

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 24, 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!



SHARE PHOTOS OF OUR TROOPS!

Our **Knights of Columbus** will be installing a bulletin board in the church to display photos of your loved ones who are overseas serving our country. This bulletin board will be displayed in the back vestibule of the church. We are asking our parishioners to remember your loved ones in their prayers. A box will be in the back of the church Saturday, March 1 through Sunday, March 9 to collect your photos and notes. Photos should not be larger than 4" by 6". Please include both the name of your loved one, as well as where they are currently stationed. The Knights will display this bulletin board beginning on Palm Sunday. God bless our troops!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, FEBRUARY 24th from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

MOTHERS IN NEED DRIVE: From 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.)

ST. PATRICK PARISH WEBSITE - Did you know?- that on our parish website www.stpatrickparish.net you can find:

- # Mass schedules, both regular AND holiday schedules
- # Parish contact information
- # Current church events and announcements
- # Our weekly bulletin, current and archived back to January 2007
- # Information on our various ministries, including contacts
- # Fr. Rich's reflections, both current and prior reflections back to 2006



MANY THANKS to Anita & George Brecosky for doing such a fantastic job of creating our parish website and representing our parish in this outstanding way!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Second Sunday in Lent
February 17, 2008*

Envelopes.....	\$13,567.10
Children's Envelopes	\$62.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$888.86
St. Patrick School.....	\$107.00
Parish Total	\$14,518.46
Catholic Charities	\$1,640.33
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$13,980.67</i>

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

The **LENTEN SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, February 23-24, will be taken for Canonsburg-Houston Ministerial Association. Next week's collection, March 1 & 2, will be taken for Greater Canonsburg Food Bank. Please be as generous as possible.

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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.

We are happy to announce that Bishop Zubik has chosen to come to our parish to celebrate this penance service for the combined deaneries of Washington West, East and Greene counties. This diocesan event will take place on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 pm. All the priests from each parish in the three deaneries have been asked to be present, so there should be a good number of them here that night to hear confessions.

This service will take the place of the one that we normally hold during holy week; we hope that many of you will accept this invitation by the Lord and by our bishop to celebrate God's forgiveness, strength and healing through this wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We are encouraging the whole parish, including our children in the school and the religious education program, to attend. We pray that you parents will make time to bring your families that evening. There is no better way to die to our old self and be "born again" anew, than in this sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - *First Scrutiny*

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Family of Amanda Anselmino by Family
- 7:30 (SP) Stanley Ozelski-Kulla, Kirenko Families by Stella Ozelski
- 10:00 (SP) Richards, Scarcell, and Popovich Families by William R. Richards
- 12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Rosalie Mlekush by Gloria & Dick Yorke-Sarlo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 7:00 (SP) Ethel and Delmont Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. William I. McClure
- 8:00 (SG) Margherita & Alfonso Manstrangioli Families by Mr. & Mrs. Pete Giamarco

6:00 to 6:45 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION

Month's Mind: Paul Jakubek

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 7:00 (SP) Edith R. Marks by Children
- 8:00 (SG) Anna and Michael Kopcrak by Margie & Ed Sharek, Dave, Mary & Courtney Saniga
- 10:00 (Kingdom Manor) Angelo Tatano by Darlene & Mike Monaco & Sons

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 7:00 (SP) Christopher Child by Gabriele Arlia and Family
- 9:00 (SP) Cathy Fonagy & Frank Shinshasky by Family
- 2:00 (TownView) Mary Addobati Bastio by Trish & Rich Layton

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 7:00 (SP) Elizabeth Churray by Stella & Jay Powers
- 8:00 (SG) Bob Wingard by Wife & Family

Month's Mind: Thomas A. Podrasky

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Abstinence

- 7:00 (SP) William E. Johnson by Ron & Janel Pastor
- 8:00 (SG) Joseph Pallaria by Teresa & John Toth

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 - *First Saturday*

- 7:30 (SP) Deceased Members of the Vincenzo & Anina Colaizzo Family by Antoinette Colaizzo

