

# 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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## December 30, 2007

### 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.



### 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.

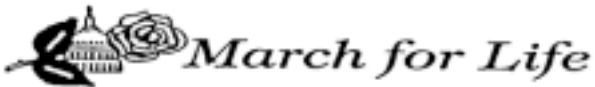
### BIBLE STUDY

Meet every Monday in Church, 7:00-8:15 p.m.  
Bring a Bible, invite a friend. All are welcome!

**OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE** is extended to the entire parish for their faithfulness and dedication throughout the year. We would especially like to thank those of you who made our Christmas so wonderful by your greetings, gifts, and best wishes. We are truly blessed to be the shepherd of such a grace filled and kind parish. May God bless you during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. - Fr. Jack, Fr. Rich, and Fr. Gabriel



**GIFTS FOR NEEDY NEWBORNS:** As the Magi brought their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn Jesus, so too, our parish will present gifts to needy infants on Epiphany Sunday, January 6. Those bearing gifts are asked to bring them to the crèche as you enter for Liturgy and present them to Jesus. They will be distributed to Genesis of Washington Co. and Rosalia Home (Catholic Charities).



**34<sup>th</sup> MARCH FOR LIFE** will be held in Washington DC on Tuesday, January 22, 2007. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per student and \$30.00 per family. Any student going will have their \$10.00 refunded on the bus that day. There are two buses leaving from St. Patrick Parish; one will leave the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. and another "Youth Bus" is leaving at 12:30 a.m. and also returning at approximately 11:00 p.m. Plan now to make arrangements for your pilgrimage to Washington, DC.. Students in grades 7<sup>th</sup> and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students will receive more information at their Youth Ministry Meeting. **If you are unable to attend** the March for Life consider being a sponsor and make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the bus or help sponsor one of our teens to attend the March. Just put your donation in a plain envelope marked to the attention of the March for Life and drop in the offertory basket on Sunday or bring to the rectory office. Please watch the bulletin next week for more details and the bulletin board for permission forms.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

*Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2007*

Envelopes.....	\$12,673.25
Children's Envelopes .....	\$63.25
Loose Cash and Coin .....	\$798.61
St. Patrick School.....	\$72.00
<b>Parish Total .....</b>	<b>\$13,607.11</b>

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, will be published in the January 6th week's bulletin, as this was sent for publication on Friday, December 21.

**Weekly Budgeted Expenses .....** \$13,980.67

**YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!**

**PARKING LOT RESURFACING**

Total cost: \$178,000.00\*

\*This includes the added cost for the new parking areas of \$28,000.00.

Amount in savings to date: \$134,002.79

Including \$58,632.79 in individual donations

Amount still needed: \$43,997.21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT !

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Dec. 31 - NO BIBLE STUDY**  
- NO RCIA
- Jan. 3 - Education Committee Mtg:** 4:15 pm School  
- **Worship Committee. Mtg:** 7 pm – Center
- Jan. 4 - First Friday Novena:** (after the 7:00 am mass at St. Patrick - with breakfast following at Shelly's Pike Inn)  
(after 8:00 am mass at St. Genevieve)
- Jan. 6 - Religious Education Classes Resume**  
- **Youth Ministry Christmas Party:**  
1:30 – 3:00 pm Teen Room
- Jan. 7 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. – Center  
- **BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm.– Church

Please note that the Parish Office  
will reopen on January 2nd.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY- JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL for Feast of the Holy Family)

Relatives of Mr. & Mrs. Gary J. Edell

7:30 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

10:00 (SP) Mascetta & Verrone Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mascetta Family

12:00 (SP) Antosh & Jacobs Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacobs

5:00 (SP) (P.M.) Mary Schnore by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Illig

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 - St. Sylvester

7:00 (SP) Albert Cisson, John & Mary Furman, Irene, Michael & John, Jr. and Vivian Furman, Barb Cisson & Ted Bevec by Frances & Richard Cisson

5:00 (SP) (P.M. - VIGIL) Dominick A. Fenimore Family by Clement & Antoinette DaPra

