

# 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 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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## March 11, 2007



### 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) 8:15 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.

# PASTOR'S NOTES

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I hope you like the new look of our bulletin. Our supplier, J. S. Paluch has offered the extra space and new format at no extra cost to the parish. There may be some other changes and additions in the future. If you have any suggestions, contact the parish office. The cover picture of our sanctuary was done by an amateur (yours truly) with my digital. It may not be the best, but we thought it turned out rather well. At this time, we would like to thank all of our sponsors who advertise in our bulletin, providing the bulletin at no cost to the parish. I would also like to thank Shirley, who painstaking puts it together each week. God Bless you all! Fr. Jack

**RITE OF ELECTION:** Congratulations to members of our parish RCIA program who attended the Right of Election at St. Paul's Cathedral last Sunday accompanied by Fr. Jack, Nancy Koren, RCIA team, family members and the following RCIA candidates: **Taryn Jespersen, Julie Nicotra, Tammy Sanfilipo, Robert Smith, Samantha Taravella and Joyce Thomas.** We ask that the community keep them in their constant prayers.

**THANK YOU:** An anonymous parent of St. Patrick School has donated \$7,200.00 to purchase eight (8) new cafeteria tables. The cost per table is \$900.00. The tables we presently have were donated by the Canon McMillan School district several years ago and are in disrepair. A special thanks to this school family for their more than generous donation.

## FISH FRY



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Join us on the Friday's of Lent (**except Good Friday**) for our delicious freshly breaded fried (or baked) Fish and sides for Lunch or

Dinner in the school cafeteria. Lunch is served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Dinner from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Takeouts at lunch or dinner by calling 724.745.6560.

**Lunch:** Fish Sandwich and Sides: (coleslaw, haluski or mac and cheese); **DINNER:** Baked or freshly breaded fried Icelandic Cod, Baked Potato or Mac and Cheese, Coleslaw, Roll, Beverage and Dessert. **Fish Sandwiches** will also be available at dinner.

This Friday we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Patrick, our Patron Saint. We will have a special dessert for all to enjoy.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS and our great customers who support the Fish Frys.**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 4, 2007

Envelopes (967).....	\$17,344.00
Children's Envelopes (44).....	54.83
Loose Cash and Coin .....	665.30
St. Patrick School .....	400.00
Parish Total .....	\$18,464.13
<b>Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,241.00</b>
<b>Weekly Loan Expense .....</b>	<b>2,885.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NEEDED each week .....</b>	<b>\$16,125.21</b>
Catholic Charities .....	1,475.05
<b>YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!</b>	

**ALTAR SERVERS:** In the life of the Church, serving at the altar has always been seen as a special privilege. I am inviting your son/daughter to consider service at the altar of our Lord as an Altar Server. Service is what all of us must be about as followers of Jesus. Servers are normally assigned to weekend Masses and special celebrations such as weddings. They are expected to be responsible and reliable in the discharge of their ministry. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the rectory office (724.745.6560).

## IRISH BLESSING

May the roads rise to meet you,  
May the winds be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand. AMEN

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Mar. 12 RCIA (7:30 p.m.) – Center
- Mar. 12 Pierogi pick-up (1-3:00 p.m.) for those that ordered at St. Genevieve Social Hall
- Mar. 12 Confession (6:00 p.m.) Mass (6:30 p.m.) followed by Bible Study in Church
- Mar. 13 Lenten Vespers (7:00 p.m.) - Church
- Mar. 14 H S A Meeting (6:30 p.m.) - school
- Mar. 14 PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in Church
- Mar. 14 Ladies of Charity (7:00 p.m.) in the Center
- Mar. 16 FISH FRY—11:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16 LIVING Stations of the Cross (7:00 p.m.) .
- Mar. 18 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ((8:30-9:45 a.m.)
- Mar. 18 Catholic Men's Club (7:30 p.m.) - Center

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**L and M Flower Shop - 724.745.9330**

**Fr. Rich Reflection**

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us.  
What we have done for others remains and is immortal."  
- Albert Pike*

A favorite writer of mine is John C. Maxwell. He is a pastor and entrepreneur. He has authored over 40 books in leadership, relationships, and attitudes. John Maxwell masterfully brings together quotes, stories, and experiences in both his speeches and writings. Maxwell shares sound wisdom, deep faith, and inspiration reflections that challenge our everyday way of thinking, acting, believing and living. When I go to Borders Book Store, I always visit his works to see what this New York Times Best-Selling Author is up to!

