

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

Ph: 724-745-6560 Fax: 724-746-1112

Email: stpatparish@verizon.net

Website: www.stpatrickparish.net

July 20, 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.



THE 2nd ANNUAL JACK INGOLD GOLF OUTING benefiting St. Patrick's School and Church on September 2nd will be held at the Club at Nevillewood. The day will include a lunch, golf, complimentary cocktail hour, dinner, live entertainment, gifts and prizes. Dinner only guests welcome!

GENTLY USED TOYS NEEDED: St. Patrick School will be opening a *Four-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program* in the fall of 2008. We are in need of gently used *toys* and *books* that would be appropriate for 4 year old children. You may drop off your donations at the school cafeteria after masses on Sunday or at the school office throughout the week. Your donations will be deeply appreciated.

The **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH'S GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION**



for couples who have been married for 50 years is in the planning stages. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008, beginning with a Mass at 3:00 pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2008 and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than July 27, 2008. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.

THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>July 13, 2008</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$13,475.00
Children's Envelopes	\$42.10
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,019.26
St. Patrick School.....	\$385.00
Parish Total	\$14,921.36
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR will be at the exits of the church this weekend, taking up a collection for their outreach efforts. Please be as generous as possible.



Members of the parish are all invited to attend the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, July 27th, with a Social to follow in the school cafeteria, to extend their best wishes and gratitude to Fr. Rich before he begins his new assignment as Administrator at St. Joseph in Coraopolis, on Monday, July 28th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 21 - NO BIBLE STUDY** (Fr. Rich will be on vacation)
- July 21 - PILGRIMS RETURN**
- July 23 - PRAY THE ROSARY:** 6:30 pm (Church)
- July 27 - 12:00 Mass - FR. RICH'S FAREWELL RECEPTION** (Cafeteria after the 12:00 Mass)
- July 27 - CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC:** 1:00 - 5:00 pm

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH. Central Blood Bank invites you to help area patients, because every day it is a challenge to locate enough blood donors to meet local needs. If you think, "other people are giving enough blood" you are wrong. Although over 50% of the population is eligible to give blood, only about 5% actually do. New donors are needed every day in order to maintain regional blood supplies. Log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0040146 or contact the Church Office at 724-745-6560 or Jack Rosati, Knights of Columbus, at 724-745-4902 to schedule an appointment.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Those who are just must be kind.
— Wisdom 12:19

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

July 19 Rev. Michael John Lynam
Rev. Michael J. Darcy
July 20 Rev. Michael C. MacVeigh
Rev. Thomas P. Sharkey, CSSp
July 21 Rev. Girard J. Kohler, CSSp
Rev. Gary W. Krummert
Deacon David E. Lamm
July 22 Rev. Francis Hanley, CSSp
Rev. Thaddeus S. Madia
Rev. Joseph Kelly, CSSp
July 23 Rev. Benedict Mwangi
Rev. Joseph B. Codori
July 24 Rev. Michael Salvagna
Rev. James W. Kunz
Rev. James H. Burnie, CSSp
July 25 Rev. Harry F. Petrie
Rev. Gervase Degenhardt, OFM Cap
July 26 Rev. Domenic F. Mancici
Rev. John R. Weber, CSSp

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 19
5:00 pm - C. & M. Cappelli, M. Sadlek
Sunday, July 20
7:30 am - J. Zukowski, J. Hofrichter, A. Sciulli
10:00 am - M. & R. Rozak, L. Law
12:00 pm - Z. Simpson, L. Sollon, A. Currey
5:00 pm - A. Fairfull, J. Felton

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 26
5:00 pm - B., M., & J. Illig
Sunday, July 27
7:30 am - E. Regoli, A. Boni, V. Rosenwald
10:00 am - C. & J. Helinski, D. O'Neill
12:00 pm - L. Thompson, M. & T. Costantino
5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, L. Hammell

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 20

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)** Jerry Marcischak by Wife, Anita
7:30 (SP) Mr. & Mrs. George Sedora & Thomas E. Sedora
by Debbie Sedora
10:00 (SP) Vincent L. Crider by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Crider
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP)(PM) Imperatore & Broglio Families by Theresa Broglio
MONTHS MIND: Patricia A. Dzurino

MONDAY, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:00 (SP) Angelo Nicola by Larry & Adele Dellapiazza
8:00 (SG) (No Mass - due to Vacation)

