

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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January 27, 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.

FESTIVAL: JUNE 12-13-14, 2008

STILL 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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council #3084 is sponsoring a Basketball Free Throw Competition for boys and girls ages 10 to 14. Contestants compete with their own

gender and age group to sink the most out of a prescribed number of free throw attempts. Trophies and Mini-Backboard/Basketball sets will be given to the winners along with a chance to compete at higher levels of competition. An official K of C Free Throw patch will be given to all children that participate. The competition is **FREE**. Entry forms can be filled out at the event. **The competition will take place at Saint Anne's gymnasium in Castle Shannon from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 27th, 2008. For more information call Larry Eakin at 724.942.4320 or 412.644.8712.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan. 27 - Catholic School Kick Off - Pancake Breakfast:**
7:30 am. - 1:30 pm - Cafeteria
- Jan. 28 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. - Center
- NO BIBLE STUDY- *All are invited to the 7:00 pm, Jan. 29th Evening of Reflection with Fr. Shultz instead*
- Jan. 29 - Evening of Reflection:** 7:00 pm. - Church
- Jan. 30 - No Christian Mother's Mtg.** - *All are invited to the 7:00 pm, Jan. 29th Evening of Reflection with Fr. Shultz instead*
- Feb. 1 - Christian Mothers attend the 1st Friday Novena** after the 7:00 am Mass (SP) with Breakfast to follow at Shelly's Pike Inn.

Jan. 29 - Evening of Reflection w/ Fr. John Schultz Catechetical Enrichment Course: 7-9:30 pm. - Café
New Registration ? Call Mary at 724.746.3257

| STEWARDSHIP REPORT | |
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| <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | |
| <i>January 20, 2008</i> | |
| Envelopes..... | \$12,853.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$73.75 |
| Loose Cash and Coin | \$940.34 |
| St. Patrick School..... | \$95.00 |
| Parish Total | \$13,962.09 |
| March for Life Buses | \$1,935.33 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses | \$13,980.67 |
| YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED! | |

The **DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for the **St. Anthony School Programs & the De Paul School for Hearing & Speech.**

The **February 1, 2008 issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic** will be mailed to every registered household in the diocese. No bulk copies will be available at parishes that week.

LAST YEARS PALM may be placed in the baskets that have been placed at the entrances of the church.

A SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who donated funds to help pay for charter of two buses that traveled to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, January 22 for the March for Life!

Next Saturday, February 2 is the **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**. Candles for liturgical use, home use, and especially for the sick, are blessed at Mass this day. Often called "Candlemas Day" this feast's theme is Light. Light meaning, Christ and the supernatural life of grace. In homes they should be used on the occasion of family devotions, in times of storm, household crisis or other danger, and also for Communion and Anointing of the Sick. If you have candles that you would like to have blessed, please come early and place them on the table in the sanctuary. Candles will also be available for a donation at all the weekend masses.

Next Sunday, February 3, is the **FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**. Associated with this feast is the customary blessing of throats, a popular sacramental. The priest prays as he blesses us, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." **This blessing will be offered at all the masses next weekend.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Bart DeJohn, Jr. by Wife & Children, Roberta,
Matthew, and Nicole
- 7:30 (SP) Michael Lenco, Grandmother Helen, & Uncle
Butch by Cynthia and Tom
- 10:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 12:00 (SP) Staffen & Cavasina Family by Mary Cavasina
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Madeline Spicer by Jean Newell

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

- 7:00 (SP) Teresa Capane & Tony Costanzo Family by
Dora & Teresa
- 8:00 (SG) Paul Rutkowsky by Jean Lewis

Months Mind: Raymond DeJohn

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:00 (SP) Rose Eonta Swan by Joanne & John Hoffman
- 8:00 (SG) Carmella Sacco Niedzwickie by Mr. & Mrs.
Stanley Niedzwickie
- 10:00 (Kingdom Manor) Elmer Cook by Sue & Cliff Newell

Months Mind: Charles Subrick

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:00 (SP) Ernest Kobert by Gerry Polosky Family
- 9:00 (SP) Antonette Chiaverini by Parents

Months Mind: Ferdinand Define

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 - St. John Bosco

- 7:00 (SP) Pauline Mirisciotti by Anna Gostic
- 8:00 (SG) Joseph D'Amico by D. Kerekes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - First Friday

- 7:00 (SP) Carmen Porcaro by Wife, Sarah
- Followed by a 1st Friday Novena
- 8:00 (SG) Daniel Sedora, Jr. by Joyce Stevenson
- Followed by a 1st Friday Novena
- 10:00 (Consulate Retirement) Ernesta Del Corso by Anthony
Del Corso

