

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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July 13, 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.



POPE BENEDICT INVITES US to a time of prayer and spiritual formation during the final moment leading to the XXIII World Youth Day, in order for us to be made ready to renew the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation. Together let us invoke the Holy Spirit with him, confidently asking God for the gift of a new Pentecost for the Church and for humanity in the third millennium.

PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

God Our Father, we consecrate to you the World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008. Guide and protect Pope Benedict and all the leaders of the Church. Inspire and direct all those leading and planning the World Youth Day. Unite and protect them by your fatherly care. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, before you ascended to the Father, you promised to send your Holy Spirit so that we might be your witnesses to the end of the earth. Bless and multiply the efforts of your staff and volunteers. Help us all to take up our cross and follow you under the heavenly sign of the Southern Cross. Amen.

Holy Spirit, pour out your grace on the Great South Land (Australia) of the Holy Spirit and grant to all a New Pentecost. Make this land a true place of welcome for the young people of the world. Grant to those young people who come conversion of life, a deeper faith, and love for all. Enable them to build a new civilization of life, love and truth. Make them true witnesses to your power and grace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Help us Christians - pray for us.

STEELER SEASON TICKET WINNER on July 4, 2008 was LARRY SILVESTROS with the winning ticket # 0602. Congratulations Larry! MANY THANKS to EVERYONE who purchased tickets and supported our efforts to participate in the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Australia. We are taking all of you with us in our prayers!



WE WELCOME into our parish family the following children who were **BAPTIZED** at St. Patrick in the month of May & June: Meghan Elizabeth Restino, Ryan Christopher Restino, Ben Kenneth Keefer, Steele Ryan Dudley, Thomas Michael Jordan, Ashley Oelschager, Kamron Oelschager, Eric Wilson Frohnapfel, Margaret Katherine Lieker, and Sienna Lynn Snyder. May God bless them and their families.

The next **BAPTISM INSTRUCTION PROGRAM** for parents and Godparents will be held on September 4th at 7:00 pm. Please call the parish office (724.645.6560) to register.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>St. Peter and St. Paul</i>	
<i>June 29, 2008</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$14,219.75
Children's Envelopes	\$41.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,007.03
St. Patrick School.....	\$10.00
Parish Total	\$15,277.78
Peter's Pence	\$2,251.48
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
<i>July 6, 2008</i>	
Envelopes.....	\$15,221.00
Children's Envelopes	\$38.00
Loose Cash and Coin	\$1,045.67
St. Patrick School.....	\$464.00
Parish Total	\$16,768.67
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$13,980.67
YOUR SACRIFICE IS APPRECIATED!	

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND taken for the **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** and their outreach efforts. Please be as generous as possible.



GENESIS OF PITTSBURGH, INC. wishes to extend thanks for your generous contributions in our recent Tag Day Appeal. Your donation will help provide vital programs and services for those living in our community and facing an unexpected pregnancy as well as families with young children in need. We wish you our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 14 - BIBLE STUDY:** 7:00 pm (Church)
- July 15 - 20 - WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008:** Australia
St. Patrick's Pilgrims leave July 13 & will return on July 21
- July 15 - Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Mtg.:**
8:00 pm (Canonsburg Council)
- July 17 - ST. VINCENT de PAUL MTG:** 7 pm (Center)
- July 21 - NO BIBLE STUDY** (Fr. Rich will be on vacation)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

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

July 12 Rev. Eugene F. Lauer
Rev. Paul D. Cwynar
July 13 Rev. Joseph V. Kurutz
Rev. Daniel J. Maurer
July 14 Rev. Francis M. Kurimsky
Rev. Russell J. Maurer
July 15 Rev. Ronald P. Lengwin
Deacon Tim M. Killmeyer
July 16 Rev. Thomas J. Lewandowski
Rev. Edward S. Litavec
July 17 Rev. Richard M. Lelonis
Rev. Nicholas M. Mastrangeleo
July 18 Rev. Joseph G. Luisi
Rev. Edward L. Yuhas

