

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Parish Office Hours

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March 2, 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

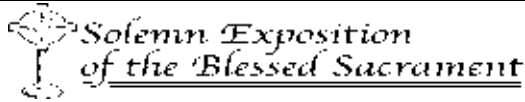
POST ABORTION 1-800-593-2273

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.





EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held Tuesday, March 4th from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm, concluding with Sung Lenten Vespers & Benediction.



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!

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. Vincent 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 and to indicate lunch choice (Boxed Lunch Choice: Turkey Croissant or Roast Beef Sandwich) by March 6th.

BAKED GOODS FOR THE FISH FRY- Parishioners are asked to bake (**Cakes, Pies and Cookies**) for the fish fry on Fridays, 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Third Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2008*

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| Envelopes..... | \$13,635.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$39.51 |
| Loose Cash and Coin | \$1085.50 |
| St. Patrick School..... | \$107.00 |
| Parish Total | \$14,888.01 |
| Canonsburg Houston Ministerial Assoc. . | \$1,483.29 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expenses | \$13,980.67 |

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

The LENTEN SECOND COLLECTION this weekend, March 1 & 2, will be taken for Greater Canonsburg Food Bank. Please be as generous as possible.

THIS SUNDAY, 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. More information can be found at www.diopitt.org/serves_vocations.php or by calling 412.456.3048.

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.

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!



EASTER FLOWER SALE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The Ladies of Charity will be selling Easter Flowers on Saturday and Sunday, March 15th and 16th (Palm Sunday) after all masses, in the cafeteria. The proceeds will help to purchase Easter gifts for our parish shut-ins and patients in the nursing homes. The Ladies of Charity thank you for your generous support.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - *Second Scrutiny*

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

MONDAY, MARCH 3 - St. Katharine Drexel

- 7:00 (SP) Blanche Gregory by Charles & Charlotte Sroka
8:00 (SG) Jacob Martincic by Adolph & Sophie Kern
6:00 to 6:45 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION

FIRST TUESDAY, MARCH 4 - St. Casimir

- 7:00 (SP) Anthony & Helen Thomas by Ted Thomas
8:00 (SG) William Backner by Wife, Children & Grandchildren
10:00 (Canon House) Margaret Martys by David Dietz
12:00 Adoration - 7:00 pm Lenten Vespers & Benediction

Month's Mind: Robert Cushman & Joseph Spilak

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

- 7:00 (SP) Anthony Barbosky, and the John & Jacqueline
Alterio Family by Mary Ann Barbosky
9:00 (SP) Alex & Frances Eonta, Philip, Nick, Charles, Emily
& Rose by Mr. & Mrs. John E. Hoffman

Month's Mind: Mary Gregory & Martin W. 'Bill' Caffrey

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 7:00 (SP) Dr. Ralph Castafero by Natalie D. Tissot
8:00 (SG) Mary Gregor by Lorie, Billy, Janice & John
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Month's Mind: David Beppler

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

Abstinence

- 7:00 (SP) Marra and Porcaro Families by Sarah Porcaro
8:00 (SG) Mary A. Harper by Rev. Joseph Luisi
10:00 (Consulate Retirement) Poor Souls by Elizabeth Nalitz

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 - St. John of God

- 7:30 (SP) Living & Deceased Members of the Ciccocioppi
Family by Ann Koziel

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

- 5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)
Vitulo, Gigliotti & Colaizzo Families by Carmina,
Joseph, Kathleen, Timothy, & Nicole Vitullo

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 (SP) Lawrence Maffio and Patsy & Gustine Rocco by Nettie,
Regina & Family
10:00 (SP) Bob Wingard by Ange Wingard Family
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Members of the Stopperich, Barringh, Harton
& Brownlee Families by Mr. & Mrs. Rick Harton

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, **Henry E. Flon, Anthony Anesetti,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 9

7:30 am - G. Burke, E. Regoli, A. Boni
10:00 am - M. & R. Rozak, A. Sciulli
12:00 pm - M. & D. Broglia, M. Ruane
5:00 pm - L. Hornak, A. & L. Starcevic

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING: **My**

Father's House: In loving memory of: **Mary Bastio** by Katherine Simpson, Carolyn & John Graff; **Martin William Caffrey** by Sandra White & Barbara DeFazio; **Dennis Gump, Sr.** by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ciarelli, Mr. & Mrs. Rich Ziack, Mrs. Katy Simpson, and Rena Patrick . **St. Patrick**

School: In loving memory of: **Mary Bastio** by Sharon Doran Maikranz. **St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of: **John A. Walleck** by Marie & Chip Polly; **Dennis Gump, Sr.** by Dolores & Edgar Cheverine, and Rita Polansky; **Betty Podrasky** by Dolores & Edgar Cheverine; **Mary Bastio** by Rena Castelli. **St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

