



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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November 30, 2008

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM,
12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and 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 pm are held the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Instructions to prepare adults for reception into the Catholic Faith and for Sacraments offered by our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program. Inquiries, please call 724-745-3787.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Contact a Priest 6 months before intended date of marriage. Pre-marriage preparation is required.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 724-745-3787

Carol Serbak, Catechetical Administrator

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Pre-school - 8th Grade

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

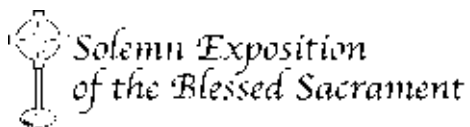
Crisis Pregnancy 1-888-543-3243

Post Abortion 1-800-593-2273

DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Diocesan Webpage www.diopitt.org

Abuse Hotline 1-888-808-1235



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be Tuesday, December 2 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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE

Our Ladies of Charity from are once again selling flowers to make your home more festive for the Christmas season, they also make great gifts! The sale will be held after all the Masses on December 6/7th and 13/14th in the cafeteria. The proceeds will benefit the projects of the St. Patrick's Ladies of Charity. Please stop by the cafeteria to see our beautiful Christmas flowers.

REMINDER LADIES OF CHARITY: We will begin to wrap the gifts for our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Patrick Center. Remember to bring scissors and tape. Also, we could use any extra wrapping paper that you might want to bring. GIFTS will be delivered to our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 17 and can be picked up in St. Patrick Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up your gifts, please call Shirley at 724.745.3784.

MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

My Father's House: In loving memory of: **Pete Cargnoni** by the Ben Maffio Family; **The Living & Deceased Members of the Br. 380, First Catholic Slovak Union** by St. Ignace Society 380; **Helen Buresch** by Gina W. Coarsey. **St. Patrick Parking Lot:** In loving memory of: **Pete Cargnoni** by Tony & Betty Bevec. **St. Patrick Religious Education:** In loving memory of: **Anthony M. Pawlosky** by John & Carol Serbak, Jr. **St. Patrick Organ Fund:** In loving memory of: **Theodore Severyn** by Sylvia Shaw, David & Pam Kuhns, Paul & Cathy Caplan; **Jack Estoker** by Shelby Estoker; **Pete Cargnoni** by Mag & John Mazza, Agnes DeJohn, Marie Progar, Mike, Susan & Jason Kozar, Erica & Marc Watson, Barbara & John E. Solensky, Al Celio; **Giovanna Bruno** by John & Laraine Pruce, Angelo & Eileen Cianelli. **St. Vincent de Paul Society:** In loving memory of: **Ted Severyn** by the Kiselow Family, Tim & Betsy Counihan; **Jean Chapman** by Jim & Betsy Counihan. **MASSES** WERE RECEIVED IN LOVING MEMORY OF: **Al Margiotta & Fr. Cercone** by Jeannine Margiotta; **Carmen Centore** by Mary Smith, Marie Progar, John & Joanne Hudock, Dolores Centore; **Margaret Shutok** by Eleanor DeLucia; **Minnie Kostic** by Angie Wingard; **Pete Cargnoni** by Don & Jackie Liberatore, Laura & Jerry Morton, John & Pauline Rozsas.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

November 23, 2008

Will be listed in next week's bulletin as this bulletin was sent to the publisher on Friday, November 21.

Blessings to you and yours!



WITH GRATITUDE

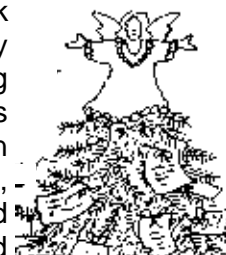
It is with sincere thanks that we acknowledge all those who made our Thanksgiving celebration a success.

It is wonderful to see our parish come together so beautifully to make possible such an event. It only goes to show that we are really one giant family in the Lord.

OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

A SECOND COLLECTION is being taken next weekend at the request of Bishop Zubik to benefit **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH:** **Bishop David Zubik** has asked all parishes in the Diocese to sponsor a second collection for Catholic Charities, December 6-7. As the primary social service agency of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Catholic Charities serves all, regardless of religious affiliation, at their time of greatest need. The agency is currently experiencing a 40% increase in the number of calls from people who are challenged by the current economic conditions and need help with food, utility bills and other basic needs. With the coldest weather approaching, there is a keen sense of urgency that resources will not be able to meet demand. Please support Catholic Charities and help your neighbors in need. Thank-you. (For more information about Catholic Charities, visit www.ccpgh.org. Please see the back page of this bulletin for more details.)

