

St. Patrick

Roman Catholic Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

317 West Pike Street Canonsburg, PA 15317

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Parish Office Hours

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May 11, 2008



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 (ext. 11) 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

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ABUSE HOTLINE

1-888-808-1235

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.



It is said, that children are the cause of a mother's greatest joy and her deepest sorrow. Nowhere is this statement more perfectly exemplified than in the life of our Blessed Mother Mary and the relationship of her Son, Jesus. Today, as we honor Mary and all those who have been called to that life-giving vocation of motherhood (by giving birth or by loving example), we pause and thank God for each one of you who have been such a powerful influence in our lives. May God bless you all on this Mother's Day and may we, your children who love you so, be the cause of your greatest joy and, by God's grace, seldom bring you sorrow. Thank you for the life you have given us and the faith, hope and love in Christ, Jesus that you have shown us. Through Him, may we all be together, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters, forever in that reunion in heaven. Fr. Jack

POP SUNDAY!

COULD YOU ADD ANOTHER CASE OF POP TO YOUR SHOPPING CART? We need your help in deferring the costs for our annual Summer Festival! We will be collecting pop and water, starting 1/2 hour before all Masses on the weekends of May 18th & 25th. **LOOK FOR A TAG** on the **FESTIVAL DONATION BOARDS** at the church exits. We are presently looking for the following products:

1. Cases (12 Packs/Cubes - 12 oz. cans) of Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sprite, and/or Root Beer.
2. Cases (16.9 oz. bottles) of Water

PLEASE HELP US FILL UP THE POD!

PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) **Ray Kennedy** (813.433.3227) will again be donating a weather-proof storage container, which will be in the church parking lot. *If you are ever in need of renting a POD, please mention St. Patrick Parish and you will receive a discount!*



- # **INSTANT LOTTERY TICKETS** for our lottery theme basket. Feel free to put your donation in an envelope marked 'FESTIVAL' and drop it in the offertory basket on Sunday.
- # **THEME BASKETS** and **LARGE EMPTY BASKETS** can be delivered to the rectory office (9 am - 6:30 pm) Monday through Thursday.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2008

Envelopes.....	\$14,808.00
Children's Envelopes	\$58.55
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,762.33
St. Patrick School.....	\$372.00
Parish Total	\$17,000.88
Ascension	\$3,918.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67

YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!

CONGRATULATIONS! THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR THE DIACONATE has announced that Mr. Philip Martorano and Mr. Brian M. Podobnik from our parish have been accepted into the deacon formation program. While further screening will take place in late Fall 2008, we ask for your prayers for Philip & Brian during the thirty weeks of initial training that will commence in late May. With God's grace, Philip & Brian will be ordained along with this class of deacons in early 2013.

MOTHER'S DAY: St. Patrick Youth Group will be selling **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 for the prayer cards. Your loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses this week.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for Catholic Relief Services: Church in Latin America; Church in Central & Eastern Europe; Church in Africa.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS will be selling **FLOWERS (BASKETS & FLATS)** next weekend. Please see the insert for times and prices.

PIEROGI VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOU! We are making pierogi for the Parish Festival on Sunday, May 18 and Monday, May 19. Sunday workers, report at 7 am (Please bring a potato peeler). Monday workers report at 8 am (Please bring a dozen eggs). If you have not helped before but would like to, please join us for a morning of fellowship, fun, and a little labor at St. Genevieve Hall. Thank you! Questions? Call Marsha at 724.745.3194.



THE LADIES OF CHARITY annual dues (\$6.00) are due. Please drop your dues in the collection basket by the end of May or contact Carolyn Craig at 724.941.4931.