In loving memory of: **Mary Bastio** by Vincent & Cheryl Racioppi. **MASSSES** WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY

OF: **Joseph Spilak** by Paul & Beth Spilak III, James Spilak, Mary Lynn Spilak, Suzanne & Brian Myers; **John A. Walleck** from Mom, Sue & Al Hall, Ann Dalbo; **Venzie & Steve Jakubetz** by Children; **Mary Bastio** by Goldie Addobati, Trish & Rich Layton, Paige & Larry Lis, Jr., Jim & Betty Amato; **Martin William Caffrey** by Sandra White & Barbara DeFazio; **Dennis Gump, Sr.** by Joanne, Tara & Dennis, Jr., Doug & June Mc Kenery, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Holt, and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Luisi.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Do not believe that you are a light to yourself. The light is that which illuminates every person coming into the world.”
- St. Augustine

The famous Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979) said of vacations—the **best two days** of any vacation are the **first** and the **last** days. On the **first** day, one eagerly looks forward with anticipation to a change of scenery and new experiences. And the **last** day, when one is grateful for the time away and the new perspectives that vacation affords. Vacations are such a gift!

While sitting in Orlando International Airport this past Monday morning, I received a call on my cell phone from the parish secretary, asking me if I was writing Page Four for the Bulletin this week. (*Yes, you are that important! I can never stop thinking of you!*)

The gate agent announced over the public address system if there would be anyone willing to give up his/her seat to National Airport in Washington, DC (Ronald Reagan Airport). They would be given a free round-trip ticket to anywhere in the United States. Since I did not want to go to Washington, DC anyway, I jumped at the opportunity. He put me in a first-class seat on a direct, later flight to Pittsburgh.

I called my brother Dan in Greensboro, North Carolina with this joyful news – first-class seat to Pittsburgh and a ticket for a new destination in 2008! I told him that when the Penguins get in the playoffs, he could have my free seat and come to Pittsburgh and sit with his brother. Boy, I thought I won the lottery!

With the extra time at the airport, it gave me an opportunity to reflect on the people in front of me at the airport and the people who surround my life in general. I also had more time to read a favorite author of mine, Dr. John C. Maxwell’s books: *“Be All That You Can Be – A Challenge to Stretch Your God-Given Potential”* (2007) and *“Be A People Person – Effective Leadership Through Effective Relationships”* (2007) – what beautiful Lenten meditations this New York Times best-selling author truly gives.

When I finally got on the plane in Orlando to fly to Pittsburgh, the pilot announced that this two-hour flight was completely full. He offered anyone who was willing to give up their ticket a full round-trip ticket to anywhere in the United States if they would come forth as they needed one seat. He then said the temperature in Pittsburgh is “0,” with a long pause – Celsius, that is 32 degrees Fahrenheit. One man came forward and the flight attendant said,

“Thanks for being a hero.” I remained on the plane. I didn’t want to double-dip on this trip.

Just before leaving the Orlando Airport, the gate agent had me lift my suitcase to weigh it. If under 50 lbs., it is free of charge; if 50 to 70 lbs. there is an extra \$50.00 charge; if 70 to 100 lbs, there is an \$80.00 charge. Over 100 lbs., it will not go. The African-American man, very strong and football player-like, asked: *“Hey man, what do you got in here?”* as the pointer on the scales hit 68.4 lbs. I told him that I had a Bible, breviary, books and four new sweaters. So, I had to fork out \$50 additional. The money I saved on the sweaters was now spent! My friend, Jim, then stood up on the scales and weighed in at 204 lbs. and 4 oz. I said to him: “I can’t pay to bring you home with me.” So, I left Jim and Peg in Florida with the cranes, the alligators, the crickets, the golf courses, and the flea markets. I am so grateful for their southern hospitality!

On Tuesday at 5:20 am our school principal, Stan Mozina, called the rectory to welcome me back but more importantly to say that there was a two hour delay, due to the ice and snow. Then at 5:50 am the couple who opens the church, Mag & John Mazza, called and asked if I would open the church doors as the walks were icy. These calls reminded me how long ago Florida was!

Then, I headed home to spend the Second Half of Lent in joyous Canonsburg. After all, the **Fourth Sunday in Lent** is traditionally called *Laetare* (*lay-TAH-ray*) **Sunday**, which means *‘rejoicing.’* At this intermission time of Lent, our hearts throb and teem for tremendous Easter joy!

