

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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October 21, 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) 8:00 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS... St. Patrick Canonsburg, Council has just received congratulations from the Supreme Knight, Supreme Officers and the Supreme Directors on being designated **Star Council** two years running. The Star Council Award is the most prestigious award a council can achieve. Our Knights have distinguished themselves in programming, activities, membership growth, retention & insurance promotion. We are individuals dedicated to making a difference in our Church, standing in solidarity with our priests & supporting our Church teachings. You can be justly proud & find satisfaction in knowing your council is effectively serving the church and community.

MEMORIAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a memorial pancake breakfast from 7:30 am. To 1:30 pm on Sunday October 28th in the school cafeteria in memory of Sean Curry, 34, who passed away unexpectedly this past September 7th. Sean was a very active member of our parish and of the Knights of Columbus, and he will be greatly missed by all. All proceeds from this memorial breakfast will be used for the benefit of Sean's wife and 3 young children. We hope to see you there.



Many Thanks to Dick Carr for his creative gift to our parish flower gardens...in addition to the granite cross made previously this year, he also created an ever-blooming flower!

DATES TO REMEMBER

If you have registered to attend the Lancaster pilgrimage to see 'In the Beginning', please take note of the following schedule:

- # 6:00 pm Friday, Oct. 26 - Arrive for Bus Boarding
- # 6:30 pm PROMPT, Friday, Oct. 26 - Bus Departure
- # 10:00 pm Expected Return - Saturday, Oct. 27

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- October 21 Catholic Men's Club - 7:30 pm Center
 - October 22 Bible Study - 7:00 Church
RCIA - 7:00 Center
 - October 24 Market Day Pick-Up - 5:30 - 6:30 pm Café
 - October 25 CONFIRMATION - 7:00 pm
 - October 27 Fright Night Outing: Leave St. Pat - 6 pm
 - October 27 & 28 - Hoagie Orders : after all masses
 - October 29 Bible Study - 7:00 Church
RCIA - 7:00 Center

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>October 14, 2007</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$14,666.39
Children's Envelopes	\$78.82.
Loose Cash and Coin	\$930.20
St. Patrick School.....	\$105.00
Parish Total	\$15,780.41
<i>Weekly Budgeted Expenses</i>	<i>\$13,980.67</i>
<i>Weekly Loan Expense</i>	<i>\$2,381.35</i>
TOTAL NEEDED each week	\$16,362.02
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

PARKING LOT RESURFACING	
DONATIONS NEEDED: <u>\$75,000.00</u>	TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED: <u>\$150,000.00</u>
\$38,775.63	or
	\$113,775.63

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION

after all the masses this weekend. With your generosity and sharing, and helping to meet the temporal needs of our world Church, we can more effectively accomplish the mission of the Church as handed on by Christ, "Go and teach all nations..."



BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

from the Holy Land have come to the United States representing the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem, who's mission is to bring and sell the Olive Wood Carvings to Catholic Churches in the United States to help the Christian families who remain in their homeland. They will be with us next weekend selling the following items after all the masses: Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Pictures of the Last Supper, Rosaries, Christmas Ornaments, & several other religious items. You may see some of these items beforehand at: www.shepherdsgifts.com. Your help and support will be greatly appreciated.



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)

Ernest Lesniakowski by Wife, Stella & Children

7:30 (SP) Leona Marin by Husband, Ed Marin

10:00 (SP) Vincent L. Crider by Elizabeth, Vinnie, Connie & Kate

12:00 (SP) The Graff Family by Mr. & Mrs. Timothy S. Grego

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 (SP) Edward De Blander by Wife, Mary

8:00 (SG) Jacob Kocian & the Dec. Mbrs. of the Tutay & Kocian Family by Dolly and Family

10:00 (Pine Lawn) Angelo Tatano by Jim and Lisa Novak

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 - St. John of Capistrano

7:00 (SP) Guseppe Graziani by Family

8:00 (SG) Joseph Warabow by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Milbower

10:00 (Charles House) Mike De Filippo by Delphine De Filippo

Month' Mind: Michael DeFilippo & Amelia Santucci

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:00 (SP) Ryan Patrick Chabassol by Grandparents, Harold & Eleanor Muchow

9:00 (SP) Jacob & Betty Marcischak by Anita

2:00 (Golden Living) Yolanda Santoni Hollman by Yolanda Stahl

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 (SP) John P. Kostic by Leonard & Helen Mavrich

8:00 (SG) Alice Staniszewski by Family

10:00 (Ahepa) William F. Gennocro by Juanita Whoolery

7:00 PM (SP) CONFIRMATION MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:00 (SP) Moze Family by Rose Barney

8:00 (SG) NO MASS

10:00 (Consulate) Frank Czadankiewicz by Billy & Betty Zubenko

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 (SP) Mike & Julia Novotny by Sons, Mike Jr., John & Joe

11:30 to 12:30 Noon – RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) (P.M.—SATURDAY VIGIL)

Ronald S. Conti by Mary Ann and Family

7:30 (SP) James Moeller by Mr. & Mrs. Moeller

10:00 (SP) Dicio & Holt Families by Wilbur and Claudia Holt

12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Frank and Anna Wyda and Joseph Szczerbienski by Janet & Mark Szczerbienski