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, May 10
5:00 pm - M. Sadlek, A. & L. Starcevic
Sunday, May 11
7:30 am - J. Hofrichter, P. Tordella, A. Sciulli
10:00 am - J., M., & B. Illig
12:00 pm - M. & T. Costantino, J. Cavallo

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, May 17
5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, G. Burke
Sunday, May 18
7:30 am - C. & M. Dombrowski, A. Boni
10:00 am - S. Luba, Z. Simpson, A. Lochran
12:00 pm - C. Pavcic, D. & M. Broglia
5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, E. Hammell

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

May 11 Most Rev. Donald W. Wuerl
Francis J. Wuerl (Father of Archbishop Wuerl)
May 12 Rev. John P. Fitzgerald
Rev. Carl J. Gentile
May 13 Cdr. Donald P. Fix
Deacon Stephen M. Deskevich
May 14 Rev. John E. Forbidussi
Rev. Robin Evanish
May 15 Rev. J. Francis Frazer
Very Rev. Robert F. Guay
May 16 Rev. Richard J. Czapinski
Rev. Robert W. Habe
May 17 Rev. John P. Gallagher
Rev. John A. Harvey
May 18 Rev. Thomas J. Galvin
Rev. Bernard M. Harcarik

May God's abiding presence nourish and sustain them each day
as they boldly proclaim His Kingdom of mercy and justice.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Gil & Mary Ann Yurus
on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Jas 2:1-19; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3; 2 Cor
13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - PENTECOST

5:00 (SP) (PM— VIGIL)
50th Wedding Anniversary of Gil & Mary Ann Yurus
7:30 (SP) John & Catherine Sroka and their deceased
Children by Ron & Julie
10:00 (SP) Jim Krupa by Cathy Smith
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP) (PM) Julia Antol & Deceased Members of the
Barsody Family by Jim

MONDAY, MAY 12 - Ss. Nereus, Archilleus, & Pancras

7:00 (SP) Elizabeth Churray by Violet Bender
8:00 (SG) Wallie O'Shinsky (Birthday Anniversary)
by Son, Ray
2:30 (Consulate Skilled) Jacob Martincic by Mary Salamon

TUESDAY, MAY 13— Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 (SP) Joseph Gulla & Deceased Members of the
Pochiba Family by Evelyn Gulla & Family
8:00 (SG) Mary Felton by Husband, Ken Felton
10:00 (Rest Haven #1) Mary Gregor by Steve & Dorothy Samila

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - St. Matthias

7:00 (SP) Porcaro & Marra Families by Sarah Porcaro
9:00 (SP) Genevieve Svitek by Jay Lajevic
2:00 (Greenery) Joseph Warabow by Tony Santucci

THURSDAY, MAY 15 - St. Isidore

7:00 (SP) Joan O'Brien by Fr. Jack
8:00 (SG) Vincent Mohn by Dave & Vicky Cushey

FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:00 (SP) Mario DeJohn by Alan & Janet Barlow Family
8:00 (SG) D'Ottavio Family: Frank, Sr., Emilia Lee, Anthony,
Frank, Jr., Millie & Helen by Dora D'Ottavio
10:00 (Ahepa Apts) Ora K. Polansky by Rick Motto
**Month's Mind: Mary E. Bruno, Louis Engott,
Andrew Barbaryka**

SATURDAY, MAY 17

7:30 (SP) Rosemarie Kloes & Joseph Scarci by Mr. & Mrs.
Charles Kloes Family
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) **RECONCILIATION**
3:00 Wedding: Loren Anderson & Christy Borneman

5:00 (SP) (PM - **MOST HOLY TRINITY VIGIL**)

Lucy Krist, Helen Krist France, and Anne &
George Zemaitis by Georgia & Leon Popiolkowski

SUNDAY, MAY 18 - MOST HOLY TRINITY

7:30 (SP) D'Amico & Law Families by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Law
10:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
12:00 (SP) Living & Deceased Members of the Popeck &
Rudzinski Families by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin L. Popeck
5:00 (SP) (PM) Jim Krupa by Larry & Barb Sandy

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into
your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone
before us marked with a sign of faith, **Julia Marie
(D'Orazio) Sam, Mary Novak** and all the faithful
departed. May they rest in your peace.

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“Mary, who conceived the Incarnate Word by the power of the Holy Spirit, will be contemplated and imitated... above all as the woman who was docile to the voice of the Spirit, a woman of silence, a woman of hope.”

~Pope John Paul II

What a date to remember—Sunday, May 4, 2008!

Seventy-three (73) children received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time! Congratulations, God’s children—may you always take your place at His banquet table each Sunday. The *gift* of Jesus in the Eucharist is a great *gift* indeed. To be a child of God and pray each day is a special blessing.