John Maxwell calls us to be 'Moses', namely **leaders** who truly lead by a 'faith-filled' life. For instance, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, the former president of Notre Dame University for over 35 years said: "You don't make decisions because they're **EASY**; You don't make decisions because they're **CHEAP**; You don't make decisions because they're **POPULAR**; You make decisions because they're **RIGHT**."

As we begin Daylight Saving Time this weekend and 'spring ahead' we lose one hour of sleep. However, we can learn a lesson from a John Maxwell book entitled—Today Matters—12 Daily Practices To Guarantee Tomorrow's Success (2004). Maxwell calls them the 'Daily Dozen'. See how these 12 guidelines can enhance and enrich our Lenten discipline and life's practice.

**Just For Today...**

1. Just for today...I will choose and display the right **attitudes**.
2. Just for today...I will determine and act on important **priorities**.
3. Just for today...I will know and follow **healthy** guidelines.
4. Just for today...I will communicate with and care for my **family**.
5. Just for today...I will practice and develop good **thinking**.
6. Just for today...I will make and keep proper **commitments**.
7. Just for today...I will earn and properly manage **finances**.
8. Just for today...I will deepen and live out my **faith**.
9. Just for today...I will initiate and invest in solid **relationships**.
10. Just for today...I will plan for and model **generosity**.
11. Just for today...I will embrace and practice good **values**.
12. Just for today...I will seek and experience **improvements**.

Just for today...I will act on these decisions and practice these **disciplines**, and

**Then one day**...I will see the compounding results of a **day** lived well.

**Fr. Rich continued...**

On this **Third Sunday of Lent**, Jesus does not 'beat-around-the-bush', when it comes to sin in the **Parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 13:1-9)**. Jesus uses great tragedies to call the people to repent. Yes, the stakes are very high; Jesus says—'repent or perish', 'bear fruit or be cut down'. Yet, the parables hold hope for sinners. It teaches us that indeed God gives 'second chances' for us to change and grow anew in this 'graced time and season'. God waits *patiently* for us to reform our lives. God's desire is not *punishment*, but *mercy* and *forgiveness*. Lent is a 'spring-time' of God's patience love and mercy for erring sinners.

To openly and honestly admit one's sin is perhaps one of the hardest things in life to do. Most of us struggle to present *completely* and *fully* to God our 'inmost' self. Sin becomes so deeply woven in the fabric of our lives that its *stranglehold* brings death. During this Holy Season of Lent, we call on the power of Christ's cross to free us from the bonds that enslave us. Christ's grace calls us to *freedom, healing, and salvation*.

When Gilbert Keith Chesterton was asked why he became a Catholic, he simply responded—"To have my sins forgiven." The time of repentance is now!

A special 'thanks' to all who journeyed with us to St. Justin parish in Mt. Washington last Saturday for the Parables of Jesus course. We then dined for lunch at The Coal Hill Steakhouse (formerly the Grandview Saloon). All enjoyed the window view from the restaurant overlooking the picturesque skyline of our beautiful city of Pittsburgh. It was like a day in Ireland—all 4 seasons in a day! There were 75 people for the class and 15 from our parish here at St. Patrick's.

**Just a reminder:** On Monday's of Lent I'm in the confessional from **6:00-6:30pm** for those who would like to avail themselves at this time. The light is on come—just come in.

Thanks to all who come each Monday to Bible Study in Church—your faith, presence, and interest is most inspiring. We continue to read passages from St. Luke's Gospel. This week we will also look at **20 traits of a healthy spirituality**. Come and join us whenever your schedule permits — your welcome any week, always! Bring your Bible and invite a friend. Remember there is a 6:30 pm Mass beforehand on the Monday's in Lent.