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

- 7:30 (SP) Pauline Mirisciotti by Minnie Kostic
- 11:30 to 12:30 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION**
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)

Mary Keegan by Janet & Sue Horosky

Months Mind: Elizabeth Marinelli

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 (SP) Paul Rutkowsky by Jean Lewis
- 10:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. Of the R.J. Quinn Family by Mr. &
Mrs. Rea Quinn
- 12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Joseph Philip Imperatore, Sr. & Joseph
Philip Imperatore, Jr. by Lucille & Family

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, **Albert Nackoul, Steven Capane**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 26

5:00 pm - C. & J. Helinski, T. Grebeck

Sunday, January 27

7:30 am - P. Tordella, C. & M. Dombrowski
10:00 am - L. Thompson, S. Luba, L. Law
12:00 pm - E. Collins, M. & T. Costantino
5:00 pm - M. Ruane, P. Corwin, D. Broglia

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 2

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, A. Currey

Sunday, February 3

7:30 am - An. & Au. Fairfull, J. Hofrichter
10:00 am - E. Morton, A. Simpson, J. Illig
12:00 pm - L. Sollon, M. & T. Costantino
5:00 pm - L. Hornak, M. Cushma, P. Gent

MEMORIALS were received for the following:

Our Father's House: In loving memory of:
Dolores Tomsic by Ron and Julie Yarkosky, Mirko
& Edna Tomsic, and Ervin & Albina Yarkosky.

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of: **Dolores A. Tomsic** by Ann and Frank Chuppetta.

St. Patrick Parking Lot: In honor of the 60th birthday of **Gail Cohil** by Joe and Esther Kusic; in loving memory of **Ted Bevec** by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Novak; **Elizabeth Churray** by Ralph & Ann Marie Cheverine, John & Mary Imperatore, and Helen Kobrish.

MASSES were received in loving memory of:
Dolores A. Tomsic by Natalie Di Muzio Tissot, Rose Ann Grosso and Family, **Elizabeth Churray** by Sylvia & Joe De Filippo; Christopher Child by Gabriele Arlia and Family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk
4:26-34
- Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk
2:22-40 [22-32]
- Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

*“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the **obstacles** which he has **overcome** while trying to succeed.”* Booker T. Washington (1856-1915), U.S Educator and Author

This 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that the **call** of God is important in each of our lives. But, even more significant, is **answering** this radical call with an *‘undivided’* heart and *‘unswerving’* commitment. There is a problem with all holy commitments, especially those of baptism, matrimony, and holy orders. The luster and glamour fades as soon as the cross appears. Each one of these holy commitments calls us to *‘on-going’* commitment to *‘living’* baptism, *‘living’* marriage, and *‘living’* priesthood. Following Christ is **not** as simple or easy as it may appear. It will also change the entire way we *think, speak, act, and live* our daily lives.

The word **repent** occur some 50 times in the New Testament. Repentance is the first condition for following Jesus. Jesus demands: **“Reform your lives! Come after me!”** These words changed the lives of Jesus’ *‘first disciples,’* namely Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Perhaps all of us could use the book called *Following Jesus for Dummies*. These first disciples are the model disciples; **‘they left everything immediately’**. They left *nets, boats, livelihoods, securities, booming family businesses, self-interests*. It’s not sensible, right?! But that’s the way people who fall in love behave, they disregard everything the world sees as important.

The Lord, who calls us by name to discipleship, graces, blesses, equips, and sustains for His mission and the work of ministry. A person who knows God’s love will dare to pray, “Lord, I will **do** anything you want me to do. I will **go** anywhere you want me to go. I will **say** anything you want me to say. I will **be** anything you want me to be.”

There is the famous story told of the reporter Malcolm Muggeridge who was interviewing Mother Theresa of Calcutta. After seeing her work in serving the *‘poorest of the poor,’* he commented that he would never do what she did not even for a million dollars. Blessed Mother Theresa humbly responded, *“Neither would I. If it were a case of money, I would not even do it for two million dollars.*

On the other hand, I would do it gladly for love of God.”

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reminds us that nothing **shreds** the Gospel of Jesus Christ more than *quarrels, fractions, and rivalries* in the Christian community—it is both *counter-productive* and *counter-witness* to the Gospel. Any talents, charismas, and achievements are small compared to the power of Christ’s cross. Oftentimes, we live in a world that idolizes celebrities and exalts popular personalities. As Christians, we must stand as a people rooted in God first and people second. **Our primary allegiance is to Jesus Christ—no one or nothing else** – not a particular parish, not a certain preacher, not a favorite devotion, not an attractive musical repertoire, and not a special organization. There is only **one** Gospel of Jesus Christ and all in the church community should **rally** to this **one** Gospel and to Christ Himself. In the **Eucharistic Prayer I**, the priest prays for the church—“*We offer them for your holy catholic Church, watch over it, Lord, and guide it; grant it peace and unity throughout the world.*” Do we **shred** or **spread** the gospel? Do we **hurt** or **heal** others? Does our *‘presence’* **divide** or **unite** people?