It was also the date that, for the very first time, I got to ‘*meet and greet*’ Mario Lemieux before Game 5 of the Penguins’ overtime 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers—nothing like a *personal presence* and *personal encounter* in the whole world! After all these years of being a Penguins fan to experience Mario personally was a humble joy. I have his pictures all over my room in the rectory, even autographed ones. But, to see him in the flesh and blood, what a gift!

My mom called me on my cell phone as we were making our way through the jubilant crowds and traffic-jammed streets of Pittsburgh and remarked: “*Did you see that hockey game?*” Jokingly, I said: “*What hockey game, mom?*” She remarked, “*Well, the Pens won and I watched it with our group at Little Sisters of the Poor. It was exciting and fun. We had a party.*” Glad this Mother’s Day mom will be still watching the Penguins playing in the playoffs against their cross-state rivals, the Philly Flyers!

Moms and the Holy Spirit have a lot in common as we celebrate the culmination of the Easter season with the **glorious feast of Pentecost** today. Moms, through their constant **advice**, **correction**, and **direction**, mirror the role of the Holy Spirit. Nothing touches a child in life like a mother’s love. On this special Mother’s Day, we thank God for the gift of our mothers, who have molded our hearts and shaped our lives. I’ll never forget mom climbing the stairs every night to our bedrooms to pray with us as children. I fondly remember going each Tuesday night for the St. Jude novena at our home parish, SS Simon and Jude. There is a Chinese proverb—“*When a child goes away from home, he carries his mother’s hand with him.*”

I recall mom sharing the story that, several months ago, Bishop David Zubik came to the Little Sisters of Poor home where his father, Stanley, resides and celebrated a

Mass on the occasion of the second anniversary of his mother Susan’s death. The bishop placed eighty yellow roses and two white roses at the foot of the Blessed Mother Mary statue. He noted: “**I thank God for the eighty years God gave mom to us on earth, and I thank God for the two years mom is in heaven praying for us here.**”

I look forward to my entire family getting together this summer in July for a family reunion. We will spend time together at Seven Springs Resort at a beautiful ‘second home’ offered by neighborhood friends. Our family selects its family reunion week around mom’s birthday. Mom will be 85 years old July 23, 2008. (Don’t tell her I told you!) Mom truly shows us that one of the graces and blessings of growing older is to grow closer to the Lord in every way of our lives.

Whether your mom is living or deceased, near or far, aged or young, healthy or sick, she is certainly worth our ‘small’ expressions of love this special Mother’s Day 2008. As we recognize and honor our mothers, let us pray for them and appreciate them with genuine love. St. Therese of Lisieux wrote—“**The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.**” I thank and praise God for the precious gift of my mother—even when she tells me to *preach shorter* and *write less*. God bless you mom and all mothers this Mother’s Day 2008! Happy Mother’s Day!!

Strong Woman vs. Woman of Strength

A **strong woman** works out every day to keep her body in shape.

But a **woman of strength** kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.

A **strong woman** isn’t afraid of anything.

But a **woman of strength** shows courage in the midst of her fear.

A **strong woman** won’t let anyone get the best of her.

But a **woman of strength** gives the best of herself to everyone.

A **strong woman** walks sure-footedly.

But a **woman of strength** knows that God will catch her when she falls.

A **strong woman** wears the look of confidence on her face.

But a **woman of strength** wears grace.

A **strong woman** has faith that she is strong enough for the journey.

But a **woman of strength** has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong

~Author Unknown
(05.11.08)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June: 23rd – 27th 9 am - 12:00 noon

POWER LAB is coming to St. Patrick Parish for Grades K - 5 (Grade your child is entering in the Fall 2008). If you have not registered your child/children, please pick up a registration form at the entrances of the church. Return the registration form, permission slip, and the \$10.00 fee to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.

HOAGIES: WE SOLD THEM ALL! THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We appreciate your support and did we say **THANK YOU?**

Your World Youth Day Pilgrims. See you in June!

