

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

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MAY 6, 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.



Congratulations to the seventy-six boys and girls making their First Holy Communion today. All of our parishioners at St. Patrick Parish will keep you in their prayers today as you receive Jesus in Holy communion for the first time.

We will continue to pray that the Sacrament of the Eucharist will nourish you throughout your lives.
Fr. Jack

MOTHER'S DAY: Next Sunday, St. Patrick School students in grades seventh and eighth will sell carnations for \$1.00 at the main exits of the church. These carnations can be purchased in memory or in honor of our mothers or those special women in our lives. Your flower can be placed in the vases provided in the sanctuary in front of the statue of our Blessed Mother. A basket will also be provided where the prayer cards with their names on them can be placed. Your loved ones will be remembered at all Masses that week.

WEDDING BANNERS

Second Time: Cuong Diep and Christine Peoples

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 20th after all morning Masses including the 12:00 Noon Mass. Come and enjoy our delicious golden brown pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee served by a Knight with a smile. As usual, donations will be accepted at the door and the proceeds will be directed toward Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

Special thanks to everyone for your continued support.

ROAD TO THE PRIESTHOOD: A gathering of young men who want to learn more about the priesthood will be held on May 10, 2007, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at St. Paul Seminary. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the priesthood, meet our Seminarians who will talk about their own vocation and seminary experience. Any young man interested in attending please call Fr. Jack or Fr. Rich and a personal invitation will be mailed to you.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
APRIL 29, 2007	
Envelopes (816)	\$14,476.51
Children's Envelopes (52).....	\$60.56
Loose Cash and Coin	\$827.66
St. Patrick School	\$76.00
Parish Total	\$15,440.73
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense	\$ 2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week	16,125.21
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.

MEMORIALS

"My Father's House Renovation Fund: In loving memory of **Frank Dellarso** by Mag and John Mazza, Marie Progar, Edward and Diana Dellarso.

St. Patrick Choir: In loving memory of **Frank Galletta** by John and Jamie Michalka, Sam Cancilla and Sisters.

Masses were received for **Dan Vorum** by Chuck and Charlotte Sroka,



BACCALAUREATE: The high school graduating class of 2007 is invited to attend a special Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2007 in St. Patrick Church. Please wear your caps, gowns and honor cords. Graduates will meet in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. for the procession to Church.

A BREAKFAST for the graduates and their parents/guardians will be held in the school cafeteria immediately following Mass. **RESERVATIONS are required** — call Mrs. Serbak at 724.745.3787.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the Knights recent request to help the mentally challenged children and adults, the Knights wish to thank our parishioners for their strong support. Because of your support \$1,475.38 was raised for them last Sunday. Thank you so much for your continued support.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

The following list was supplied to us by the Pittsburgh Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Clip the following list and remember our priests in your daily prayers.

May 1	Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
May 2	Most Rev. William J. Winter
May 3	Most Rev. John B. McDowell
May 4	Fr. Lester Knoll, OFM, Cap
May 5	Rev. Joseph E. Feltz and Very Rev. Brian J. Welding
May 6	Rev. Thomas B. Ferris
May 7	Very Rev. Andrew C. Fisher and Rev. Gregory Brown, O.F.M. Cap.
May 8	Rev. R. Donald Jones and Rev. Donald C. Fisher
May 9	Rev. John P. Fitzgerald
May 10	Cdr. Donald P. Fix and Deacon Stepehn M. Deskevich
May 11	Rev. John E. Fordibussi and Rev. Robin Evanish
May 12	Rev. Robert M. Franko and Francis J. Wuerl (father of Bishop Wuerl)
May 13	Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl
May 14	Rev. J. Francis Frazer and Very Rev. Robert F. Gyay
May 15	Rev. Richard J. Czapinski and Rev. Robert W. Habe
May 16	Rev. John P. Gallagher and Rev. John A. Harvey
May 17	Rev. Thomas J. Galvin and Rev. Barnard M. Harcarik
May 18	Rev. James W. Garvey and Deacon James R. Grab
May 19	Rev. Anthony Gargotta and and Deacon Victor P. Satter
May 20	Rev. John A. Geinzer and Mr. Michael R. Ruffalo
May 21	Rev. Carl J. Gentile
May 22	Rev. Robert J. George
May 23	Rev. Mark W. Glasgow and Deacon Lawrence R. Sutton
May 24	Rev. Francis C. Graff
May 25	Rev. John B. Gizler and Rev. Jerome A. Dixon
May 26	Rev. James G. Graham
May 27	Rev. Robert J. Grecco
May 28	Rev. Stan M. Gregorek and Rev. J oseph Janiszkeski, T.O.R.
May 29	Rev. James R. Gretz and Mr. John T. Chuba
May 30	Rev. Joseph R. Grosko and Rev. John L. Gudewicz
May 31	Very Rev. Paul J. Grunebach