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

7:30 (SP) Bennie D'Orazio by 7:00 am Mass Group

10:00 (SP) Steve Davadik by Wife, Genevieve

### WED., JANUARY 2 - Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 (SP) Paula Falconi by John & Dolores Pagano

9:00 (SP) Steve Davadik by Tony & Soo Costanzo

**Months Mind: Stanley Shuba**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 (SP) Marosz & Gromacki Families by Andrew & Lorraine Gregus

8:00 (SG) Cwiklinski & Walchuck Family by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cwiklinski

### FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 (SP) Dec. Mbrs. Of Salvatore & Tirimacco Family by Family

8:00 (SG) Helen Bitsko by Kay Boone

10:00 (Consulate) Angelo Tatano by Bruno & Rose Colussi & Sons

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 - St. John Neumann

7:30 (SP) Domenick A. Fenimore Family by Raymond Zelinsky Jr. & Daughters

**11:30 to 12:30 (P.M.) – RECONCILIATION**

5:00 (SP) (P.M.— VIGIL)

Michael Caldwell by Borland Manor Staff

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 (SP) Helen Hundzinski by Lorna & Jack Glass

10:00 (SP) Lorna, Michael & Ann Amorose by Carol & Ed Imperatore

12:00 (SP) Robert C. Price by Joseph & Mary Katruska

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

**HOME WITH CHRIST:** Gracious Lord, welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, especially **Ronald Kolesar, Gilda Fickulak, Alice Norwood, Helen Bell** (mother of Dennis Bell) and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

## This Week's Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm - B. & M. Illig, A. Lochran

### Sunday, December 30

7:30 am - P. Tordella, A. Boni

10:00 am - C. Tarnik, C. & J. Helinski

12:00 pm - M. & J. Costantino, E. Collins

5:00 pm - M. & A. Broglia, L. Sollon

## New Year's Eve & Day

### Monday, December 31

5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, L. Thompson, N. Castelli

### Tuesday, January 1

7:30 am - S. Luba, J. Cavallo, A. Starcevic

10:00 am - P. Corwin

## Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

### Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, L. Law

### Sunday, January 6

7:30 am - M. Ruane, T. Grebeck, J. Hofrichter

10:00 am - S. & E. Hammell, Z. Simpson

12:00 pm - A. & A. Fairfull, D. Broglia

5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, L. Hornak

Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

— *Colossians 3:14*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Mt 2:1-12

## MERRY CHRISTMAS 2007 – FR. RICH JONES

Recently in the **USA Today** they polled –  
**Why adults send holiday cards?**

To make others happy	54%
To make myself happy	41%
To get into the holiday spirit	36%
Family tradition	32%
Felt obligated	17%
Would feel guilty if I didn't	16%
I don't send cards	24%

“We never achieve the childlikeness to which God calls us, but we must enter into it over and over again, sometimes at great cost to our desire for control, our desire for achievement, our desire to firmly establish ourselves, to be great and independent. We approach this childlikeness only in union with Christ and His self-emptying love.”

Fr. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B.,  
The Passion of the Lamb

“The best preacher is the **heart**;  
 The best teacher is **time**;  
 The best book is the **world**;  
 And the best friend is **God**.”  
 -Jewish Talmud

“God became man, so that [we] might become children of God.” - St. Edith Stein

“For Christ’s birth is the source of life for Christian people; the birthday of the Head is the birthday of the Body...The entire body of the faithful, born in the baptismal font, is born with Christ in His nativity, just as all are crucified with Him in His passion, raised again in His resurrection, and set at the Father’s right hand in the ascension.”

- Pope St. Leo the Great

Whether this is your 20<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 1<sup>st</sup> year in receiving my Christmas greeting and message—it is grace to echo joyous cries of “***Merry Christmas***” this year! Someone once said: “**The best spiritual director is life itself**.” If that is true, then God certainly uses all the peoples, places, and happenings in our daily life to teach us and lead us on the way we should go. I am grateful to God this Christmas for you.

# I’ve traveled over **18,000** miles this past year in my Blue Outback Sedan—Canonsburg, like Bethlehem **small, remote, and wonderful**...

