

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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February 10, 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!



MOTHER'S IN NEED DRIVE: During this Lenten season, your Canonsburg **Knights of Columbus** Council 3291 is partnering with Catholic Charities' Washington County office to

collect much needed baby items to support local mothers who have chosen life over abortion. Many of these women may otherwise have chosen abortion because of their financial situation, pressure from their family or friends, or simply because that they were unaware that there was help for individuals in their situation. Beginning Saturday, February 9th— Sunday, March 16th, you will find a number of collection bins in our vestibules for donations. Items that are needed are:

- # Formula (both powdered and liquid, such as Similac)
- #Baby Food (all brands and stages)
- #Baby Hygiene Products (Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Q-Tips, Diaper Wipes, Rash Ointment)
- #Diapers (All sizes: Huggies, Pampers, Luvs, etc.)

These mothers made the right choice by choosing life. Let's show them now that they are not alone, and that we care.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, FEBRUARY 24th Our **Knights of Columbus** will be holding a Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 am. to 1:30 pm. on Sunday, February 24th in the school cafeteria. All proceeds will benefit the many charitable programs supported by our Knights. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship!

PARISH SHARE: All registered parishioners should have received the Parish Share mailing this past week. Also enclosed was a letter from Fr. Jack and a Lenten Schedule. If you did not receive your Parish Share mailing, please call the rectory in order that we might correct our records. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 10 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** (8:30-9:45 am.)
- Feb. 11 **RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm.) Church
- Feb. 11 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm.) Center
- Feb. 11 **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Feb. 12 **BENEDICTION & SUNG LENTEN VESPERS** (7:00 pm.) Church
- Feb. 13 **PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 pm.) Church
- Feb. 13 **LADIES OF CHARITY** (7:00 pm.) Center
- Feb. 14 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (7 pm.) Knight's House
- Feb. 15 **FISH FRY—LUNCH** (11:00 - 1 pm.) Cafeteria
- Feb. 15 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (2:20 pm) Church
- Feb. 15 **FISH FRY—DINNER** (4:00 - 7 pm.) Cafeteria
- Feb. 15 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7:00 pm.) Church
- Feb. 17 **CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB** (7:30 p.m.) Center
- Feb. 18 **RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm.) Church
- Feb. 18 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm.) Center
- Feb. 18 **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Feb. 20 **CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S EXE. BD. MTG** (7:00 pm.) Center

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2008

Envelopes.....	\$15,220.00
Children's Envelopes	\$51.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$926.95
St. Patrick School.....	\$350.00
Parish Total	\$16,548.45
Souper Bowl.....	\$3,713.64
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: \$142,935.23

Including \$67,565.27 in individual donations

Amount still needed: \$35,064.77

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT !

RCIA - RITE OF SENDING: After months of studying the Catholic faith, The Candidates for full initiation into the Faith at the coming Easter Season have indicated that they seek election into the Catholic Faith. They, along with their Godparents and Sponsors, will be presented to Bishop Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh on this Sunday, February 10th. We joyfully send them at the 12:00 Noon Mass. The love and prayers of our St. Patrick community go with them.

PENANCE SERVICE: During Lent 2008, Bishop David A. Zubik will be holding penance services with individual rite of reconciliation at nine different parishes encompassing the 16 deaneries of the diocese between February 7 and March 11, 2008.

In our area, Bishop Zubik will be celebrating here at **St. Patrick on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 PM.** All parishioners throughout our deanery are invited to attend as well.

M.O.M.S SPRING SESSION: Our next 8 week session will run on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm., beginning Feb. 19th and on Wednesday mornings 9-11 am., beginning February 20th. People have the option of choosing which session to attend. Contact Lizanne Boni at 724.873.7326 or dlasboni@hotmail.com. Registration forms and flyers are at the exits of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Patricia Herberger, and Joseph & Margaret
Cheverine by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cheverine
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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 (SP) Patricia Kramer by Ann L. Kramer
8:00 (SG) Robert Stack by Stack Family
2:00 (Consulate) George, Mary, & Ron Pavlik by Mr. & Mrs.
Daniel Sylvers

6:00 to 6:45 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 (SP) John F. Plazak by Family
8:00 (SG) Herk Abbondanza by Dolores Abbodanza
10:00 (Rest Haven) Thomas Vernua by Wife

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 (SP) Helen & Leonard Woyicki, and Ann & Andy
Yurus by Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert D. Yurus
9:00 (SP) Joseph R. Vercek by Mrs. Dorothy Vercek
2:00 (Greenery) Herk Abbondanza by Florence Greco Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Sts. Cyril and Methodius

7:00 (SP) Alfred DeLucia by Eleanor and Family
8:00 (SG) John Urbancic by Andrew Hullak

