



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
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Parish Office Hours

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

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APRIL 15, 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.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made the Easter Triduum a true celebration. A special thanks to those that enhanced our liturgies, whether in music, as did our choir and musicians, by Ushering at the extra Liturgies, or those who spent so much time in the decorating and cleaning of the church. However you may have helped, it was truly appreciated.

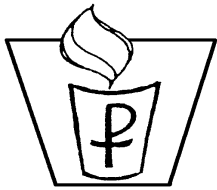
The Easter Vigil was exceptional and we would like to thank, in a special way, Barb Turk and her crew for putting together the wonderful Welcome Party for the newest members of our parish community.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for the many cards, baked goods and gifts to us priests. It was truly appreciated. We are blessed to be here at St. Patricks.

Fr. Jack

PS: Due to your generosity, the Easter collection was outstanding and will go a long way in supporting the parish. Thank you again!

RCIA



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We joyfully welcome our "New Catholics": Taryn Jespersen, Julia Nicotra, Tammy Sanfilippo, Robert Smith, Samantha Taravella and Joyce Thomas. Many thanks to our RCIA team and sponsors: Alicia Long, Sean Currey, Ashley

Currey, Paul Noble, Peggy Noble and Jack Craig for sharing their love for Christ and his Church with our Candidates.

EASTER DUTY: All Catholics who have made their First Holy communion, and are not otherwise impeded, are reminded of the Easter duty to receive Holy communion during the Easter season to Trinity Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

APRIL 8, 2007

Envelopes (807)	\$14,042.06
Children's Envelopes	\$113.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$ 2,077.08
EASTER Envelope	11,963.00
St. Patrick School	\$96.00
Parish Total	\$28,291.14

Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00

TOTAL NEEDED each week 16,125.21

Easter Flowers.....	\$3,098.25
GOOD FRIDAY.....	\$2,308.60

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

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.



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"My Father's House" Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **The Cisson Family** by Frances Cisson; In loving memory of **Marie Barish** by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Zullo Jr.; In loving memory of **Rose Scalzo** by Family and Friends; In loving memory of **Herman and Caroline Helmich and Abigail Elizabeth Joos** by Elizabeth LoGreco; In loving memory of **Marie Barish** by John and Mary Urbancic Jr.

St. Patrick Choir: In loving memory of **Rose Scalzo** by Family and Friends.

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of **Rose Scalzo** by Family and Friends.

Masses were received for **Rose Scalzo** by Family and Friends; for **Steve and Genevieve Davadik** by Daughter, Denise and Son, Alan.

PRAY FOR PEACE !

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.

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 p.m.). 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 15** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
- 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
- April 16** BIBLE STUDY (7:00 to 8:15 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church
- April 25** PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in church
All are encouraged to attend—bring the family
- April 22** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (8:30-9:45 a.m.)

PARISH FESTIVAL

June 14, 15, and 16, 2007

It 's only eight weeks to the Parish Festival
This is a great opportunity for you and your family to volunteer and get to know others in our parish family. More information will follow on how you can volunteer and help make our Festival a success.

EXPERIENCE THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING!

Grand Raffle Tickets: Special thanks to those who have already returned their ticket stubs. 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.

SHORT ON TIME! You can still help. Please look over our Wish List. Any thing you can donate here is greatly appreciated.

FESTIVAL WISH LIST

Prayers – For good weather the week of the festival!

Instant Lottery Tickets for our Lottery Theme Basket . Feel free to put your donation in an envelope marked "FESTIVAL" and drop in the of-fertery basket on Sunday.

THEME BASKETS are always needed. We have a great reputation for offering outstanding baskets at our Basket Booth. If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Rectory Office (724.745.6560).

BOOKS (books on tape, videos, etc.) can be brought to the rectory beginning May 1st and the Book Sale will again be held in the school hallway.



FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“April showers are taxpayers’ tears”

– Arnold Glasow

It was a great joy to spend my first ‘winter’ Easter in Canonsburg! In greeting the overflowing crowds, a ‘red-head’ girl comes excitedly asking-- “**Fr. Rich, guess what, guess what?” I give up, what?** She kept jumping up and down with delight and happiness. Angela said—“**Today on Easter, I’m five (holding up her 5 fingers)--it’s my birthday!**” **Happy birthday, Angela! That’s Easter!**

Sometimes people ask the question on our birthday—“**Do you feel any different today?**” Maybe or maybe not. A week after Easter, we also could ask—“**Do you feel any different?**” Maybe or maybe not. As we return to our normal lives, with our daily duties, demands, and activities we could easily ask—**does it feel any different?** Remember faith, hope, joy, peace, and love—these never die. **That’s Easter!**

During this 50-day Easter Season, we greet each other with the **ancient greeting: “He is risen. Yes, He is truly risen!”** When we say or sing—“**Jesus Christ is Risen Today**” we do **not** mean only “**Jesus Christ was risen once upon a time**”.

