

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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March 30, 2008

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.

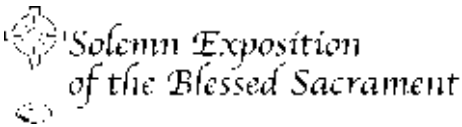
BECOMING A CATHOLIC

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!



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held Tuesday, April 1 beginning at 12:00 noon until Benediction at 7:00 pm in St. Patrick Church. Make the effort to spend some time with the Lord.



THANK YOU to all those who made the Easter Triduum a joyous celebration. A special thanks to those that enhanced our liturgies, whether in music, as did our choir and musicians, Ushering the liturgies, or in the decorating and cleaning of the church. However you may have helped, your efforts were truly appreciated. The Easter Vigil was exceptional! We would like to thank all those who helped with the wonderful Welcome Party for the newest members of our parish community. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts, and goodies to us. Your kindnesses at this holy season have been truly appreciated. May God bless you throughout this Easter season and always, Fr. Jack

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 29 - LADIES OF CHARITY INVESTITURE**
at St. Paul's Cathedral
- March 29 -RECONCILIATION** (11:30-12:30) Church
- March 30 -RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**
- March 31 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. - Center
- March 31 - BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm. - Church
- April 2 - H.S.A. BOARD MTG.:** 1:30 pm. - Faculty Room
- April 2 - CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S:** 7:00 pm. - Cafeteria
- April 3 - ST. VINCENT dePAUL:** 7:00 pm. - Center
- April 4 - APOSTOLATE COMM. MTG.:** 9:00 am. - Center
- April 4 - Christian Mothers attend the First Friday Novena**
after the 7:00 am Mass - Breakfast following at Shelly's Pike Inn - All Are Welcome & Invited!
- April 5 - ST. PATRICK SCHOOL AUCTION & DINNER DANCE.**
- April 7 - RCIA:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm. - Center
- April 7 - BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm. - Church
- April 9 - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 8th GRADE PARENT'S MTG.:** 7:00 pm. - Church



ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Class Sessions: 30th
April Class Sessions: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
from 8:30 - 9:45 am

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Easter Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2008

Envelopes.....	\$11,790.75
Children's Envelopes	\$87.40
Loose Cash and Coin	\$2,298.97
Easter Collection	\$13,631.89
St. Patrick School.....	\$76.00
Parish Total	\$27,885.01
Easter Flowers.....	\$3,416.85
Holy Land (Good Friday).....	\$2,137.35
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!



In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.

A MEETING for those interested in learning more about the works of the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday April 3rd in the center.

CONGRATULATIONS...to Anthony Costantino! By virtue of his superior performance, has been named to the honor roll indicated for the second quarter of the 2007-2008 school year with HIGH HONORS.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER with Joanne McCamey of Catholic Charities: Caring for our elderly and home-bound can be an extremely lonely and frustrating vigil, but care-giving can also be filled with a rich sense of closeness and satisfaction from the knowledge that you are doing your utmost to help your loved one. The question is: How are you caring for yourself? During this evening (April 9, 2008 from 7 to 9 pm), we will examine ways that the caregiver may help him/herself to cope with disappointments, frustrations, as well as how to rejoice in the day-to-day blessings of ministering as a caregiver. Cost: \$10. To register call 412.835.3510, x 112.



A BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM will be held offered for **PARENTS** and **GODPARENTS** in preparation for the Baptism of their child on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in the parish rectory.

Registrations for the program may be made by calling 724.745.6560.

MASS INTENTIONS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL)

Gennaro, Philomena, Laura Centore by the Centore Family

7:30 (SP) For the Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Genevieve by Margie

10:00 (SP) Jack & Larry Bender, Fiory & Mary Da Pra by Violet Bender

12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE

5:00 (P.M.) Living & Deceased Mbrs. of the Frank Pleskovich & Edward Verakis Families by Mr. & Mrs. Terry Verakis

MONDAY, MARCH 31 - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 (SP) Joseph Mirisciotti by Wife, Irene & Children

8:00 (SG) DiSilio, Colaizzo, Scandale & Marra Families by Frank & Mary Scandale

FIRST TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 (SP) Leo & Dorothy Pentek (Birthday Ann.) by Judy Kandel

8:00 (SG) Sean Currey by Family & Friends

12:00 (SP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:00 (Canon House) Kathleen I. Halleran by Barb Turk

7:00 (SP) (PM) Benediction

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - St. Francis of Paola

7:00 (SP) Living & Deceased Members of the Schildkamp & Centore Families by Dolores Centore

9:00 (SP) Dolores A. Tomsic by Natalie D. Tissot

Month's Mind: Joseph Tomsic & Antoinette Phillips

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 (SP) Blanche Gregory by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gregory

8:00 (SG) Elizabeth Churray by Sylvia & Joe DeFilippo

Month's Mind: Cheryl Lynn Gaydos

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4 - St. Isidore

7:00 (SP) Pemrich & Prusak Families by Patricia Prusak

8:00 (SG) Ernest Kobert by Betty Puskar

10:00 (Tandem Retirement) Frank & Joe Scarci, Darrel Deliere, Michelle Morrow, Gino Ferrara by Mario & Carmela Compeggie

FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

7:30 (AM) (SP) Merovich-D'Amico Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D'Amico

11:30 - 12:30 (SP) RECONCILIATION

5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Boles Family (John, Vera, Frances & Virginia) by Helen Boles

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 (SP) Blanche Gregory, Jessie Huet, & Alice Staniszewski by Midge & Tony Vallone

10:00 (SP) Samule A. & Anthony J. Mirisciotti by Family

12:00 (SP) Barbara Blahut by Husband, Andrew, Beth & Angela

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

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm - L. Hornak, J. Cavallo, G. Burke

Sunday, March 30

7:30 am - E. & L. & S. Hammell

10:00 am - C. & M. Cappelli, Z. Simpson

12:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, D. Broglia

5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, E. Regoli

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm - A. & A. Fairfull, A. Pavcic

Sunday, March 30

7:30 am - M. & R. Rozak, A. Boni

10:00 am - M. Broglia, A. Lochran, M. Jox

12:00 pm - E. Morton, L. Law, Dylan O'Neill

5:00 pm - N. Castelli, P. Corwin, M. Cushma

**THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
PRIEST'S PRAYER LIST FOR MARCH:**

Mar. 30 Rev. George V. Jackovic

Mr. Michael A. Zavage

Mar. 31 Rev. Carmen A. D'Amico

Rev. John A. Sawicki, C.S.Sp.

April 1 Most Rev. David A. Zubik

April 2 Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley

April 3 Most Rev. William J. Winter

April 4 Most Rev. John B. McDowell

April 5 Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM, Cap

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before us marked with a sign of faith, **James A. McFarland, Theresa Guadagni**, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps. 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

*“Jesus promises you **two things**: Your life has **meaning** and you’re going to **live** forever. If you get a better offer, by all means take it.”*

Father Eugene Walsh, S.S. (1911-1989)
– famous liturgist, preacher, and teacher

Someone gave me a packet of seeds in an Easter card. It reminded me when I was a child; I sold Lancaster seeds to my neighbors in Greentree. I delighted in a very small way to be part of new growth and beauty in our neighborhood. To see new gardens grow, whether flowerbeds or vegetables in the garden—it was so fascinating! Many years later, I now attempt to help our ‘*spiritual gardens*’ to grow in the faith communities I’ve been entrusted to care for and tend.

St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles describes the model early Christian community as **united in heart, mind, and soul** because of the unity that Jesus Christ brought to the world by His dying and rising. The great fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are a grace time to live more fully and completely the baptismal faith that we reaffirmed at Easter.

As each one of us makes our human pilgrimage, we trust in the power of the resurrection. We make this journey as “*chosen sojourners*,” God’s people on a journey. We live in a **real world**, and we need a **real faith** to support and sustain us our entire life. Life is some **good**, some **evil**. Life is some **joy**, some **sorrow**. Life is some **sunshine**, some **shadows**. No life is without trials, doubts, weaknesses, and questions. Yet, no situation or circumstance is beyond the redemptive power of God’s love. Our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is lived and tested in our ordinary, everyday life. But, our faith transforms our outlook on God, the world, other people, and oneself.

The late Pope John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000 declared that the **Second Sunday of Easter** would be called “*Divine Mercy Sunday*.” The first saint to be canonized in the 3rd millennium of Christianity was **Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)**, a Polish nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. He said that her message of Divine Mercy is “**God’s gift to our time**.” In her extensive diary, she notes – “*God will not deny His mercy to anyone. Heaven and earth may change, but God’s mercy will never be exhausted*.” Today, I will be offering the Noon Mass, Confessions, Holy Hour, Divine Chaplet, and sharing a meal at the Felician

Motherhouse in Coraopolis—all are welcome! Call Sister Mary Andrew at (412) 262-5990 for further information.

PRAYER WITH THOMAS

With the apostle Thomas,
Risen Christ, we acclaim you:
My Lord and my God!

Be present in our midst,
O Risen Christ,
In the word that you proclaim to us.
May it awaken praise in our hearts,
May it rejoice like a song of love.
With Thomas, we acclaim you:
My Lord and my God!

Be present in our midst,
O Risen Christ,
In the brothers and sisters that you give us.
May our communal love warm our hearts
Like a smile of tenderness.
With Thomas, we acclaim you:
My Lord and my God!

Be present in our midst,
O Risen Christ
In the bread of heaven that we share.
May it satisfy our hunger for eternity
As in a festive banquet.
With Thomas, we acclaim you:
My Lord and my God!

Be present in our midst,
O Risen Christ,
In the prayers that your Spirit inspires in us.
May they make us exult in joy
As the dawn exults after a long night.
With Thomas, we acclaim you:
My Lord and my God!

May your divine peace,
O Risen Christ,
Awaken our hearts like the springtime sun,
Like the dawn of a new day.
With Thomas, with one heart and one soul,
May we be able to acclaim you:
My Lord and My God!