TUESDAY, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 (SP) Anna M. Andy by Holliday & Natalini Families
8:00 (SG) (No Mass - due to Vacation)
10:00 (AM) (Kingdom Manor) Rose Rubis by Nick Selvi, Tony
Franconeri, Chuck Rubis & Butch Rubis
MONTHS MIND: Robert J. Esplen, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, July 23 - St. Bridget of Sweden

7:00 (SP) Venzie & Steve Jakubetz by Children
9:00 (SP) (No Mass - due to Vacation)
2:00 (PM) (Town View) Patricia Jacanin by Laurie, Mike & Sue
MONTHS MIND: Stella Cerbach

THURSDAY, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlof

7:00 (SP) Andrew & Mildred Anthony by Lesley D.
Anthony
8:00 (SG) (No Mass - due to Vacation)

FRIDAY, July 25

7:00 (SP) James Potts by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hanlon
8:00 (SG) (No Mass - due to Vacation)
10:00 (AM) (Ahepa Apts.) Deceased members of the Kebart
Family by Alice Kebart

SATURDAY, JULY 26

7:30 (SP) Frank & Ann Wyda & Joseph Szczerbienski by
Mr. & Mrs. Mark J. Szczerbienski
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) **RECONCILIATION**
5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)** Ernest Lesniakowski by Wife,
Stella and Daughters

SUNDAY, JULY 27

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 (SP) Guerino & Gabriella (Bella) Angelone & Paul
F. Thompson by Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Thompson
10:00 (SP) Edward Jeswilkowski by Mary Ann Badia &
Family
12:00 (SP) Ferd Delfine by Laraine & Bob Puce
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, and all the faithful departed.
May they rest in your peace.

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

On Tuesday, July 8th, I met with Bishop David A. Zubik and was informed that I have been appointed as administrator of Saint Joseph Parish in Coraopolis, effective Monday, July 28, 2008. I trust in the providence of God and in obedience to the Bishop, and I embrace this new challenge and creative ministry.

It is not easy to depart and to 'lift anchor' from a place that I have come to know and love. I have tears as I share this message. But now, I must set sail north on I-79 to Coraopolis—I did a dry run it is exactly 23 miles. Serving you at St. Patrick's Parish these past 22 months has been a great blessing in my life and a nurturance of my priestly vocation.

When I came to Canonsburg from St. Mary of the Mount Parish in Mt. Washington, a parishioner commented: "I can promise you that you won't have a \$1,000,000 view in Canonsburg." All of you have certainly proved him wrong. The \$1,000,000 view has come from the hearts and lives of faith-filled people who have strengthened my own faith.

Canonsburg is the hometown of celebrities, candy and ice cream, Fourth of July parades, and the home of humble people in all facets and walks of life—a town established in 1802 with deep roots to grow in worship, work, and family life. I marvel to see children delight in coming back home to the place of their faith roots. I loved walking to the bank, the pharmacy, the post office, the tax office, and, most especially, to the Tiny Store for my chocolate milk and Hostess donuts! Sam's Pizza is Canonsburg's hidden gold mine. The Canon-Mac stadium track was a joy to have in our backyard!

I am grateful to my brother priests Father Jack (whom I have known for 26 years) and Father Gabriel (whose Franciscan spirit touches all), the dedicated and loyal staff who does the real work behind the scenes, and all the parishioners whose humble and sincere faith has strengthened mine. Each one of you has taught me great lessons as I continue my journey. Jesus wants us to simplify and streamline our lives with seeking less, not more—less possessions, less control, and less self-importance.

At every Mass, the Lord calls us to worship and sends us out to minister and sanctify the world. He says to us: *"No sin; repent! No divisions; forgive! No doubts; believe! No fears; trust! No self-deception; speak and live the truth! No compromise; love Me with all your hearts!"* (Mt 22:37)

I was inspired by the many faithful people who came each week for Monday Bible Study. I encourage each of you to read two chapters a day as a spiritual vitamin. I believe that our reading and sharing the Bible delighted

my father David W. Jones, who went home to be with the Lord February 8, 1986.

Mom raised her seven children in the Catholic faith and she lived it marvelously in her humble, simple, and grace-filled way. When I was 11 years old, I began serving Mass at Marian Manor Nursing Home in Greentree through the example and inspiration of my mother. On July 9th, 2008, I celebrated the funeral of Rita Dristas (90 years old) at that same Marian Manor Chapel of the Assumption. When I was small, the chapel looked big. Now, 35 years later, the chapel looks small; but faith is much bigger in my life. It was so good to be in the place of the beginning seeds of my vocation and to see the Sisters of the Holy Spirit still continuing to do their beautiful work. It was heartwarming, indeed.

