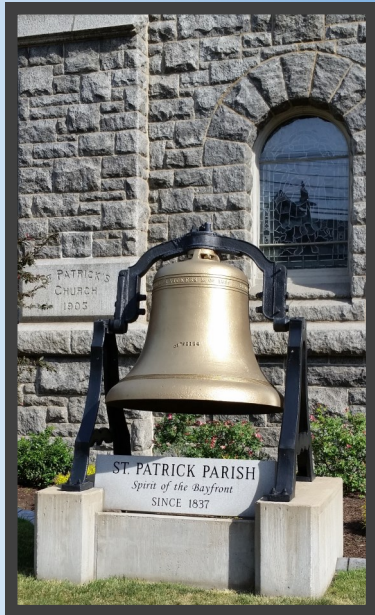


Feast of the Epiphany
January 5, 2020



St. Patrick Church
Christmas 2019
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Saint Patrick Parish
Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM
Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



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MASS SCHEDULE:

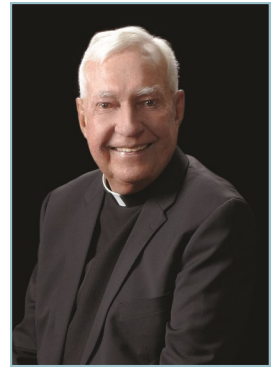
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. Our reading from Isaiah was probably written around the time of the end of the Babylonian Exile (586 BC). When the Israelites return, they find Jerusalem destroyed. The temple was gone, the city walls were in ruins, the economy was in shambles and there was no Davidic king to rule over them. It is in this context that Isaiah offers them a new vision particularly of God's glory. He tells them how visible God's glory is if they will only look around. The light that will shine forth from them is so bright that even foreign nations and kings will walk by it. For centuries the people did not see this vision fulfilled, but today we celebrate prophetic fulfillment with a new manifestation of God's glory to foreigners, represented by the Magi.

In the verse immediately preceding today's reading from Ephesians, Paul identifies himself as "a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles." He continues addressing Gentiles. While Paul acknowledges that there are many facets to his ministry, he notes that God has called him specifically to proclaim Christ to the Gentiles. Earlier in Ephesians, he reminded them that they were once without Christ and alienated from the community of Israel. Now, however, they are fellow citizens with them.

Writing for a Jewish audience, Matthew weaves their scriptures, symbols and allusions to their ancestors into his gospel. He gives their Hebrew texts new meaning, showing fulfillment in unforeseen ways in light of Jesus the Messiah. Each of our readings today present a manifestation of God's plan to include Gentiles in the plan of salvation: distant nations see divine glory flowing from Jerusalem; Gentiles learn that they are one body with Jewish believers, and now Gentile astrologers from the east see the newborn king of the Jews. The gospel opens with reference to two kings: Herod in Jerusalem and the newborn king in Bethlehem. Matthew sets up contrasts that he will develop throughout his narrative. Herod is a tyrannical ruler, obsessed with power. The infant king, in contrast, has no

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

display of wealth or power. He is found not in a palace in Jerusalem surrounded by attendants, but in a house with his mother in the small village of Bethlehem. The Old Testament prophets had long predicted that the ruler will be born there, one who like King David would shepherd Israel. While the Jewish scholars relied on their texts, they did not understand them. Nor did they make a journey or search for the child, while the Magi are open to learning something new.

The percentage of Americans who now approve of cohabitation among couples, even if they are not planning to be married, has risen sharply in the last few years. Today 69% of Americans say cohabitation is acceptable and only 14% say it is never acceptable. 74% of Catholics and 75% of Protestants approve while only 47% of black Protestants and 35% of white evangelicals share this view.

The share of U. S. adults who are currently married has declined modestly in recent decades, from 58% in 1995 to 53% today. Over the same period, the share of adults who are living with an unmarried partner has risen from 3% to 7%. The share of adults ages 18 to 44 who have ever lived with an unmarried partner (59%) has surpassed the share who have ever been married (50%). About 60% of married adults say things are going very well in their marriage, while only 41% who cohabit say the same. About 78% of married adults say they feel closer to their spouse than any other person while only 55% of those living together say the same. Most of those cohabitating cite finances or where they are in their career is a reason for living together but not being married to one another.