**Happy St. Patrick's Day** this Saturday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>**! Before I came to this parish, I was intrigued that the address was **317 W. Pike St.** and the zip code was **15317**. Little did I know it would take **3 hours** and **17 minutes** to write these reflections for you each week (*just kidding*)! Are you going to play that number? (03.11.07)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Saturday Vigil) Mike Leson, Frank and Elizabeth Falcioni by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Falcioni
- 7:30 SP Deceased Children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sroka by Debbie Sedora
- 10:00 SP Charles O'Shanka and Deceased members of DeVitis Family by Joan O'Shanka and Son
- 12:00 SP Joe Salamon and Deceased Members of Chemento and Salamon Families by Rose Salamon
- 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

**MONDAY, MARCH 12**

- 7:00 SP Deceased Members of Vincenzo and Anina Colaizzo Family by Antoinette Colaizzo
- 8:15 SG Louie DeFilippo by Tim and Cheryl Kusky Family
- 2:00 p.m. (Tandem Skilled) Albert L. Tomsic by Rose Susa

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13**

- 7:00 SP Progar and Campaga Families by Marie Progar
- 8:15 SG Clara Helinski by Mary and Al Dami
- 10:00 a.m. (Rest Haven, Valley Rd.) Joe and Philomena Cerenzia by Cathy Smith Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**

- 7:00 SP Leonard and Helen Woyicki, Andrew and Anna Yurus by Gil and Mary Ann Yurus
- 9:00 SP DiTullio, DiMuzio and DelBene Families by Mary Lou Ditullio
- 2:00 (Greenery) Belle Angelone by Sylvia DeFilippo Family

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15**

- 7:00 SP Gennaro D'Angelo Family and Nicholas A. D'Angelo by Julie D'Angelo
- 8:15 SG Carl Trylko, Jackovic and Doris and Andy Hrycko Families by Margaret Trylko and Family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16**

- 7:00 SP Edward J. McCarthy by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lesnock
- 8:15 SG Mel DeFilippo by Richard and Joanna Ziack

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17—Patrick, bishop**

- 7:30 SP Theresa Mathia by Family
- 11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION
- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) John and Elsie Ladzinski by Daughter, JoAnn and Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:30 SP Jennie Balzama by Balzama and Romano Families
- 10:00 SP James W. Mahramas by Ron and Marian Selva
- 12:00 SP Jack and Larry Bender, Fiory and Mary DaPra by Violet Bender
- 5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

**HOME WITH CHRIST:** Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Rose Scalzo, Esther M. Cheverine** (mother of parishioner Ralph J. Cheverine Jr.), **Joseph L. France, Frances Celento**, and all the faithful departed.

**Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.**

**MY MASS BOOKS** for children to use at Mass were purchased through the generosity of a parishioner. We encourage children to use them at Mass and to **PLEASE** leave them in the pews for others to use. If you took a book home with you last week, please return it at your earliest convenience.

**MEMORIALS**

**MEMORIALS** were received as follows: "**My Father's House**" **Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Esther Cheverine** by Mag and John Mazza, Sam, Gloria and Lenora Cancilla ; In loving memory of **Richard M. Batista** by Zorka Tomsic, Tony and Betty Bevec, Elizabeth Tomsic, Mirko and Edna Tomsic, John and Mag Tomsic, Francis and Jean Milbower, Patricia Ann Burnside.; In loving memory of **Fr. Al Cicola** by Mary Liotus and Pete Cargnoni; In loving memory of **Joseph Warabow** by Dorothy Warabow, Loretta Kulakowski, Rita Polansky, Dorothy Kubacki, Mary Kostelich and Tony Abruzzi, Ron and Julie Yarkosky; In loving memory of **Mary Mida Nicola** by Tom and Cynthia Lenoc; In loving memory of **Frances J. Sroka** by Ron and Julie Yarkosky, Liz Kissell Family, Ann, Debbie and Tom Sroka; In loving memory of **Dolores Sifinski** by Sisters, Brothers, Children and Grandchildren; In loving memory of **Henrietta Ball** by Mary Liotus.; In loving memory of Anna Skittle by Magdalene Luisi.