THE ROSARY will be prayed before all the weekend masses during the month of October. Representatives from the Ladies Guild-Christian Mothers, the Ladies of Charity, & the Knights of Columbus will be leading us in this devotion to our Lady 15 minutes before mass begins.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 20

5:00 pm - M. & C. Cappelli, E. Morton

Sunday, October 21

7:30 am - A. Boni, C. & M. Dombrowski

10:00 am - Z. Simpson, L. Thompson, L. Law

12:00 pm - K. & M. Decker, L. Sollon

5:00 pm - M. Hornak, B. & M. Illig

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, October 27

5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, T. Grebeck, C. Tarnik

Sunday, October 28

7:30 am - M. & A. & D. Broglia

10:00 am - P. Tordella, A. Currey, S. Luba

12:00 pm - N. Castelli, M. & T. Costantino

5:00 pm - P. Corwin, L. Hornak, J. Cavallo

MEMORIALS

My Father's House: In loving memory of **Fran and Ralph Castafero** from The Ted Severyn Family; **Abigail Elizabeth Joos** and **Caroline Helmich** by Ken & Liz LoGreco; **Tony Sivavic** by John & Mary Urbancic; **Amelia Santucci** by Frank & Mary Scandale, and Sarah Porcaro. **Masses** were received in loving memory of **Marie Shaffer** by Teri Mastroianni, Mr. & Mrs. John Koynock, and Lou & Caroline Zivnoska; **Amelia Santucci** by Robert & Bernice DeBoe, and Joseph Santucci. **Parking Lot Fund:** In loving memory of **Amelia Santucci** by Pat & Debbie Guyton; **Albert & Barbara Cisson, and Darrell Dernoshok** by Frances & Richard Cisson. **Memorial:** In loving memory of **Frank Thomas** by Wife, Joyce; **Robert Jenkins**, Dad of Barbara Valaitis. **St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of **Dorothy Hainautm** (Mom of Joyce Gregory) by Larry & Nancy Gregory, and Mary & Edmund Gregory.



PLEASE NOTE No daily mass has been scheduled on Friday at St. Genevieve this week, while Fr. Jack & Fr. Rich are in Lancaster.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

FR RICH REFLECTIONS

“One who cannot endure the bad will not live to see the good.” - Jewish Proverb

While in the seminary our teachers told us that the most important week in the life of a priest is our **‘retreat week’**—it will keep the other 51 weeks of the years together! But, to neglect it, postpone it, delete it, or miss it is a **‘Big’** mistake. We run the risk of *‘spiritual bankruptcy’* and *‘spiritual malpractice’*.

This week from Oct. 14-18, 2007 I was on retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist monastery on the South Side here in Pittsburgh. The retreat master was Fr. Peter John Cameron, Order of Preachers (Dominican priest) who is the editor of the monthly prayer book *Magnificat*, a professor at St. Joseph Seminary in Dunwoodie, NY, and the author of nine books. The theme of his reflections was Profound Prayer, Profound Priests. There were 27 priests in attendance.

According to Canon Law of the Church #276 priests are required to pursue holiness to *faithfully* and *untiringly* fulfill the duties of pastoral ministry. In order to nourish the spiritual life, they must be nourished by the *Table of God’s Word* and the *Eucharist*. Priests, Sisters, Brothers, and Deacons are required to fulfill the Prayer of the Universal Church by praying daily the Liturgy of the Hours (Breviary). We are thus bound to make a *‘yearly’* retreat—it is **not** an **option**, but an **obligation**. Through devotional time regularly to mental prayer, frequent participation in the sacrament of penance, cultivating special devotion to the Virgin Mother of God, and time for pursuing common and particular means towards sanctification.

A retreat is a special time *to withdraw* in calling *‘time out’* to pause and ponder the *presence* and *power* of God’s Spirit in life. It is a *‘graced time’* to recollect, reflect, and recreate in mind, body, heart, spirit, and soul. It is a special time of prayer to seek inspiration, energy, enthusiasm, passion, and love for life and ministry. Prayer should be as natural to human beings as breathing, eating, or sleeping. The greatest single **request** I receive as a priest is to pray for God’s people. After all, this is the primary responsibility

of priests to *pray for people* and the *salvation of their souls*. I thank God for this *‘real treat’* or **‘retreat’** time.

