



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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APRIL 8, 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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

APRIL 1, 2007

Envelopes (1,070)	\$16,530.00
Children's Envelopes (54)	\$68.83
Loose Cash and Coin	\$ 2,534.77
St. Patrick School	\$376.00
Parish Total	\$19,509.50
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

MAY THE RISEN SAVIOR bless you and your family with the gifts of this most Holy Easter Season. May our parish continue to proclaim the message that He is risen and alive by your good works and generosity.

On behalf of Fr. Rich, Fr. Gabriel, Shirley and Barb I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your presence and participation in the work of the Church. Thank you for all that you do.

A Blessed and Happy Easter
Fr. Jack

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES: On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, Bishops Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 p.m.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

NEWCOMERS: We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Parish. We hope that you will find our Parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome.

IN YOUR KINDNESS AND CHARITY toward others, please remember the sick, the shut-ins, the troubled, the unemployed, and others who need our special prayers.

A WILL is a triumph over death, allowing compassion to live on long after we are called home to God. Please remember St. Patrick Parish in your will.



"My Father's House" Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Helen Hundzinski** by Ange Wingard.

St. Patrick Bell Choir Memorial: In loving memory of **Lorna M. Amorose** bells were purchased by her Sister, Carol and Ed Imperatore. Lorna was a forty year member of St. Patrick Adult Choir.

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of **Matthew T. Senkinc** by The Flower Power Bowling League.

MASSSES were received for **W. A. Steidle Sr.** by Children

WEDDING BANNS

Third Time: James Sweeney and Taryn Jespersen

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, April 9. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 10. (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Canonsburg/Houston Food Bank: The following note was received for the parish:

"I want to thank you once again for your generosity. The Food Bank is slowly running out of food; this monetary donation is a great addition to the Food Bank. It will help provide some of the necessary food needed for the April distribution.

Thanks again. Barb Jones, Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 7—EASTER VIGIL

8:30 SP (P.M.) Saturday—FOR THE PEOPLE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8—RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 SP Steve Plazak and the Plazak Family by Family

10:00 SP Samuel A. Mirisciotti and Anthony J. Mirisciotti
by Family

12:00 SP Bart DeJohn Jr. by Mom and Dad

NO EVENING MASS**APRIL 9—EASTER MONDAY**

7:00 SP Jean and Joe Kauchek by Marline Stoker

8:15 SG Nick Casacchia and Deceased Members
of Casacchia and DiVincenzo Families by
Nancy Casacchia

2:00 p.m. (Tandem Skilled) Mary Pokopac by Mary Slavikosky

APRIL 10—EASTER TUESDAY7:00 SP John and Josephine Graff by John and
Carolyn Graff Family8:15 SG John E. Smith and Genevieve Slater by
Helen Smith**APRIL 11—EASTER WEDNESDAY**7:00 SP Catherine and Steve Belfiore by Bonnie,
Phil and Family9:00 SP Antonette Pietro, Dan and Maria Chiaverina Family
by Tony and Connie Cheverine

2:00 p.m. (Greenery) Matilda Saver by Mary Ann Badia

APRIL 12—EASTER THURSDAY7:00 SP Tony Costanza, Teresa and Bill Capane by
Dora

8:15 SG Rudy DiNardo by Mary DiNardo Family

APRIL 13—EASTER FRIDAY7:00 SP Samuel and Lucille Caputo by Constance
M. Caputo8:15 SG Frank and Josephine Monteleone by
Daughter, Louise

10:00 (Pine Lawn) Edward DeBlander by Marie Philips

APRIL 14—EASTER SATURDAY

7:30 SP Edward Kubacki by Wife, Dorothy and Family

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION**3:00 SP Sacrament of Marriage:**

James Sweeney and Taryn Jespersen

5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) FOR THE PEOPLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER7:30 SP Deceased Members of Sisto Chiaverini
Family by Laura Spadaro

10:00 SP Catherine Novotny by Husband, Frank

12:00 SP John, Josephine and Celie Verholtz by Don
Verholtz5:00 SP For Divine Mercy Chaplet Sponsors by
Margie Thornhill

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CHAPEL will be open on Easter Sunday (11:00 to 5:00 p.m.) for those that wish to visit.

