

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

Rev. John J. Batykefer, Pastor
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Parish Office Hours

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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

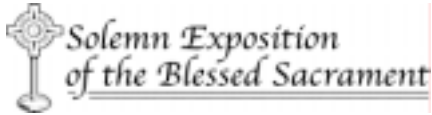
First time parents should contact the Parish Office well in advance of an expected Baptism, before birth when possible, to prepare for and to schedule the Baptism. Baptisms during Mass are held the 1st Sunday of the month and Baptisms after Mass at 1:15 p.m. are held the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

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!



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held Tuesday, February 5 beginning at Noon with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend some time with the Lord.



ASH WEDNESDAY: Please consult the Mass schedule in this bulletin for Masses signaling the beginning of the Lenten season. The distribution of ashes will take place during Mass. The act of coming forward for ashes indicates a readiness to commit to repentance for our sins.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be made available at the usual time of 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturdays, and also from 6:00 - 6:45 pm on Monday evenings (before Bible study begins).

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will be held at the normal time: 7:00 pm on Monday evenings in the church.

BENEDICTION and SUNG LENTEN VESPERS will be first held on Tuesday, February 12.

PRAY THE ROSARY on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Pray THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday, February 8 in St Patrick Church: 2:20 p.m. (*with St. Patrick school students*) and at 7:00 p.m.

Join us on the FRIDAYS OF LENT - (except Good Friday) for our PARISH FISH FRY. Lunch is served 11:00 am. to 1:00 pm. and Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. (Takeouts at lunch or dinner by calling 724.745.6560)

Sunday, February 3, SCOUT SUNDAY. Several young men are to be congratulated, as they receive their "Light of Christ Awards," during the 10:00 am Mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 3 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Feb. 4 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 p.m.) Center
- Feb. 4 **BIBLE STUDY** (7:00 p.m.) Church
- Feb. 5 **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** (12:00 noon - 7:00 pm. Benediction)
- Feb. 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY** - see Mass Schedule
- Feb. 7 **BAPTISM INSTRUCTION** (7:00 p.m.) Rectory
- Feb. 8 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (2:20 pm) Church
- Feb. 8 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7:00 pm.) Church
- Feb. 8 **FISH FRY**— see times above
- Feb. 10 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Feb. 17 **CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB** (7:30 p.m.) Center

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2008

Envelopes.....	\$13,496.05
Children's Envelopes	\$54.31
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,032.93
St. Patrick School.....	\$92.00
Parish Total	\$14,675.29
St. Anthony School	\$1,194.00
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$13,980.67</i>

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.

If you have candles that you would like to have blessed, please place them on the table in the sanctuary. Candles will also be available for a donation at all the masses this weekend.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE. The customary blessing of throats, a popular sacramental, will be offered at all the masses this weekend.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: Members of the Youth group will be at the exits of the church this weekend with their soup pots in hand asking for donations on behalf of our local Meals on Wheels.

Next Sunday is WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, a celebration that honors the husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The theme for WMD is "Love One Another" - the commandment given us by Jesus in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes for us to live. Married couples will receive a special blessing at all the Masses next weekend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES: The Apostolate Committee will hold an informational meeting with a representative of the St. Vincent DePaul Society March 6th for all parishioners interested in this ministry. St. Patrick's Ministry Fair is scheduled for May 18th. The Education Committee is planning a workshop on life-ending decisions. The Temporalities Committee completed a draft of its three-year plan for the physical plant. The Worship Committee is overseeing workshops for Eucharistic ministers and lectors. Parishioners active in these ministries will organize these workshops. The Council advised Father Jack that they support relegating St. Genevieve Church for common use and signed the required Petition to the Bishop. An ad hoc committee was appointed to help with the process. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Mary Keegan by Janet & Sue Horosky
7:30 (SP) Paul Rutkowski 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


MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:00 (SP) Dan & Cynthia Capane by Son, Steven Capane
8:00 (SG) John 'Buck' McCoy by Brian & Paula Hritsko
Months Mind: James Gamble

FIRST TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - St. Agatha

- 7:00 (SP) Birthday of Georgine Batykefer by Son, Fr. Jack
8:00 (SG) In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
12:00 (SP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 (Canon H.) Christopher Child by Antonio & Angela Arlia
7:00 (SP) (P.M.) Benediction and Vespers