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 6—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 5:00 SP (P.M. - Vigil Saturday) Irma and Oscar Martello
by Doug, Jane and David McKenery
7:30 SP William (Jerry) Marcischak by Wife, Anita
10:00 SP J. Larry Bender by Family
12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
2:00 SP FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
5:00 SP Deceased Members of Pemrich and Prusak
Families by Patricia Prusak

MONDAY, MAY 7

- 7:00 SP Leo Rheam by Patrick Rheam Family

Remember Blanche Gregory in prayer, Month's Mind

- 8:15 SG Fred H. Caruso, Caruso and Gromacki
Families by Sophia Caruso

TUESDAY, MAY 8

- 7:00 SP Mario DiSalle by Wife, Iena
8:15 SG Marosz and Gromacki Families by Mr. and
Mrs. Andrew Gregus

**10:00 (Rest Haven 1—Valley Rd.) Benny D'Orazio by
Madeline Luisi Family**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- 7:00 SP John E. Wallo by Wife Betty

**Remember Mary Brigich, and Mary Ann Lesko in
prayer, Month's Mind**

- 9:00 SP Charles Jacobs by Mary Ann Jacobs
2:00 (Greenery) Anthony Malinsky by Edith DiYenno

THURSDAY, MAY 10

- 7:00 SP Dan Sedora Jr. by Joyce Stevens
8:15 SG Liv. and Dec. Members of Popeck Family
by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Popeck

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- 7:00 SP Mary and Frank Pleskovich by Vince and
Sophie Braddock
8:15 SG Wallie O'Shinski by Son, Ray

10:00 (Pine Lawn) Angelo Tatano by Mary DiNardo

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- 7:30 SP Mary Bostjancic, Mary Drenik, Katherine
Borza and Mary Strnisa by Betty Strnisa Family

11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION

- 5:00 SP William Smith and Frank Bostjancic
Families by Lucy Smith

SUNDAY, MAY 12—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30 SP Porcaro and Vidmar Families by Mr. and
Mrs. John Vidmar
10:00 SP Deceased Members of Steven E. Berti and
Prencipe Families by Mary Berti
12:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 SP Edward Getzik, Balzy and Getzik Families
by Patricia Getzik

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 **Mary Urban, Stanley F. Martys, Madeline Rinaldi**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“Nothing restrains anger, curbs pride, heals the wound of malice, bridles self-indulgence, quenches the passions, checks avarice and puts unclean thoughts to flight as does the name Jesus .” —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

I vividly recall that on the Saturday morning of my First Holy Communion the famous Jones’ family station wagon broke down *en route* to Saints Simon and Jude Church. In danger of being late for that most special and sacred day, Mom gave us permission to ‘hitch-hike’. My communion partner Paul and I put out our right thumbs. The first car that passed saw our desperate situation and stopped immediately. My Presbyterian father appreciated the nurse driver who we flagged down and thanked her for getting us to church on time! Dad always loved singing —‘*Get Me to the Church on Time!*’ We congratulate the 76 First Holy Communicants who will receive Jesus for the first time in the sacrament of the Eucharist at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday. I still remember going to Church as family every Sunday and sitting in the second pew. I recall reading the Bible daily in our living room at 7:00 p.m. -- no matter what sport or homework we may have been engaged in. Be there, no questions asked, no excuses. I’ll never forget Mom climbing the stairs to say prayers with her children every night before going to bed no matter how many loads of laundry or lunches she packed—she was never too tired to pray! And even if we were, she still prayed while we were asleep or pretending to sleep.

Three years ago Mom went to live with the Little Sisters of the Poor on the North Side as she needed more care. There was an extensive interview with the family for her placement there. Not to mention all the health records and tests that needed to be attained. One of the questions asked—‘**what do you believe your greatest achievement in life is?**’ Without hesitation, Mom said raising 7 children and preparing second graders for over 30 years to receive Jesus in the Eucharist!

The Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic worship and life. Jesus gave us His Body and Blood in a sacred meal and holy sacrifice as He said—‘**Do this is remembrance of me**’. By celebrating this ritual, we proclaim His sacrificial death until the end of time. The Eucharist is the abiding presence of the Risen Lord with us. This miracle of faith, which the Body of Christ ‘the Church’ celebrates and witnesses, feeds and strengthens us so that we can face the challenges, temptations, and struggles of life with hopefulness and courage.

