

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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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 until 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!

50/50 PANCAKE BREAKFAST WINNING TICKET from 2.24.08 was # 494182 - the amount of winnings is \$97.50 Please contact the rectory if you have the winning ticket!

BAKED GOODS FOR THE FISH FRY Parishioners are asked to bake (**Cakes, Pies and Cookies**) for the fish fry on Friday, March 14. Please bring your donation of baked goods to the:

- # Cafeteria or Rectory - on *Thursday evenings*
- # Cafeteria - on *Friday before 5:00 pm*

50/50 FISH FRY WINNER on 2.22.08 was MICKEY GREGORY - \$140.50, and on 2.29.08 was CARMINA VITULLO - \$154.00.

PIEROGI (potato/cheese) will be made on 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. 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!

SPECIAL THANKS to our Scout Troops, parents and parishioners for donating their time and energy at St. Patrick Cemetery for the spring clean-up. Excellent job!



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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 2, 2008*

Envelopes.....	\$16,050.00
Children's Envelopes	\$43.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,113.04
St. Patrick School.....	\$315.00
Parish Total	\$17,521.04
Human Development.....	\$2,205.75
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

The **LENTEN SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend, March 8 and 9, will be taken for the Greater Canonsburg Food Bank. Please be as generous as possible.

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.*

OUR PARISH MEN'S RETREAT is scheduled for the weekend of MARCH 14-15-16. ARE THE DAILY CHALLENGES BECOMING TOO GREAT? Come and experience a St. Paul's weekend retreat to recapture your piece of mind and the joys of God's creation. You will return home relaxed and renewed, better able to cope in a busy world. For more information, call John at 724.745.1735, Mark at 724.514.6171, or Rick at 724.746.3279.



THE BULLETIN for Easter Sunday, March 23rd, is due on Monday, March 17th. In order to meet this deadline, please submit bulletin articles for that publication by the morning of March 14th. Thank you for your help.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
ALFANOS AT THE QUAIL - 724.229.2777

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Third Scrutiny

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)

Mr. & Mrs. Kulakowski & Mr. & Mrs. John
Polocheck by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hickson

7:30 (SP) Milbower & Kelso Families by Mr. & Mrs. Francis
M. Milbower

10:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of the Gayarski Family, Margaret
Gayarski by Helen Samila & Ann Zanelle

12:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of the Getzik & Balazy Families by
Patricia Getzik

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) FOR THE PEOPLE

Month's Mind: John M. Grohal

MONDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 (SP) Richard L. Malpassi by Mom, Betty Markovich,
Jill C. & Tim Malpassi

8:00 (SG) Eldora Mastrangioli by Nieces and Nephews

2:00 (Consulate Skilled) Margaret Wilk by Irene Kelley &
Betty Masson

6:00 to 6:45 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION

Month's Mind: Dennis Gump

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 (SP) Charles O'Shanka & Antonio DeVitis Family
by Joan O'Shanka

8:00 (SG) Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of Fr. Richard
Jones by Margie

10:00 (Rest Haven) Pauline Mirisciotta by Mary & Joe Katruska

7:00 pm Lenten Vespers & Benediction

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 (SP) Guy Campana & Joseph Mazza Families by
Mr. & Mrs. John Mazza

9:00 (SP) Florian & Yarkosky Family by Dorothy & Rich
Yarkosky

2:00 (Greenery) Charles Sandy by Larry, Barb, David,
Gretchen & Patrick

Month's Mind: Elizabeth Podrasky

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 (SP) Linda Kebart by Alice Kebart
9:00 (SG) Living & Deceased Members of
Guiesppe & Mary Livolsi Family
by Sam, Mickey & Lou

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 - Abstinence

7:00 (SP) Edward J. McCarthy by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Lesnock

8:00 (SG) Living & Deceased Family & Friends of the Tony
DeCola Family by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DeCola

10:00 (Pine Lawn) Alex Polasky by Son, Frederick

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 - St. Joseph

7:30 (SP) Betty Walker by William A. Walker & Debbie

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

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)

Al Imperatore, John & Maria Imperatore, Joseph
& Estelle Szolek by Gloria Imperatore

Month's Mind: Alex Supinski

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

7:30 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

10:00 (SP) Joseph Mullig Family & Paul and Margaret
Miklic by Mr. & Mrs. Mario Mullig

12:00 (SP) James W. Mahramas by Wife, Regina & Family

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Dec. Mbrs. of the Mark Giaquinto Family
by Melissa Giaquinto

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, **Kathleen N. Karns,**
Angelo Nicola (Uncle of Joanne Gump), **Antoinette**
Phillips, Cheryl Lynn Gaydos, Joseph Tomsic and all the
faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

