

# 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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## May 4, 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the seventy-three boys and girls making their First Holy Communion today. All of our parishioners at St. Patrick Parish will keep you in their prayers today as you receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. We will continue to pray that the Sacrament of the Eucharist will nourish you throughout your lives.

Fr. Jack

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS COMMITTEE** would like to extend a special thank you to all who assisted in decorating the church during the holy season. We need to form a committee for future events and invite all former and any new persons who would like to join and share their talents. Please contact the Pastoral Council Worship Committee through John Blumen 724.745.2419.

**BISHOP ZUBIK HAS SENT US AN INVITATION...**

to his home, the Seminary, for an evening of prayer and social time on May 8, 2008 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. He would be very pleased to have every parish represented at this Holy Hour and special time before the Blessed Sacrament and would really like a chance to meet you at the reception afterwards. Please call the Religious Education office at 724.745.3787 if you would like to go. We will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:00 pm.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

**POWER LAB** is coming to St. Patrick Parish for Grades K - 5<sup>th</sup> (Grade in the Fall 2008). If you have not registered your child/children, please pick up a registration form at the entrances of the church. Return the registration form, permission slip, and the \$10.00 fee to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.

**MEMORIALS** WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**My Father's House:** In loving memory of: **Betty Schumacher** by Michael & Janice Mazza.; **Rosalie Mlekush** by Louis Mlekush; **John & Jacqueline Alterio** by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Alterio; **Mary Bruno** by Zorka Tomsic, Mirko & Edna Tomsic; **Stacy Sellers** by Mr. & Mrs. Don Sellers & Family; **Jospeh B. D'Orazio** by John Renners.

**MASSES** WERE RECEIVED, **IN HONOR OF:**

**Anna Kruppa on the occasion of her 102 Birthday** by her family. **IN LOVING MEMORY OF:** **Mary V. Liptak** by Betty Ann & Mike; **Louis Engott** by Neices & Nephews; **Donald Deems** by Bridget Thomas & Wife, Theodora Deems & Children; **Mary E. Bruno** by Joseph & Sue Siwiak, John & Marsha Blumen, Ed & Nancy Sifinski; **William Gennacro** by the Volunteers of the Sunday Morning Bread Program.

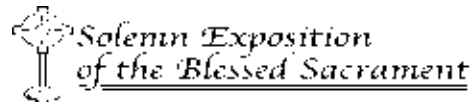
**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*April 27, 2008*

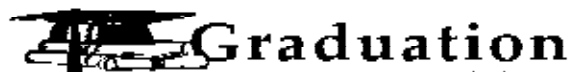
Envelopes.....	\$14,579.50
Children's Envelopes .....	\$56.90
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$750.03
St. Patrick School.....	\$34.00
Parish Total .....	\$15,420.43
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....</i>	<i>\$13,980.67</i>

**YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!**



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be 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.

**MOTHER'S DAY: Next Sunday, St. Patrick Youth Group** will be selling carnations for \$1.00 at the main exits of the church. These carnations can be purchased in memory or in honor of our mothers or those special women in our lives. Your flower can be placed in the vases provided in the sanctuary in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. A basket will also be provided with prayer tags, which can be placed on the flowers. Your loved ones will be remembered at all Masses that week.



**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008,** You are invited to attend a special BACCALAUREATE MASS and BREAKFAST (for graduates & parents) to be celebrated in your honor, Sunday, June 1, 2008 at the 10:00 am Liturgy in St. Patrick Church. Please RSVP by May 23, 2008 to the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.



