

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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March 16, 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.

SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the Church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	
<i>March 9, 2008</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$13,939.00
Children's Envelopes	\$33.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$898.05
St. Patrick School.....	\$255.00
Parish Total	\$15,125.55
Greater Canonsburg Food Bank.....	\$2,014.97
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION on **March 21** will be taken for the **HOLY LAND**. Your contribution helps to preserve the holy places where the mysteries of Christ's life on earth are constantly commemorated. Please be as generous as possible.

MARCH 16: PASSION PLAY: "WHY MUST HE DIE?" "Why Must He Die?" will be performed by the Tri-County Chorale at 2 pm this Sunday (3/16) in the church. It 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.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES On Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, Bishops David A. 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.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES Confessions will be held Monday, March 17 from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. This will be your last chance for reconciliation at St. Patrick's. Penance services will take place at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 18, at both St. Benedict the Abbot and Immaculate Conception churches. Our priests will be helping with confessions at both churches.



EASTER FLOWER SALE

THIS WEEKEND!! The Ladies of Charity are selling Easter flowers in the cafeteria after all masses. 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.

50/50 FISH FRY WINNER on March 7, 2008 was the Zeitler family for \$206.75.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 16 **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 16 **TRI-COUNTY CHORALE PASSION PLAY- "WHY MUST HE DIE?"** (2 pm) Church
- March 16 **CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB** (7:30 pm) Center
- March 17 **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!**
- March 17 **RECONCILIATION** (6:00-6:45 pm) Church
- March 17 **RCIA** (7:00-8:30 pm) Center
- March 17 **BIBLE STUDY** (7:00-8:15 pm) Church
- March 18 **RECONCILIATION @ ST. BENEDICT'S AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (7:00 pm)
- March 18 **APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE** (6:30 pm) Center
- March 19 **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS EXECUTIVE BOARD** (7:00 pm) Center
- March 20 **Y.M-SEVEN CHURCH RIDE** (8:30 pm)
- March 22 **CHURCH DECORATING** (8:00 am)

TRIDUUM

- March 20 **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** (7 pm) Church will be open until midnight for adoration. Spend some time with the Lord
- March 21 **PASSION & HOLY COMMUNION** (1:30 pm) **TENEBRAE SERVICE** (7:00 pm)
- March 22 **BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS** (2:00 pm)
- March 22 **VIGIL OF EASTER** (8:30 pm)

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - PALM SUNDAY

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)

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

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

Month's Mind: Margaret Chuppetta

MONDAY, MARCH 17 - Monday of Holy Week

7:00 (SP) William & Mary Keegan and Theresa Mathia by Dubba Isler

8:00 (SG) Dec. Mbrs. of the DiTullio & Neil Families by Mr. & Mrs. Roland DiTullio

10:00 (Ahepa Apts.) Antoinette Ranalli by Donna Kasunich

6:00 to 6:45 (P.M.) – **RECONCILIATION**

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. Of Paroiezio and Chiaverini Families by Family

8:00 (SG) Frank & Joe Scarci by Larry Yesenchak

10:00 (Charles House) Wayward Catholics by Lou Marra

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19—Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 (SP) William F. Gennocro by Mike Poklar Family

9:00 (SP) Brian Mary by Nancy Gally and Friends

2:00 (Golden Living) John E. Capozzi by Gloria Capozzi

THURSDAY, MARCH 20—Holy Thursday

7:00 (P.M.) Mario DeJohn by Sophie Kern

FRIDAY, MARCH 21—Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Day of Fast and Abstinence

12:00 (P.M.) (SP) PRIVATE PRAYER

1:30 (P.M.) (SP) GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00 (P.M.) (SP) TENEBRAE SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 22—Holy Saturday

NO MASS - NO CONFESSIONS

2:00 (P.M.) – **Blessing of Easter Baskets**

8:30 (P.M.) (SP) **EASTER VIGIL** FOR THE PEOPLE

Month's Mind: Anthony L. Anesetti

SUNDAY, MARCH 23—EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 (SP) Henry and Ann Salamon by Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Yanosky

10:00 (SP) Dennis Gump Sr., Anthony, Adeline, & John Giacobbe by Joanne, Tara & Denny Gump

12:00 (SP) Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Margie by Family

5:00 (P.M.) NO MASS

Month's Mind: Henry E. Flon

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Monday, March 24. Thank you, Father Jack!