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

Mar. 9	Rev. Robert Cedolia Rev. Mark J. Skertich
Mar. 10	Rev. Howard W. Campbell Dr. Thomas L. Gillespie
Mar. 11	Rev. Thomas J. Burke Rev. John A. Reifsnnyder
Mar. 12	Rev. James J. Chepponis Rev. Douglas F. Peduti
Mar. 13	Rev. Donald Ware, CP Rev. Stephen M. Chevenak Deacon Richard R. Cessar
Mar. 14	Rev. Donald Chortos Rev. Michael Caridi
Mar. 15	Rev. George F. Chortos Rev. Raymond Totten

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-
62]; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk
2:41-51a

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66
[27:11-54]

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“O my God, save us all from the seven deadly sins [pride, avarice (greed), envy, lust, sloth (laziness), gluttony (slave to senses), and anger], and rescue those who have been captive by them.” - Venerable John Henry Newman

Last Sunday, March 2nd, I was invited to two birthday parties with the same name – **Kraus**. The first was **Monsignor Donald Kraus** who turned 81 years old. The second was **Norman Kraus** who was 77 years old. Thought I’d reflect on both of them for a moment.

You may recall also that last Sunday, Fr. Jim Wehner and the 13 seminarians from St. Paul Seminary in Crafton were at the 10:00 am and 12:00 noon Masses here at St. Patrick’s Church. Thanks for your tremendous welcoming spirit and supportive love you manifested on their visitation. They were sent off with a picture of our church, candy from ‘sweet’ Canonsburg, and joyous memories of an ‘alive’ faith community! Let us continue daily to pray for vocations.

Monsignor Donald Kraus was the rector of St. Paul Seminary when I began my training and studies for the priesthood in 1980. (Yikes that’s 28 years ago!) At the time, it was Monsignor Kraus’ last year of his 16-year tenure as head of the seminary from 1965-81, when I arrived in the Fall of 1980. I thought it was neat that the day the seminarians visited our parish in the morning, I was able to celebrate the 81st birthday of Monsignor Kraus in the afternoon.

Monsignor Kraus resides in the room next to my mother at the Little Sisters of the Poor on the North Side. So every time I run into him at the Home, I think of his towering presence for all of us during those days of discerning a vocation to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. I was delighted to share with him and the residents on the occasion of his 81st birthday. After arriving after lunch, I joined them for the cake and ice cream. Of course, I asked my ‘long-time’ professor, mentor, and rector—*‘How are you doing?’* His ‘long-standing’ perennial answer for the past 28 years remained the same—**“Simply marvelous, simply marvelous.”** After multiple strokes, Bell’s Palsy, and over 10 years on dialysis 3 times a week, he can still answer with love, joy, and grace—**“Simply marvelous, simply marvelous.”** That’s inspiring!

Monsignor Kraus has one of the greatest minds of anyone I have come across in my life’s journey. Monsignor has doctorate degrees in both theology and philosophy. After my late father heard Monsignor Kraus

preach for the very first time at St. Paul Seminary, he said—*“Monsignor is one of the most brilliant people I’ve met in my life.”* Getting Dad to go back to the seminary was not difficult! When I entered in fall of **1980**, there were **47** guys in the seminary and **14** in my freshman class. Thus, there were more seminarians in my single class starting out than the **13** total seminarians who make up the total body of our seminary in our Diocese today.

I was happy to travel memory lane with Monsignor Kraus on his 81st birthday. Monsignor noted that the highest number of seminarians in his time was in **1969** when there were **98**. Monsignor then took time to open his cards. A 91 year-old resident, Paul Jones (not related to me, although a friend), who sits in a wheelchair said—**“Monsignor loves to get cards, but he hates to get age.”** Happy Birthday Monsignor Kraus!! Thanks for your marvelous spirit, faith witness, and ‘Christ-like’ example! Monsignor Kraus has been 54 years a priest.

The second birthday party was for 77 year-old Norm Kraus—a former parishioner from my first parish assignment at Our Lady of Fatima in Hopewell Township. This party had 18 in attendance and was held at Montecello’s in Sewickley. Norm is married to Delores for 53 years, has 4 children, and 7 grandchildren. Norm was an engineer, 4th degree Knight of Columbus, member of the finance and pastoral councils, usher, Eucharistic minister, CCD teacher, parish festival coordinator, and is now retired. Norm has the belief that if his children give God’s Church one hour of service in addition to the one hour of worship each week, they will remain in the church throughout their entire lifetimes. Happy 77th birthday Norm!

The prophet Ezekiel, which means ‘*God strengthens,*’ in his ‘*dry bones*’ vision and Jesus in raising his friend Lazarus from the dead remind us of the *spirit, breath, and wind* of God that certain people put into our lives because they are connected to God. Let us be ‘resurrection’ people!

Let us hear God’s Living Word **accurately** and discern God’s will **faithfully**—may we not be led astray by our own ‘dead’ desires, but follow His Holy will in our daily life to be resurrection people of **hope and healing** for others.