~Fr. Lucien Deiss

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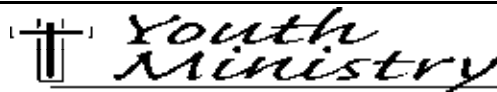
MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

My Father's House: In loving memory of: **F. Kenneth Cox** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Christian; **Jessie Huet** by Robert and Angela Clark, JoAnn Zwigart & Family, Jim & Nancy Bell, Albert & Mary Dami, Muriel & Perry Lap; **Antoinette Tomsic** by John & Bella Livolsi, Kathryn R. Simpson; **Dennis L. Gump** by Family & Friends; **Allan Wargo** by Andrew & Deborah Gasper, Al & Mary Dami; **Angelo Niccolo** by Kathleen A. Giacobbe; **Margaret Chuppetta** by Anthony & Yvonne Hogan, Marie Polly, Jim & Debbie Levkucheh, Dom & Carrie D'Orazio, Richard, Joanna, and Diana Ziack, Joe D'Orazio. **St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of: **John Walleck** by Ladies Auxillary 861; **Jessie Huet** by Mr. Alex A. Ladzinski, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Stankas, Mrs. David McKenery, Leila McClain, Andy, Lorraine, Wendy Gregus, & Mary Gromacki; **Antoinette Tomsic** by Loretta Kulakowski, Kathy & Steve Anderson, John & Madaline Mazza, Anna Kolaczynski, Marie Progar, Mr. & Mrs. John Vidmar; **Margaret Chuppetta** by Janet Luisi & Al Majkowski, Dorothy Suleski & Marge Winseck, Mary & Tony Luisi, John & Lucille Tomsic, Mickey Livolsi Stanley, Dolly Messina, Chris & Jackie Carr, Thomas & Rosemarie Pallaria, Jennifer & Steve King. **St. Patrick Choir:** In loving memory of: **Antoinette Tomsic** by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Imperatore; **Sam Mirisciotta** by Stella & Jay Power. **St. Patrick School:** In loving memory of: **Margaret Chuppetta** by Cosmo, Diane & Family, Paul & Christine O'Brien, Sam & Mary Chuppetta; **Frances M. Vardjam** (Niece of Sophia C. Kern) by Eleanor J. DeLucia, Sophia & Richard Kern; **Jessie Huet** by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gregory & Family; **Antoinette Tomsic** by Ann & Frank Chuppetta.

MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Walleck by the Ladies Auxillary 861; **Mary Sue Jones** by the 7:00 am Mass Group, David Divita, Ronald Divita, Jo Ann Divita, Rose Dillon, Elizabeth Cernava, John & Pam Surziga; **Kathleen Halleran** by the 7:00 am Mass Group, Barb Turk, Elaine Mancini, St. Patrick School & Faculty; **Antoinette Tomsic** by Laura Spadaro & Edith Hartley, Raymond & Lois D'Emilio, John & Pauline Rozsas, Fred & Laura Motto, Kashia & Augie Engelhardt; **Frances M. Vardjam** (Niece of Sophia C. Kern) by Eleanor J. DeLucia; **Jessie Huet** by Ron & Patty Falcione, Connie Testa.

IN THANKSGIVING A LIVING MEMORIAL was made to the **Youth Group for the World Youth Day Fund** in honor of **Michael Cushma** by Keith & Susan Flood.



OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 9 - 12

- # IT'S A PENGUIN PARTY!!! And YOU are invited!!! Join us on Sunday, April 6, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. in the Rectory as we cheer the Pittsburgh Penguins on to victory. We'll have our meeting 2:00 and then watch the hockey game at 3:00 pm. Bring a snack or a bottle of pop to share.
- # ALL high school students welcome! High School aged teens are invited to a special **YOUTH WELCOME** for BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK. The event will be held on April 6th at Bishop Canevin High School. It will start with a concert, then prayer, followed by a reception. For details and registration information, please call Nicole at 724.745.9413.



HOAGIES... HOAGIES... NO PRE-ORDERING NECESSARY!!! 15 Inches, only \$6.00! The World Youth Day Pilgrims will be selling hoagies the weekend of April 5 - 6. We will not take orders, we'll sell until we run out! You can purchase them on Saturday, April 5 at 12:00 pm in the cafeteria (freshly made) or after mass on Saturday or Sunday. As usual, you can choose from Italian, Roast Beef, or Turkey. Thank you for your support!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

The St. Patrick Red Carpet Gala will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Holiday Inn at Meadowlands. The Dinner Dance/Auction will begin at 5:00 P.M. If you have not made your reservation and would still like to attend, TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, please call Patty Osekowski at 724-873-7656 for tickets.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 1: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 PM
- April 1: Writing Assessments for Grades K - 8
- April 2: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 2A at 9:00 AM
- April 2: Writing Assessments for Grades K - 8
- April 2: H.S.A. Board Meeting at 1:30 P.M.
- April 3: Sister Loretta Krall's visitation 9:00 A.M.
- April 3: Grade 4 Parent Luncheon at 11:30 A.M.
- April 4: Clerical Day - No School for students
- April 5: Red Carpet Gala beginning at 5:00 PM at the Holiday Inn