

# Feast of the Epiphany January 6, 2019



*Stations of the Cross  
St. Patrick Church  
photos by John Baker*

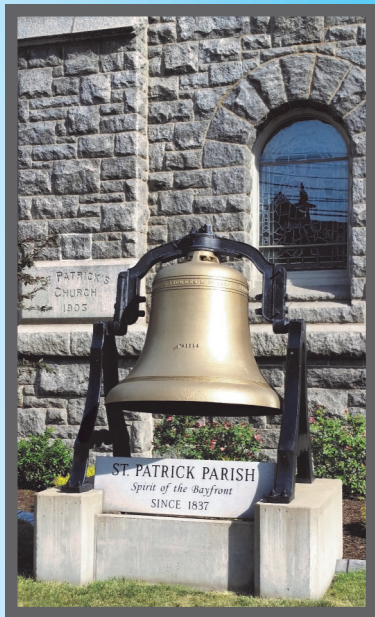
## Saint Patrick Parish

*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



### **Saint Patrick Parish**

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

#### **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. In our first reading, Isaiah offers the people hope as they rebuild after the exile and he paints a marvelous picture of a new Jerusalem, resplendent in glory and radiant with joy. God's light shining upon it, within it, makes the city light for the nations. The exiles begin to return, countless people stream toward the city, an abundance of good things flows in for their benefit. He personifies Jerusalem as a woman who radiates light, while darkness and clouds envelop other nations. Jerusalem, like a mother, welcomes all people as her returning children.

The image of the ideal king becomes God's plan for the hopes of all creation to unite all peoples. The author expresses the breadth of this unity by coining words with the prefix *syn* ("together" or "co.") The Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body. The reign of this king is more ideal than anyone imagined. Ephesians presents revelation as a unifying process initiated by the Father, realized by the Son, and developed by the Spirit in the church. Gentiles are now joint heirs of the inheritance, members of the same body and beneficiaries of Jesus' promise.

Matthew is the only one to tell us the story of the Magi, just as Luke is the only author to tell us the story of the birth of Jesus. It is not found in any of the other gospels. Our account today is a combination of a star and a dream. After the angel of the Annunciation and the dream of Joseph, God's wonders continue, so we can fix our faith on the one who comes, on the basis of the testimony of a guiding star and a dream. The signs God sends have a character of light and clarity but, at the same time, of subtlety. Throughout the gospels, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection, there is always room for uncertainty and the challenge of faith. What would the doubting Thomas answer to the report of the Bethlehem star? We have to ask how could the Magi see something that no one else has seen? Matthew teaches, through



*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

the Magi's experience, that God is not found without leaving the routine and following something as tenuous as a star and a dream.

Our Food Pantry served 474 families for a total of 1,577 people during the month of November. That number includes 207 children and 98 elderly people. We distributed 9,959 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$331.62. The amount of food is particularly high because of Thanksgiving and the distribution of Thanksgiving turkeys and trimmings. Once again, the parish incurred no cost because of your ongoing generous support of the Food Pantry. Whenever you help one of God's poor—his most precious people—he tends to forget a lot of our failings and shortcomings.

A radical overhaul in the nation's third largest diocese could shutter many of Chicago's houses of worship by 2030 as it deals with decaying buildings and an anticipated shortage of priests. Chicago archbishop Cardinal Blasé Cupich told priests in a recent meeting that studies anticipate a total of 240 priests available in 2030 for the archdiocese's 351 parishes. It is estimated that as many as 100 churches could close over the next 14 years. At the present time, approximately a quarter of Chicago parishes are subsidized by the archdiocese. One such church is the Polish parish of St. Adalbert's. Modeled after St. Paul's Basilica in Rome, the parish features Italian marble, stained-glass windows and one of the world's largest Kimball pipe organs. Its 185 foot towers are the highest structure in the neighborhood. But in recent years they have been crumbling and \$3 million needs to be raised to repair them. Parish membership has declined dramatically.

We keep reading of this process throughout the Northeast and in the northern United States, but are there not other possible answers? What if we opened priesthood to married clergy, what if we ordained women deacons, what if we engaged the laity, particularly women, in more decision making? Could we not possibly revive these dying parishes, see more young people attend and breathe new life into the church?

