

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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April 27, 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 (ext. 11) 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

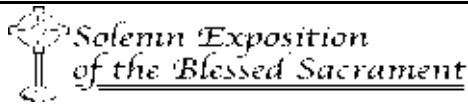
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ABUSE HOTLINE

1-888-808-1235

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, May 6 beginning at 12:00 noon until Benediction at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend extra some time with the Lord.



Knights of Columbus Council #3291
Annual Youth Trout Fishing Derby

Our Knights of Columbus are holding their first Annual Youth Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm for children and youth ages 4 – 18 at the Lodge at Ruff Creek, Ruff Creek, PA. Cost of \$10.00 per person covers fishing in a stocked trout pond and games for the kids, as well as food and refreshments for everybody! Fr. Jack will also offer Mass at the site at 6:00 pm for all of the participants and workers. Event will take place rain or shine, and pre-registration by 5/09/08 is required. Pre-registration forms can be found in the front and rear main vestibules of the church. Directions will follow on the parish website the week of the event. We hope to see you there!

2008 PARISH FESTIVAL– JUNE 12, 13 and 14

Grand Raffle Tickets: There are extra FESTIVAL GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS! Please stop in the rectory if you would like to sell more. Send in your completed ticket stubs along with \$30 as soon as possible so that you will be eligible for the 3 Early Bird Drawings. Early Birds will be drawn on the following dates: Monday, April 28; Monday, May 12; and Monday, May 26. Three lucky sellers will win \$150 each!

HOAGIES ARE BACK NEXT WEEK!!! Our WYD pilgrims will be selling hoagies at the Pike St. and cafeteria entrances after all Masses on May 3 & 4. For the freshest hoagies, pick them up at noon on Sat. in the cafeteria. \$6 gets you a delicious 15 inch Italian, Roast Beef or Turkey hoagie. Try our **COMBO PACK:** For only \$10 you get a hoagie and a chance at Steeler season tickets!! Having a First Communion party or other event? Call the rectory with your order by Thursday. **We have doubled our order, help us sell them all!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 28 - BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm - Church
- April 29 - 2nd GRADE JESUS NIGHT:** 6- 8pm - Church / Center
- May 1 - MOMS SCRIPTURE TIME:** 7:00 pm - Center
- May 1 - EDUCATION COMM. MTG:** 4:15 pm - School
- May 1 - BAPTISM INSTRUCTION:** 7:00 pm - Rectory
- May 2 - CHRISTIAN MOTHERS:** First Friday Novena – after 7 am Mass with Breakfast to follow at Shelly's Pike Inn - All Welcome!
- May 4 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 2:00 pm - Church
- May 17 & 18 - ST. PATRICK MINISTRY FAIR:** after all the Masses
 ~ Watch for more details ~

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2008

Envelopes.....	\$12,788.00
Children's Envelopes	\$44.20
Loose Cash and Coin	\$740.91
St. Patrick School.....	\$137.00
Parish Total	\$13,710.11

Weekly Budgeted Expenses \$13,980.67

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

PEOPLE OF HOPE: Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope.

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APRIL IS SCOUTING FOR FOOD MONTH: St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop #1385 will have collection boxes in the vestibules of the church. All the collection goes to the Canonsburg Food Bank to help all those less fortunate. This year the Food Bank reports to be low on food items so your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of Troop #1385 and the families who are served by our local community Food Bank.

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST PATRICK CHURCH , On behalf of Catholic Charities, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your recent monetary gift. The active support of parishioners such as you from St. Patrick Church helps us to continue our tradition of helping the less fortunate in our community. Your gift will be utilized to assist our many clients that have needs such as mental health and drug & alcohol issues, the need to learn good parenting skills, homelessness, lack of food and the inability to pay their utility bills. We are grateful for your generosity, your trust, and most importantly, your commitment to our mission. On behalf of the staff and the clients of Catholic Charities, thank you for your generous and unwavering support. Sincerely, *Christine Wissner, Director of Washington County Catholic Charities.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL) Bart DeJohn, Jr. by Parents
7:30 (SP) Jack Glass by Wife
10:00 (SP) Lois & Raymond D'Emilio 50th Wedding Anniversary
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (PM) Ann Koziel by Dolly & Sam Mazza

Month's Mind: Pauline Arvay

MONDAY, April 28 - Ss. Louis Mary de Montfort & Peter Chanel

7:00 (SP) Catherine & Steve Belfiore by Philip Before
8:00 (SG) Churbock & Savanelli Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Churbock

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 (SP) Catherine & Edward Tirimacco by Daughter
8:00 (SG) John, Josephine & Celie Verholtz by Don & Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 - St. Pius V

7:00 (SP) Anthony J. Trubiana by Wife, Ella
7:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL) Michael Donella by Wife, Lucille

Month's Mind: John Novicki

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 (SP) Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Campagna by Children Josephine & Catherine
9:00 (SP) Antoinette Tomsic by Raymond & Lois D'Emilio
12:00 (SG) Steve Davadik by Lou & Mary Lou Popolkowski
7:00 (SP) Frank Antosh Family by Josephine Jacobs Family