The Austrian Diocese of Graz-Seckau has confirmed that a priest presided over a church service for two women who were wed in a civil union. The diocesan spokesman underscored that this was "not a sacramental liturgy." "The basic question is if homosexual people can feel themselves at home in the church," he told the German Catholic news site Kath.net. The spokesman quoted Pope Francis' encyclical *Amoris Laetitia* which says that "every person, regardless of sexual orientation ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided. At the same time it is stated that the partner-ship connection between two

homosexuals cannot be equated with marriage."

A recent ruling by a judge may push the Diocese of Pittsburgh into bankruptcy. With nearly 400 people filing claims of clergy abuse, the diocese must come up with tens of millions of dollars to pay them. The diocese wanted to use money from a trust fund for the Toner Institute, a home and school for orphans and troubled boys that operated from 1921 to 1977. The orphanage is now gone, but the \$140,000 left by the late James Toner in 1899 has now grown to close to \$9 million. The PA Attorney General objected to the monies being used for this purpose and the judge agreed with him and blocked the diocese from using the funds.

When we replaced the windows in the rectory, I didn't replace 8 windows in a back wing of the third floor which we do not use. Last winter we discovered how much cold air was coming in from them, so they were recently replaced. That brings it to 101 windows that we've replaced at a cost in excess of \$100,000. You can't imagine the difference however.

God created the mule and told him, "You will be a mule, working constantly from dusk to dawn. You will eat grass and lack intelligence. You will live for 50 years." The mule answered, "To live like this for 50 years is too much, give me no more than 20," and so it was. Then God created the dog and said, "You will hold vigilance over the dwellings of man, you will eat his table scraps and live for 25 years." The dog answered, "To live that long as a dog is too much. Please, no more than 10" and so it was. Then God created the monkey and said you will swing from trees, acting like an idiot and you will live for 20 years." And the monkey responded, "Lord to live 20 years as a clown is too much, give me no more than 10" and so it was. Then God created man. "You are the only rational being to walk the earth, you will have mastery over the creatures of the world and live for 20 years." The man responded, "Twenty years is too little. Please give me the 30 years the mule refused, the 15 years the dog refused and the 10 years the monkey rejected," and so it was. And so God made man to live 20 years as a man, then marry and live 30 years like a mule working and carrying all the burdens. Then, he is to have children and live 15 years as a dog, guarding his house and eating the leftovers as they empty the refrigerator. Then, in his old age, he will live 10 years as a monkey, acting like an idiot to amuse his grandchildren.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/22/19 \$ 8,826.00
 Online Giving 1,862.30
 Total Income \$ 10,688.30

Thank you for your generosity!

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for 12/25/2019 and 12/29/2019 will be reported in the 01/12/2020 bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Joan Heubel
 Anniversary of Birth, 01/02
 from family*

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Michael J. Drobish** from Victoria Abbott
- ♦ **Teresa Callaghan, Howard & Francis Gehringer** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **Ann Greene** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Matthew Niebauer** from Ken & Alice Daub
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- ♦ **Nancy Gallagher** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
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- ♦ **Lois H. Dahlkemper** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Marilyn Lechner** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
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- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis

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Chris Antolik, Ed Chizewick, Janice Cole,
 Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore, John
 Godish, Tim & Karen Grode, Jay & Carol Habas,
 Steven & Kelly Karns and Phil & Judy Kelly

**Special Thank You!!!
 to PANERA BREAD &
 EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HARBORCREEK**

Marriage Moments -



The *Epiphany* is a feast of outreach and inclusion. The appearance of Jesus to the three wise men from the East reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind, not just the Jewish people. So too, married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. Can you do it together?