As we begin the new year, it's hard to realize that St. Patrick's Parish will be 182 years old this

year. When the parish began in 1837 the church was a small wooden building on the east side of German Street, just north of East Fourth St. That building was replaced in 1849 when the second St. Patrick's Church was built and stood where the present rectory stands. When the Diocese of Erie was established in 1852, that second church became the pro-cathedral of the diocese and the bishops lived in a house at East Fifth and Holland Sts. The present St. Peter's Cathedral opened in 1892 and the present St. Patrick's Church was built between 1903 and 1906. The exterior walls, roof and windows of St. Patrick's were in place in one year and it then took Italian craftsmen another two years to finish the interior. The Stations were hand-carved from hemlock in 1892-93 in Munich, Germany at a cost of \$600 each. In 1903, Father Peter Cauley had the architect design the church around the Stations. The architect, William Ginther, designed 85 churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Among them are Erie's St. Ann's and St. Andrew's, St. Stephen in Oil City and Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg.

Thank you for your incredibly generous response to the Shining Star program for inner city children through St. Martin's Center. I have never seen gifts of the magnitude and quantity that you gave these children this year. Some of them would never receive a gift like these in their lives. There were 11 bikes among the gifts. Remember, as I have often said, whenever you do something for one of God's poor—his most precious people—he smiles on you and forgets your failings.

A cabbie picks up a nun. She gets into the cab and notices that the very handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring. He replies, "I have a question to ask, but I don't want to offend you." She answers, "My son, when you've been a nun as long as I have nothing offends me." "Well," he says, "I've always had a fantasy to kiss a nun." She responds, "Well, to do that you have to be single and you have to be Catholic." The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and Catholic." "OK," says the nun, "pull into the next alley." When they stop the nun fulfills his fantasy, but when they get back in the cab, the driver starts crying. "My child," she asks, "why are you crying?" "Forgive me, but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish." The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."



# Saint Patrick News



*Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit!*  
Irish Gaelic—Happy New Year!

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**

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by John & Irene Nemergut in memory of the **Nemergut & Winiarczyk families**

**Special Intention** from Kathy Fatica

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Chandley family, Scardinski family, Mroczkowski family** from Don & Barbara Chandley
- ♦ **Thomas J. Cook, Jr.** from Lynda Cook
- ♦ **Emilio Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ **David Snyder, Linda Winkelman** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Richard Miller** from Lynne Miller
- ♦ **Jim Morey** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Alfred Sokolowski** from Frances Sokolowski
- ♦ **Rob Vitron** from Bobbie Vitron
- ♦ **Nan Held** from Gloria Walker
- ♦ **Dr. Forrest Mischler** from Gerald & Patricia Wolf

Also donations from:

Tom & Linda Anderson, Robert & Mildred Biebel, Christa Blose, Richard & Peggy Bonniger, Jennifer Butters, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Ken & Jan Gervasi, John Godish, William & Patricia Gloekler, Steven & Kelly Kams, BJ & Barb Lechner and Phil & Judy Kelly

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

## **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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Michael Dailey**  
from Charles Ferra, and family &  
Nick Pongratz*

## **New Parishioners**

*Victoria Abbott  
Bryan Colish,  
Katherine & Bryana Hayes  
Paul & Deborah Manzi  
Aaron Merski & Rania Abdelmalak  
Wandy Ortiz Flores  
Jessica Ahlschlager  
James & Cynthia Conway  
Andrea Valerio-Malone  
John Passarelli  
Judy Kubaney*

## **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Shirley Winchel**

Greeters: **Bob & Diane Boeh**

Ushers: **Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Lisa Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Nancy Andrzejewski**

Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Ed Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Ed Smith, Mary Williams, Mary Kearney**

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: **Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun**

Offertory Counters: **Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers**

## **Stewardship**

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for December 29/30, 2018 will be posted in the January 12/13, 2019 bulletin.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Jan. 5** *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY (FAMILY)

**Jan. 6** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM RICH MILLER (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

**Jan. 7** *Monday, Christmas Weekday*

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

**Jan. 8** *Tuesday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER

(EILEEN & PAUL BALCZUN)

**Jan. 9** *Wednesday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM ROCCO FIGLIUZZI, ANNIV. (ESTATE)

**Jan. 10** *Thursday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY MCCARTHY, ANNIV.

(MARY LOU SCOTTINO)

**Jan. 11** *Friday, Christmas Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 12** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

