

# 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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## MAY 20, 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.



**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Fr. Jack will celebrate the anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 19, Fr. Rich will celebrate his anniversary on Monday, May 21. To show our appreciation for their dedication and service to the parish, we ask all parishioners to remember them in prayer.

**VOCATION PRAYER**

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



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**BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to attend "AVALANCHE RANCH" Vacation Bible School June 25 thru June 29 (9:00 a.m. to

12:00 Noon) in St. Patrick Center. Registration is required and is \$10.00 per child (includes T-Shirt, Snacks, Crafts, and Picnic). Registration forms can be found in all the exits of the Church. Any questions, please call Mrs. Serbak (724.745.3787).



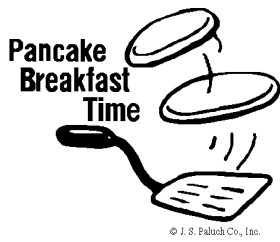
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Anna Hofrichter for receiving the St. Timothy Award for the Washington West Deanery. This award was presented by Bishop Paul Bradley to twenty-nine young people who exemplify qualities of moral integrity, good works and Christian leadership. Anna is the daughter of John and Susan Hofrichter.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
MAY 13, 2007	
Envelopes .....	\$13,619.00
Children's Envelopes .....	59.50
Loose Cash and Coin .....	939.25
St. Patrick School .....	138.00
Parish Total .....	\$14,755.75
Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....	\$ 13,241.00
Weekly Loan Expense .....	\$ 2,885.00
TOTAL NEEDED each week .....	16,125.21
<b>YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!</b>	

**MEMORIALS**

**"My Father's House" Renovation Fund:** In loving memory of **Stanley Martys** by Mary Berti, George and Dolores Sewak, Joe and Lisa Cerenzia, Ann and Frank Chuppetta, Muggs and Tony Tirimacco, Clem and Toni DaPra, Mag and John Mazza, Ange Wingard, Tony and Mary Luisi, Edgar and Dolores Cheverine, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Milbower, Paul DiSalle; In loving memory of **Julia Testa** by Anna Gasbarro, Edith Hartley and Laura Spadaro, Val and Norma DaPra, Antonette M. Strnisa, Nancy and Jack Merckle, Dee Cianelli, Rose Ann Grosso, Mr. and Mrs. Clem DaPra, Barbara and John E. Solensky, Mag and John Mazza, Mary and Tony Luisi, Ann and Frank Chuppetta, Assunta Gasbarro, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Luisi, Nancy Casacchia, Mr. and Mrs. John Pavlik, In loving memory of **Joseph L. Scears** by Mary Ann Barbosky, Blumen and Wilk Families;  
**St. Patrick Choir:** In loving memory of **Julia Testa** by Kathryn L. D'Angelo  
**Christian Mothers:** in loving memory of **Julia Testa** by Barbara Roney

**Masses** were received for **Stanley Martys** by Lucille Donella, Marolyn Piacenza, Andy and Bernie Badagliacca.; for **Joseph L. Scears** by Antoinette Zobrasky, Yarkosky and Cummins Family; and for **Julia Testa** by Edward J. Cushman, Dominick Sacchitti, Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Calabro Jr. & Family, Mary Ann Scarci Family and Mary F. Loccisano.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
MAY 20<sup>th</sup> AFTER ALL  
MORNING MASSES  
EVERYONE INVITED!**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday,

May 20<sup>th</sup> after all morning Masses including the 12:00 Noon Mass. Come to the school cafeteria 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 the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.

**Special thanks** to everyone for your continued support.

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



**Our Catholic Men's Club** will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 27 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.) at the VFW 191, West Pike Street. Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.50 and .50 extra for takeouts.

For tickets or information, call Zolton Popp 724.745.3801. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit the charities of the Catholic Men's Club.

**FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS:** Please drop off your volunteer sheets at the rectory office or put them in the offertory basket on Sunday. If you didn't get one, they are available in the rectory office waiting room and in the vestibules of the church. Volunteer with your family and friends!

**EXPERIENCE THE REWARDS OF VOLUNTEERING!**

**INSTANT LOTTERY TICKETS:** We are still collecting scratch-off tickets for our Lottery Basket. Just drop them in the offertory basket or bring to the rectory.