**St. Patrick Religious Education:** In loving memory of **Frances J. Sroka** by Katherine Kissell, Gary and Bernadette Kissell, Evelyn Gulla, Ron and Laurel Gulla Family, John and Carol Serbak Family, and Bill and Beverly Mellars Family,

**St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of **Joseph Warabow** by Betty Lohr and Paula, Clara Kahan, Dr. Mary Cavasina, Marge Karluk and Cass Adams, Mike and Edna Tomsic.

**St. Patrick Library:** In loving memory of **Frances J. Sroka** by Anita Marcischak and Family.

**St. Patrick Choir:** In loving memory of **Joseph Warabow** by Antoinette Liberatore.

**MASSES** were received for **Ruth Gostic** by Irene L. Stevens, Richard and Joanna Ziack; for **Joseph Warabow** by Dorothy Warabow and Family, Tony Santucci, Kathy Borelli, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Milbower, Marge Karluk and Cass Adams; for **Frances J. Sroka** by Katz and Linda Kacvinsky, Joe Mikuta, Sandra Hlipala, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wudkwyh, Chuck and Charlotte Sroka, Audrey Hrchocik, Andrew and Patty Hullak; and for **Antonette Pugliese** by John and Jamie Michalka.

**A WILL** is triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick parish when writing your Will.



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** During Lent the High School Youth Group will meet each Sunday (6:30-8:00 p.m.) in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center. Please join us for a Journey of our Catholic Faith during this Lenten season.

**HOSANNA '07** is a gathering of Catholic teens (grade 8 thru 12) at Duquesne University (A.J. Palumbo Center) on Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007. The day will include celebration of Liturgy for Palm Sunday, a keynote presentation by Jesse Manibussan, along with games, talks, prayer, food and a benefit dance. Cost is \$10.00 (includes t-shirt, dinner and dance). Permission slips and money due in the rectory by March 14th. Any question call Nicole (724.745.9413).

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE** will be held November 8-10, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio. Teens have received information at Youth Group Meetings and registration fee of \$25.00 needs to be received by March 11, 2007. Fundraisers are planned to help defray the cost of the weekend. Any questions, call Nicole (724.745.9413).

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP:** March will be our **Month of Service** by working at the Friday Fish Frys and attending Stations of the Cross. Volunteers need to come to the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. A Volunteer clipboard will be available to sign up for your service hours. Any questions, call Lisa Ackerman at 724.745.3989.

**COOKBOOK:** Our Youth Ministry will sponsor a fundraiser cookbook that will be ready in time for Christmas 2007. We need your help. Please submit your favorite family recipe(s); remember to print legibly and sign your name and phone number and write one of your favorite prayers on the back. Recipe forms will be available in the vestibules of the church. Drop your recipes in the box placed on the table near the parking lot entrance to the church. Some of the profits will be used for the World Youth Day trip in 2008 to Sydney, Australia.

#### LOST AND FOUND

We have a watch and a pair of glasses in the rectory; please call and identify.

#### PRAY FOR PEACE!

**INVITE PEOPLE BACK TO CHURCH** — The Lent/Easter Season is a time when many people come back to the Church. Why not ask a relative, a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend or an acquaintance who has been away from the Church to Reconciliation during Lent.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT ARE DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.** The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

**MASS at 6:30 p.m.** on Monday, March 12 followed by **BIBLE STUDY.**

**LENTEN VESPERS** will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church with Religious Education and St. Patrick School students. No Stations of the Cross at 2:20 p.m. on March 16.

**CALLING ALL MEN!** Catholic men are encouraged to join other men throughout the Diocese at the **Answer the Call Catholic Men's Conference** on March 24, 2007 at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Men interested in attending can call the rectory office and arrangements will be made to carpool.

**MEN'S RETREAT** at St. Paul's on March 16, 17 and 18. For more information, call John at 724.745.1735, Doug at 724.873.1483 or Brian 724.873.0780.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** available in the school cafeteria after the 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. All are welcome!

**COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS** flown at the Embassy in Iraq in honor of St. Patrick Church and School are for sale by contacting Kathleen Bench (724.942.0338) or the rectory office. Price: \$125—they are encased in cherry wood containers with beveled glass and carry a certificate of authenticity.

#### PARISH FESTIVAL—June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

##### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35  
**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
**Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32