Is God issuing a “**wake up call**” in our lives that we may be ignoring? Are we more impressed with **wealth and accomplishments** than with **faith, fidelity, and service**? How has God brought ‘*new life situations*’ to me where I once felt **defeated and powerless**? Do I celebrate the gift of life in **prayer** each day that I **arise**? What is God **marvelously** doing with you? (3.10.08)



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that we had 4 students win at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science which was held on Saturday, February 23, 2008. First place winner was Katie Bench (Grade 7). Katie will go on to the state competition which will be held at Penn State Main Campus in April. Second place winners are Jessica Burton (Grade 7), Mary Cassidy (Grade 7), and Stephanie Hammell (Grade 8).

Also we would like to congratulate Lisa Hornak for winning the Grade 4-6 Spelling Bee at St. Patrick School. Lisa will represent St. Patrick School at the Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt Spelling Bee to be held in Pittsburgh in April.

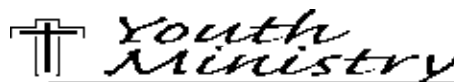
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 10-14: Spring Book Fair
- March 11: Parent Lunch for Grade 3 at 11:30 am
- March 12: H.S.A. Meeting at 6:30 in the Cafeteria
- March 12: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 4 at 9 am
- March 13: Link-Up Program for Grades 3 & 4 at Carnegie Hall
- March 14: Stations of the Cross at 2:20 P.M.
- March 14: Casual Dress Day
- March 15: Spelling Bee for Grades 7 & 8 at the University of Pittsburgh

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 9 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 9 **PIEROGI MAKING** (7:00 am) St. Genevieve
- March 9 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS - High School Youth Ministry** (12:30-5:00 pm) St. Vincent
- March 10 **PIEROGI MAKING** (8:00 am) St. Genevieve
- March 10 **PIEROGI PICK-UP** (12 - 3 pm) St. Genevieve
- March 10 **RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm) Church
- March 10 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm) Center
- March 10 **BIBLE STUDY** (7:00-8:15 pm) Church
- March 11 **BENEDICTION & VESPERS** (7 pm) Church
- March 12 **PRAY THE ROSARY** (6:30 pm) Church
- March 12 **PARISH COUNCIL EXE. BD. MTG.** (7 pm)
- March 13 **CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION** (9 am - 2 pm) St. Genevieve
- March 13 **JOEL OLSTEEN TRIP-** The bus will leave from St. Patrick's parking lot at 5:45 pm.
- March 13 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (7 pm) KC House
- March 13 **MOMS Scripture Time** (7:30-9 pm) Center
- March 14 **FISH FRY—LUNCH** (11:00 - 1 pm) Cafeteria
- March 14 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (2:20 pm) Church
- March 14 **FISH FRY—DINNER** (4:00 - 7 pm) Cafeteria
- March 14 **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** (7 pm) Church
- March 15 **RCIA DAY OF REFLECTION** (10- 2:30 pm) Center
- March 16 **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 16 **LAST LENTEN YM SESSION** (1:30-3 pm) Center
- March 16 **TRI COUNTY CHORAL PASSION PLAY- "WHY MUST HE DIE?"** (2 pm) Church
- March 16 **CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB** (7:30 pm) Center

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES On Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Bishops Zubik, Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 pm. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to your Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 9 - 12

- # Today, March 9, we are attending "The Way of the Cross" at St. Vincent College Theater. Meet in the parking lot at 12:30 pm; bring permission forms with you. We will return by 5:00 pm.
- # March 16, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, last Lenten Mtg. - Center
- # TUBING at Seven Springs!!! Tuesday, March 18th. We will leave from the parking lot at 4:30 pm. And return by 11:00 pm. Cost is \$18/person; permission forms are due in the rectory by Monday, March 17th by 4:00 pm. Join us for some end of winter fun!
- # HOLY THURSDAY SEVEN CHURCH RIDE
The bus will leave at 8:30 pm and return at midnight. We will visit 7 Catholic Churches in the South Hills in preparation for Easter.
- # High School aged teens of the diocese are invited to a special YOUTH WELCOME for BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK. The event will be held on April 6th at Bishop Canevin High School. It will start with a concert, then prayer, followed by a reception. For details and registration information, please call Nicole at 724.745.9413.

MARCH 16: PASSION PLAY: "WHY MUST HE DIE?"

This 2:00 pm Passion Play, at St. Patrick, is a meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. This is done by using a play within a play. Throughout the trial of Jesus, the action is stopped. The disciples are seen reflecting on Jesus' life and reacting to the events leading to His death. They share these thoughts with the audience as if they hypothetically would be allowed to observe the trial. In Jesus' own words, He recalls the Garden of Gethsemane and thinks ahead to His death on the cross.