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

-  **Fast and Abstinence**
7:00 (SP) Mary Turco by Gertrude Pavlik
9:00 (SP) Louise France by Judy & Jim Skupaka
12:00 (SG) John Leon by Bart & Clara DeJohn
7:00 (SP) (P.M.) Madgyn Hahn by Betty Sipes
Months Mind: Dolores Tomsic

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 7:00 (SP) Steve Kazak by Mr. & Mrs. Mel Podrasky
8:00 (SG) James Naser by Donna & Rob Castelli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - St. Jerome & St. Josephine Abstinence

- 7:00 (SP) Libby Churray by John & Carolyn Graff
8:00 (SG) Frank Andy by Wife, Anna
10:00 (Pine Lawn) Fallen Away Catholics by Lou Marra

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 7:30 (SP) Harold D. Campbell by Clement & Toni DaPra
11:30 to 12:30 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION
5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Patricia Hermberger, and Joseph & Margaret Cheverine by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cheverine

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 (SP) Nathan M. Chardello by Zach & Tyler Chardello
10:00 (SP) Dicio & Holt Families by Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur C. Holt
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Dolores Tomsic by Rose Ann Grosso 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, **Alfred Kebart, Ida Agostinelli, Mary Bastio**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February

5:00 pm - C. & M. Cappelli, N. Castelli

Sunday, February

7:30 am - G. Burke, M. & R. Rozak
10:00 am - B. & M. Illig, A. Lochran
12:00 pm - M. Ruane, A. & M. Broglia
5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, J. Cavallo

MEMORIALS were received for the following: **My Father's House:** In loving memory of: **Helen Bell** by Paul & Rose Thompson; **Mary Bastio** by Wes & Daralyn Campbell; **Ferdinand Delfine** by Louise Mroz. **St. Patrick School & Library:** In loving memory of: **Sarah Louise Marcischak** by Ron & Patty Falcione; **Ferdinand Delfine** by Ed & Nancy Gregg. **St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of **Algis Daugirdas** (Fr. Gabriel's uncle) by the 7:00 am Mass group; **Josephine Mersino** by Madeline & John Mazza; **Ferdinand Delfine** by Robert L. Pruce, Laraine & Bob Pruce, Sue & Frank Pruce, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Imperatore, Mag & John Mazza, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Abbondanza and Son, Marie Progar, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bevec, Don & Shirley Anthony, Carol Pruce and Patty Dhayer, Dave, Debbie & Dolores Abbondanza. **MASSES** were received in loving memory of: **Algis Daugirdas** (Fr. Gabriel's uncle) by the 7:00 am Mass group; **Helen Bell** by Ross & Barb Jicomelli, Ross, Darlene, Sara & Catherine Jicomelli, and Eleanor Patross; **Ferdinand Delfine** by Mary Jane Neish, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Carrozzo, Chemento Family—Rose Connie, Bobo & Popeye, Don & Jackie Liberatore, Pat & Lorraine Enlow.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Whoever possesses God is happy.”

St. Augustine of Hippo

Just go into any bookstore today and you will find shelves full of books on **how to be happy**. The latest experts, authors, and gurus of all shapes and sizes offer their wisdom and insights into the keys for happiness. Don't waste your money, time, or energy buying books on how to be happy. Just read your Bible—it is the one book that can actually make you truly and deeply happy. The Greek philosopher Aristotle and the master theologian St. Augustine believed that the greatest search in life for every one of us is for happiness.

Today's Gospel is the infamous **Sermon on the Mount –The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12**. This is rated an 'All Star' sermon. Jesus' disciples gathered around Him and He taught them through repetition—**“Blessed are...for they...”** **Beatitude** comes from the **Latin** word 'beatius' meaning 'fortunate.' The **Greek** word 'markarios' means 'fortunate, happy, blessed.' The **Hebrew** word 'ashre' means 'blessed, fortunate.' In **English**, the word is translated 'happy.' A definition of **happiness** could be: *“An inward sense of joy and well being independent of circumstance or situation.”*

St. Matthew portrays Jesus as the 'New Moses,' giver of the 'New Law.' Just as Moses on Sinai received God's law for the people of Israel, so Jesus on the mountain delivers the teaching for the 'new people' of God. It was the proper teaching method for a rabbi 'teacher' to 'sit down' thus, conveying welcome and intimacy. Jesus does not demand, berate, order, manipulate, and condemn but rather enlightens, empowers, enkindles, instructs, and invites His disciples to proclaim and further His kingdom.