Jesus cures and heals the Blind Man in John, Ch. 9 and wants us to open our spiritual eyes to the goodness of God that surrounds us every day. Our Christian vocation is to walk in this light and grace day by day, whether in Florida or at home. My prayer for each one of you is that you may see God’s grace in your life and share it with others. Remember our journey is not over, until it is over. Come share the joy of God’s mercy and love in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation each Monday of Lent from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. and every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** *“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.”* (1 Sam 16:7)

Bible Study resumes Monday, March 3rd from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the church. All are welcome! We will look and examine the Prophet Ezekiel – his message is hope for all.

All those traveling with us by motor coach to attend **Joel Osteen’s Night of Hope Thursday, March 13th at the Mellon Arena**, our coach will leave at **5:45 p.m.** from the church parking lot. (3.2.08)



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.

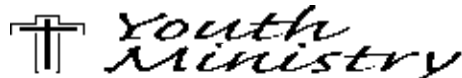


ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Mozina has been chosen by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools to chair a visiting team to evaluate St. Christopher School in Tonawanda, N.Y. Mrs. Lisa Krupa will also be chairing a visiting team to evaluate Siena Catholic Academy in Rochester, N.Y. It is a real honor for St. Patrick School that 2 of our faculty members have been chosen to chair a visiting team for Middle States Association. St. Patrick School is accredited by Middle States Commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 3: Terra Nova Test begins for Grades 2 – 8
- March 5: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 5 - 9:00 am
- March 5: H.S.A. Board Meeting at 1:30 P.M.
- March 5: Teacher Workshop in Greentree 4:30 – 8 pm
- March 6: Education Commission Meeting 4:15 pm
- March 6: Market Day Pick-Up 5:30 – 6:30 in Cafeteria
- March 7: Stations of the Cross



CHECK-IT-OUT- High School Youth Group Lenten Meetings from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Center on Sunday, March 2nd, 9th & 16th. All are welcome and so are friends!

SEVEN CHURCH RIDE on Holy Thursday (March 20th) Permission forms are on the bulletin board.

ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT who would like to help their parish (*or 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.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, our Hoagie Sale was quite successful! The next time hoagies will be available again is on the weekend of April 5th & 6th.

St. Benedict the Abbot Church in McMurray is offering **A GRIEF SUPPORT PROGRAM**, titled "The Emmaus Journey," offered on Saturday mornings, which began on February 9 from 9:30-11:00 am at the rectory. The program is still open to newcomers. For more information or to register contact Dennis Gehrlein, Pastoral Associate at 724.941-9406.

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE/ LENTEN SPEAKER

What is the Intrinsic Value of Human Life? Sound interesting?! Please join the Respect Life Committee of St. Benedict the Abbot as we host Ms. Susan Rauscher, Executive Director for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to speak on this topic. This Lenten inspirational talk will take place on Thursday, March 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at St. Benedict the Abbot Church.

During her almost ten-year tenure with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Ms. Rauscher has served as the Director of the Department for Social Advocacy and Convening, the Director of the Office for Respect Life, and was named Executive Director for Catholic Charities in January of this year. *Contact Beth Quinn @ 724-942-1057 with any questions.*

50/50 FISH FRY WINNER on 2.08.08 was Al Almsy - \$139.00, and on 2.15.08 was Bob Alison - \$185.50!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 2 PIEROGI MAKING** (7:00 am) St. Genevieve
- March 2 LENTEN SESSION YOUTH MINISTRY MTG.** (1:30-3:00 pm) Center
- March 3 PIEROGI MAKING** (8:00 am) St. Genevieve
- March 3 RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm) Church
- March 3 RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm) Center
- March 3 BIBLE STUDY** (7:00-8:15 pm) Church
- March 4 BENEDICTION & VESPERS** (7 pm) Church
- March 5 SARRIS CANDY PICK-UP** (1:30 pm) Cafeteria
- March 5 H.S.A. BOARD MTG.** (1:30 pm) Faculty Room
- March 5 PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 pm) Church
- March 5 CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MTG.** (7 pm) Cafeteria
- March 6 MOMS Scripture Time** (7:30-9 pm) Center
- March 6 MARKET DAY PICK-UP** (5:30—6:30 pm) Cafeteria
- March 6 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG.** (7 pm) Center
- March 6 ST. VINCENT de PAUL MTG.** (7 pm) Center
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- March 6 BAPTISM INSTRUCTION** (7 pm) Rectory
- March 7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7 pm) Church
- March 7 FISH FRY—LUNCH** (11:00 - 1 pm) Cafeteria
- March 7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (2:20 pm) Church
- March 7 FISH FRY—DINNER** (4:00 - 7 pm) Cafeteria
- March 7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7 pm) Church