The Eucharist is our bread for the journey, the food of the angels, and the medicine of immortality. As we sing the song—**Look Beyond** the refrain says--‘**Look beyond the bread you eat; see your Savior and your Lord. Look beyond the cup you drink; see his love poured out as blood**’.

So whether it’s our First Communion or we made it many, many years ago—may we renew our commitment to Jesus Christ to grow in holiness, faith, and love. The Eucharist is a gift and a grace. The Eucharist is our communion with God and one another. The Eucharist is our sustenance and salvation. At the close of Mass the priest sends us forth with the mandate and charge-- ‘**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**’. In Jesus Name **we gather**, and in His Name **we are sent forth!**

When St. Dominic Savio spoke of his First Holy Communion, his face would light up with joy, and would say—“**That was the best day of my life—it was a great day!**” Each day, we receive the Lord in faith in the Eucharist is a ‘great’ day!

Consider an acronym for **EUCCHARIST**:

- E**- ENTERS into my soul, dear Jesus.
- U**- UNFOLDS the delights of your presence.
- C**- CALM the restlessness I feel.
- H**- HOLDS my hand whenever I am frightened.
- A**- AND always chases those fears away.
- R**- REVITALIZES my trust and faith in you.
- I**- IGNITE the spark to light any darkness in my heart.
- S**- STRENGTHENS me through the Holy Spirit.
- T**- TODAY, tomorrow and for the rest of my life.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: The Fraternity of Priests of Pittsburgh will be celebrated at St. Mary Parish, Cecil, PA on Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus to touch you in all your needs.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP will have their final session of the year on Saturday, May 12 in the Teen Room of St. Patrick Center (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) The theme is "The Mother of God". Bring your Rosary. Feel free to bring your favorite snack or soda. A social is planned for a Drive-in outing later this month providing we have enough drivers and parental supervision. All of this will be discussed on Saturday, May 12th. Parents are welcome to attend. Permission slips are necessary. Any questions, call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989).

COOKBOOK: Thank you for the great response to the St. Patrick Cookbook, we appreciate your help and it's not too late to bring in your recipe. Just drop it in the box provided in the parking lot vestibule. Any questions, call Lisa Ackerman (724.745.3989).

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. PA Lottery Drawing. Tickets are available by calling Dave (724.745.3403) or in the rectory office during regular office hours (9:00-4:30 p.m.). **Tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses on May 27th and June 3 in front of the cafeteria.** Don't miss getting your favorite number.

More on how YOU can help with the Parish Festival on June 14, 15, and 16 will be published in next week's bulletin.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7 BIBLE STUDY (7- 8:15 p.m.) Church
May 7 RCIA (7:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center
May 9 PRAY THE ROSARY (6:30 p.m.) in Church — bring the whole family!
May 9 LADIES OF CHARITY MTG. (7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center (Reminder: Bring your \$6.00 dues)
May 10 Knights of Columbus Mtg. (8:00 p.m.) in the Knights House

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

SPECIAL THANKS to Chuck and Mary Dombrowski for stepping up and taking on the Commissary Coordinator Assistant position.

Booth Captains. We have finalized our list of booths. We have increased the number of gaming booths this year, so we are in **need** of a few more **Booth Captains.** Booth Captains are responsible for their booth for the 3 night festival. Duties include setting up the booth with game pieces, prizes, food, and signage (all are provided). We are looking for you to tastefully decorate your booth, with your prizes, to attract one and all. We also would like for you to provide your own help in your booth. (Invite family and friends to assist you!) Food Booths open at 5:00 p.m. all 3 nights, gaming booths open at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. As Booth Captain, you need to be on grounds, at the Commissary, ½ hour before your scheduled start time so that you can pick up your inventory and set up your booth. If interested please contact Lonnie Flood, Volunteer Coordinator, at 724-745-1342.

We have a booth waiting for YOU!

GAMES/FUN BOOTHS

7-11

Bird Egg Bounce

Black n Gold Wheel

Boom Blaster

Cartoon wheel

Girly Girl Wheel

Neon Light Pic a Tic

Pitch Burst

Spiderman Pic a Tic

Strike Force

Toothless

Pizza (Food Booth)

Spiral Fries (Food Booth)

Soft Drink 2

Volunteer Workers

Drink Stand

Castle/Inflatable "A"

Castle/Inflatable "B"