What makes people happy? Money (lots of it), sex (lots of it), food (lots of it), wealth (lots of it), and status (lots of it)? If our hearts are polluted by greed, lust, gluttony, and pride it will distort our happiness and freedom. Rabbi Harold Kushner writes in his book—When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough—*“Our souls are not hungry for fame, comfort, wealth, or power. These rewards create almost as many problems as they solve.*

Our souls are hungering for meaning, for the sense that we have figured out how to love so that our lives matter.” Jesus essentially tells us where true happiness is found—in Him. Apart from Jesus and His way, there is only unhappiness.

The beatitudes contradict the 'worldly' values. The beatitudes turn the wisdom of the world on its head. The beatitudes are not outdated, impractical, and exclusive. The beatitudes are not intended for a select few to follow and live. The beatitudes are the very heart of Jesus' message for the salvation of this world. If we follow God's 'game plan,' we cannot lose.

The following are the grounds of our happiness in the 'eyes' of Jesus. A **humble soul** is a 'happy' soul. A **clean heart** is a 'happy' heart. A **merciful person** is a 'happy' spirit. A **child-like faith** is a 'happy' faith. A **persecuted disciple** is a 'happy' friend of the Gospel. A **beatitude example** is a 'happy' witness. Anna R. Brown Lindsay wrote: *“We may let go of all things which we cannot carry into the eternal life.”*

What better way to prepare for the season of Lent than to read the entire Sermon of the Mount in the Bible (Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7) this week?

Choose to **love**—rather than **hate**.

Choose to **smile**—rather than **frown**.

Choose to **build**—rather than **destroy**.

Choose to **persevere**—rather than **quit**.

Choose to **praise**—rather than **gossip**.

Choose to **heal**—rather than **wound**.

Choose to **give**—rather than **grasp**.

Choose to **act**—rather than **delay**.

Choose to **forgive**—rather than **curse**.

Choose to **pray**—rather than **despair**.'

“Lent is a privileged time of interior pilgrimage toward Him who is the font of mercy. It is a pilgrimage in which He Himself accompanies us through the desert of our poverty, sustaining us on our way toward the intense joy of Easter.” **POPE BENEDICT XVI**



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the students and faculty of St. Patrick School, we would like to thank everyone who helped make Catholic Schools Week such a huge success. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all their help with the Pancake Breakfast. We would also like to thank the entire parish for all their support throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 5 Grades 4-8 visit the Pittsburgh Glass Center
- February 6 Student Liturgy at 9:00 AM prepared by Grades 7 & 8
- February 6 H.S.A. Board Meeting 1:30 PM
- February 7 Market Day Pickup 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- February 7 Grade 2 Parent Luncheon 11:30 AM
- February 8 Stations of the Cross 2:20 PM
- February 8 Casual Dress Day
- February 8 Dental Exams for Grades 1, 3 and 7
- February 8 Principal's Leadership Conference begins

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

ATTENTION ALL FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS **Please turn in your form this week.**



forms by Tuesday (2.5.08) to facilitate scheduling. We are especially in need of dinner volunteers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

WANTED: You are needed to volunteer (only 4 hours, for one day a week) in the Canonsburg Hospital Emergency Department Waiting Area. Meeting and helping patients & their families is a rewarding experience; training is provided. For more information, please contact Kim Manko, Hospital Volunteer Coordinator, at 724.873.5835.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catechetical Building, behind the church off Pike Street, Meadowlands, PA on Sunday, February 24th from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Adults are \$6.00, children under 10, \$3.00. All are welcome!



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 **this 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.

Calendar of Events

Sat., Feb. 2 - Souper Bowl Overnight 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 p.m. Center: Teen Room



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.

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. (*The Ladies of Charity will be investing new members on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at St. Paul's Cathedral with Bishop Zubik.*) 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.

PARISH FESTIVAL will be on 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 at 724.746.3403