

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 23, 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.



MAY GOD BLESS YOU AT EASTER

As I am writing this Easter greeting on this Monday of Holy Week and our patronal feast day of St. Patrick, the sun is shining brightly, the temperature is slowly climbing and spring seems to be just around the corner. One can only hope that the weather for Easter Sunday, although very early this year, will be glorious. We oftentimes place so many conditions on 'the weather' of our holidays, such as white Christmases, sunny and warm Memorial days, 4th of Julys, Labor days, and Easters. Rain or shine or even snow, however, cannot add to or take away from the glory of Easter. Our joy does not depend on the weather, for Christ, our light and life, is risen and has broken the chains of sin and death for us who believe. May the peace that Jesus gave to the apostles on that first Easter night be with you and your loved ones as we celebrate our 'Independence Day'. We are free at last from the yoke of sin and death. Today, let us rejoice "for heaven is wedded to earth," and we, both here and there, rejoice. With gratitude for your deep and abiding faith, I pray that God may bless you in this holy season and always.

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!!!

Father Jack and the Parish Staff

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We would like to express our appreciation to all those who made our Lenten Fish Frys so successful. Your hard work was **INSPIRATIONAL!** Whether you were a part of preparation, cooking and baking, serving, or cleanup, you all worked like 'one body' with many members all working together. **WHAT A TEAM!**



We joyfully welcome the newest members to our Roman Catholic faith and parish family: Dustin Bowland, James Bell, Jr., Deana Giuliani, David Gross, Michele Macerelli, Alissa Moss, and Emily Podrasky. Confirmation congratulations are also extended to Lauren Neiport and Ryan Post. Many thanks to their sponsors and our RCIA team: Deacon Joe Cerenzia, Jack Craig, Ashley Currey, Fr. Gabriel, Alicia Long, Paul Noble, Carol Serbak, Rick and Bernie Simmons, and Fr. Jack for sharing their love for Christ and His Church with our Neophytes.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*Palm Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2008*

Envelopes.....	\$15,880.00
Children's Envelopes	\$72.50
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,307.56
St. Patrick School	\$116.00
Parish Total	\$17,376.06
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

A WILL is a triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish in your will.

NEWCOMERS: We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Parish. We hope that you will find our Parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome.

EASTER DUTY: All Catholics who have made their First Holy communion, and are not otherwise impeded, are reminded of the Easter duty to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion during the Easter season to Trinity Sunday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 23 -NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 24 -NO RCIA**
 - **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- March 26 - PRAY THE ROSARY:** 6:30 pm – Church
- March 27 - PARISH COUNCIL MTG.:** 7:00 pm. - Center
 - **MOMS SCRIPTURE TIME:** 7:30 - 9 pm - Center
- March 27 - LADIES OF CHARITY INVESTITURE**
 - at St. Paul's Cathedral
- March 29 -RECONCILIATION** 11:30am-12:30pm-Church
- March 30 -RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 31 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. - Center
 - **BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm. - Church
- April 2 - CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S:** 7:00 pm. - Cafeteria
- April 5 - ST. PATRICK SCHOOL AUCTION & DINNER DANCE.**

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, March 24. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, March 25 (9:00 am to 4:30 pm).

Thank you Father Jack, The Parish Staff!

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 (SP) (PM— EASTER VIGIL)
FOR THE PEOPLE
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

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 24

- 7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. of the Sisto-Chiaverini Family by Family
8:00 (SG) Joe & Jean Koucheck by their Family

TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 25

- 7:00 (SP) Patricia Jacanin by the Kolesky Family
8:00 (SG) Clara Helinski by Mary & Albert Dami
10:00 (Kingdom Manor) Joseph Vercek by Chalmer & Dorothy Cowen

WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 26

- 7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. Of the Koklich & DeJohn Families by Agnes DeJohn
9:00 (SP) Jim Krupa by Mary Ann Dellovade
2:00 (Town View) Peter Brincko by Wife, Catherine

Month's Mind: Kathleen N. Karns & Angelo J. Nicola

THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 27

- 7:00 (SP) Marilyn Catalano by Ann Feconda, Brothers & Sisters
8:00 (SG) Jean Scheezer by the Hahn Family

FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 28

- 7:00 (SP) Regina & John Malinowski by Mrs. Eleanor Tirimacco and Family
8:00 (SG) Tristano - Frank & Caroline Falsetti by Betty Falsetti

SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, MARCH 29

- 7:00 (AM) (SP) Dec. Cosimo Cancilla Family by Lenora Cancilla
5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Gennaro, Philomena, Laura Centore by the Centore Family

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 7:30 (SP) For the Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Genevieve by Margie
10:00 (SP) Jack & Larry Bender, Fiory & Mary Da Pra by Violet Bender
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (P.M.) Living & Deceased Mbrs. Of the Frank Pleskovich & Edward Verakis Families by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Verakis

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, **Carl Askew, Antoinette Tomsic, Julius Casper** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This 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

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 29

- 5:00 pm - L. Hornak, J. Cavallo, G. Burke

Sunday, March 30

- 7:30 am - E. & L. & S. Hammell
10:00 am - C. & M. Cappelli, Z. Simpson
12:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, D. Broglia
5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, E. Regoli

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

- Mar. 23 Very Rev. John A. Pavlik, O.F.M., Cap
Mar. 24 Rev. Brian W. Connolly
Deacon Mitchell M. Natali
Mar. 25 Rev. Robert P. Connolly
Rev. Richard Portasik, O.F.M.
Mar. 26 Rev. John B. Corbett
Rev. Bernard Costello
Rev. Joseph Sedley, C.P.
Mar. 27 Rev. Robert R. Coyne
Rev. Matthew Abba
Mar. 28 Rev. Bartley A. Sorensen
Mr. John F. Naugle
Mar. 29 Rev. Edward J. Raszewski, C.S.Sp.
Rev. Matthew Holahan, O.F.M.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Never let your sorrows so overwhelm you that you forget the joys of the Risen Christ.”

~Blessed Mother Theresa

As I sifted through reading birthday cards, get well messages, sympathy condolences and Easter greetings – it humbly reminded me that both life and death are mysteries to face, to embrace and to encounter. After being down three days last week with pneumonia, it is good to have new life, new hope and new strength.

Each day of our lives, there are opportunities to rise from our problems, difficulties and defeats that confront us. Through God’s grace, victory and mercy, we can overcome the ‘hopelessness’ that sometimes invades our lives. It is my prayer that Jesus’ resurrection may be the **catalyst** for us to rise to new life, today and every day.

On behalf of my entire family, I thank you for your support, your love and your prayers at the death of our sister, Mary Sue. My youngest brother Dan called, saying: *“That’s a special faith community there at St. Patrick’s in Canonsburg. Stay with them and grow in your faith.”*

I am grateful to share with this faith community again as we celebrate the glorious feast of Easter. Jesus said in John 10:10, *“I have come to give you life, life to the fullest.”* I pray for new life for each one. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Easter 2008!

May the following story that was sent to me via e-mail give you **new hope** this Easter.

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One day I decided to quit. I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality. I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

“God,” I said, “Can you give me one good reason not to quit?”

His answer surprised me. “Look around,” He said, “Do you see the fern and the bamboo?”

“Yes,” I replied.

God said: “When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But

I did not quit on the bamboo. In the second year, the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed, but I did not quit on the bamboo.”

He said, “In the third year, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed, but I would not quit. In the fourth year, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed, but I would not quit. Then, in the fifth year, a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern, it was seemingly small and insignificant, but just six months later the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle.”

He said to me, “Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Don’t compare yourself to others.”

“The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern, yet they both made the forest beautiful. Your time will come,” God said to me. “You will rise high!”

“How high should I rise?” I asked.

“How high will the bamboo rise?” He asked in return.

“As high as it can?” I questioned.

“Yes,” He said. “You will give Me glory by rising as high as you can.”

I left the forest and brought back this story. I hope these words can help you see that God will never give up on you.

*Never regret a day in your life.
Good days give you happiness.
Bad days give you experiences.*

Both are essential to life.

