

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018



Christmas
St. Patrick Church
Altar decorated by
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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



Saint Patrick Parish

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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 of the Lord. Our first reading from Isaiah introduces a beautiful proclamation of salvation that continues for three chapters (Is 60-62). After Isaiah's initial command, "Rise up in splendor....", he adds more imperatives: "See... raise your eyes and look about." In order to experience God's radiance, Jerusalem's inhabitants must not focus on the darkness of the past exile and present devastation of their land, but raise their eyes to see God's glory appearing over them. He notes that Jerusalem shall shine with a radiance that the entire world will see. God's favor with Jerusalem is not only for them, but has a universal impact.. God has chosen them to bring his light to others.

In the opening sentence of the reading from Ephesians, Paul (or someone writing in his name—we really are not sure), explains his ministry through the blends of four theological terms: stewardship, grace, mystery and revelation. Remember that Paul is uniquely commissioned to preach to the Gentiles. He explains that God's grace is given to each of us for the good of all. Paul's grace is "given for your benefit." As Paul announces the specific content of revelation, he expands Isaiah's prophecy of universalism. The Gentiles not only walk by the light; they become equal members of the body of Christ. They are co-heirs, co-members of the body, co-sharers in the promise. This new reality requires new language that expresses God's plan being brought to fulfillment.

Matthew's gospel was written primarily for a Jewish audience, people who needed to understand how Jesus brought their hopes to fulfillment, and also that his story was in continuity with their tradition. Throughout his gospel, Mt shows that happening in unexpected ways. Sometimes he uses direct citations from the Old Testament, and other times through allusion and imagery. The magi in today's gospel, following the light of the star, can easily be seen as a fulfillment of Isaiah's

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

prophecy that assures Jerusalem that nations and kings will walk in shining radiance. They are Gentiles seeking the newborn Jewish king. Mt shows that Jesus fulfills Jewish expectations by citing the prophet Micah combined with Samuel. The contrast between the joy of the magi and Herod's scheming displays further that God's plans will be fulfilled. The magi also show fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy heard in the first reading with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gift of myrrh, not included in the prophecies, has long been interpreted as pointing to Christ's future suffering.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Tom Fialkowski, longtime Cathedral Prep educator and swimming coach and the retired pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish. I had my right knee replaced on Wednesday and am in rehab for another week or two. I'm grateful for Father Fialkowski's willingness to cover the parish for me.

Once they begin dismantling the pipe organ, we are going to have to close the balcony for the weekend Masses. There will be pipes, etc. all over the balcony and it just won't be safe. They have to take over 3,000 pipes out, clean each of them and then put it all back together again. We are going to change the configuration of the pipes so that there is easier access to them for future repairs and work. The front of the pipe organ will continue to appear just as it does now, but the interior will be changed dramatically. There will also be a great deal of dirt once this work begins because, to the best of our knowledge, the pipe organ hasn't been taken apart since it was installed in 1905.

When we finish all of this work, we'll do a thorough cleaning of the church and particularly the Stations of the Cross.

This work on the restoration of the pipe organ will cost \$432,500. The original cost of the organ when it was built in 1905 was \$3,500!!!!

Though we had hoped to have the work on the organ finished by Easter and the start of the wedding season, that simply is not going to happen. They are telling us now that they hope to have

everything complete and working by the end of June. Once that work is done, we will replace the tiles in the back of church and the vestibule as well as carpet the balcony.

The parish will again host an Overflow Homeless Shelter for a week in February. We rent the Parish Center at nearby Church of the Nativity and take in up to 70 people each night. The cost to the parish for this week is about \$6,000, and your January packet of envelopes has an envelope if you wish to contribute and help us with these expenses. In addition, we are in need of a score of volunteers so that we have at least one man and one woman on duty throughout the night. The people arrive at 7 PM, have a supper which parishioners have prepared, watch some TV and then leave by 7 AM the following morning. Catholic Charities sponsors the Bishop's Breakfast each morning where homeless people are given a hot breakfast to help them start their day. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any part of these projects, call the parish office and we will have someone contact you.

The government of Denmark announced recently that 133 out of 137 babies found before birth to have Down Syndrome were aborted. In 2015, only one baby found to have Down Syndrome while in the womb was born out of the 144 scanned, so 99.3 percent were aborted. Today, 97% of pregnant women in Denmark have a prenatal test for a chromosomal abnormality and 95 percent of them choose to have an abortion when such an abnormality is found.