**Jan. 13** *The Baptism of the Lord*

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(BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**01/04** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**01/08** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## *Additional Christmas Flower Memorials*

**From...** Patrick & Madeline Faillaci

**IMO...** Anthony T. Balistreri, Lynne Lewko, Santo & Frances Faillaci, Tony Faillaci, Olga & Anton Lewko, John, Anton, & George Lewko, Ray & Norma Mucha, Fran & Frank Sadowski, Ben & Alice Balistreri, Nancy Murray, Rose Balistreri, Sr. Eugidia, Fr. Albert Valentino, James Zimmer, MD, Gordon Rumhoff, MD, Ben & Audrey Garber, Patrick Clifford, Mrs. Carvelli, Allen & Kathy Brekke, Mel & Jule Luther, John Jonas, Martin & Barbara Nicholas, Michelle Thiele, David Gentile, Dolores Mc Vey

**From...** Judy Kubaney & family

**IMO...** Jim Kubaney



## **A Family Perspective—**

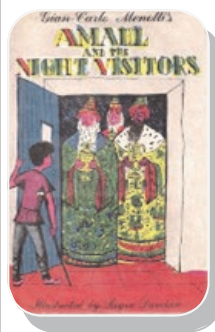
After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?"

Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a trip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



**D'Angelo Opera Theatre presents**

***Amahl and the Night Visitors***



Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 4:00 PM

At St. Luke's Church

~421 E 38th St.~

There is no ticket charge, but a free will offering will be taken at the performance

## **Volunteers Needed!**

**St. Martin Center, Inc.'s** food pantry assists over 300 families a month with food and is need of volunteers!

We see clients on both emergency basis and during appointments from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30.

We are also in need of volunteers to assist twice per month with our Senior Citizen food box day. This included some heavy lifting as our clients need some aid in lifting and transporting boxes to their vehicles.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Stacey Hellman at 452-6113 x208.

## ERIE, PA'S ANNUAL **St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019**

♣ [ SATURDAY ] ♣

**MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

step off at 2pm // DOWNTOWN ERIE

[ enjoy the parade along state street between 11th & 4th streets ]

**A day in Ireland ♣**

**GET READY TO CELEBRATE WITH US**

**PARADE DAY FEATURES**

local community organizations ♣ irish-step dancers

local entertainment groups ♣ irish themed floats & much more

ENJOY GREAT COMMENTARY & MORE @ GRAND STAND | 6th & state

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

PARTICIPATE | ADVERTISE | SPONSOR

get more details ♣ ErieStPatricksParade@yahoo.com

**BE IRISH FOR A DAY!**

THE ——— HOSTED BY ———  
**Knights & Ladies**  
OF ST. PATRICK EST. 1978



St Patrick Day  
Parade in Erie PA



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### 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 **"View My Giving History & Tax Information."** View a detailed History of your past Online Giving.
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018.
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. Make sure you have your pop-up blocker disabled.**

**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

### Transitions, A Monthly Support Group—

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 2-4 pm at St Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is **"Services Offered by the Erie County Public Library"** with guest speaker, **Chanel Cook**. For more information call 814-824-1265 or email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit us at: [www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transition.html](http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transition.html)

### Planning Your Wedding?

An Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for January 25th through 27th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact Family Life Office at 814-824-1261, or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) or visit our Website at <http://www.eriercd.org/ee.htm> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime".



### 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](http://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

## *Cleaning of the Stations of the Cross*

*By Dan Brewer*

photos by Tom Golab



### **St. Patrick Church ~ Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick's Church are unique in the entire world. There is another set – in St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh – but they are smaller and much less detailed than are these. The Stations were hand carved in Munich, Germany, in 1892 and 1893. Each Station is made from two pieces of hickory wood. When they were created, they were life-size which shows you how much we have grown in the past 130 years. Father Peter Cauley commissioned them at a cost of \$600 each. An engraved plaque is located at the base of each one telling who donated it. Today they are insured for \$4.6 million. There are two additional unique features to the Stations. You will notice tears in the eyes of many of the statues. We only discovered these when we put new lighting in during the church restoration in 2012. Secondly, if you go to the Fourth Station, you will notice that the Roman soldier is not wearing a traditional Roman military hat, but, instead, is adorned with a Bavarian hat which would have been worn in Munich at that time. The Stations were then put into storage until Father Cauley could find an architect to design St. Patrick's Church around them. The church was built between 1903 and 1906.

