

# 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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## April 6, 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.



**THE LADIES OF CHARITY** would like to welcome four new members who were invested on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Cathedral with Bishop David A. Zubik officiating. We Congratulate and Welcome the following ladies: Lorena Brandl, Carolyn Fela, Carol Jean Paulick and Pamela Sierzega.

The next **LADIES OF CHARITY MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Center. Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Also, please remember to attend the **ROSARY** on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The Rosary will be prayed on April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church.

**NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE MOST WELCOME for the DAY OF RECOLLECTION**, which has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 24th at St. Genevieve from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm. Please call Pat Vernau 724.745.5362, Denise Adams 724.746.2137, or drop the slip in the collection baskets for any one of the following reasons (by April 21):

1. If you already registered and will still be attending.
2. If you would like to register, and have not done so previously - please choose a turkey or roast beef box lunch.
3. If you previously registered, but cannot attend the new date - that we might return your registration fee.

~ **Day of Recollection** ~  
 with - Fr. Richard Jones  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am until 2:00 pm**  
 ~ St. Genevieve Church ~

**Previously Registered:**  
 Will \_\_\_\_\_ / Will not : \_\_\_\_\_ Attend

**New Registration: -----**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boxed Lunch Choice**  
 1. Turkey Croissant \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Roast Beef Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>	
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	
<i>March 30, 2008</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$14,850.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$51.75
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$918.50
St. Patrick School.....	\$69.00
Parish Total .....	\$15,889.25
 <i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....</i>	 <i>\$13,980.67</i>
<b>YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!</b>	

<b>FISH FRY INCOME / EXPENSE REPORT</b>	
<i>Income:</i>	\$31,331.28
<i>Expenses:</i>	\$16,658.08
 <b>TOTAL:</b>	 <b>\$14,673.20</b>

### FESTIVAL WISH LIST

- # **INSTANT LOTTERY TICKETS** for our lottery theme basket. Feel free to put your donation in an envelope marked 'FESTIVAL' and drop it in the offertory basket on Sunday.
- # **THEME BASKETS** are always needed. We have a great reputation for offering outstanding baskets at our Basket Booth. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the rectory office.
- # **BOOK SALE** (also books on tape, videos, etc.) will be held again. Books can be brought to the rectory beginning May 1st.



Again we are raffling off 2 TICKETS FOR THE STEELER'S 2008 SEASON! Chances are only \$5.00 each and all proceeds go to the World Youth Day Trip. Pilgrims will be at the church doors selling tickets each Sunday in April.



**A BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM** will be offered for **PARENTS** and **GOD-PARENTS** in preparation for the Baptism of their child on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in the parish rectory. Registrations for the program may be made by calling 724.745.6560. The next date the program will be offered is Thursday, July 3.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 5:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL)  
Boles Family (John, Vera, Frances & Virginia)  
by Helen Boles  
7:30 (SP) Blanche Gregory, Jessie Huet, & Alice Staniszewski  
by Midge & Tony Vallone  
10:00 (SP) Samuel A. & Anthony J. Mirisciotti by Family  
12:00 (SP) Barbara Blahut by Husband, Andrew, Beth & Angela  
5:00 (SP) (PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

#### MONDAY, April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle

- 7:00 (SP) Susan Marin by her Children  
8:00 (SG) Walt Barbosky by Geri & Lisa Barbosky

Month's Mind: **Alice Mary Bower**

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- 7:00 (SP) Steve Plazak by Daughter, Elizabeth Herron  
8:00 (SG) Edith D'Orazio by Natalie Tissot  
10:00 (Rest Haven) Dorothy Derrico by John, Jamie & Jay Michalka

Month's Mind: **Rose Rubis**

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:00 (SP) Helen Bitsko by Pat & Mike Zatawski  
9:00 (SP) Michael Caldwell by Minnie Kostic  
2:00 (Greenery) Kitty Guyton by Ralph & Nicole Guyton

Month's Mind: **Arthur A. Shaw**

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:00 (SP) William & Mary Keegan and Theresa Mathia  
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Novak  
8:00 (SG) Kallie Dirmez & Frank Martys by Mom, Dad,  
Sister, Daughter & Families

Month's Mind: **Allan A. Wargo & Mary Sue Jones**

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - St. Stanislaus

- 7:00 (SP) Elizabeth Churray by the 7:00 am Morning  
Mass Group  
8:00 (SG) Rudolfe DiNardo by Wife and Family  
10:00 (Pine Lawn) Paula Falconi by Donna K. Mayton

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:30 (AM) (SP) Marie H. Zinner by Mr. & Mrs.  
Joseph S. Zukowski

#### 11:30 - 12:30 (SP) RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 (PM - VIGIL) John & Elsie Ladzinski by Daughter,  
Jo Ann & Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 (SP) Mr. & Mrs. Anthony F. Bevec by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony  
C. Bevec, Sr.  
10:00 (SP) Joseph A. Rydle, Jr. by Mrs. Beatrice S. Rydle  
12:00 (SP) Deceased Members of Bemacki & Hervol Families  
by Helen Hervol  
5:00 (SP) (PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

