



# *St. Patrick*

## *Roman Catholic Parish*

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

317 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317

**Rev. John J. Batykefer, PASTOR**  
**Rev. Daniel J. Maurer, PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
**Rev. Mr. Joseph Cerenzia, DEACON**

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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## **December 7, 2008**

The Second Sunday of Advent

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM,  
12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 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 pm are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### **BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Instructions to prepare adults for reception into the Catholic Faith and for Sacraments offered by our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program. Inquiries, please call 724-745-3787.

### **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.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 724-745-3787**

Carol Serbak, Catechetical Administrator

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Pre-school - 8th Grade

### **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

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Contact a Priest 6 months before intended date of marriage. Pre-marriage preparation is required.

### **DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH**

Diocesan Webpage [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org)

Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE**

Our Ladies of Charity are once again selling flowers to make your home more festive for the Christmas season, they also make great gifts! The sale will be held after all the Masses on December 6/7th and December 13/14th in the cafeteria. The proceeds will benefit the projects of the St. Patrick's Ladies of Charity. Please stop by the cafeteria to see our beautiful Christmas flowers.

**REMINDER LADIES OF CHARITY:** We will begin to wrap the gifts for our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Remember to bring scissors and tape. Also, we could use any extra wrapping paper that you might want to bring. GIFTS will be delivered to our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 17 and can be picked up in St. Patrick Center from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up your gifts, please call Shirley at 724.745.3784.

**ST. LOUISE de MARILLAC PARISH**, in Upper St. Clair, is offering **PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES** on the following Mondays: January 26, February 2, 9, 16 and 23. Classes will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Registration is required for these classes. Please call their Parish Office at 412.833.1010 to register.

**RESPECT LIFE GROUP MEETING** on Tuesday, December 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the center. Come join us as we pray the rosary and discuss plans for the January 22, 2009 March for Life trip in Washington, DC. Please call Lisa Thompson at 724.746.3459.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** on Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 pm in the Center. Hope to see you there!

**TRICOUNTY CHOIR INSTITUTE'S VILLAGE SINGERS**, Teen Chorale, Choraleers and Village Quartet invite you to their "Christmas Treasures" Concert on Sunday, December 7th to be held at St. James Gymnasium in Sewickley.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** has made available a DVD of three recent St. Patrick events. The first event is "World Priest Day", which includes music by St. Patrick Choir, Mario Lanza, Luciano Pavarotti and St. Patrick parishioners Perry Como and Bobby Vinton. This video shows all the priests associated with the Church, including bishops. Images of all the stained glass windows are included. The second event is Fr. Rich's farewell, featuring many well-wishers, and the third event is our Summer Festival. Many of those attending and those working to make it a success are shown. You can pick up your copy at the parish rectory. The cost is \$10.00, which will go toward the purchase of our new organ .

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ The King*

*November 23, 2008*

<b>Envelopes.....</b>	<b>\$13,482.00</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$38.32</b>
<b>Loose Cash and Coin .....</b>	<b>\$810.83</b>
<b>St. Patrick School.....</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Parish Total .....</b>	<b>\$14,366.15</b>

*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 30, 2008*

<b>Envelopes.....</b>	<b>\$11,399.59</b>
<b>Children's Envelopes .....</b>	<b>\$23.80</b>
<b>Loose Cash and Coin .....</b>	<b>\$940.29</b>
<b>St. Patrick School.....</b>	<b>\$88.00</b>
<b>Parish Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,451.68</b>

<b>St. Vincent de Paul .....</b>	<b>\$286.00</b>
<b>Retirement Fund for the Religious.....</b>	<b>\$3,568.71</b>

**Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....** **\$13,980.67**

**YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!**

**A SECOND COLLECTION** is being taken this weekend at the request of Bishop Zubik to benefit **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH**. **Bishop David Zubik** asked all parishes in the Diocese to sponsor a second collection for Catholic Charities on December 6-7. As the primary social service agency of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Catholic Charities serves all, regardless of religious affiliation, at their time of greatest need. The agency is currently experiencing a 40% increase in the number of calls from people who are challenged by the current economic conditions and need help with food, utility bills and other basic needs. With the coldest weather approaching, there is a keen sense of urgency that resources will not be able to meet demand. Please support Catholic Charities and help your neighbors in need. Thank you. (For more information about Catholic Charities, visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org).)