Each of us has been given **not** just a **fishing license**, but a **fishing mandate**—go and catch others in my Name for the salvation of the world.

As we begin our observance of **Catholic Schools Week**, the theme this year is: **“Catholic Schools—Light the Way.”** We are most grateful to all those who keep this treasure ‘alive’ in our community.

Let us each continue to **‘light the way’** by our faithfulness to God and one another in our daily choices. Where there is the darkness of **loneliness**, let us bring the gift of **friendship**. Where there is the darkness of **bitterness**, let us bring the light of **forgiveness**. Where there is the darkness of **discord**, let us bring the light of **harmony**. Where there is the darkness of **sadness**, let us bring the light of **joy**. Where there is the darkness of **doubt**, let us bring the light of **faith**. Where there is the darkness of **despair**, let us bring the light of **hope**. And where there is the darkness of **hatred**, let us bring the light of **love**.

If you are interested in hearing TV evangelist **Joel Olsteen**, at Mellon Arena on **March 13th** call the rectory for tickets by Monday, January 28th. (1.27.08)



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February Class Sessions: 3, 10, & 17
from 8:30 - 9:45 am



11TH ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL RETREAT - Our High School Youth Group will again be participating in the National Souper Bowl of Caring with a Souper Bowl Retreat on February 2 – 3, 2008. The teens will be taking donations after all Masses that weekend, which will be donated to the local Meals on Wheels Program. During the retreat the teens will play games, pray and reflect, do service projects, and fast. Permission /Consent to Treat forms are on the bulletin board and must be returned to the rectory by January 31, 2008.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

The student of St. Patrick School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week the week of January 27, 2008 – February 1, 2008. The week will begin with a special liturgy in order to recognize the true gift that God has given to the St. Patrick Parish Community.

The school will be accepting registrations for the 2008-2009 school year following today's 12:00 liturgy and throughout the week at the school office between 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 27, 2008: Catholic Schools Week Opening Liturgy 12:00 P.M.
- January 27, 2008: Open House 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
- January 28, 2008: Parent Appreciation Day
- January 29, 2008: Adult Education Class by Father John Schultz 7:00 pm. - 9:30 pm.
- January 29, 2008: Student Appreciation Day
- January 30, 2008: Student Liturgy 9:00 A.M.
- January 30, 2008: Grandparent's Day Luncheon 11 – 1:30
- January 31, 2008: Community Appreciation Day
- February 1, 2008: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - 10th Annual Dinner Dance and Auction will be held on April 5th at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands. Last Year the event sold out! Early reservations are being accepted at 724.873.7656. Don't miss the event of the year! For additional information or to make a donation contact Kathleen Bench at 724.942.0338 or mlbench@verizon.net

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

will sponsor a pancake breakfast to kick off Catholic Schools Week **this Sunday (01/27)** from 9:00 am. to 12:00 noon in the cafeteria.

DID YOU LOSE A RING ?

Please call the rectory to describe it and claim it!



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Third: Gregory J. Panseri
and Alexandra Rae Bartosh

Calendar of Events

- Sun, Jan. 27 - WYD MTG.** 6:30 pm. Center
- Sat., Feb. 2 - Souper Bowl Over Night Retreat:** 4 pm. until 2 pm. Sunday: Center
- Sun, Feb. 10 - High School Youth Group Meeting**
"Burning of Palms — Prayer Service"
Bring last year's palms: 1:30 - 3:00 Center: Teen Room



WYD 2008: There will be a Mandatory Meeting, TODAY on Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm. in St. Patrick's Center. All pilgrims and/or parents must attend. Itinerary, fundraising, preparations will be discussed. Also, a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is due by January 31, 2008. Any questions, call Nicole at 724.745.9413.

Any young adults (age 21-30) who would like to travel with Youthtowne to WYD' 08 are welcome to attend this informational meeting also.



HOAGIE SALE ...for February 16th & 17th **Did you miss them? They are back!**

- ## Orders will be taken Feb. 9th & 10th after all the masses.
- € Orders will be ready for pickup on February 16th & 17th after all masses.

The **LADIES OF CHARITY** will be investing new members on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at St. Paul's Cathedral with Bishop Zubik. 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.