What a difference in the rectory this winter with the new boiler and all new windows. It's not only comfortable but the gas bills are much lower.

Three men went to their seats at the football game and there were a couple of nuns sitting in front of them. The men wanted to drink beer and swear at the referees and not be scolded by the nuns, so they decided to badger the nuns and get them to move. One guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Utah. There are only a hundred Catholics there." The second said, "I want to go to Montana. There are only 50 Catholic there." The third guy said, "I want to go to Idaho. There are only 25 Catholics there. One of the nuns turned around and said, "Why don't you go to hell? There aren't any Catholics there."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines and the Christmas and New Year Holidays the offertory for December 24, 2017, December 31, 2017 and January 7, 2018 will be published in the January 14, 2018 bulletin.

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 were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Jack & Lois Flanagan** from James & Karen Bomba
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Lois Hanlin Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Norann Brugger** from Dennis & Danna Hartwig
- ♦ **Larry Wayne Moore** from Thomas & Mary Ann Jakubowski
- ♦ **Grace Dalton** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Howard & Dorothy Bailey & son, Dennis** from Patricia Schmidt
- ♦ **MK Wright** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **Bill Baker, John Masterson** from Don & Mary Lou Zone
- ♦ **Leo & Helen Zielinski**

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, Joe & Heather Kimball, Dr. Forrest & Shirley Mischler, John & Cynthia Purvis, Mark & Annette Rennie, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Adlin & Erin Strimel, and Kraig Sweeney

Special Thank You!!!

to PANERA BREAD &

HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

Welcome New Parishioners

James & Linda Gehrlein

Tyler Cyphert

Jessica Czerwinski

Ron & Karen Rudler

Patrick & Christie Simmers

Margaret Taft

Chris Tobin

Sara Wojciechowski

Ann Downing

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino,

Alex & Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,

Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Palm, Ed Smith,

Tim Scully

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti

Offertory Counters: Bill & Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.

The Food Pantry is in need of packaged diapers—



They can be dropped off at all Masses and left in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Thank you !!!

A Family Perspective—

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars.

Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Jan. 6 *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY (FAMILY)

Jan. 7 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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

10:30 AM JOHN LAWRENCE FATICA

(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)

Jan. 8 *Monday, The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 9 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 10 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 11 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 12 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 13 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JACOB PAKULSKI (JOAN & DAVE HEUBEL)

Jan. 14 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THERESA MERSKI (RON & PATTY MERSKI)

10:30 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY, ANNIV. (WIFE MARY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

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

01/09 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

01/10 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

01/13 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—

Five Steps to Safer Environments—The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and school undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Looking for resources for you family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter.



Céad Míle Fáilte!



As the 2018 St. Patrick's Day parade chair, I'd like to introduce myself! I'm Debra

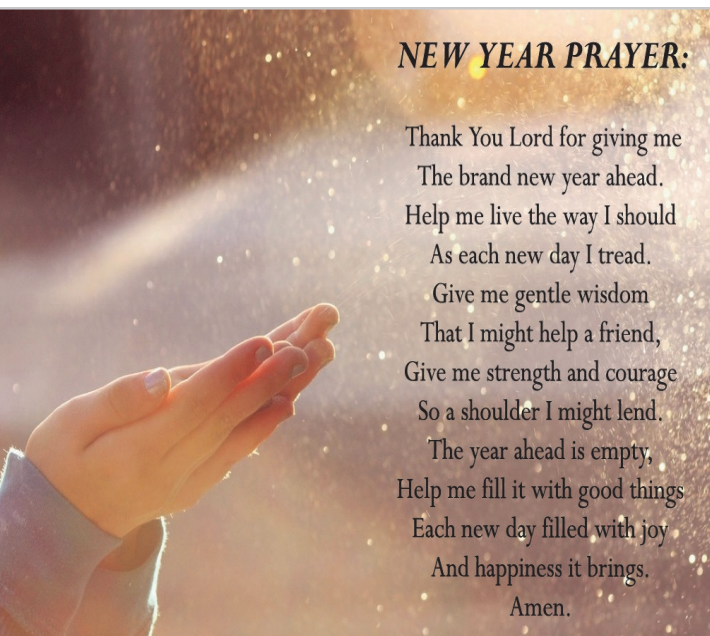
Slusarz, a recent inductee to the Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick, Class of 2017. I am pleased to invite you to be a part of our 41st Annual St. Patrick's Parade Day, themed "A Day in Ireland." It's just around the corner on Saturday, March 10th, 2018 at 2:00pm!