First year anniversary of Bishop Zubik's appointment
July 19 Rev. Michael John Lynam
Rev. Michael J. Darcy

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

This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 12
5:00 pm - J. & K. Angotti, A. Lochran
Sunday, July 13
7:30 am - G. Burke, C. & M. Dombrowski
10:00 am - S. & P. Corwin, S. Luba
12:00 pm - A., D., & M. Broglia
5:00 pm - A. & M. Corey, P. Gent

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, July 19
5:00 pm - C. & M. Cappelli, M. Sadlek
Sunday, July 20
7:30 am - J. Zukowski, J. Hofrichter, A. Sciulli
10:00 am - M. & R. Rozak, L. Law
12:00 pm - Z. Simpson, L. Sollon, A. Currey
5:00 pm - A. Fairfull, J. Felton

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 13

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)** Mike, Ann & Lisanne LoboZZo by
Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Campbell
7:30 (SP) Nicholas White by Nick & Kathy White
10:00 (SP) Frank C. Roney by Barbara Roney & Family
12:00 (SP) Andrew Lesso by Mrs. Helen Lesso
5:00 (SP)(PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, July 14 - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

7:00 (SP) Ray Mowry by Mr. & Mrs. David Kosek
8:00 (SG) *(No Mass - due to WYD)*
2:00 (PM) (Consulate Skilled) Mary Cornell on the 1st year
anniversary of her passing by Her Loving
Family Members

TUESDAY, July 15 - St. Bonaventure

7:00 (SP) Martin William Caffrey by Sandra White &
Barbara DeFazio
8:00 (SG) *(No Mass - due to WYD)*
10:00 (AM) (Charles House) Barbara Blahut by Husband,
Andrew, Beth & Angela

WEDNESDAY, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 (SP) Frank Kisella by Estate
9:00 (SP) *(No Mass - due to WYD)*
2:00 (PM) (Golden Living) Genevieve Svitek by Mr. & Mrs.
Rich Trumbetta

THURSDAY, July 17

7:00 (SP) Baxter Lane by Wife, Kerry
8:00 (SG) *(No Mass - due to WYD)*

FRIDAY, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis

7:00 (SP) Anna Popeck by Gil & Mary Ann Yurus
8:00 (SG) *(No Mass - due to WYD)*
10:00 (AM) (Pinelawn) Mary E. Bruno by Ed & Nancy Sifinski

SATURDAY, JULY 19 - Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 (SP) Joseph Politan by Cassandra & Elizabeth Politan
11:30 - 12:30 (SP) **RECONCILIATION**
3:00 (SP- Wedding) Robert Plovic & Kelly Smeyres
5:00 (SP) **(PM - VIGIL)** Jerry Marcischak by Wife, Anita

SUNDAY, JULY 20

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 (SP) Mr. & Mrs. George Sedora & Thomas E. Sedora
by Debbie Sedora
10:00 (SP) Vincent L. Crider by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Crider
12:00 (SP) FOR THE PEOPLE
5:00 (SP)(PM) Imperatore & Broglia Families by Theresa Broglia
MONTHS MIND: Patricia A. Dzurino

HOME WITH CHRIST: Remember and welcome into
your Kingdom Lord those who have died and gone before
us marked with a sign of faith, **John Bracale, Elizabeth
Spalla, Helen LaJevic, Rita Dristas, Charles Weishner**
and all the faithful departed. May they rest in your peace.

FR. RICH REFLECTIONS

“It is a terrible death, to be talked to death.”

~Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910)
U.S. Writer and Humorist

During the past two years, KDKA TV meteorologist and ventriloquist Dennis Bowman, as well as poet and feature storyteller of ‘good news’ Dave Crowley have come here to speak to our parish’s Christian Mother and Ladies Guild. Each, in his own way, convenes a delightful and engaging message for an audience. Both of them mentioned that the word *broadcasting* has at its roots the image of a farmer walking through a field casting the seed with his hand. As a TV announcer casts out into the airwaves the message to its hearers, so too the farmer (sower) broadly casts the seed that goes everywhere.