Month's Mind: Donald Deems

FRIDAY, MAY 2 - St. Athanasius; First Friday

7:00 (SP) Edward Progar by His Children & Grandchildren
~ *First Friday Novena Following Mass* ~
8:00 (SG) Special Intention by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cwiklinski
~ *First Friday Novena Following Mass* ~
10:00 (Consulate) Angelo Nicola by Joanne Gump & Family

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - Ss. Philip & James; First Saturday

7:30 (SP) Antonio Costanzo, Bill & Theresa by Dora & Teresa
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) RECONCILIATION
5:00 (SP) (PM - VIGIL) Giuseppe & Mary Catalano and Louis & Ann Fabian by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fabian

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 (SP) Patricia (Pleskovich) O'Hare & Pleskovich Family by John & Pauline & Maryanne
10:00 (SP) Living & Deceased Members of the Frank Pleskovich & the Michael F. Tomsic, Sr. Families by Beverly Roselle
12:00 (SP) Mattia & Maddalena Campana & Family by Assunta Gasbarro
2:00 (SP) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS
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, **Mary E. Bruno, Louis Engott, Andrew Barbaryka** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, April 26

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, M. Broglia

Sunday, April 27

7:30 am - A. & A. Fairfull, A. Boni
10:00 am - L. Thompson, M. & R. Rozak
12:00 pm - C. & M. Capelli, A. Lochran
5:00 pm - L. Hornak, A. & M. Corey

Ascension - Altar Server Schedule

Wednesday, April 30

7:00 pm - L. Hornak, J. Cavallo, G. Burke

Thursday, May 1

7:00 am - J. Plazak
9:00 am - Student, Student, Student
12:00 pm - J. Kusic
7:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, A. Boni

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, May 3

5:00 pm - L., S. & E. Hammell

Sunday, May 4

7:30 am - N. Castelli, M. Cushma, P. Gent
10:00 am - K. Crider, L. Law, E. Morton
12:00 pm - P. Corwin, C. & J. Helinski
2:00 pm - **First Holy Communion Mass**
5:00 pm - A. Broglia, J. Reis, M. Ruane

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

April 27 Rev. Frank G. Erdeljac, Mr. Daniel J. Langa, Rev. Gabriel Mendy, CSSp
April 28 Rev. Joseph J. Hadgkiss, SOLT, Rev. Dominick A. DeBlasio, Mr. Eric Campbell
April 29 Rev. Wlaler Ostrowski, SVD, Rev. Joseph A. Carr, Rev. Ralph Zehe, OFM, Cap
April 30 Rev. Pierre M. Kalkenhan
Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah J. McCarthy

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 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 (for St. Joseph the Worker)
Friday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Nothing is so pleasing to God as obedience.”

St. Jerome

What a visitor to the USA! The first pastoral visit of Pope Benedict XVI from April 15-20, 2008 brought many graces and blessings to countless lives. His Christian holiness, his humble presence, his powerful message, his courageous witness, and his profound ‘humanness’ filled us with God’s hope and love. Whether on FOX, CNN, MSN, EWTN, or local stations on TV—it was wonderful ‘to see’ and ‘to hear’ this remarkable and memorable visit in our land, in our country, and in our home. Our own Bishop David Zubik noted that there was so much depth in his messages that it would take time to ‘unpack’ and ponder its richness. I was grateful for the time to listen, to reflect, and to rejoice as I tried to drink in the spirit of these grace-filled days. It was like ‘springtime’ Pentecost of the Holy Spirit uniting and strengthening us in our **resolve** and **commitment** to follow, **Jesus, our Hope**.

Whether religious or non-religious, whether young or old, whether native or immigrant, whether scholar or not as educated, whether powerful or powerless, whether ‘God-fearing’ or ‘God-less’, whether traditional or non-traditional, whether priest or family man, whether healthy or disabled, whether joy-filled or mourning—Pope Benedict XVI held all in the chambers of his heart with hope, faith, joy, love, and prayer. And in great humility he begged that we would keep him in our humble prayers. So Pope Benedict XVI and the people of USA and people throughout the entire world were transformed and uplifted by the grace of the Holy Spirit here in our nation. Pope Benedict reminds us in his second encyclical *Spe Salvi* that prayer is the school of hope. He writes—“When no one listens to me any more, God still listens.”(#32)

The last day of his visit I was delighted to join my mother at the Little Sisters of the Poor on the North Side in watching the Pope’s final Mass at Yankee Stadium in New York. Of course, every priest times the homily of a fellow priest and it was no different on this day. But, after twenty minutes mom looked at me and asked—“*When is he going to stop?*” I said—“Mom, but it’s the Pope and he is really good. I don’t want it to end.” Well, after twenty-five minutes it came to a halt. I then told

mom that he was heading back to Rome at 8:30 pm that Sunday night and she said—“*I thought he was going to stay for a month.*” So, mom wanted a **shorter homily** and a **longer stay** with Pope Benedict XVI!