Graduation

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2008, You are invited to attend a special BACCALAUREATE MASS and BREAKFAST (for graduates & parents) to be celebrated in your honor, Sunday, June 1, 2008 at the 10:00 am Liturgy in St. Patrick Church. Please RSVP by May 23, 2008 to the Religious Education Office at 724.745.3787.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY the following children who were baptized here in March & April: Thomas Alexander Balch, Isaiah Bryce Miller, Matthew Zrimsek, Macy Zrimsek, Mayligh Zrimsek, Grahm Allen Hammelton, Rachael Elizabeth Bova, Audrey Elizabeth Evan, Makenna Marie Sweeney, Brayden Joseph Edgar, and Taylor Madison Danley. May God richly bless them and their families in His grace.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 11 - **WORLD YOUTHDAY PILGRIMS MTG:** 6 pm - Center
- May 12 - **BIBLE STUDY:** 7 pm - Church
- May 13 - **PARISH COUNCIL EXE. MTG:** 7 pm - Rectory
- May 14 - **PRAY THE ROSARY:** 6:30 pm - Church
- May 15 - **ST. VINCENT de PAUL MTG:** 7 pm - Center
- May 16 - **SCOUTS (Boy & Girl) ADULT MTG:** 7 pm - Cafeteria
- May 17 - **YOUTH TROUT FISHING DERBY:** 9 am - 5 pm at the Ruff Creek Lodge - **MASS:** 6 pm (*Directions on the parish website*)
- May 17 & 18 - **ST. PATRICK MINISTRY FAIR:** after all the Masses
~ See Insert! ~
- May 17 & 18 - **WORLD YOUTH DAY FLOWER SALE**
- May 18 - **CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB:** 7:30 pm - Center
- May 18 & 19 - **PIEROGIMAKING:** *see article*
- May 20 - **APOSTOLATE COMMITTEE MTG:** 6:30 pm - Center
- May 20 - **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE MTG:**
8:00 pm at Holy Rosary Council
- May 21 - **PARISH COUNCIL MTG:** 7:00 pm - Center
- May 21 - **CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S EXE. BD. MTG:** 7 pm - Center



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Pre-Kindergarten Class to Open: St. Patrick School is pleased to announce that a full-day Pre-Kindergarten Class will be opening in the fall of 2008. The class will be held 5 days a week from 8:20 am to 3:00 pm. Pre-Kindergarten will follow the official school calendar. Lunch can be purchased in the school cafeteria. The student must turn 4 by October 1, 2008 in order to register. Class size will be limited to 20 students. Morning Care (7:30 – 8:20) and After-School Care (3:00 – 6:00) are also available at an additional fee. If interested in enrolling in a full-day program, please register at the school office between 8:00 am – 3:30 pm or call the school office at 724-745-7977 for further information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 14: May Crowning at the student liturgy 9:00 am
- May 15: Parent Luncheon for parents in Grades 5 – 8
- May 16: 5th Grade attends Wild Things Game
- May 17: Ministry Fair after 5:00 Mass
- May 17: Relay for Life at Chartiers Houston Field
- May 18: Ministry Fair after Masses
- May 18: Relay for Life at Chartiers Houston Field

LADIES TEA: We apologize...due to a low number of responses, the May 18th date has been cancelled. Plans are being made to hold the Tea in the fall when schedules are less hectic.

OPEN AUDITIONS are being held for STARS OF TODAY & STARS OF TOMORROW, which will be presented on Sunday, June 1st at 6:00 pm in Canonsburg Town Park. All talents are welcome: actors, dancers, musicians, orators, singers. Please call Jean Popp at 724.745.3801 before May 10th to schedule your audition.

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS

2008 PARISH FESTIVAL – JUNE 12, 13 and 14

There are extra FESTIVAL GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS. Please stop in the rectory if you would like to sell more. Early Birds will be drawn on the following dates: Monday, May 12; and Monday, May 26 - so return your tickets stubs and the \$30 before these dates to enter! Two more lucky sellers will win \$150 each!



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| First Time: | Eric Sonson
Heather Wood |
| Second Time: | Scott Alan Heinen
Toni Lynn Affinito |
| Third Time: | Loren Andrew Anderson
Christy Lynn Bornemann |