**HOME WITH CHRIST:** Remember and welcome into your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, **Pauline Arvay, John Novicki,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

### This Week's Altar Server Schedule

#### Saturday, April 5

5:00 pm - A. & A. Fairfull, A. Pavcic

#### Sunday, April 6

7:30 am - M. & R. Rozak, A. Boni  
10:00 am - M. Broglia, A. Lochran, M. Jox  
12:00 pm - E. Morton, L. Law, Dylan O'Neill  
5:00 pm - N. Castelli, P. Corwin, M. Cushma

### Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

#### Saturday, April 12

5:00 pm - P. Gent, C. & J. Helinski

#### Sunday, April 13

7:30 am - J. Hofrichter, A. Broglia, J. Reis  
10:00 am - P. Tordella, M. Ruane, J. Illig  
12:00 pm - M. & T. Costantino, A. Currey  
5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, M. Sadlek

#### THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

#### PRIEST'S PRAYER LIST FOR MARCH:

- April 6 Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM, Cap.  
April 7 Rev. James W. Dolan  
Very Rev. William P. Feeney  
April 8 Rev. Michael W. Decewicz  
Rev. Sean M. Hogan, C.S.Sp.  
April 9 Rev. George T. DeVillie  
Rev. DePaul Ripko, OFM, Cap.  
April 10 Very Rev. Philip N. Farrell  
Deacon Joseph M. Freedy  
April 11 Rev. Dale E. DeNinno  
Rev. Earl Jennings, TOR  
April 12 Rev. Louis L. DeNinno  
Rev. Marvin Justi, OFM, Cap

May God's abiding presence nourish and sustain them each day as they boldly proclaim His Kingdom of mercy and justice.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

*"We must try through example and apostolate to make Sunday into the Lord's Day, a day of adoration and glorification of God, of the Holy Sacrifice, of prayer, of rest, of recollection, of cheerful meetings in the family."*

~Pope Pius XII, Address, Sept. 7, 1947

I spent last Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Felician Motherhouse in Coraopolis to celebrate with them and guests **"Divine Mercy."** I told them that I gave up my tickets for the 12:30 pm Pens vs. Rangers game at the Mellon Arena to be with them this day, but they are *'well worth'* it! Later in the afternoon, before my conference and Holy Hour, a nun shouted out—*"The Pens won 3-1."* I was delighted to see at least one of the eighty Felician Sisters loves the Penguins too.

I *"gave up"* the familiar Penguins names of Crosby, Malkin, Fleury, Talbot, and Staal for a day. And, *"in return"* I met with people named Sister Rose Marie, Sr. Cantlice, and Sr. Mary Dolcia, who all grew up in the same class at St. Genevieve School in Canonsburg. By the way, we have had fifteen vocations from that parish alone enter the Felician Order. I met the provincial (leader) of their community Sr. Mary Christopher, Sr. Mary Amelia (sacristan), Sr. Mary Leona (cantor), Sr. Mary Andrew (who invited me to speak for the event), as well as many of the other retired sisters. A 96-year-old sister told me—*"Father, I'm going to ask God to give you a good one."* *Incredulous!* I said: "Okay, whatever that may be!" She then told me that she was asking God for four more years to make a *century!* I also met two younger sisters in their 20's who are from India and serve the elderly sisters as nurses.

There are over 2,000 Felician Sisters, followers of St. Francis of Assisi, in the world today who minister to God's people. The Congregation was founded by Sophia Truszkowski, Mother Mary Angela, in Poland in 1855. In 1874, five Felician sisters came to the United States, where they opened a school and orphanage in Wisconsin. In addition to serving in the United States, they minister in Canada, Poland, Brazil, England, France, Italy and Kenya. The Sisters' various ministries of mercy include: education at every level, health care, pastoral ministries, evangelization, youth ministry, social service among the poor, retreats and renewal programs, foreign missions, child care, care of the aged, work with migrants, inner city projects and diocesan work.

I was happy to see familiar faces, encounter new ones, and journey with all on this glorious Easter day. I celebrated the Mass at noon, followed by a social and reception, confessions, conference, Holy Hour, and a walk around the outside grounds in a procession with banners, a picture of Divine Mercy from Poland and the Blessed Sacrament.

In May 2008, I will have served as a priest for twenty years in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Just like the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, I'm grateful for all the faith companions I've met along the way. *"Companions"* is derived from two Latin words: *cum* (with) and *panis* (bread). We all met at the Table of

God's Living Word and at the Table of the Eucharist to grow in grace, holiness, community, prayer, and Christian maturity to be the people God calls us to be.

Sunday was a "double victory"—to drink in the spirit and mission of the Felician Sisters and see faith companions again along the way. And the Pens victory—that was just a sidebar for this particular day!