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Abstinence

7:00 (SP) Samuel Sanpietro & Angie Luongo by Lena
8:00 (SG) Margaret Martys by Joseph Martys
10:00 (Ahepa) Peter Elish by Agnes Elish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 (SP) Mary and Steve Setto by Elizabeth Politan &
Family

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

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL) Deceased Relatives by Mr. & Mrs.
Gary J. Edell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 (SP) John and Catherine Sroka by Mr. & Mrs.
Charles Sroka
10:00 (SP) J. Larry Bender by Family
12:00 (SP) Flory DiYenno & Vannicola Family by Edith DiYenno
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

Month's Mind: Albert Nackoul

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, **Paul Jakubek, Robert Cushman, Joseph Spilak, Mary Gregory,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February

5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, C. & J. Helinski

Sunday, February

7:30 am - A. Boni, A. Sciulli, E. Regoli
10:00 am - E., L., & S. Hammell
12:00 pm - J. Reis, T. Grebeck, D. Broglia
5:00 pm - C. Tarnik, P. Hogan, A. Currey

**THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
FEBRUARY PRAYER FOR PRIEST'S LIST:**

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| Feb. 1 | Most Rev. David A. Zubik |
| Feb. 2 | Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley |
| Feb. 3 | Most Rev. William J. Winter |
| Feb. 4 | Most Rev. John B. McDowell |
| Feb. 5 | Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, Cap |
| Feb. 6 | Rev. Lester Knoll, OFM, Cap |
| Feb. 7 | Very Rev. Harry R. Bielewicz
Cdr., Jon J. Brzek, CHC USN |
| Feb. 8 | Rev. John M. Bauer
Deacon Joseph Cerenzia |
| Feb. 9 | Rev. Mark A. Eckman
Mr. Frederick Gruber |
| Feb. 10 | Rev. John J. Baver |
| Feb. 11 | Rev. Eugene J. Dougherty
Mr. Vaskov Nicholas |
| Feb. 12 | Rev. Joseph Back |
| Feb. 13 | Rev. Howard P. Bleichner |
| Feb. 14 | Rev. John J. Batykefer |
| Feb. 15 | Rev. Charles B. Bergman |
| Feb. 16 | Rev. Donald R. Bischof |

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

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| Monday: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9 |

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“When you flee temptation, don’t leave a forwarding address.”
~ Anonymous

Temptations, temptations, temptations—fill the **First Sunday of Lent**. Temptations are a very real part of everyday life—no one is immune or exempt from them. The Irish author Oscar Wilde once said, “*I couldn’t help it. I can resist everything except temptation.*” Mae West noted—“*I generally avoid temptation unless I can’t resist it.*” And the comedian Flip Wilson would say—“*The devil made me do it.*”

Our decisions in life matter. Good choices help us to conform to God’s plan and will. Sinful choices sidetrack and weaken us on our salvation journey. Lent is a special time to come ‘*face-to-face*’ with our dark side. Lent is a time of conversion in our ‘*life-long*’ struggle with sin. Sin is no ‘*kidding*’ matter—it leads to ‘*spiritual*’ death. Sin brings frustration, complication, and misery.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that in Adam we see transgression, disobedience, sin, judgment, condemnation, and death; but with Christ we see gift, obedience, righteousness, grace, acquittal, and life. Thus, Adam ‘*unleashed*’ sin into the world which leads to alienation (death) from God, while Christ ‘*unleashed*’ life for all who believe in Him.

Our Lenten challenge is to join Jesus in accepting our humanity and mortality. Our temptations can lure and tempt us away from a life of faith. Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights in the desert and won major victories over Satan. Jesus is the ‘*perfect*’ model of how to endure and resist temptation. Let us imitate Jesus’ example this Lenten 2008 journey by confronting our sinfulness ‘*head on*’—sins of the *flesh*, sins of the *world*, and sins of our *personal* and *fallen* nature. Don’t let the ‘*finite*’ goods of power, pleasures, and passions keep us from the ‘*infinite*’ life of grace. Without Jesus’ help and grace we are ‘*dead-in-the water*.’ Let us not fall prey to the glamour and deceptions of evil that seek only to destroy. May we have the wisdom and grace to live our Baptismal commitment fully in our daily choices...

- © between obedience to the *Father* and obedience to *Satan*.
- © between good and evil.
- © between *God-centeredness* and *self-centeredness*.
- © between serving *others* and being *self-serving*.
- © between God’s promise of fulfillment in His divine life of *love* or Satan’s promise of fulfillment in this world of creature-comforts.

© between love of neighbor and love of money and the things that money can buy.

Perhaps the following reflection can assist on our Lenten journey.

Fasting and Feasting

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on our unity.
Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on God’s healing power.
Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on things that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of peace.
Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from endless problems; Feast on sustaining prayer.

