imperatore by Linda & Zane Karchella

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 - St. Anthony

- 7:00 (SP) Dichack & Olminsky Families by Mr. & Mrs.
David Olminsky
8:00 (SG) Joseph Jiblets by Helen & Family
Months Mind: Gilda Fickulak & Ronald Kolesar

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:00 (SP) Dolores Pullet by Angela Giacobbe Lepitree
8:00 (SG) William E. Johnson by Bert, Violet Sulkey, Gino,
& Jo Ann Falbo
10:00 (AHEPA) Julia Testa by Dominick Scaichitti

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- 7:30 (SP) Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Fr. Gabriel
Badurina by Margie Thornhill
11:30 to 12:30 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION
5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL) Mary Gregor by Son, William Gregor

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 (SP) Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sroka by Anna Sedora
10:00 (SP) Busovicki & Di Falco Families by Helen Di Falco
12:00 (SP) Joseph L. Scears, Sr. by the Yarkosky and
Cummings Family
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, **Rose Ann McGarry, Raymond De-John, Charles Subrick, Ferdinand Delfine, Elizabeth Marinelli,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm - M. & R. Rozak, A. Lochran

Sunday, January 20

7:30 am - A. Sciulli, A. Boni, M. Sadlek
10:00 am - L., S. & E. Hammell
12:00 pm - J. Reis, A. & M. Broglia
5:00 pm - C. Tarnik, N. Castelli, J. Cavallo



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Second Grade Parent Session: January 15th



ON BEHALF OF THE COMPEGGIE FAMILY, we would like to thank everyone for their generosity, prayers, kindness, and thoughtfulness. Words cannot express how we feel about all of you. God bless you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“It is only when it is very, very dark that the Light shines the brightest.”

-Words of a former 4th grade student of St. Patrick's, Brandon Joseph Lanzy, Born Sept. 3, 1978—Died July 3, 2007

Today officially closes the Christmas/Incarnation Season with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. It is also **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Should any of us ever forget the tremendous gift and grace of our Baptism into Christ Jesus? What a blessing to grow and mature fully in our Christian vocation to love.

I remember vividly the first week after I was ordained a priest after saying all the Masses; I had to baptize 14 *'little ones'* into our Catholic faith. There were perhaps 250-300 people in church (just for this Baptism ceremony). It was teeming with life to say the least. There was much crying, screaming, and wailing of every kind. When one started, another began and so forth. It was a fiasco. It was a zoo. It was something wonderful that I'll never forget. Fourteen “new disciples” were beginning their faith journey. Each generation needs to transmit and connect this gift of faith.

In each one of our lives there comes a ‘defining moment’ that sets the compass to our future direction and purpose in life. For some it is to give their lives to the service of God's Church as a Deacon, Brother, Sister, Religious or Priest. For many others, it's the decision to get married and to raise a family of one's own. For some, it will be to remain in the single state.

I'll never forget the wonderful Franciscan priests at Bishop Canevin High School who taught and *'awakened'* in my heart and spirit a desire to give my life to others as a priest. I thank God for the faith, witness, and love of my parents and their Christian model and example. I'm grateful for family who continues to support and encourage me in this call. I am thankful for the *'sacred privilege'* to enter God's people's lives every day to pray, to lead, and to serve them in His name.

Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan River was a defining moment in His life. Jesus stands on the threshold of His public ministry. It will be a ‘tough-going’—He will be *rejected, ridiculed,*

betrayed, denied, beaten, and finally *crucified* on a criminal's cross. How will He get through it? It is precisely the Father's affirmation that is at the core of the Son's source of strength. He can endure anything because in the Father's own words He has heard: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”** So too, through the marvelous gift of Baptism, we are God's beloved sons and daughters. Please never forget that you are the Heavenly Father's beloved child and most especially, ‘when the going gets tough’. You are God's beloved, always have been, always will be. Amen, alleluia!

Ash Wednesday begins **February 6th** this year, just around the corner. Let us hear and heed the key for the breakthrough of His presence and His Kingdom in the world--**“Repent of your sins”**. To repent is radical, yet essential for our ‘well-being’. To repent is far more than being sorry; it's a reorientation of one's whole life; bringing *thoughts, words, actions, and lifestyle* under God's sovereign rule. And as we repent, we will more fully experience the coming of God's kingdom in our lives.