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

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL) Al Imperatore by Wife, Gloria

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 (SP) Deceased Children of John & Catherine Sroka by Thomas J. Sedora
- 10:00 (SP) Charles Cerenzia, Sr. by Family
- 12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.) James Imperatore by Theresa Imperatore

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, **Alex Supinski, Margaret Chuppetta** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, E. Morton

Sunday, February 24

7:30 am - C. & M. Dombrowski, P. Tordella

10:00 am - L. Law, S. Luba, L. Thompson

12:00 pm - E. Collins, M. & T. Costantino

5:00 pm - A. & A. Fairfull, M. Cushma

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 1

5:00 pm - J., M. & B. Illig

Sunday, March 2

7:30 am - J. Hofrichter, N. Castelli, A. Lochran

10:00 am - Z. Simpson, C. & M. Cappelli

12:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, L. Sollon

5:00 pm - P. Gent, L. Hornak, A. Broglia



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Next Sunday, March 2, seminarians from our Pittsburgh Diocese and Fr. James Wehner will be celebrating the 10:00 am & 12:00 noon masses with us at St. Patrick, as they continue to promote priestly vocations throughout our diocese. The following prayer and more information can be found at www.diopitt.org/serves_vocations.php or by calling 412.456.3048.

PRAYER FOR PITTSBURGH SEMINARIANS:

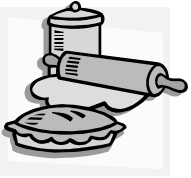
Dearest Heavenly Father, The Church founded upon the faith of the apostles, the blood of the holy martyrs and the courage of the saints, leads all believers from our earthly pilgrimage to our heavenly home.

Through the Priesthood of your Son, the faithful participate in the mysteries of salvation by Word and Sacrament. You call some men to serve the Church as priests to be teachers of the Faith, proclaimers of the Word, and celebrants of the Holy Eucharist.

We pray for the seminarians of Pittsburgh who, by a great act of faith, are discerning your Providential Call to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. May they be open to your will and respond graciously and generously to the needs of the church.

May our diocesan family continue to receive your blessings as we advance the cause of the Gospel and manifest your Kingdom in all we say and do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



BAKED GOODS FOR THE FISH FRY Parishioners are asked to bake (**Cakes, Pies and Cookies**) for the fish fry on Fridays, February 29, March 7 and March 14. Please bring

your donation of baked goods to the:

Cafeteria or Rectory - *on Thursday evenings*

Cafeteria - *on Friday before 5:00 pm*

Thank you for your generosity.

PIEROGI (potato/cheese) will be made on March 3 and March 10. To place an order, please contact Pat Rush (724.745.3931) or Rena Patrick (724.745.3058). \$6.00 per dozen. Orders may be picked up at St. Genevieve Hall between Noon and 3:00 pm or by special arrangement on either day. Sunday (prep.) workers, report at 7:00 am; Monday workers report at 8:00 am. Please bring a dozen of eggs. If you have not helped before, but would like to, please join us for a morning of fellowship, fun, and a little labor. Thank you!

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM will be offered for PARENTS and GODPARENTS in preparation for the Baptism of their child on **Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm**. Note: If you plan to attend this session, please call the rectory office (724.745.6560) to register for this program. The next Baptism Instruction Program will be held in May.

M.O.M.S SPRING SESSION: Our next eight-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.

OUR PARISH MEN'S RETREAT is scheduled for the weekend of **MARCH 14-15-16**. Rediscover God's unending love for you, God's real presence in your life, and the beauty of your own unique self. Make a parish retreat weekend at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. For more information, call John at 724.745.1735, Mark at 724.514.6171, or Rick at 724.746.3279.

"Our parish communities are measured by how they serve 'the least of these' in our parish and beyond its boundaries — the hungry, the homeless, the sick, those in prison, the stranger (cf. Mt 25:31). Our local families of faith are called to 'hunger and thirst for justice' and to be 'peacemakers' in our own communities (cf. Mt 5:6-9)"

~U.S. Catholic Bishops, *Communities of Salt and Light*~



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul works daily to help local families in need. Within the Council of Pittsburgh, the Society has conferences in 112 parishes throughout the Diocese.