Keep going.

Happiness keeps you sweet.

Trials keep you strong.

Sorrows keep you human.

Failures keep you humble.

Success keeps you glowing.

But only God keeps you going.

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Have a great day! The Son is shining! God is so big He can cover the whole world with His love and so small He can curl up inside your heart!

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50/50 FISH FRY WINNER on March 14, 2008 was Mary De Vitis for \$152.00.



A LADIES OF CHARITY SPECIAL THANKS to everyone that worked and supported the Ladies of Charity Flower Sale last week. It was a huge success...all the plants were sold! All profits will be used for the needy and elderly in our parish.

- Also, to the third and fourth grade Religious Education Classes for donating candy for the Shut-In Easter baskets. You truly helped make the Baskets extra special for the Shut-Ins in our parish. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

IN YOUR KINDNESS AND CHARITY toward others, please remember the sick, the shut-ins, the troubled, the unemployed, and others who need our special prayers.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

My Father's House: In loving memory of: **John Urbancic** by wife, Mary Urbancic; **Allan Wargo** by John & Lucille Tomsic, Ron Tomsic; **Rose Rubis** by Mary & Tony Luisi, Mrs. Rena Castelli. **St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of: **Antoinette Tomsic** by Jenio & Dorothy Giaquinto; **Rose Rubis** by Barbara & John E. Solensky, Carmie Compeggie. **St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of: **David Beppler** by Alan Henderson.

MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Joseph Tomsic by Mag & John Mazza, and Marie Progar; **Mary Sue Jones** by Mary Liotus & Pete Cargnoni; **David Beppler** by Barb Turk, Ken Pawlowski Family, Rich Berteotti Family, Vince & Cheryl Racioppi, Bill & Rosemarie Gouirand, Helen Chemento, Ange Wingard, Kostrub Family, John & Kathy Weakland, Nagotti Family, Bill & Patty Maurer, Harry & Reenie Imperatore, Kristen Kosek, Jan Kosek, Neil & Pam Kelly, Bashline Family, Tom & Barbara Benic Anna & Sue Gasbarro, Family of Evan & Matilda Domsic, Ricky Berteotti, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Delfine & Family, Ruth A. Bershok, Mary Conte, Kelly McDonald, Linda Revetta.; **Alice Mary Bower** by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Mr. & Mrs. Paul F. Lochran, Eileen Arnold, Elizabeth Cernava; **Allan Wargo** by Mr. & Mrs. John Mazza, Alan & Cathie Tedeschi, Yvonne Tedeschi; **Rose Rubis** by Agnes DeJohn, Nick Selvi, Tony Franconeri, Chuck Rubis, Butch Rubis.

Youth Ministry

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 9 - 12

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.

HOAGIES... HOAGIES... NO PRE-ORDERING NECESSARY!!! 15 Inches, only \$6.00! The World Youth Day Pilgrims will be selling hoagies the weekend of April 5 - 6. We will not take orders, we'll sell until we run out! You can purchase them on Saturday, April 5 at 12:00 pm in the cafeteria (freshly made) or after mass on Saturday or Sunday. As usual, you can choose from Italian, Roast Beef, or Turkey. Thank you for your support!



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

A THANK YOU goes out to all Religious Education students, families and parishioners who donated non-perishable food items for the Religious Education sponsored Food Drive during Lent. All items were donated to the Canonsburg-Houston Food Bank.

A THANK YOU to Marie Trossman, Catechists and aides who helped collect, sort, box up and deliver items.

The Food Bank and St. Patrick Parish THANKS all of you for your generosity, help, and support.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CHAPEL will be open on Easter Sunday (11:00 to 5:00 p.m.) for those that wish to visit. The Top Dressing of graves in St. Patrick Cemetery will begin as soon as the ground becomes more dry so that equipment will not cause more damage.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Looking for meaningful volunteer work? Family hospice and Palliative Care is recruiting individuals for patient volunteer training in May 2008. Make a difference in someone's life...be a hospice volunteer. More information? Our website: www.familyhospice.com or call Nick Petti at 412. 572.8806