The Staff

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 15

5:00 pm - N. Castell, A. Lochran, G. Burke

Sunday, March 16

7:30 am - M. Cushma, J. Hofrichter, A. Boni

10:00 am - A. Broglia, P. Corwin, E. Morton

12:00 pm - An. Fairfull, Au. Fairfull, E. Collins

5:00 pm - A. Starcevic, L. Starcevic, P. Gent

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 20

7:00 pm - T. Costantino, P. Tordella, L. Law

M. Cushma, L. Thompson

Good Friday, March 21

1:30 pm - M. Costantino, C. Helinski, J. Helinski

A. Starcevic, L. Starcevic

7:00 pm - J. Reis, E. Collins, P. Gent

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 22

8:30 pm - A. Currey, B. Illig, J. Illig, M. Illig,

M. Sadlek

Easter Sunday, March 23

7:30 am - C. Dombrowski, M. Dombrowski, L. Thompson

10:00 am - S. Luba, C. Tarnik, A. Broglia

12:00 pm - L. Sollon, A. Sciulli, J. Reis

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, Jessie Huet (mother of Nancy Gregory), Alice Bower, Rose Rubis, Arthur Shaw (father of Rev. Kenneth Shaw), Allan Wargo, Kathleen Halleran (mother of Liz Smith), Mary Sue Jones (Fr. Rich's sister) and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16;

5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14;

e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4

or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon

or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Like Joseph of Arimathea, I want to offer a space for you. He offered his own tomb; I offer my heart.”

-St. Bonaventure (1217-74)

Last Sunday, I journeyed back to the church of my Baptism, Saints Simon + Jude in Greentree, to perform two baptisms. One was a ‘long-time’ friend’s grandson, and the other was a boy from the first parish that I was sent to twenty years ago in Hopewell Township. The seeds of faith are ever growing—wonderful to behold, indeed!

As I prayed before the tabernacle after the sacrament of “new life” through Baptism, I thanked God for the precious gift of faith. I offered a prayer for the two new children baptized that day and also for the one to be baptized during the Easter Vigil here at St. Patrick’s. There will be seven RCIA candidates who will receive Holy Communion, and two others who will receive Confirmation that special night.

We urge everyone to “**Come to the Triduum,**” the feast marking the three holiest days of the Christian calendar—**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Holy Saturday**. What better way to share in Holy Week than to come to the “**feast of feasts**”—the great celebration of our salvation in Jesus Christ. A good friend of mine always takes Holy Week off work to focus on what really matters in life—not a bad practice or idea! “*The Church unfolds before her children’s eyes all the events of the life of Jesus.*” *Blessed Columba Marmion*

I share these thoughts and reflections as I received word on **Monday night, March 10th**, at 6:49 pm that my dear and special sister, Mary Sue, 48 years old, died at Shadyside Hospital. She was mentally challenged and had Down’s Syndrome at birth. God certainly gives us many gifts throughout our life, and some come wrapped a little differently, yet are precious in His eyes. After a recent struggle with pneumonia, and heart complications, the Lord mercifully brought her home. It is fitting that as we celebrate her Christian Funeral Liturgy of Thanksgiving on **Friday, March 14th, at 11:00 am at St. Patrick’s Church**, as she lived at Western

Center here in Canonsburg for many years. She had become blind in the last few years and had limited mobility, using a wheelchair. Since 1981, she had lived in a group home in Point Breeze and had worked many years at Goodwill on the South Side.

Mary Sue is the fourth child of seven children in my family. Mom has seven children and seven grandchildren, and she was fortunate to be at her side just prior to her death.

She will be placed at Queen of Heaven Cemetery on Route 19 next to our father who died 22 years ago. Dad selected the Sacred Heart of Jesus for her tombstone as she showed us the **greater way** through *simplicity, humility, innocence, and gentleness*. A ‘special’ child with ‘special’ needs certainly confers ‘special’ graces on everyone. Our family has been richly blessed through the crosses and joys we have shared together. The three questions that Mary Sue would often ask us: 1) “Am I **good**?” Yes, we are good because God created us intrinsically good as human beings. Since she did not know “right from wrong” as we know it, she did not want to do what would displease us. 2) “Do you **love** me?” Mentally challenged children tend to be very affectionate through hugging, kissing, and gestures of kindness. Yes, we loved her unconditionally, just as she was. 3) “Will you be here **tomorrow**?” Whenever we would leave her, she would wave and wave goodbye and never wanted to be abandoned, forgotten, or forsaken. To be there tomorrow meant not to be in an indefinite future time, but to always remember to call and come to visit her home.

These three questions that she regularly asked are the basic and fundamental questions that scholars and experts have wrestled with for centuries. May she now know the fullness of God’s **goodness, love, and faithfulness** forever in Heaven.