**ANGEL TREE PROJECT-** St. Patrick Parish and the Washington County Catholic Charities will be participating in the Angel Tree Project again this Christmas season. Please take an angel from the tree in church, purchase the suggested item and bring the gift back to church wrapped with the angel tag on it to identify the person receiving it. The gifts have to be brought in by December 16<sup>th</sup> for Catholic Charities to pick them up for distribution. Thank you for your generosity.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**ST. PATRICK MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Dan, Donna, Mom & Dad by Mary DeVitis  
7:30 LaSalvia & Koren Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry LaSalvia  
10:00 Donald Jacoby & Deceased Members of the  
Drilyak & Jacoby Families by Helen Jacoby  
12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE  
5:00 (PM) Amelia Santucci by Domenick D' Amico  
**MONTHS MIND:** PETE CARGNONI

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 Patrick Family by Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Patrick  
9:00 Albert Pietosi by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pietosi  
12:00 Minnie Kostic by Mrs. Francis Eonta  
2:30 (PM) (Consulate Skill) Ora Polansky by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Motto  
7:00 (PM) Jim Krupa by Janet & Joe Nock

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - St. Juan Diego**

7:00 Anna Andy by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Suleski  
8:30 Guy Marks by Children  
10:00 (Rest Haven) Frank Polansky by Mary & Rita

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

7:00 F. Kenneth Cox by Wife, Sons & Family  
9:00 George Counihan by Helen & Bob  
2:00 (PM) (Greenery) Herk Abbondanza by Ross, Amy & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 - St. Damascus I**

7:00<sup>3</sup> Mary Sue Jones by John & Pam Surziza  
<sup>3</sup> Poor Souls by Elizabeth Nalitz  
8:30 Tony DiPiazza by Son, Vincent DiPiazza

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:00 Pete & Anna Luginski by Mary Ann Luginski  
8:30 Mary Cornell, Elvina Matalik, Darrell Demoshek &  
Deceased Family Members by their loving Family  
10:00 (Pine Lawn) Frank Toth by Dan & Terri Michael

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - St. Lucy**

7:30 Walter & Rosemary Mark by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cerenzia  
11:30 - 12:30 **RECONCILIATION**  
5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Thressa Glass & Vene C. Simpson by Mrs.  
Kathryn Simpson

**MONTHS MIND:** MARY MATROGRAN

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 Nicholas White by Wife, Mary & Family  
10:00 Deceased Members of the Mascetta & Verrone  
Family by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Mascetta  
12:00 Martin Gonglik by Family  
5:00 (PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

**MONTHS MIND:** MARY LOU PEDESKI & CHARLES MURDY

**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 Geraldine Mary, Donna D. Grove**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.



Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill  
shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

**ST. REGIS PARISH AND THE LATINO COMMUNITY** of our Diocese will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with festivities on Friday, December 12 in St. Paul Cathedral with Bishop David Zubik as principal celebrant. Ceremonies will begin at 6:30 pm with the arrival of the Image of Our Lady from Saint Regis Church to the Cathedral entrance where the Bishop and congregation will greet her with the singing of *Las Mananitas*. A procession into the Cathedral will follow with a color guard of flags of many nations. Mass will begin at 7:00 pm and a reception will follow. All are invited to attend. For more information call 412.687.6292.

**This Week's Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, December 6**

5:00 pm - Z. Simpson, A. Currey, J. Felton

**Sunday, December 7**

7:30 am - E. Regoli, A. Boni, M. Cushma  
10:00 am - L. Law, M. & R. Rozak  
12:00 pm - P. Gent, M. & T. Costantino  
5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, L. Hornak

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Monday, December 8**

7:00 am - J. Kusic  
9:00 am - School Children  
12:00 noon - T. Lenco

**Next Week's Altar Server Schedule**

**Saturday, December 13**

5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, S. Drain

**Sunday, December 14**

7:30 am - T. Grebeck, M. Dombrowski, J. Zukowski  
10:00 am - C. & J. Helinski, K. Crider  
12:00 pm - C. & M. Cappelli, M. Ruane  
5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, K. & K. Burns

## Religious Education

DECEMBER: 7 & 14  
8:30 to 9:45 am

**PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH DATABASE APPLICATION:** All parishioners over the age of 18 who wish to help out at any parish functions **MUST** be on the Diocesan Database Web Site. It is required by Diocesan regulation to file an electronic application in order to continue to participate as a volunteer in our **PARISH ACTIVITIES**. Applications can be found at all the entrances of the Church. You **DO NOT** need to put your Social Security Number or your Driver's License Number on the written or online application. If you do not have computer or internet access or need help with the application, please call Carol Serbak at the Religious Education Office 724.745.3787. The Diocese began providing the Pennsylvania State Police Clearance on December 1, 2008. We value all of our volunteers and are committed to providing support to ensure that we meet this requirement and ensure a safe environment for our children. **A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** will be offered at St. Hilary's, Washington, PA on **December 9** from 9:00 am until noon and **December 16** from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Please call Dominick Bullotta at 724.228.0518 to register or for more information.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - **PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL!**  
 Dec. 6 & 7 - **CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE** after masses!  
 Dec. 7- **CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS BANQUET**  
 2:00 pm at the Holiday Inn  
 Dec. 7 - **YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** 6:00 pm (Center)  
 Dec. 10 - **PRAY THE ROSARY:** 6:30 pm (Church)  
 Dec. 11 - **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG:** 7 pm (Knights House)  
 Dec. 11 - **CHERUB CHOIR:** 5:20 - 6:00 pm (Church)  
 Dec. 11 - **CHILDREN CHOIR:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Church)  
 Dec. 12 - **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MTG:** 5:45 am (Rectory)  
 Dec. 16 - **RESPECT LIFE GROUP MTG:** 7:00 pm (Center)

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

- Dec. 15 - **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** 7:00 pm  
 Dec. 16 - **ST. BENEDICT PARISH:** 7:00 pm  
 Dec. 22 - **ST. PATRICK PARISH:** 7:00 pm

Our ADVENT WREATH was donated in loving memory of KITTY GUYTON by her husband Ralph.



### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

The children of St. Patrick School will be collecting Christmas gifts to be distributed by the Washington City Mission to the needy and homeless families in Washington County. The gifts will be presented to the City Mission at the Advent Para-Liturgy on December 17. If anyone in the parish would like to donate warm clothing items or a toy, please drop your gift off at the school office. The gifts should be wrapped and labeled. (Example: Child – Girl Size 8). Last year we donated over 300 gifts for the cause.

### Calendar of Events

- Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception Liturgy by Grade 6 at 9 am  
 Dec. 9: Sam's Hoagie Sale Pick-Up  
 Dec. 10: Washington/Beaver County Deanery Meeting at St. John's  
 Dec. 10: Grades 3 & 4 attend Heinz Hall  
 Dec. 11: Principal's Day of Recollection  
 Dec. 11: Market Day Pick-up from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**CAT'S MEOW FUNDRAISER:** Anyone interested in purchasing a St. Patrick School and/or St. Patrick Church Cat's Meow piece, please pick up an order form in the vestibules or contact Patti Hyde at 724.743.3388. All proceeds will benefit St. Patrick School.

**SCRIP... SCRIP... SCRIP... SHOP SCRIP** for all your holiday needs. We offer an extensive inventory of certificates and can order many more. All holiday special orders need to be placed by December 16 in order to guarantee delivery for Christmas. Don't be disappointed, order early. Stop at the cafeteria on Sundays from 8:30 - 11:45 am and during morning hours from Monday through Friday. Orders are also accepted via the school web site: [www.saintpatschool.org](http://www.saintpatschool.org) by following the link to the SCRIP Program. All proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish. You select the church organization that will receive the credit. Questions, call Kristie at 724.969.1069.



**OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers)** are now available at the rectory office during office hours: Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

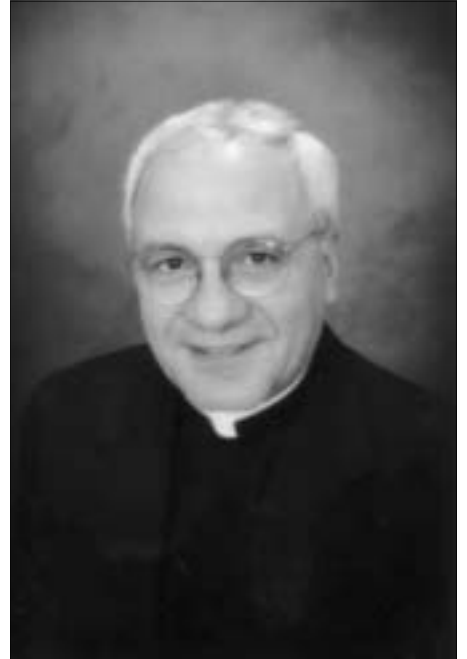
**HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!**  
 St. Patrick's Men's Club will be sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 21 after the 7:30 am and the 10:00 am masses.  
 Your support is greatly appreciated.



# "FAITH ALIVE"

## ST. PATRICK PARISH SPIRITUAL PARISH RENEWAL

DECEMBER 6 -10, 2008



*Paulist and Priest*

*to find faith...and to share faith...*

*to help others to find and share faith...*

*to believe in the Spirit, and the Spirit's work in our  
American Culture*

*to make one's life...a gift to God*

*to live as Jesus did, for the Kingdom*

Fr. Frank DeSiano is a nationally known preacher, writer, pastor and leader in evangelization. He would like everyone to know that they are most welcome to invite their friends and neighbors to this Spiritual Renewal, and that non-Catholics are most welcome as well. More information about Fr. Frank and his work can be found at the following website: [www.fpdesiano.com](http://www.fpdesiano.com)

**December 6 & 7: Fr. DeSiano will be preaching at all the weekend masses**

**December 8: Fr. DeSiano will preach at the 7:00 pm Mass celebrated for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, beginning the three evening discussions that will encompass our parish renewal entitled, "FAITH ALIVE"**

**December 8: "RENEWAL OF OUR PERSONAL FAITH" - after 7:00 pm mass**

**December 9: "CALL TO BE COMMUNITY" - 7:00 pm in the church**

**December 10: "LETTING OUR FAITH SHINE" - 7:00 pm in the church**