### BELIEVE

~Sister Joan Metzner

Believe in your questions  
no matter how trifling  
They are the gateway to knowledge  
wisdom and enlightenment.

Believe in your gifts,  
no matter how small.  
They are God's providence to your world,  
to enrich it, to ennoble it, to bring it love.

Believe in your past  
no matter how painful.  
It is a unique book of history:  
Gospel Revelation of God's mercy and faithfulness.

Believe in your yearnings,  
no matter how subtle.  
They are energy, urging you  
forward in your quest for God.

Believe in your goodness,  
no matter pointed fingers.  
They are only passing vestiges of fear reminding you to  
forgive, to remain rooted in Love's Reality.

Believe in your vision,  
no matter the climb.  
It is a mountain peak,  
calling you to experience God.

Believe in your decisions,  
no matter the mistakes.  
They are your "Yes" to life,  
your assent to the Field, where God is to be found.

Believe in your ideas,  
no matter the doubts,  
They are seeds, seeking nourishment,  
sunshine, life-giving water.

Believe in your neighbors,  
no matter the risk.  
They are sent from God  
to walk with you.

Believe in your God,  
no matter the mist.  
God is strong and trustworthy  
and God cares for you.



### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

We would like to congratulate Jessica O'Shell, daughter of Susan and Cliff O'Shell, for taking First Place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Patriot's Penn Essay Contest" Jessica also placed 4<sup>th</sup> on the state level. Jessica and her parents were honored at the VFW 24<sup>th</sup> District Testimonial Banquet on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7: Report Cards distributed
- April 9: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 2B at 9:00 am
- April 9: Diocesan Principals' Meeting 8:30 – 3:00
- April 9: Eighth Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- April 10: Market Day Pick-Up 5:30 – 6:30
- April 10: H.S.A. Board Meeting 1:30 P.M.
- April 11: Casual Dress Day



**The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 3291** is soliciting donations to support our **ANNUAL YOUTH TROUT FISHING DERBY**, to be held on May 17, 2008 from 9 :00 am - 5:00 pm. Rain or Shine...

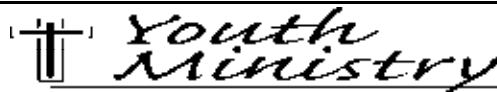
There will be a stocked trout pond, outdoor games, prizes, food and more for children ages 4 - 18 at the Lodge at Ruff Creek, Ruff Creek, PA. All proceeds from this event are to benefit the Knights of Columbus and their various charitable activities.

The Knights of Columbus actively and financially support a multitude of worthy causes. Knights of Columbus members improve communities by:

- ##Volunteering millions of hours to community services
- ##Donating over a billion dollars to charitable causes
- ##Helping countless men, women and children in time of need
- ##Promoting civic involvement and, thereby, a sense of national pride.

Donations may be mailed to: Knights of Columbus Council # 3291, (c/o T. Martin, 309 Bluff St. Canonsburg, Pa 15317).

**SHARE PHOTOS OF OUR TROOPS!** Our **Knights of Columbus** have installed a bulletin board in the church to display photos of your loved ones who are overseas serving our country. This bulletin board is displayed in the back vestibule of the church. 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. God bless our troops!



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 9 - 12

## IT'S A PENGUIN PARTY!!! And YOU are invited!!! Join us on Sunday, April 6, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. in the Rectory as we cheer the Pittsburgh Penguins on to victory. We'll have our meeting at 2:00 pm (*with prizes!*), and then watch the hockey game at 3:00 pm. Bring a snack or a bottle of pop to share.

**HOAGIES...HOAGIES...! 15 INCHES, ONLY \$6.00!** The World Youth Day Pilgrims will be selling hoagies this weekend, April 5 - 6, until we run out! You can purchase them after mass in the cafeteria. As usual, you can choose from Italian, Roast Beef, or Turkey. Thank you for your support!



**MEMORIALS** WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of: **Jesse Huet** (Mother of Nancy, David, and Philip Rossana) by Bonnie Jennings.

**MASSES** WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

**Mary Sue Jones** from Joe Decker & Donna K. Mayton; **Dennis Gump, Sr.** by Cathy Smith & Family; **Alex M. Supinski** by Walter Zydanowicz; **Jessie Huet** by Charles & Charlotte Sroka.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 7 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Center
- **BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm - Church  
(Beginning a six-week class on the Gospel of St. John)
- April 9 - ROSARY:** 6:30 pm - Church
- **H.S.A. MTG.:** 6:30 pm - Cafeteria
- **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT'S MTG.:** 7:00 pm - Church
- April 10 - MARKET DAY PICK-UP:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MTG.:** 7 pm - K. House
- **MOMS SCRIPTURE TIME:** 7:30 - 9 pm - Center
- April 12 - WEDDING SHOWCASE:** 1:00 pm - Choir Loft
- April 13 - MOMS DINNER SOCIAL:** 6:30 pm - Center
- April 14 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Center
- **BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm - Church



### ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April Class Sessions: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

from 8:30 - 9:45 am