4 people died in Holy Week and 4 people were buried from our parish this Easter Octave Week. Mom would say these people have –“**direct tickets**’ to heaven. We live, we die, and we live a new life. All human beings yearn for life to the full. **That’s Easter!**

Easter Monday I took Mom to visit her sister in Salem, Ohio. Aunt Jo is my Godmother—a ‘life-long’ Easter person of God’s faithfulness, simplicity, and goodness. There was ice on her bird-bath, and the birds sought water in vain. So, Aunt Jo boiled water melting the ice, so they could drink. **That’s Easter!** There were 3 words on her chalkboard in kitchen as we left- ‘Peace, Love, and Joy’. **That’s Easter!**

After the beautiful Easter Vigil, there was a great celebration in the rectory to greet the new members and give thanks to God for the others. **That’s Easter!**

For all generous second collections and your Lenten sacrifices to meet these ‘outreach’ needs—**that’s Easter!**

For all the special deliveries of Easter baskets made to the ‘shut-ins’ of our parish by the Ladies of Charity—**that’s Easter!**

The **Second Sunday of Easter** now called **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Pope John Paul II established this feast on April 30, 2000. He canonized this first saint of the Jubilee Year ushering in the third millennium-- **Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)**. She was a Blessed Sacrament Polish nun, known as the Apostle of Divine Mercy. She deeply understood the Merciful Heart of Jesus and knew that she was to be an instrument of His healing love. One can read her diary of over 700 pages of her revelations. Jesus told her, “**My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.**” The prescription for the ailments of the world is found in Divine Mercy. **Dear Jesus, have mercy on me and the whole world.**

As we ‘tip-toe’ through the tulips of April, and the Penguins playoff schedule our **Bible Study resumes on Monday, April 16th at 7:00pm in church. All are welcome—make an Easter resolution!** Please read the books of **Sirach** and **Acts of the Apostles**.

Special and ‘heartfelt’ thanks for the many kind, thoughtful, and loving remembrances at Easter time. Your support, your encouragement, your love, your faith, and your prayers are indeed treasured. Thank you and God bless you.

St. Matthew, patron of Tax Collectors, pray for us.

St. Thomas, patron of Doubters, pray for us.

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, apostle of Divine Mercy, pray for us.

Easter-2001

Is my soul an empty tomb,
Cold, silent, dark
devoid of life, the risen Lord?
Or is my soul a home,
warm, welcoming, filled with light,
a site of Love’s dwelling bright?
These Easter questions haunt me,
taunt me into major remodeling.
My architect—the Holy Spirit—
whose cost is grace,
who transforms me into a holy place.

–Bishop Robert F. Morneau



The Spring Chorale Concert under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Hosni will present **“Christ Has Died, Christ Is Risen, Christ Will Come Again”** next Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Church. Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy the talent of our Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, and Bell Choir. Everyone is welcome to attend this “festival of song”. A freewill offering will be taken.

SPECIAL THANKS to our 3rd and 4th grade students, in our Religious Education Program, for donating the Easter Candy that was included in the Easter Baskets for our shut-in parishioners.

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE: HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Sunday, April 22. For information or reservations, phone 1.800.782.5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.

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.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 15—SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) FOR THE PEOPLE
- 7:30 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 Verholtz
- 5:00 SP For Divine Mercy Chaplet Sponsors by Margie Thornhill

MONDAY, APRIL 16

- 7:00 SP Ray Kochanski by Sons, Ray and Jim
- 8:15 SG William E. Johnson by LaVerne Klaka

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00 SP Stella, Joe and Ed Piechnick by Fran Scarci
- 8:15 SG Edith R. Marks by Children
- 10:00 (Kingdom Manor)** Rosemary Milioto by Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00 SP Motto and Travaglini Families by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Motto

Pray for Joseph L. Scears, Month’s Mind

- 9:00 SP Palilla and Liberatore Families by Louis and Linda Liberatore

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:00 SP Helen Gonglik by Family
- 8:15 SG Mike and Margaret Mullig by Betty and Joyce

2:15 (Horizon) Bob Wingard by Mary Lou DiTullio

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

- 7:00 SP Vene Simpson by Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Simpson
- 8:15 SG Anthony, Maria and Enrico Alessi by Hilda and Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 21—Anselm, Bp., Doctor

- 7:30 SP Antonio and Mary DeVitis Family by Charles O’Shanka Jr. and Jean O’Shanka

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

1:00 SP FIRST RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) John and Maria Imperatore and Joseph and Estelle Szolek by Al and Gloria Imperatore

SUNDAY, APRIL 22—THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 SP Jack Glass by Ida Glass and Family
- 10:00 SP Deceased Members of Gayarski Family by Family
- 12:00 SP John E. Capozzi by Gloria Capozzi
- 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 **Rev. Joseph Newell, Dolores Sethner** (mother of Doug Sethner), **Anthony J. Malinsky** (brother of Anne Koren), **Edward Shuba, Mary E. Brigich, George Skovranko, Mary Ann Lesko** and all the faithful departed.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.