Beginning tomorrow (July 21), I will be with my family at Seven Springs Resort for several days to celebrate mom's 85th birthday. My brothers and sisters will be driving in from Ohio, Oklahoma, North Carolina and South Carolina; and it will be wonderful to see my seven nieces and nephews. My family will always be deeply indebted to the faith community of St. Patrick's for your faith, support, love, and prayers when we buried our 48-year-old, special, mentally challenged sister Mary Sue on Friday, March 14, 2008. To see 165 people attend her funeral and to witness your outpouring of love and faith were inspiring. She prays with the angels in Heaven for us all.

In this Jubilee Year of the Apostle St. Paul, we keep in mind that St. Paul sometimes spent weeks, months, and years in different places to proclaim and witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St. Paul encouraged the Christian communities to a mature faith. Just as we need food physically for energy and strength, so to spiritually, we must feed on Christ and use our God-given talents and abilities to feed others.

I am happy to be more alive in the Spirit by walking with each of you. Thanks for your love. Thanks for your holiness. Thanks for your faith. Thanks for your prayers. Thanks for your friendship. Thanks for all the memories. In the future, when I watch the TV meteorologists' reports and they tell us the temperatures in Canonsburg, I will think of you.

Whether in Canonsburg or Coraopolis, we are one in the Eucharist—may our love increase. Each time I celebrate Mass, I think and pray for you with love.

Father Rich Jones

My new address will be:

St. Joseph Parish
1304 4th Avenue
Coraopolis, PA. 15108-1690
Rectory phone (412) 264-6162
E-mail: rsjmph@aol.com

(07.20.08)



The WYD Cross and Icon finally arrive for the opening mass after a final fifteen day walking pilgrimage through Greater Sydney, encompassing the Dioceses of Wollongong, Parramatta, Broken Bay and Sydney and a year long journey.

Message of the Holy Father Benedict XVI to the Young People of the World on the Occasion of the XXIII World Youth Day, 2008

My dear young friends!

I always remember with great joy the various occasions we spent together in Cologne in August 2005. At the end of that unforgettable manifestation of faith and enthusiasm that remains engraved on my spirit and on my heart, I made an appointment with you for the next gathering that will be held in Sydney in 2008. This XXIII World Youth Day theme will be: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). The underlying theme of the spiritual preparation for our meeting in Sydney is the Holy Spirit and mission. In 2006 we focused our attention on the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth. Now in 2007 we are seeking a deeper understanding of the Spirit of Love. We will continue our journey towards World Youth Day 2008 by reflecting on the Spirit of Fortitude and Witness that gives us the courage to live according to the Gospel and to proclaim it boldly. Therefore it is very important that each one of

you young people - in your communities, and together with those responsible for your education - should be able to reflect on this Principal Agent of salvation history, namely the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of Jesus. In this way you will be able to achieve the following lofty goals: to recognize the Spirit's true identity, principally by listening to the Word of God in the Revelation of the Bible; to become clearly aware of his continuous, active presence in the life of the Church, especially as you rediscover that the Holy Spirit is the "soul", the vital breath of Christian life itself, through the sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist; to grow thereby in an understanding of Jesus that becomes ever deeper and more joyful and, at the same time, to put the Gospel into practice at the dawn of the third millennium. In this message I gladly offer you an outline for meditation that you can explore... In this way you can test the quality of your faith in the Holy Spirit, rediscover it if it is lost, strengthen it if it has become weak, savor it as fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ, brought about by the indispensable working of the Holy Spirit. Never forget that the Church, in fact humanity itself, all the people around you now and those who await you in the future, expect much from you young people, because you have within you the supreme gift of the Father, the Spirit of Jesus. (From Lorenzago, 20 July 2007) Sections II - VIII of this message and a home page with additional links can be found at: <http://www.Catholicnewsagency.com/sydney08/resource.php?id=622>

LADIES, JOIN MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH at their next breakfast on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to Noon at the Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker LINDA SCHUBERT, Christian woman and a Catholic convert. Linda is founder of Miracles of the Heart Ministries and author of the best selling book, *Miracle Hour*. Linda will give her testimony boasting of the richness of God's mercy amidst cancer, tragedy, grief, and ultimately wholeness through the power of healing prayer. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 8. For more information, call Kay at 724.772.6749, Pam at 412.461.8906 or see www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.



First Time: **Christopher Bell & Conchetta DeCaria**
Second Time: **David Gross & Jennifer Dennis**

CORRECTION: MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Yvonne DeVitis by Mary DeVitis, Son Dan & Family.