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Shirley Winschel,
 Roseanne Brown, Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli
 Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh
 Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
 Jim Sertz

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds
 Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
 Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella
 Ushers: John Maloney, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies,
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Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: Luke Gilmore
 Eucharistic Ministers: Luke Gilmore, Erin Wachter,
 Dario Cipriani, Ryan Palm, Candy Bukowski
 Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin
 Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,
 Chuck Agresti
 Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
 Tim Donlin. Kay Sauers

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead.
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Jan. 4 *Saturday, Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 PM MARY TELLERS (HAROLD & JEANNE BENDER)

Jan. 5 *Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM ANGELINE PATNICKI
(SUSAN & THOMAS MINARCIK)

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

Jan. 6 *Monday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM RICHARD F. MILLER (BILL & BETTY FILIPKOWSKI)

Jan. 7 *Tuesday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK LARocca, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)

Jan. 8 *Wednesday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

Jan. 9 *Thursday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN SMITH (MICHAEL & MARY MISCHLER)

Jan. 10 *Friday, Christmas Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 11 *Saturday, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 PM MARY TELLERS (PAT HEASLEY)

Jan. 12 *Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM JOAN HEUBEL (FAMILY)
10:30 AM MARILYN LECHNER (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory

01/04 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/07 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

01/08 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

01/11 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month:



Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of the recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking or to report suspected trafficking visit:

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_2019ts_2019.pdf Visit

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting Our Neighbor's Place, the seasonal

homeless shelter, January 29 through February 5 at Church of the Nativity's social center. We are in need of volunteers to staff the shelter. No experience needed! For each shift we must have both men and women volunteers. The shifts are as follows:

1st shift 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

2nd shift 11:00 PM - 3:00 AM

3rd shift 3:00 AM - 7:30 AM

The hours are awful, the pay is abysmal, but the experience is priceless. Parishioners who have worked the shelter all remark how humbling it was. What better way to get a head start on your Lenten sacrifice than by following the example of Jesus and giving comfort to those in our community who are most in need. To volunteer or to have your questions answered contact Angie Kontur angiekontur@gmail.com or 434-9653 (call or text).

We are in need of volunteers to prepare dinners for the guests at our shelter. We average around 50 guests per night although we have had as many as 60. Most meals have been a joint effort by several men and women who get together and bring in dinner. If you are interested in trying out your culinary skills on an appreciative audience contact Maureen Beck jmb77910@gmail.com or 864-8446

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE OVERFLOW HOMELESS SHELTER.



Items most needed are: deodorant, shaving cream, & razors for men & women, and lip balm.

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the overflow homeless shelter at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center from January 29 to February 5. We are collecting personal hygiene toiletry items (shampoo, bath products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products & hand sanitizers), as well as cough drops, lip balm and hand warmers. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT. Collection bins will be located inside the church's main entrance before each mass during the months of November and December. Items can also be placed in the storage bin located outside the entrance to the rectory's side porch. IN ADDITION, MONETARY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED. We greatly appreciate your donations. The response the past few years has been amazing.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

**ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S
"ON-LINE GIVERS"**

Donors can pull their own tax statements in Online Giving.

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on **"My Online Giving History"**. View a detailed History of your past Online Giving.
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019.
5. Change the report type to **"Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)"**.
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **"Print"**.
8. Your report will open a new window
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report. (To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDF and will let you print the report).

PARISHIONERS WHO USE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We will be sending tax statements to you shortly. If you received a statement last year, you are on our list and will receive one this year. If you have not received one, please call the office and we will get one to you. 454-8085

**CASH BINGO**

THIRD STREET FALCONS
January 12, 2020

Door open at 12 PM
Bingo Starts at 1:00 PM
\$20 Per Pack/\$5 Extra Pack
Instants and 50/50
Kitchen and Bar Open

**START YOUR MARRIAGE WITH
ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER**

Engagement Encounter still has openings for its January 24th through 26th weekend at St. Mark's Catholic Center in Erie. Prepare for your marriage with a weekend you'll never forget. For information or registration please call 814-824-1261 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org
Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime". **Space is limited; call today to secure your place.**



Surviving Divorce Ministry, a 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced, will run on Wednesdays from February 12-May 6, 2020 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (cost is \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVD's with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, 814-824-1261 or email: familylife@eriercd.org for more information and/or to register.

**MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.**

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies. Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "You Tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
SPOUSE _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
CHILD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
CHILD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory



Stigmata of
St. Francis



Mary has chosen the better



Healing the Blind Man

Jesus teaching in the
Temple



Stained Glass Windows
St. Patrick Church
photos by
Tom Golab



Jesus appears to
Mary Magdalene



Visions of
St. Francis



The Last Supper



Sending the Apostles