First Time:	Scott Alan Heinen Toni Lynn Affinito
Second Time:	Loren Andrew Anderson Christy Lynn Bornemann

**Congratulations to Jerry & Hazel La Salvia on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL) Giuseppe & Mary Catalano and Louis & Ann Fabian by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fabian  
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

**MONDAY, MAY 5**

7:00 (SP) James Puchany by John, Jamie & Jay Michalka  
8:00 (SG) Peter J. Powell & Chemento Family by Connie Powell

**TUESDAY, MAY 6 - First Tuesday**

7:00 (SP) Mario DiSalle & the DiSalle Family by Wife, Lena  
8:00 (SG) Living & Deceased Members of the Santoni, Hollman, Hodges, and Marton Families by Family  
2:00 (Canon House) Steve Davadik by Alan Davadik and Denise & Alan Weisman

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

7:00 (SP) Rudolph & Frances Tomsic Family by Liz Tomsic  
9:00 (SP) Al Imperatore by Gloria & the Imperatore Family

**THURSDAY, MAY 8**

7:00 (SP) Verona & Martin Talpas by Joseph & Marie Talpas  
8:00 (SG) William & Kathleen Rukas & Ginger by Rickey & Lynn Stonesifer

**Month's Mind: Catherine Lizon-Bell**

**FRIDAY, MAY 9**

7:00 (SP) John E. Wallo by Wife, Betty  
8:00 (SG) Fred A. Caruso and the Caruso & Gromacki Families by Sophia Caruso & Family  
10:00 (Pine Lawn) Mary Prince by Amy & Nancy Gregory

**SATURDAY, MAY 10 - VIGIL OF PENTECOST**

7:30 (SP) Deceased Members of the Kennedy & Urbanek Families by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kennedy  
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) RECONCILIATION  
5:00 (SP) (PM - VIGIL)  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Gil & Mary Ann Yurus

**Month's Mind: Raymond Zelinsky**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11 - PENTECOST**

7:30 (SP) John & Catherine Sroka and their deceased Children by Ron & Julie  
10:00 (SP) Jim Krupa by Cathy Smith  
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE  
5:00 (SP) (PM) Julia Antol & Deceased. Members of the Barsody Family by Jim

**HOME WITH CHRIST:** Remember and welcome into your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, **Joseph D'Orazio, Helen T. Smith,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

**This Week's Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, May 3**

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

**Sunday, May 4**

7:30 am - P. Novick, M. Cushma, P. Gent  
10:00 am - K. Crider, L. Law, E. Morton  
12:00 pm - P. Corwin, C. & J. Helinski  
5:00 pm - A. Broglia, J. Reis, M. Ruane

**Next Week's Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, May 10**

5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, A. & L. Starcevic

**Sunday, May 11**

7:30 am - J. Hofrichter, P. Tordella, A. Sciulli  
10:00 am - J., M., & B. Illig  
12:00 pm - M. & T. Costantino, J. Cavallo  
5:00 pm - A. Currey, E. Regoli, C. Tarnik

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

**May 1** Most Rev. David A. Zubik  
**May 2** Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
**May 3** Most Rev. William J. Winter  
**May 4** Most Rev. John B. McDowell  
**May 5** Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM Cap.  
**May 6** Rev. Lester Knoll, OFM Cap.  
**May 7** Rev. Joseph E. Felz  
Very Rev. Brian J. Welding  
**May 8** Rev. Thomas B. Ferris  
Rev. Robert M. Franco, M.Ch.A.  
**May 9** Rev. Andrew C. Fischer  
Rev. Gregory Brown, OFM Cap.  
**May 10** Rev. R. Donald Jones  
Rev. Donald C. Fisher  
**May 11** Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl  
Francis J. Wuerl (Father of Archbishop Wuerl)

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 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

*“Yesterday is **history**, tomorrow is a **mystery**, and today is a **gift**: that’s why they call it the **present**.”*

~Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

Before beginning my homily last Sunday at the Noon Mass, I told the congregation that I had a public confession to make: “I have tickets today for the Pens vs. Rangers game at 2:00 pm.” There was laughter, clamor, and much loud applause. *Intuitively*, they knew what that meant. I still tried to give them their money’s worth!