TV Evangelist Joel Osteen (who recently visited our beautiful city of Pittsburgh March 13-14, 2008 at Mellon Arena) always begins his sermon and television broadcast with the audience standing up holding their Bibles in the air and saying together the following: *“This is my Bible. I am what it says that I am. I have what it says I have. I can do what it says that I can do. Today, I will be taught the Word of God. I boldly confess; my mind is alert. My heart is receptive. I will never be the same. I am about to receive the incorruptible, indestructible, ever-living seed of the Word of God. I will never be the same. Never, never, never. I will never be the same. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”* He always concludes his sermon and broadcast with the same question each time—*“Did you receive it today? I know that you did. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

On this **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear the *Parable of the Sower and the Seed*—Matthew 13:1-23. Jesus describes four possible responses to the Word of God. Each of us has four types of soil within us: *hardened, rocky, weed infested, and productive*. There are certain times and certain levels throughout our lives that are *hard ground, rocky ground, thorny ground, and fertile ground*. We must cultivate the soil of our hearts to grow richly in God’s grace and love. The farmer regularly takes soil samples to have his land tested. If your spiritual ground were tested now, what condition would it be in:

- 3 · An infertile path (Mt. 13:4),
- 3 · Infertile rocky ground (Mt. 13:5),
- 3 · Fertile but unfruitful ground overgrown with thorns (Mt. 13:7),
- 3 · Fertile fruitful ground bearing a 30-fold harvest (Mt 13:8),
- 3 · Fertile fruitful ground bearing a 60-fold harvest (Mt. 13:8),
- 3 · Fertile fruitful ground bearing a 100-fold harvest (Mt. 13:8)?

This simple, yet profound agricultural parable reminds us of the daily battle of our *minds, hearts, and wills* to follow the Lord, the patient farmer. The farmer depends on the right ingredients for a bountiful harvest—good seeds, fertile soil, plentiful waters, abundant sunshine, attentive gardener, and, most of all, the providence of God.

God’s Word does not come back *void and null*. Jesus, God’s Living Word, speaks *‘healing’* to the hurting, *‘wholeness’* to the brokenhearted, and *‘hope’* to those tempted to give up or give in.

Like the skilled farmer, God tills the fields of our lives. God breaks through the hard clods of our hearts. God fills our minds with thoughts of hope and promise anew. God’s grace weeds out the debris that depletes and defeats us. God is patient with erring sinners in need of repentance. The spiritual writer Thomas Merton (1915-1968) said—***“Every moment and every event of every man’s life on earth plants something in his soul.”*** God wants us to be Miracle-Gro™ people who thrive in *holiness, faith, goodness, and love*. We must weed from the gardens of our hearts any and all attachments to sin. If we are *living in sin*, it will choke the *full growth* that God desires for us to *flourish*. If we conform our hearts and lives to His Word and are faithful, miracles will be abundant!

Does God’s penetrating Word take *root* in us? Do we daily attend to the garden of our hearts through *watering, weeding, and cultivating*? Are the fruits of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us? Remember the Spirit produces *love, joy, patience, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control* (Galatians 5:22). Do we *yield* to God’s plan? Are we *growing and maturing* in our faith? Are we *planting seeds* for all eternity? What are we doing with the garden *entrusted* to our care? What is the *sample* soil in our hearts this day? Does God’s kingdom develop in the *soil* of our humanity? Does life harden or soften us? *‘Did you receive it today?’*

In my bathroom I pray for a *‘new heart’* each day from a plaque that reads—

*Lord God, give me
A pure heart that I may see Thee
A humble heart that I may hear Thee
A heart of love that I may serve Thee
A heart of faith that I may abide with Thee
A heart of courage that I may follow Thee
A heart of joy that I may sing with Thee
A heart of praise that I may adore Thee
A heart of gratitude that I may thank Thee
A heart of kindness that I may emulate Thee. Amen*
~Dag Hammarskjöld (vs 1-4)
and C.S. Lewis (vs 5-9)