Mary Sue touched and blessed so many with the gift of her presence in all of our lives. Thanks for your prayers, your support and your love in our loss. A special thanks to all who came for my 46th birthday in the cafeteria after Bible study. **Yes, God is good. Yes, God is loving. Yes, God is forever faithful.**

(03/16/08)



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

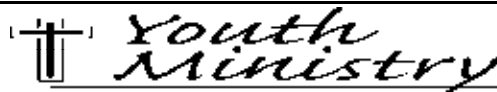
Mrs. Hosni's 3rd and 4th grade music classes attended the Duquesne University's Link-Up Program at Carnegie Hall on Thursday, March 13, 2008. The students were taught several pieces of music on the recorders over the past several months. The children then participated in a regional concert at Carnegie Music Hall. Congratulations to both the students and Mrs. Hosni!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 17: St. Patrick Day Talent Show at 1:30 pm
- March 18: Student Confessions at 9:15 am
- March 18: Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 - 2:30 pm
- March 19: Diocesan In-Service at Bishop Canevin - No School
- March 20: Holy Thursday - No School
- March 21: Good Friday - No School
- March 21: Easter Monday - No School
- March 24 - 28: National Catholic Education Association Convention for principals in Indianapolis, IN

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING: My

Father's House: In loving memory of: **Angelo Nicola** by Albert & Angela Lepitre, Christopher & Brandi Charles, and Family of Angelo Nicola; **Elizabeth Podrasky** by Ed, Diane, Nick & Dom Dellorso; **Alex Supinski** by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cargnoni; **Mary Bastio** by Cindy Robinson; **Paul Jakubek** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Smith, and Bob Oravetz; **Frank, Steve & Paul Jakubek** by Family of Paul Jakubek. St. Patrick Choir: In loving memory of: **Robert Cushman** by Denise Adams. St. Patrick Men's Club: In loving memory of: **Dennis Gump** by Joanne's Friends. St. Patrick Parking Lot: In loving memory of: **Marge Chuppetta** by Marie Progar, Mag & John Mazza; **Dennis Gump** by Nancy & Larry Gregory; **Alex Supinski** by Pete & Cathy Ruski, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Powers. St. Patrick School: In loving memory of: **Alex Supinski** by Mike & Dolly Kulmoski; **Margaret Chuppetta** by Mary Borrelli & Family; **John Urbancic** by Marge Duda & Sons, Ray & Brian. MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF: **Angelo Nicola** by Adele & Larry Dellapiazza, Jackie Namit, Joann Gump & Family; **Robert Cushman** by Brother, Ed and Ann Kelvington; **Margaret Chuppetta** by Harriet Rath, Holliday & Natalini Families; **Mary Gregory** by John & Pauline Rozsas; **Margherita & Alfonso Mastrangiali** by Nancy & Pete Giammarco; **Alex Supinski** by Frances Dziacek, Dennis & Andrea Raymer; **Paul Jakubek** by Clara & Tom Jakubek, Bob Oravetz, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Smith, Leanne M. Kostic & Family; **Frank, Steve & Paul Jakubek** by Family of Paul Jakubek; **Leanne Kostic & Family** for a special intention by Leanne M. Kostic; Joseph & Ann Smith by Leanne M. Kostic & Family; **John & Mary Godzo** by Leanne M. Kostic & Family.



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 9 - 12

- # PASSION PLAY in Church, Sunday March 16: Meet at Center at 1:30 pm.
- # 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 seven Catholic churches in the South Hills in preparation for Easter.
- # High School aged teens 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.

THANK YOU to our religious education (CCD) and school students, J. Abbondanza, B. Baumgartner, R. Baumgartner, K. Bench, M. Cassidy, C. Corrado, E. Corrado, R. Corrado, J. Gibson, K. Gibson, N. Gibson, J. Imperatore, S. Hammell, L. Law, C. Peel, L. Sollon, M. Thompson, and H. Wudkwyck, who generously gave of their time by participating in the spiritual enactment of the passion of Jesus in the living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 7th. Also, thank you to the parents and teachers who helped in any way.

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

- Mar. 16 Rev. Raymond J. Kulwicki, C.S. Sp.
Rev. Ladis J. Cizik
Rev. John Pfannenstiel, OFM, Cap
- Mar. 17 Rev. Patrick C. Barkey
Rev. Sean P. Kealy, S.C.Sp.
- Mar. 18 Rev. Richard L. Conboy
Rev. Francis Fugini, OFM Cap
- Mar. 19 Rev. Rene J. Schatterman
Rev. William G. Blough
Deacon Joseph Compomizzi
- Mar. 20 Rev. Paul Vaeth, C.P.
Rev. Charles J. Baptiste
Rev. Richard Weiss
- Mar. 21 Rev. William E. Dorner
Rev. Vincent Segotta, C.P.
- Mar. 22 Rev. Michael Lawrence Komakee
Rev. Roy H. Conley
Rev. Bertin Roll, OFM, Cap.