Your time is very valuable to us. A little bit of your time can make a big difference in someone's life. Consider becoming a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and reap heavenly rewards. There will be an informational meeting at 7:00 pm on March 6th in the center with Fred Just, the executive director for the Pittsburgh Council of the Society of St. de Paul. Please call the rectory to register.

ST. PATRICK CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD INVITE ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS to a Day of Recollection with Fr. Richard Jones at St. Genevieve Church (120 East College Street, Canonsburg) on Thursday, March 13th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A charge of \$10.00 will cover donuts & a box lunch. Reconciliation will be available after lunch. Please call Pat Vernau at 724.745.5362 or Denise Adams at 724.747.9745 to register by March 6th.

~ **Day of Recollection** ~

with - Fr. Richard Jones

March 13th - 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

~ St. Genevieve Church ~

For registration and to indicate your lunch choice:

call Pat at 724.745.5362

or Denise at 724.747.9745

Boxed Lunch Choice

1. Turkey Croissant _____

2. Roast Beef Sandwich _____



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Class Sessions: 2nd, 9th, and 30th
from 8:30 - 9:45 am

As we continue 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

The annual Science Fair was held the week of January 27, 2008 – February 1, 2008.

The following are the winners of this year's Science Fair:

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- First Place: Katie Bench - Corrosion Explosion
Second Place: April Currey - One Word, Two Word
Third Place: Stephanie Hammell - Now You See It
Fourth Place: Jessica O'Shell - Roller Coaster

GRADE 5:

- First Place: Lisa Hornak - Can Yeast Blow Up a Balloon
Second Place: Andrew Fairfull - Does Music Affect Blood Pressure

Third Place: Nick Burton - Radiant Radishes

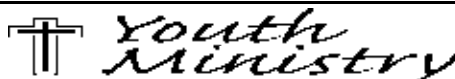
The Science Fair is sponsored by DelRose Construction of Washington, PA. The students will now compete in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science at the University of California on February 23, 2008. Good luck to all!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 25: Spelling Bee for Grades 4 – 6
February 27: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 3 at 9:00 am
February 27: Faculty Mtg. – 12:30 Early Dismissal
February 28: Parish Penance Service 7:00 pm
February 28: Group Pictures for Grades P3 – 8
February 29: Group Pictures for 4 Year Old Preschool
February 29: Stations of the Cross at 2:20 pm
February 29: Lenten Fish Fry 11:00 – 1:00 pm



HOAGIES ... Orders will be **ready for pickup** on **February 23rd & 24th** after all the masses in the cafeteria!



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

Sun, Feb. 24 - High School Youth Group Lenten Meeting 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Center: Teen Room



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 PILGRIM MEETING for all pilgrims will be held on Sunday, February 24th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in St. Patrick Center.

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. Please mark this date on your calendar.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 24 **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
Feb. 24 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (7:30 –1:30) Cafeteria
Feb. 24 **LENTEEN SESSION YOUTH MINISTRY MTG.** (1:30-3:00 pm) Center -Teen Room (also, March 2)
Feb. 25 **RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm) Church
Feb. 25 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm) Center
Feb. 25 **NO BIBLE STUDY**
Feb. 26 **BENEDICTION & SUNG LENTEEN VESPERS** (7:00 pm) Church
Feb. 27 **PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 pm) Church
Feb. 27 **WORSHIP COMM. MTG.** (7:00 pm) Center
Feb. 28 **DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE** (7:00 pm) SP
Feb. 28 **MOMS Scripture Time** (7:30-9 pm) Center Chapel
Feb. 29 **FISH FRY—LUNCH** (11:00 - 1 pm) Cafeteria
Feb. 29 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (2:20 pm) Church
Feb. 29 **FISH FRY—DINNER** (4:00 - 7 pm) Cafeteria
Feb. 29 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7 pm)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]