Top Dressing of graves in St. Patrick Cemetery will begin as soon as the ground becomes more dry so that equipment will not cause more damage.



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WE WELCOME into our parish family the following children who were baptized here in February: **Alexis Veronica Barbour, Alayna Brooke Bartos, Zachary Lee Kenavey, Brady James Opel, Delaney Faith Nunley, and Molly Ray Welch.** May God bless them and their family at the special time.

A BAPTISM INSTRUCTION program for parents preparing for the baptism of their child will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the rectory office. Please call the office (724.745.6560) to register for this program. The next program will be held in July.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone that worked and supported the Ladies of Charity Flower Sale last week. All profits will be used for the needy and elderly in our parish.

APRIL IS SCOUTING FOR FOOD MONTH and Scouts from St. Patrick will place containers in all the vestibules of the Church on April 15 thru April 22. This is the twenty-first year of fighting hunger in our community. Healthy items are needed, such as: Low sugar, high bran and fiber cereals, peanut butter, tuna or salmon (in water), 100% fruit juice, beans, vegetables and fruit. The following household items are also needed: laundry detergent, soap, toiletries, facial and toilet tissue and other household items. We can all work towards a healthier community by making healthy choices in the foods we eat and the foods we donate for those in need.

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 **Betty Eddy** (mother of parishioner, Stephen Svitek), **Betty Mileski**, (mother-in-law of Deacon Stephen Pikula), **Jane Pollinger**, **Marie (Mary) Barish**, **Peter F. McHale**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace!

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“As a ‘well-spent’ day brings a happy sleep, so a life ‘well- spent’ brings a happy death.”

--Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) Italian painter, sculptor, architect, engineer + scientist

Easter is a day of packed churches, joyous proclamations, festive singing, blooming flowers, brilliant colors, smiling faces, yummy baskets, ethnic breads, adoring attires, homecoming parishioners, soaring collections, crying children, and prayerful Christians. Easter is a day that fills us with many thoughts, feelings, and blessings. Easter is a day to realize the tremendous ‘gift’ of faith. **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. ‘Alleluia’ is a Hebrew cry of jubilation which means “Praise the Lord”!**

The ‘Good News’ of Jesus Christ is that He lived, suffered, died, and rose from the dead to save us from sin and death. As Jesus shattered the tombs of death, so too, He desires to help us rise from our tombs as well. It is through His tremendous grace, mercy, and love that Jesus sets us free from the tombs of **defeat, discouragement, doubt, despair, darkness, and death**. With Christ, we are conquerors over all the forces that seek to overcome us. **We can stand any ‘Good Friday’ in our lives, when we are certain of ‘Easter Sunday’.**

The simplest meaning of Easter is that we are living in a world which God has the **last word**. Father Eugene Walsh, S.S. (1911-1989) who was the former rector at Theological College in Washington, D.C. where I studied, also a premiere preacher and liturgist would often say—“ **Jesus promises you two things: Your life has meaning and you’re going to live forever. If you get a better offer, take it.**”

Many will visit the cemetery today for a loved one who has died and gone before us in faith. It is okay to shed a tear or two, and feel the loss and sorrow of one so special and dear. Jesus wept at the death of His friend Lazarus (John 11). Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta wrote: “**Never let anything so fill you with sorrow that you forget the joy of the Risen Christ.**”

My prayer for all this Easter 2007 is that

the Light, the Love, and the Life of the Risen Lord comfort, heal, and uphold your life. Cherish the blessings of family, friends, and faith companions. Enjoy a Monday ‘free’ of Bible study on Easter Monday, April 9th—but ponder the verse— **“Lord, you have made your people great—glorious in all respects. You have never neglected them. You have given them help, always, everywhere.”**—Wisdom 19:22

See you back in class on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p. m.

A Blessed and Happy Easter 2007 to all! I’ll leave with you two things to reflect upon this Easter—one more serious, one more light!

The Colors of Easter

Green is for the palms that they waved at Him as He entered into Jerusalem.

Purple is for the wine He poured and blessed before He faced His final test.

Red is for the precious blood He shed from the crown of thorns placed on His head.