## Pop Sunday!

Can you add another case of pop to your shopping cart? We need your help! We will be collecting pop and water, starting ½ hour before all Masses, the weekend of May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to defer costs for our annual Summer Festival!

We are looking for cases (12 pack or cube) of 12oz. cans of the following products:

**Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, and Diet Pepsi.  
We need cases of 16.9oz. bottles of Water.**

**PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) Ray Kennedy (813.433.3227)** will donate a weather proof storage container, which will be in the Church parking lot. Watch future bulletins for other items.

If you are in need of renting a POD, please mention St. Patrick Parish and you will receive a discount.

**PLEASE HELP US FILL UP THE POD!**

**THEME BASKETS** can be delivered to the rectory office (9:00 to 6:30 p.m.) Monday thru Thursday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shirley (724.745.6560) during regular office hours.

**BOOKS (books on tape, videos, children's books, cookbooks, fiction, biographies, etc.)** can be brought to the rectory beginning May 1 and the Book Sale will again be held in the school. **We are unable to accept** encyclopedia sets or text books, as these rarely sell and we are burdened with the responsibility of disposing of them.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| <b>May 20</b> | <b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> —cafeteria after all morning Masses                       |
| <b>May 20</b> | <b>CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB MTG.</b> (7:30 p.m.) in the Center                          |
| <b>MAY 20</b> | <b>MAKING PIEROGI FOR THE FESTIVAL</b> (8:00 a.m.) St. Genevieve Social Hall       |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>BIBLE STUDY</b> (7- 8:15 p.m.) Church   |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>RCIA</b> (7:30 p.m.) in St. Patrick Center                                      |
| <b>MAY 23</b> | <b>MAY CROWNING</b> (9:00 a.m. Mass) with St. Patrick School students              |
| <b>May 23</b> | <b>PRAY THE ROSARY</b> (6:30 p.m.) - (SP)  |
| <b>May 27</b> | <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> sponsored by the Men's Club at the VFW (noon to 6:00 p.m.) |

**FR RICH REFLECTIONS**

**“O God, tell what you want me to do and give the grace to do it.” Anne Mueller**

On Mother’s Day weekend, I took Mom to lunch, visited friends, and spent time driving in the car. We took in the beautiful Spring sights and sunshine!

At the end of the day, Mom said that she did not want to go back to the Little Sisters of the Poor Home yet. I said that’s okay, I’m not ready to go back to Canonsburg now! So I asked her if she wanted to get ice cream or something. She said “no”. She then remarked that she did not want the day to end.

Jesus did not want to ‘depart’ from His friends either, but He must go to send the Spirit. ‘The Advocate’ is our defender, guide, and witness.

Two Church marquees drew our attention. One sign read—**‘Mother’s are Samples of God’s love for us!’** (There are some 80 million mothers in our country, that’s a lot of samples!!) One Church billboard said—**‘Give Satan an inch and he will rule you’**.

One mother commented after Mass on Mother’s Day that the greatest gift that she could receive from her children would be that they would go to church and walk with God in their daily life. Sounds like an easy enough request, right? But, once Satan secretly, seductively, and subtly gets a ‘foothold in our lives’; he brings us down with the stranglehold of sin and death. When we are ‘down’ in sin, we often bring others ‘down’ too.

In our traditional ‘spring cleaning’ entails homes, windows, clothes, gardens, lawns, and floors. Let us examine our spiritual ‘spring cleaning’ in the Holy Spirit. God lives and dwells in those who ‘fittingly’ prepare a place for Him.

The Holy Spirit is the broom that sweeps away all faults, weaknesses, sins, sorrows, and sadness. The Holy Spirit is the fire that purifies, refines, and transfigures us to be the vessels of His grace. Often times our pride, prejudices, addictions, and habits can inhibit His spirit.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> **Sunday of Easter**, Jesus offers in **His High Priestly Prayer** (John 17), the

longest prayer in the New Testament. Jesus reminds us He is **praying for us**, He is **pulling for us**, and He is **prompting** us to be faithful to His Spirit. The Spirit is the **bringer** and **builder** of oneness, unity, holiness, truth, freedom, peace, and love. Never underestimate the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit – to heal, to change, to inspire, to witness, to forgive, and to love.