Last Friday night, I traveled with Fr. Gabriel to St. Catherine of Sweden Parish in Wildwood (near North Park) to attend the funeral of Edward W. Farmer (93 years old). He was the father of a ‘priest-friend’ of mine, Father Regis Farmer. There were about 27 priests in attendance, along with Bishop Paul Bradley. Fr. Regis delivered an inspiring and warm homily on his father. He mentioned that his father worked and prayed hard. He was married over 70 years (wife Helen died in May 2006), has 6 children, 20 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He worked for the post office all his life till retirement and served as sacristan at St. Bernard's in Mt. Lebanon for over 30 years. He kept his prayer book in his shirt near to his heart. The day before he died he told his son: **“You can go now, I still have some more prayers to say.”**

Mr. Farmer's four daughters all went up for the eulogy as one of them delivered it. It was *short, simple, and sweet*.

We were all invited to honor and celebrate his “new life” with Christ in heaven by coming to a party in his honor downstairs in the Church Hall.

What joy. What love. What peace. What faith. Let us live our Baptism...everyday!

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ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

We are very pleased to announce the winners of the Washington County Firemen's Association essay contest. Seventh Grade: Katie Bench and Jessica Burton Fifth Grade: Nick Burton and Lisa Hornak Fourth Grade: Michael Cappelli, Alyssa Miller, and Julia Severyn. The above students will be honored at the Washington County Firemen's Convention Dinner which will be held at a later date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 15, 2008: Second Grade Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion 7:00
- January 16, 2008: Student Liturgy prepared by Grades 7/8
- January 16, 2008: End of First Semester
- January 16, 2008: H.S.A. Meeting 6:30 P.M.
- January 16, 2008: St. Patrick Staff Meeting 10:00 A.M.
- January 17, 2008: Washington County Deanery Meeting 9:00 AM
- January 17, 2008: Grades 4 -8 visit Pittsburgh Glass Center
- January 18, 2008: Early Dismissal for Faculty Meeting 12:30 PM
- January 18, 2008: Athletic Association Spaghetti Dinner 4 - 7 pm

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. 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** in the school cafeteria. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 14 - RCIA:** 7:00-8:30 pm. – Center
- **Bible Study:** 7:00 pm. – Church
- Jan. 15 - Apostolate Committee Mtg:** 6:30 pm. – Center
- **Bell Choir Practice:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Church
- **Second Grade Parents' Mtg:** 7 pm. – Café
- **Adult Choir Practice:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm. – Church
- Jan. 16 - H.S.A. Mtg:** 6:30 pm. – Café
- **Pastoral Council:** 7:00 pm.- Center
- Jan. 17 - Cherub & Children Youth Choirs** - Church
- Jan. 19 - Cath. Char. Training For Ministers:** 9 –12 am.
- **St. Patrick Church Choir Christmas Party:** 7:00 – 11:00 pm. – Cafeteria
- Jan. 20 - MOMS** (Ministry of Moms Sharing): 5:30 pm. - Center

FESTIVAL~FESTIVAL~FESTIVAL: JUNE 12-13-14, 2008 NEEDED:

1. Volunteer Coordinator: Gathering, contacting, and organizing the volunteers needed for the festival booths. Lots of phone work. You will need to be on the grounds all 3 nights of the festival. The Festival Committee has detailed volunteer lists from the past several years that will help you with this process. You will work closely with the Festival Chairperson and Commissary Coordinator. Salary is not negotiable
 2. Roadside Sign Coordinator: Responsible for installing and removing 4'x6' Festival signs along local roads. Works directly with the Marketing Coordinator and Festival Chairman to determine locations and timelines. Should be familiar with small hand and power tools.
- Please call ASAP Kathy/Dave 724.746.3403 if you would like to help with the above positions.

The **LADIES OF CHARITY** will be investing new members on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at St. Paul's Cathedral with Bishop Zubick. Ladies of the Parish who would like to join this very active organization or would like more information, please call the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.

LADIES OF CHARITY NEXT MEETING Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Those ladies of the Parish wishing to join the Ladies of Charity are encouraged to attend this meeting. Hope to see all of you at this meeting for we will be discussing the gifts for the Shut-Ins and Nursing Homes for Easter.

All LADIES OF CHARITY are encouraged to attend the training for ministers on Saturday, January 19th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Louise Sharbaugh, Elderly Services Coordinator from Catholic Charities, will provide the training and guidelines. Please call the rectory office at 724.745.6560 to register.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2007: Please fill in the following form and drop in the offertory basket on Sunday or mail to the rectory office.

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Please send my offertory statement for 2007 to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope #: _____

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