ANGEL TREE PROJECT- St. Patrick Parish and the Washington County Catholic Charities will be participating in the Angel Tree Project again this Christmas season. Please take an angel from the tree in Church, purchase the suggested item and bring the gift back to Church wrapped with the angel tag on it to identify the person receiving it. The gifts have to be in church by December 16th for Catholic Charities to pick them up for distribution. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come.

Mark 13:33

A SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE who participated in the **MASS OF ANOINTING** held on Saturday, November 15, 2008. Without the efforts of our priests, lector, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, organist, ushers, our chef, and support staff. This endeavor could not have been accomplished. With appreciation, Pastoral Council Worship Committee.

OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) are now available at the rectory office during office hours: Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Donations will be accepted.



This Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

7:30 am - A. Sciulli, P. Tordella, J. Zukowski

10:00 am - D. O'Neill, J. & K. Angotti

12:00 pm - L. Thompson, A. Lochran, V. Rosenwald

5:00 pm - P. & S. Corwin, J. Cavallo

Next Week's Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm - Z. Simpson, A. Currey, J. Felton

Sunday, December 7

7:30 am - E. Regoli, A. Boni, M. Cushma

10:00 am - L. Law, M. & R. Rozak

12:00 pm - P. Gent, M. & T. Costantino

5:00 pm - A. & L. Starcevic, L. Hornak

ST. PATRICK MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Anthony Barbosky, Mary Durbin Haskey & Jessie Tucken by Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Durbin
 7:30 Albert & Dolores Pietosi Wedding Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pietosi
 10:00 Marie, Joseph, & Patrick Regan by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Urso
 12:00 Walter Lipnicky by Jim & Ginny Byer
 5:00 (PM) FOR THE PEOPLE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00³ Mary Novak by Tom & Marie Novak and Family
³ George Skovranko by Adolph & Sophie Kern
 8:30 Walter Lipnicky by Jim & Ginny Byer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 Robert J. Verno by Bill & Betty Zubenko
 8:30 Margaret Shutok by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Shutok
 2:00 (Canon House) Helen Hundzinski by Katie Simpson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - St. Francis Xavier

7:00 Marie Miller by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brandl
 9:00 Lena & Arthur De Rosa by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur DeRosa
 2:00 (PM) (Town View) Ruth Gostic by Rich & Joanna Ziack

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 - St. John of Damascus

7:00³ Joseph Giaquinto by The 7:00 am Mass Group
³ Jacob Martincic by Tom & Betty DeJohn
 8:30 Dorothy Derrico by John, Jamie & Jay Michalka

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 Catherine Milligan by Nieces & Nephews
FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA: after the 7:00 am Mass Breakfast to follow at Shelly's Pike Inn -All invited!
 8:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Dan D'Amico & Wingard Families by Angie Wingard
 10:00 (Consulate) Giovanna Bruno by the Surviving Bruno Family
MONTHS MIND: JOSEPH T. GRAFF

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 - St. Nicholas

7:30 Bishop Nicholas Dattilo by Kristin & David
 11:30 - 12:30 **RECONCILIATION**
 5:00 (PM - VIGIL) Dan, Donna, Mom & Dad by Mary DeVitis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 The LaSalvia & Koren Families by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry LaSalvia
 10:00 Donald Jacoby & Deceased Members of the Drilyak & Jacoby Families by Helen Jacoby
 12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE
 5:00 (PM) Amelia Santucci by Domenick D' Amico

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



DECEMBER: 7 & 14
8:30 to 9:45 am

PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH DATABASE APPLICATION:

All parishioners over the age of 18 who wish to help out at parish functions **MUST** be on the Diocesan Database Web Site. All Parish Organizations and Volunteers: School, Religious Education, Christian Mothers, Choir, Ushers, Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Catholic Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, Festival, Fish Fry, Bread Program, Pastoral Council, Decorating Committee, Scout Leaders, an activity of the church, etc., **MUST** register. You will **NOT** be able to volunteer for parish functions unless you are listed on the Diocesan Database Web Site. It is required by Diocesan regulation to file an electronic application in order to continue to participate as a volunteer in our **PARISH ACTIVITIES**. Applications can be found at all the entrances of the Church. You **DO NOT** need to put your Social Security Number or your Driver's License Number on the written or online application. If you do not have computer or internet access or need help with the application, please call Carol Serbak at the Religious Education Office 724.745.3787. The Diocese will be providing the Pennsylvania State Police Clearance beginning December 1, 2008. We value all of our volunteers and are committed to providing support to ensure that we meet this requirement and ensure a safe environment for our children. **A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** will be offered at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church Religious Education Center on **December 6**, 2008 from 9:00 am until noon, (Please call Rosalie Eckels at 724.228.9088 to register or for more information.) and at St. Hilary's, Washington, PA on **December 9** from 9:00 am until noon and **December 16** from 6:00 until 9:00 pm. Please call Dominick Bullotta at 724.228.0518 to register or for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 1 - RCIA:** 7:00 pm (Center)
Dec. 2 - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 12 noon Exposition, Adoration until 7:00 pm Benediction
Dec. 3 - CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S MTG: 7 pm (Café)
Dec. 4 - H.S.A. BOARD MEETING: 9:30 am (Faculty Room)
Dec. 4 - CHERUB CHOIR: 5:20 - 6:00 pm (Church)
Dec. 4 - CHILDREN CHOIR: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Church)
Dec. 4 - ST. VINCENT de PAUL MTG: 7 pm (Center)
Dec. 5 - MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MTG: 5:45 am (Rectory)
Dec. 7 - CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS BANQUET
 3:00 pm at the Holiday Inn
Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 - PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL!



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL NEWS

The following students have been elected to the 2008 – 2009 student council: Cameron Hanley, Adam Rusnak, Lee Ann Marra, Julie Stein, Colleen Bench, Lisa Hornak, Nick Burton, Katie Bench, and Jessica Burton. Each year the student council completes a major service project for St. Patrick School. Last year's student council purchased a wireless microphone system for the cafeteria. Previous student council members purchased all the carpeting for the classrooms in the school. Good luck to our newly elected student council.

Calendar of Events

- December 1: Thanksgiving Break – No School
 December 3: Student Liturgy prepared by Grade 8
 December 3: I.U. I. Administrators Meeting 9:00 am
 December 3: Sarris Candy Pick-Up in the Cafeteria
 December 4: Grade 1 Parent Luncheon 11:00 A.M.
 December 4: H.S.A. Board Meeting 9:30 A.M.
 December 5: Casual Dress Day
 December 6: Parish Mission Begins

CAT'S MEOW FUNDRAISER: Anyone interested in purchasing a St. Patrick School and/or St. Patrick Church Cat's Meow piece, please pick up an order form in the vestibules or contact Patti Hyde at 724.743.3388. All proceeds will benefit St. Patrick School.

SARRIS CANDY BARS? AVON PRODUCTS? SAM'S HOAGIES? Please consider purchasing these fundraising products from St. Patrick School and help us to meet our goal for the year. We truly appreciate and honor your support of Catholic education.

- # Avon catalogs can be found at the school or in the church vestibules, with an approximate delivery date of December 15th.
 - # Sam's hoagies orders can be placed at the school with an approximate delivery date of December 9th.
 - # Sarris' candy bars can be purchased at the school.
- More information can be found on St. Patrick School's website at www.saintpatsschool.org.

SCRIP... SCRIP... SCRIP... SHOP SCRIP for all your holiday needs. We offer an extensive inventory of certificates and can order many more. All holiday special orders need to be placed by December 16 in order to guarantee delivery for Christmas. Don't be disappointed, order early. Stop at the cafeteria on Sundays from 8:30 - 11:45 am and during the morning hours from Monday through Friday. Orders are also accepted via the school web site: www.saintpatschool.org by following the link to the SCRIP Program. All proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish. You select the church organization that will receive the credit. Questions, call Kristie at 724.969.1069.

Our Neighbors are in Crisis.



Catholic Charities is experiencing an alarming 40% increase in calls for food, utility and rental assistance alone.

With winter arriving, things are only going to get worse.

Please Help.

Donate NOW to ease their burden.


CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Providing Help. Creating Hope. Serving All.

Basic Needs: Emergency Housing & Homeless Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance, Baby-Care items, Food & Clothing
Counseling: Individual, Marital, Family, Addiction, Age-Related Issues, Anger Management, Anxiety & Depression, Child Abuse, Child Behavior Issues, Grief & Loss, Military Personnel & Their Families, Pregnancy & Parenting, Post-Abortion Healing, Emotional & Relationship Issues
Social Services: Adoption & Foster Care, Parish Social Ministry, Latino Social Service Outreach, Refugee Resettlement, Senior Services
Health Care: Dental & Medical

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