Consider these fresh and new **10 ‘Spring Cleaning’ Spirit tips** —

+ **Without** the Spirit, there is **no witness**.  
**With** the Spirit, **Christ’s Church is born**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **isolated**.  
**With** the Spirit, we have **fullness of life**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **bored** and **tired**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **energized** and **passionate**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **‘self-centered’**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **‘Christ-centered’**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **‘out-of-control’**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **‘God-controlled’**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **divided**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **united**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **‘dead in sin’**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **forgiven** and **free**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, we are **powerless**.  
**With** the Spirit, we are **powerful**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, our **prayer** is **lukewarm**.  
**With** the Spirit, **prayer** is **uplifting**.

+ **Without** the Spirit, **faith** means **nothing**.  
**With** the Spirit, **faith** is **everything!**

Come Holy Spirit, come...come into our hearts... our lives... our day... and our Pentecost preparations.

**PS:** Don’t forget to wear red next week for Pentecost!  
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**Thank  
You!**

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**SPECIAL THANKS** to the members of Ministry of Mothers Sharing for their Mother's Day gift to the women of the parish. If you missed getting yours last Sunday, there are still some available in baskets as you leave Mass today.

**WEDDING BANNERS**

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**Second Time**

Matthew Davis and Leah Miller  
and  
Samuel Boyer and Natalie Itzel



**Graduation**

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**THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007** is invited to attend a special Liturgy to be celebrated in your honor by St. Patrick Parish Community on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. A breakfast for the Graduates and their parents will be held in the school cafeteria immediately following Mass. Graduates are to wear your caps, gowns and honor cords and meet in the cafeteria by 9:45 a.m. to process over to church. Registration forms are available in all the exits of the Church. Any questions, call Mrs. Serbak (724.745.3787).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39  
**Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**PRAY FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 SP (P.M.—Saturday—Vigil) Ordination of Fr. Jack by Mom and Dad

**Remember in prayer, Rudolph Tomsic, Month's Mind**

7:30 SP Edward T. Patrick by Wally and Barb Grego Jr.

10:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

12:00 SP Rose Marie Kloes and Joseph Scarci by Family

5:00 SP Julia Antol and Deceased Members of Borsody Family by Jim

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

7:00 SP Ordination of Fr. Rich by Margie

8:15 SG Karen and Dr. Sam Tirimacco by Eleanor and Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 22**

7:00 SP Edward Patrick by Wife

8:15 SG Deceased Members of Kozlowski, Jiblets, Grochal, Valakius and Veres Families by Family

**2:00 (Kingdom Manor-Greenside Ave.)** Steve Kazak by Podrasky Family

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

7:00 SP Agnes Albinini by Husband, Al

9:00 SP Michael Lenco by Parents, Brothers and Daughter

**2:15 (Horizon) Anthony Malinsky by May Moticko**

**THURSDAY, MAY 24**

7:00 SP Teresa and Bill Capane and Tony Costanzo by Teresa Moore

8:15 SG Ronny Cheverini by Cousins

**FRIDAY, MAY 25**

7:00 SP Thomas Barsody by Family

8:15 SG Frank "Fritz" Scarci by Fran

**SATURDAY, MAY 26—Philip Neri, Priest**

7:30 SP Deceased members of Guiseppi and Mary Livolsi Family by Sam, Mickey and Lou

**11:30 TO 12:30 Noon - RECONCILIATION**

**SUNDAY, MAY 27—PENTECOST**

5:00 SP William F. Gennocro by Rena Patrick

7:30 SP Carmen Porcaro by Sarah Porcaro

10:00 SP Mary Nicola by Angelo Nicola

12:00 SP Birthday of John Batykefer Sr. by Son, Jack

5:00 SP FOR THE PEOPLE

**HOME WITH CHRIST:** Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those of our parish family who have died this past week and have gone before us marked with a sign of faith, we especially remember **Amelia Casper, Patricia A. Jacanin, Helen Fela,** and all the faithful departed. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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