We're in the planning process, our pot o' gold is beaming with a rainbow full of vibrant colors for Spring in Erie! We are looking for Sponsors and Advertisers! If you are interested in learning more about the Irish Sponsorship opportunities or would consider placing an advertisement in our Irish program, please send an email to: ErieStPatricksParade@yahoo.com. The advertisements of your organization, business or personal contribution will be featured in our Irish program! We proudly distribute this program along the streets of Downtown Erie and reach thousands from our community!

Thanks a million, Deb Slusarz | Lady of St. Patrick '17

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.



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.



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 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017.
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

People for Life—

People for Life's **40th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center at 9 a.m.

Tickets on-sale now:

Regular Price...\$16.00, Ages 3-12...\$8.00

Under 3... Free, Last day to get tickets: January 9

Reservations are required. Payments can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call: (814) 882-1333 or go online to:

www.peopleforlife.life/january2018

Special guest speaker will be Ann McElhinney, journalist, movie producer and director, and best selling author. Ann is the coauthor, with her husband Phelim McAleer, of *Gosnell: The Untold Story*.

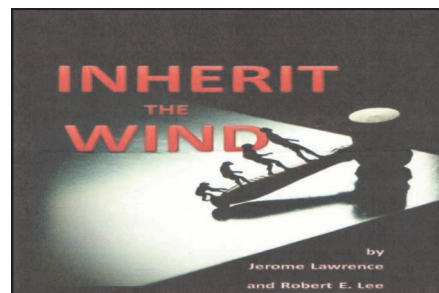
January 18-20... **45th Annual Bus Trip to the March for Life** in Washington, DC

For more information or to pay by credit card, call: (814) 882-1333 or go online to:

www.peopleforlife.life/january2018

Saturday, January 24, 2018...**Erie March for Life** at the Pavilion in Perry Square, downtown Erie at 11:00

The Mercyhurst Preparatory School Performing Arts Department *presents*



by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

Directed by David W. Mitchell

January 18th, 19th, and 20th @ 7PM

January 21st @ 2PM

**Mercyhurst Preparatory School
Performing Arts Center
538 East Grandview Blvd.**

Adults \$10 Seniors \$7 Students \$5
Tickets available at door 1 hour prior to show



Open House Jan. 28 at Erie Catholic Schools

Erie Catholic School System invites you to join us for open house at all six schools on **Sunday, January 28th from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (Schedule below). See how our school communities combine Gospel values and great learning experiences to help each child realize their true potential, in and out of the classroom. Enjoy school tours, meet teachers, students and parents, and enter a drawing at each school to win a \$500 scholarship! Visit us at www.ErieCatholic.org to learn more.

Sunday, January 28:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace School
St. George School
St. Jude School

12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament
St. James School
St. Luke School

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, January 21, 2018 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: "Taking Care of Your Health During the Grieving Process" with guest speaker, Dr. Paula Ballarin. For more information call 814-824-1265 or email at familylife@erieRCD.org Visit us at: www.eriecd.org/transitions.htm.

Consider Engagement Encounter!

Planning your marriage in 2018? An engagement Encounter is scheduled for January 26th through the 28th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org/ee.htm for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but a marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



Rabbi to speak at Benedictine monastery

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie will host Rabbi Emily Losben-Ostrov of Erie's Temple Anshe Hessed as the presenter of "Judaism Today: A Modern Look at an Ancient Faith," on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. The event is free and open to the public. For further information about this or other events in the community's Enrichment Series, contact Sister Stephanie Schmidt, OSB, at formation@mtstbenedict.org or at 814-899-0614, ext. 2511.

Are you a person with a disability and looking for more Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for Call Michele Inter at 814-824-1257 or email at d&dministry@erieRCD.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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E-MAIL: _____

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

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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for advertising in our parish bulletin.