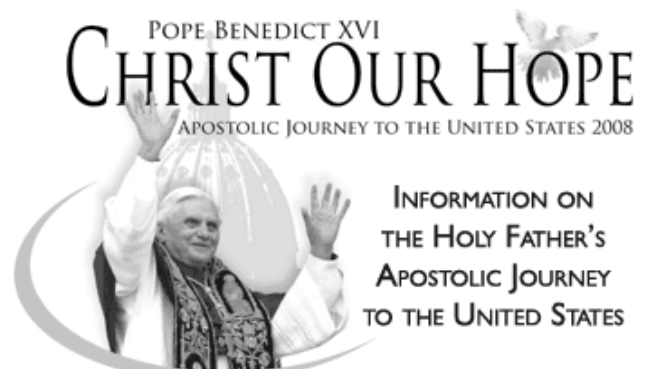
As I left mom’s room, she went to the window to wave ‘good-bye’ as I looked up from the parking lot. It often reminded me of Pope Benedict XVI homily at the funeral of Pope John Paul II when he noted that he was now in heaven with the window open waving ‘good-bye’ to the world and Church and he was now at peace with God in heaven. That homily was tough to beat and will live in the hearts and minds of many for years to come. But, it was wonderful to see him in person in our land. Mom’s right it should have been a month!

Thank you Pope Benedict XVI for coming to the United States of America as the **successor** of St. Peter, **servant** of Jesus Christ, **herald** of the Good News, **healer** of souls, **prophet** of our times, and **messenger** of hope for all peoples. We pledge you our faith, love, and prayers today and always. May the God of Hope and Our Lady of Hope be your daily bread. Thank you for coming to the United States of America—it was a visit we will not soon forget. God bless you, Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. We love you! Signed, America.

(04.27.2008)

For pictures and videos of our Holy Father’s visit please go to the following site. His talks and homilies may also be downloaded.

1. Go to: <http://www.diopitt.org/>
2. Click on the following image:





ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

April Class Sessions: 27th from 8:30 - 9:45 am
Last Day for the 2007-2008 School Year

WATCH FOR DETAILS FOR OUR SUMMER VBS

June: 23rd - 27th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon



YOUTH MINISTRY Last Regular Session for the 2007-2008 Year will be held on **May 4** from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Teen Room: Center.

Next meeting for the WYD PILGRIMS will be held on May 11 in the Center at 7:00 pm.



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. We thank you for your support!

Duquesne University's largest open house event, DUQUESNEFEST, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 8 from 8 am to 1 pm. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2008 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register with Duquesne's Office of Admissions at 412.396.6222 or online at www.admissions.duq.edu.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
My Father's House: In loving memory of: **Naomi Da Pra** by Mary Ann Barbosky; **Edward DeLost** by Lucy Smith.

MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Joseph P. Tomsic by Frances Koklich, Agnes Bostjancic; **Edward DeLost** by Betty (Franko Malpassi) Markovich.

KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT - DID YOU KNOW? Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC Web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

We would like to congratulate Abby Lochran, daughter of Lori and Thomas Lochran, for receiving the **2008 Carson Scholar Award**.

Abby is an eighth grade student at St. Patrick School. Abby is among a very special group of over 3,400 students from across the country that have been named a Carson Scholar. Abby will receive \$1,000 per year for each of the 4 years while she is attending a college or university.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 26: Athletic Association Sport's Banquet 6 pm
- April 28: Challenge by Choice for 7th and 8th Graders
- April 29: Kindergarten Screening for the incoming Kindergarten class
- May 1: Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00 am prepared by Grade 7/8
- May 1: Education Commission Meeting at 4:15 pm
- May 2: Field Day at Town Park 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ALL SAINTS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH ANNUAL GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL, featuring our famous Greek Cuisine, plus music and dancing every evening, will be held from Monday thru Saturday, June 2 -7, 2008 (11:00 am - 9:00 pm, 601 W. McMurray Rd. ~ Canonsburg, PA) Church tours will also be available. More information: 724.745.2249.

THE DIOCESE calls your attention to the **ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES PRAYER EVENT** that will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2008. The intention for this Rosary will be: **For an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies.** On the day of the prayer event, it is hoped that at least one million people in the USA will be praying the Rosary within the same sixty minute time frame. People are encouraged to begin praying at the top of the hour, but this is not a necessity. Our time frame (*Eastern Time Zone*) is from 9 am to 10 am. To register as a participant in this prayer event, you may:

1. Go to www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org
or,
2. Fill out the form below and send it to the address below

I plan on participating in the Saturday, May 3, 2008, ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES prayer event as explained below.

NAME _____

DIOCESE/ARCHDIOCESE _____

*Saint Michael the Archangel Organization;
P.O. Box 41257; Memphis, Tenn. 38174*