~ William Arthur Ward

Note:

I will be away in the ‘**Sunshine State**’ instead of the ‘**Keystone State**’ from Feb.11-25th. I guess a ‘*fast*’ from Pennsylvania is part of a Lenten sacrifice! Bible study will be cancelled for the next three weeks. It resumes **Monday, March 3rd**—please read the book of the prophet Ezekiel. Enjoy also the break from my weekly column.

All 125 tickets for the **March 13th Joel Osteen Event at the Mellon Arena** and 56 people to ride the bus are completely ‘sold out.’ Great!

“Our **worst** days are never so bad that you are beyond the **reach** of God’s grace, And your **best** days are never so good that you are beyond the **need** of God’s grace.” ~Jerry Bridges (2.10.08)



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

As we begin our Lenten season the Religious Education students will focus on giving to others. The students will be participating in a non-perishable food drive for our local Canonsburg-Houston Food Bank. This act of faith allows the students to experience service to others.

To help the students feel more personally involved in this project, we are asking each child to do a good deed or help with an extra chore at home to earn his or her food donation(s). The students will bring the items to class each week.

If any parishioner would like to donate non-perishable food items, please call the Religious Education office at 724.745.3787. Thank you.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Mozina, our school principal, will be attending the Principal's Leadership Conference hosted by the Diocese of Pittsburgh the week-end of February 8 - 10, 2008. This year's conference is being presented by Rev. Richard M. Jacobs, O.S.A. at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh. The conference is entitled "Principal as Faith Leader." Bishop David Zubik will be the main celebrant at the Saturday evening liturgy. A dinner in his honor will be held at the Radisson following the liturgy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10 Leadership Conference ends at 2:00 PM
February 11 Spelling Bee for Grades 6 - 8 at 9:15 AM
February 12 Athletic association Meeting at 6:30 PM
February 13 Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 2A - 9:00 AM
February 14 Officer Phil Program - 9:00 AM
February 15 Lenten Fish Fry
February 15 Stations of the Cross - 2:20 PM

CEMETERY CLEANUP — ALERT!

With Easter being early this year, please wait until after cemetery cleanup, March 8th, to place your Easter decorations on graves.

Remember...anything you want to keep that is presently on a grave, please remove these items before March 8th. Watch ...more details to follow.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM: St. Benedict the Abbot Church, McMurray is offering a grief support program, "The Emmaus Journey," on Saturday mornings beginning February 9 from 9:30 - 11:00 at the rectory. The program runs 6 Saturdays. For more information or to register, contact Dennis Gehrlein, Pastoral Associate at 724.971.9406.



ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT who would like to help their parish (*or that needs service hours*) by helping with the Friday Lenten Fish Frys (*especially with the details of cleanup*)... please call Nicole to schedule your time: 724.745.9413.

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

Sun, Feb. 17 - High School Youth Group Meeting
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.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

My Father's House: In loving memory of: **Helen Bell** by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Angelone. **St. Patrick Parking**

Lot: In loving memory of **Elizabeth Churray** by Ted and Shirley Thomas, Clara & Bart DeJohn; **Mary Addobati Bastio**, mother of Patti Dellovade from the Employees of A.C. Dellovade, Inc., and CENTRIA; **Alfred Kebart** by Alice Kebart, Helen Boles, Dorothy Kubacki, Mirko & Edna Tomsic, Roger & Betty Haggerty, Charles Kebart, Ed & Nancy Sifinski, John & Ann Agostinelli, Zorka Tomsic, Helen Kobrish, Marilyn Tomsic, Rose Cadez, Tom & Janet Breiding, Loretta Kulakowski, Dave & Jo Ann Bier, Mary & Jo Ann Bruno.

Parish Share Program: In loving memory of **John Urbancic** by Wife, Mary.

MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Anna Andy by the Holliday and Natalini Families; **Alfred Kebart** by Eileen Arnold, Marilyn Tomsic, Dorothy Warabow, Dora D'Ottavio, Betty Markovich, Roger & Betty Haggerty; **Elizabeth Churray** by Violet M. Bender; **Bob Wingard** by Angeline Wingard; **Dominic & Maria Serenta (Grandparents)** by Sarah & Frank Cargiene; **Arthur & Margaret Serenta** by Sarah & Frank Cargiene; **Albert Nackoul** by Sophia & Richard Kern, David Odoski Family, Theresa Testa, Ann Nackoul, and Barbara & Joseph Kozdra.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ARE INVITING all members & guests to a Day of Recollection by Father Rich on Thursday, March 13th from 9 am.—2 pm. A charge of \$10.00 will cover donuts & a box lunch. Please call Pat at 724.745.5362 or Denise at 724.747.9745, by March 6th.