# Two new leaders in Pittsburgh—Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin and our hometown brother and now Bishop Dave Zubik—both are **wise, passionate, and great men of vision**

# Traveled to Greensboro, NC to welcome and baptize the newest member of our family - Samantha Nicole Jones, adopted daughter of my brother Dan and wife Kelly

# One of the greatest gifts Dad gave to his family is to read the Bible every day. I am inspired by those who come every Monday to share God’s Living Word at Bible study. I feel Dad ‘smiling’ upon us.

# I’m grateful to the Little Sisters of the Poor who care for and love Mom so very much at their Home. We all feel ‘*at home*’ there.

# 20 years in preaching God’s ‘*Good News*’ to this world—still going strong and looking forward to new ways to share His **love, light, and life** in the New Year 2008.

I wish each and every one of you – your ‘*hearts desire*’ - may the Lord bless and touch your heart anew with His holiness, grace and love. May you experience God’s ‘*presence*’ in the loving and close care of family, relatives, and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2008!!



### ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Please note that "School News" will resume in January, after the Christmas holiday

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 3, 2008      Classes resume  
January 3, 2008      Education Commission of Parish  
                                 Pastoral Council Meeting 4:15  
January 4, 2008      Intramural Sports Program begins  
                                 at South Central School

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**MEMORIALS** were received for the following:

**My Father's House:** In loving memory of: **F. Kenneth Cox** by Frank & Carol Cox.

**Parking Lot Fund:** In loving memory of: **F. Kenny Cox** by Larry Gregory, Mary Chadwick; **Anna Andy** by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gregory, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Suleski.

**St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of: **Stanley (Stuch) Shuba** by Cathy and Ed Hornak; **Dorothy Chesnik** by Frank & Marge Valencic; in appreciation of **Buzz and Mary Ann Zullo** by Don Wall.

**MASSES** were received in loving memory of:

**Anna Andy** by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Suleski (daughter), Helen Valek (sister), Bill & Irene Hilmich, **Louise M. France** by Judy & Jim Skupaka, and Linda Korchella.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** were donated in loving memory of: **Andrew & Antonia Tarnik, and Joe & Ora Polansky** by Children.

**WEEKEND RETREAT for POST ABORTION HEALING** Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on February 1-3, 2008. Open to both women and men, the retreat will take place at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. Rachel's Vineyard provides a beautiful experience of God's love, forgiveness, and compassion for those struggling with abortions aftermath. There is a fee to cover the cost of food and lodging, but financial aid is available. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh are cosponsors. To register or for more information, call Ann Depner or Karen LaFrance by calling 412.456.6999 by January 25.



### ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NO Religious Education** classes on Sunday, December 23rd and 30th. Classes resume on January 6, 2008. Have a Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**STUDENT CHURCH ENVELOPES** - Students in grades Pre-School through 12th grade who would like to receive Church Offertory Envelopes for the 2008 year, please call the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.

**TRAINING FOR MINISTERS...**Louise Sharbaugh, Elderly Services Coordinator from Catholic Charities, has been invited to come to St. Patrick to provide training and guidelines **for the volunteers who visit the parish's homebound older persons and residents of long term care facilities.** Louise has a background in social work with older persons and has been with Catholic Charities for eight years. The following topics are included in the training: Myths vs. Realities of Aging, Ministry to Persons With Special Needs (Hearing Loss, Changes in Vision, etc.), a film on "Communicating With Compassion," and Do's and Don'ts. The training will be held on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the parish. Refreshments will be served. Those already in this ministry and those interested in joining this ministry are welcome. Please call the office at 724-745-6560 to register. If driving conditions are prohibitive, the training will be held on the following Saturday, January 26 and those registered will be notified.



**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM** will be offered for PARENTS and GODPARENTS in preparation for the **BAPTISM** of their child on **Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.** In the rectory. Note: If you plan to attend this session, please call the rectory office (724.745.6560) to register for this program. The next Baptism Instruction Program will be held in March.

*Advertiser of the Week*

**THE TINY STORE**

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