During the Mass, my cell phone was on the ‘vibrate’ mode and, afterwards, I checked the message. My friend Carl had phoned saying: “*Friend, come up higher*’ (Luke 14:1) and sit in the box with us at Mellon Arena.” So, along with my friend Vince, I joined them high aloft the roaring crowd in SMG Box 606 for the game. Even Penguins CEO Ken Sawyer and Owner Mario Lemieux were sitting under us in Level 500 for this game. To eat all the food and drinks we desired and to come out with a 2-0 victory—we thought we were in heaven!

It was good to have 120 women attend the day of recollection on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Genevieve’s. The next feat is to get 120 men to come to a retreat, right!

It was also good to join with the 120 in attendance at the St. Patrick’s Athletic Association’s tailgate party last Saturday night at St. Gen’s. The kids certainly loved the menu (hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, nacho chips with cheese, kielbasa with kraut, pasta, cake, etc.). Of course, they loved playing games afterwards.

The guest speaker for the evening was Jina DeRubbo, head women’s basketball coach at W&J College. She is a wife and the mother of a six-year-old daughter and twin two-year-old sons. Her passion, energy, and enthusiasm were contagious! She encouraged the young athletes to thank their parents and coaches; work together for one goal as a team; be faithful to the game they play, whether a superstar or coming off the bench; and develop their ‘*God –given*’ talents and gifts throughout their lives. Remember that ‘*real life*’ is more than sports, money, and entertainment—it’s the *relationships we make, the*

*character we develop, the values we hold dear, and the beliefs we live each day of our lives.*

On this 7<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Easter**, Jesus is preparing His followers for His **departure** while He is **preparing** them for the **coming** of the Holy Spirit. The longest prayer of Jesus recorded in the New Testament is found in today’s Gospel (John 17)—the ‘**High Priestly Prayer**.’ This chapter is certainly worth our prayerful meditation. In essence, Jesus prays that His followers will be faithful. It is comforting to know that Jesus prays for us.

On April 21, 2008, Bishop Gregory M. Aymond of Austin, Texas spoke to all the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on “*The Spirituality of the Priest*.” He examined **seven invitations and seven obstacles to holiness**. I believe they apply to all. I share my notes with all of you.

### Seven Invitations to Holiness

- 1) God invites us to **personal prayer**—non-negotiable time, best audience of any day.
- 2) God invites us to **community prayer**—to be nourished and sustained together as His holy people.
- 3) God invites us to live a **balanced life**—diet, rest, work, prayer, vacation, leisure, friends, etc.
- 4) God invites us to be people of **integrity**—called to see the truth of one’s life.
- 5) God invites to be a **reconciler**—with God, others, and oneself.
- 6) God invites us to ‘**consciousness examen**’—to see God’s presence in the details of every day—people, events, actions, interruptions, etc.
- 7) God invites us to be **people of hope**—make the prayer of John the Baptist our own: “*I must decrease, Christ must increase.*”

### Seven Obstacles (“Struggles”) to Holiness

- 1) **Cynicism**—negativity, hostility, aggressiveness
- 2) **Competitiveness**—comparing, competing, proving
- 3) **Slow to Trust**—Trust God, His Church, authority
- 4) **Provincialism**—it is not my Church, not my ministry, not my priesthood
- 5) **Feelings of Hopelessness**—lives of imbalance, burn-out, anger, and low self-esteem
- 6) “**Lone Rangers**”—don’t do **it** alone.
- 7) **Secret Lives**—God calls us to **conversion**, not secrecy. Live and lead –‘**Gospel lives**’ **always**.



**ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CONGRATULATIONS AND A JOB WELL DONE! to the following Religious Education students with a perfect attendance for the 2007-2008 year: **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

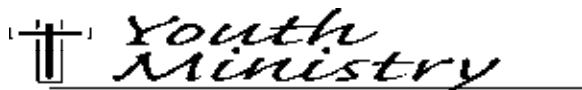
Jonathan Abbondanza, Natalie Ackerman, Brooke Baumgartner, Zachery Bonazza, Emily Dowling, Steven Dowling, Julia Felton, Damon Gall, April Giles, Nicholas Gregory, Michael Illig, David Nottingham, Jessica Ray, Jeremy Rosenwald, Valerey Rosenwald, Stephanie Tress, Austin Vermilya, Tanner Vermilya, Amanda Wilk, Katherine Wozny, Nicole Wozny, Shane Yarkosky, Lauren Yesenchak, Alexandra Zanolgia, Thomas Zukowski.

Reflecting on the past year of faith education serving our Religious Education students, one must pause to say a heart-felt THANK YOU to the VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS, AIDES AND PARENTS who so generously gave of their time to witness Christ to the children.

THANK YOU to the PARENTS, the primary educators of their children, for bringing the children to Religious Education classes. Please remember that summertime is NOT a vacation from attending Mass and the Sacraments.

THANK YOU to FR. JACK, FR. RICH AND FR. GABRIEL who supported the Religious Education program in every way by visiting the classrooms and being made available when they were needed.

**Have a great summer! See you in September!**  
**God Bless You All!**



**Next meeting for the WYD PILGRIMS** will be held on May 10 in the Center at 6:00 pm.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 3 & 4 - **HOAGIES & STEELER TICKETS:** after all Masses
- May 4 - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 2:00 pm - Church
- May 5 - **BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm - Church
- May 6 - **EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** 12 noon - **BENEDICTION:** 7:00 pm
- May 6 - **FINANCE COUNCIL MTG.:** 7:00 pm - Rectory
- May 7 - **CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S BANQUET:** 5:00 pm - Doors open at Rolling Hills Country Club - 6:00 Dinner
- May 8 - **MOMS SCRIPTURE TIME:** 7:30 - 9 pm - Center
- May 8 - **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** 7:00 pm - Knights House
- May 8 - **SCOUTS SPRING COURT OF HONOR:** 7 pm - Center
- May 17 & 18 - **ST. PATRICK MINISTRY FAIR:** after all the Masses

~ Watch for more details ~



**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL**

**PRESCHOOL:** St. Patrick School is pleased to announce that a **Full Day 4 Year Old Preschool Program** will be offered in the fall of 2008. The program will be offered 5 days per week from 8:20 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. each day that school is in session. Morning care and after care will also be offered at an additional fee. Tuition assistance programs are available through the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the parish. If you would like more information, please call the school office at 724-745-7977.

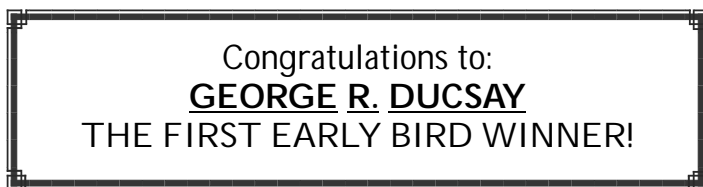
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- May 4: First Holy Communion 2:00 P.M.
- May 5: Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades 4 – 8
- May 6: Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades K – 3
- May 7: Student Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.
- May 7: Kindergarten Zoo Trip
- May 7: H.S.A. Board Meeting 1:30 P.M.
- May 8: Market Day Pick-Up 5:30 – 6:30
- May 8: Pittsburgh Opera for Grades 4 – 8
- May 9: Carnegie Museum trip for Grades 1 -4

**GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS**

*2008 PARISH FESTIVAL – JUNE 12, 13 and 14*

**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 2 Early Bird Drawings. Early Birds will be drawn on the following dates: Monday, May 12; and Monday, May 26. Two more lucky sellers will win \$150 each!



**ANNUAL YOUTH TROUT FISHING DERBY**

Our Knights of Columbus Council # 3291 is holding its first Annual Youth Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 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!