Black is for the sky as He died on the cross, suffering to redeem our loss.

Pink, Yellow, and Orange are for the dawn that morn when the tomb was empty and hope was reborn.

White is for the dazzling light that awed all who saw Him arisen—the Son of God.

Alleluia!

Things I learned from the Easter Bunny:

- Don’t put all your eggs in one basket.
- Walk softly and carry a big carrot.
- Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.
- There’s no such thing as too much candy.
- All work and no play can make you a basket case.
- Everyone is entitled to a “bad hare” day.
- Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.
- Keep your paws off of other people’s jellybeans.
- Good things come in small, sugar-coated packages.
- The grass is always greener in someone else’s basket.
- An Easter bonnet can tame even the wildest hare.
- To show your true colors you have to come out of your shell.
- The best things in life are still sweet and gooey.

by Gene Sikkink

TWO STEELER SEASON TICKETS PLUS \$2,000.00 CASH RAFFLE will be held to benefit our YOUTH in their travels to Australia for 2008 World Youth Day. Tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing will be based on the July 4, 2007 P.M. Lottery Drawing. Tickets are available by calling Nicole (724.745.9413), Dave (724.745.3403) or in the rectory office during regular office hours (9:00-4:30 p.m.). Don't miss getting your favorite number.

JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY: "Night at Alexander's Health Club" on Friday, April 13 (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) Activities include a Body Combat Class designed for teens at 7:00 p.m., also Dodge Ball or Volleyball pick-up games available. Refreshments served. This activity is open to all students in grades 6 thru 8. Permission slips are required. Call Mrs. Ackerman (724.745.3989)-**YOU MUST be registered by April 11.**

SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9 thru 12) will meet on Sunday, April 15 (6:30 -8:00 p.m.) in the teen room of St. Patrick Center for a PRAY and PLAY Evening. Next session will be Sunday, April 29 (6:30-8:00). All high school students are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Any questions, call Nicole Guyton at 724.745.9413.

SPRING FESTIVAL: The School sisters of St. Francis will hold their SPRING FESTIVAL on **Sunday, April 29** at Mount Assisi (Bellevue) from Noon until 6:00 p.m. Meet old friends and make new friends as well. The Sisters from Mount Assisi will be here after all weekend Masses on April 21/22 in hopes of selling some of their Raffle Tickets.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 8 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
April 9 NO BIBLE STUDY today
April 11 PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in church
 All are encouraged to attend—bring the family
April 11 Christian Mothers (7:00 p.m.) in the Cafeteria
April 12 Knights of Columbus (8:00 p.m.) in the Knights House
April 15 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (8:30-9:45 a.m.)
April 15 SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY (6:30-8:00 p.m.) in the Teen Room
April 15 Catholic Men's Club Mtg. (7:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center

PARISH FESTIVAL

June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

Grand Raffle Tickets: Special thanks to those who have already returned their ticket stubs and \$30.00 checks or cash.

Additional **RAFFLE TICKETS** are available at the rectory office and can be picked up between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Remember to send your ticket stubs and \$30.00 in as soon as possible so that you will be eligible for the **Early Bird Drawing** on Monday, April 23. **Five ticket sellers** will receive \$100.00 each. If you have any questions or would like to help our great team, please call Kathy Fontana, Festival Chairperson at 724.746.3403.



ANNUAL ST. PATRICK LADIES TEA will be held on Sunday, April 15, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Meadowlands. **TICKETS:** Adults \$20. and Children \$12. For reservations call Amy Kumpf (724.873.7589). Don't miss this wonderful afternoon!

Mark your calendar for the Spring Choral Concert by St. Patrick Adult and Children's Choirs on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. A freewill offering will be taken.

COMMUNITY COURTESY

MINI GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL on Thursday and Friday, April 12 & 13 (11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church (601 W. McMurray Rd.). Great food! Take-outs available (724.745.2249).

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Pike Street, Meadowlands, PA on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All are Welcome.

SPAGHETTI DINNER at the VFW 191, W. Pike St. on Sunday, April 22 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.50 (takeouts .50 extra) to benefit the Washington Co. Community Center in Canonsburg. For tickets or information call Jean Popp 724.745.3801.