CENTRAL BLOOD BANK INVITES YOU TO HELP AREA PATIENTS - PLEASE GIVE BLOOD on Sunday, August 17th at St. Patrick Church. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and are in good health, then you are most likely eligible to give blood. In about an hour (the actual donation only takes 10 minutes) you will save a life. Blood cannot be manufactured and it is perishable. Please give blood and ensure a safe and adequate blood supply for area patients. Log on to www.centralbloodbank.org and enter sponsor code G0040146 or contact the Church Office at 724-745-6560 or Jack Rosati, Knights of Columbus, at 724-745-4902 to schedule an appointment.



GENTLY USED TOYS NEEDED

St. Patrick School will be opening a *Four-Year-Old Pre-Kindergarten Program* in the fall of 2008. We are in need of gently used *toys* and *books* that would be appropriate for 4 year old children. You may drop off your donations at the school cafeteria after masses on Sunday or at the school office throughout the week. Your donations will be deeply appreciated.

The **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH** is again planning its annual **GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION** for couples who have been married for 50 years. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2008, beginning with a Mass at 3:00 pm at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are a parishioner celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2008 and would be interested in attending the celebration along with the other jubilarian couples, please call the rectory or drop a note in the weekly collection basket no later than July 27, 2008. Invitations will be sent out after responses have been received.



Third Time: **Robert Plovic & Kelly Smeyres**

SPEAK UP FOR A CHILD: CASA for Kids, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are volunteers trained to advocate for abused and neglected children who are dependents of the Washington County juvenile court system. A CASA volunteer advocates for a child's best interest, becoming the child's voice in court. Our next volunteer training class will begin soon. For more information, call 724.228.0414 or email casa4kids@verizon.net or look for our website at www.casawashingtoncounty.org.

LADIES, JOIN MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH at their next breakfast on Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to Noon at the Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker LINDA SCHUBERT, Christian woman and a Catholic convert. Linda is founder of Miracles of the Heart Ministries and author of the best selling book, *Miracle Hour*. Linda will give her testimony boasting of the richness of God's mercy amidst cancer, tragedy, grief, and ultimately wholeness through the power of healing prayer. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 8. For more information, call Kay at 724.772.6749, Pam at 412.461.8906 or see www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

FRANCISCANS IN ACTION APPALACHIAN SUMMER-MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY: Make a difference in the life of God's poor and yourself!

Date: July 26 - August 2, 2008

Where: Martin, Kentucky

Activities: Repairing and painting homes, praying, sharing meals and enjoying fun times together.

Cost: \$145 for room and board for the week

For: Women ages 18-60, in good health

Sponsored by Franciscans from Pennsylvania & New York

For more information contact Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF at 412.215.7708 or email, guidance@nauticom.net; www.millvalefranciscans.org to print out a brochure.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

My Father's House: In loving memory of: **Yvonne Arlene DeVitis** by Thelma & Stan Niedzwickie, Gloria Imperatore; **Stella Cerback** by Gloria Imperatore; **Husband John Urbancic** by Wife, Mary & Daughters; **John Bracale** by Janice & Mickey Mazza, Irma Tatano, Mary Ann Barbosky, and Ralph & Anita Alterio.

St. Patrick School: In loving memory of: **Yvonne A. DeVitis** by the Panelli Family; **Joyce Luisi & her Dad, James Zampan on their July birthdays** by Antonette Gabster.

MASSES WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

John Bracale by Joe & Sylvia DeFilippo, and Tony & Midge Vallone; **Frank Mascaro** by Richard & Barbara Cisson; **Helen LaJevic** by Theresa Martys, and Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Andreano.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel that Jesus "left the house" in order to connect with His Father. Grasp at least 5 minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.