In football the referee raises his hands up in the air signaling a victory, a touchdown, a score. On this **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** the first reading is from the **Book of Exodus** chapter 17, this presents a scene of the Chosen People in battle with the Amalekites at Rephidim. Moses **prays** to God on a hilltop while Joshua and his forces take on the enemy. As long as Moses had his arms **raised**, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, and the advantage went to Amalek. To keep Moses praying, his attendants Aaron (Moses’ brother) and Hur to helped prop up Moses hands until victory for Israel is secured at sunset. *With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people*. Like Moses, we all grow weary, weak, and vulnerable. So, we need friends, family, and community to help, to support, and to pray for one another. There is nothing more powerful than steadfast prayer. St. Paul wrote: *“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.”* (Rom. 12:12)

The Gospel presents the **Parable of the Unjust Judge and the Persistent Widow** (Luke 18:1-8), the contrast of the *‘powerful’* and the *‘powerless’* meeting. The judge *neither feared God nor man*, no integrity at all. The *‘defenseless’* poor widow, had no status or rights. The first and simplest prayer is petition—nothing is *‘too small’* or *‘too large’* to ask God—God is never put out! He knows our hearts, wills, and desires. After many **refusals**, the judge finally **relents**. She will not take *‘No’* for an answer. She gives the judge a *‘black eye’* through her tireless perseverance. Her **weapon** was her **persistence**. What **war** are you presently **fighting**? St. Francis de Sales encouraged: *‘Let us persevere in prayer at all times. For if our Lord seems not to hear us, it is not because He wants to refuse us. Rather, His purpose is to compel us to cry out louder and to make us more conscious of His mercy.’*

Let us take advantage in this month of October, in honor of the Holy Rosary, by coming earlier to Mass to pray to Our Lady for all our needs, and for the needs of our friends and acquaintances. Let us lift one another up in prayer, and if we put them down may it only be on our prayer list! (10.21.07)



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. DiFalco's preschoolers enjoyed their annual fall field trip to the Trax and Simmons Farms. The three year olds spent the day at Trax Farm and the four year olds at the Simmons Farm. The students enjoyed such activities as picking pumpkins, visiting the petting zoo, and riding the straw slides. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

The week of October 22 - 25, 2007 has been declared as "Red Ribbon Week" at St. Patrick School. Red Ribbon Week is planned by Mrs. Becky Wiggins, the guidance counselor at St. Patrick School. Many activities are planned throughout the week to make the children aware of the misuse of drugs in today's society. Mrs. Wiggins plans a specific workshop for each grade level.

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 22-25: Red Ribbon Week
- October 22: Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- October 24: Market Day Pick-Up 5:30-6:30 Cafeteria
- October 25: Confirmation 7:00 pm.
- October 26: Clerical Day—No School for Students

DID YOU FIND A SURVEY IN YOUR BULLETIN ?

MIDDLE STATES SURVEY: Mr. Stanley Mozina, principle of St. Patrick School, is asking 100 members of St. Patrick Parish to complete a survey that is being conducted in conjunction with the Middle States Accreditation review of St. Patrick's School. If you found a survey in your church bulletin , please take a few minutes to fill it out and return it by October 29, 2007. Please return the survey via the collection basket or return it to the rectory or school office.



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October Sessions: 7th, 14th, 21st
8:30 - 9:45 am. (No Class on Oct. 28th)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 21 : **Confirmation Practice:** 2:00 p.m.
- October 25 : **Sacrament of Confirmation:** 7:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

October 27: **Fright Night** at Rich's Fright Farm... Hayride, haunted house, bonfire, hot dogs, cocoa, and frightfully good fun. Bus leaves at 6:00 pm. Permission form and \$20.00 due by Tuesday, October 23.

Nov. 4: **Youth Group Meeting** -1:30 - 3:00 in Teen Rm.

Nov. 4: **WYD Cruise on the Gateway Clipper Fleet** We will join over 2,000 teens from the Diocese to pray, eat, and dance the night away. Space is limited; permission form and payment of \$25.00 will hold your reservation. Boxed or canned food items will be collected, as we board, for St. Vincent DePaul Society. Leaving St. Pat's at 5:00 pm, returning at 10:30 pm.

HOAGIES !

The next opportunity to order hoagies will be after the masses on October 27th & 28th; Delivery will be on the weekend of November 3rd & 4th.

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*Community Service Announcements*  
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SPAGHETTI DINNERS !!!

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL Come and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church in the CCD center, on **Sunday, October 21st from 4:00—7:30 PM**. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (10 and under). Proceeds will benefit their 2008 World Youth Day Pilgrims.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER Come and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, October 28th from 12:00 - 6:00 pm**. To be held on North Central Avenue, Canonsburg. (Adults: \$6, Child: \$3.50, Take Outs: .50 extra). For tickets or information call Jean Popp at 724.745.3801. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

MEALS ON WHEELS



We are in NEED of volunteers in several capacities, please HELP! Our local Meals-on-Wheels is in need of drivers for meal deliveries, as well as volunteers in the kitchen. Please call June Freno at 724.745.8866 if you would like to be a vital part of this much needed ministry.

SISTERS OF CHARITY ANNUAL MARKET

Will be held October 25 through 28. An "Early Bird Sale" is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, from 6 to 7 pm. Admission is \$5. Regular hours for the sale (free admission) are Thursday, October 25, from 7 to 8:30 pm.; Friday, October 26, from 6 to 8:30 pm.; Saturday, October 27, from 8:30 am. To 3:30 pm. The event closes with a "Bag Sale" on Sunday, October 28, from 10 am to 2 pm. Donations accepted and Flea Market held in the Activity Room at Caritas Christi (Mt. Thor Rd. Greensburg) For more information, call 724.853.7948, ext 110. All proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Charity.