

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019



"The Baptism of the Lord"
Stained Glass Window ~St. Patrick Church
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Tom Golab

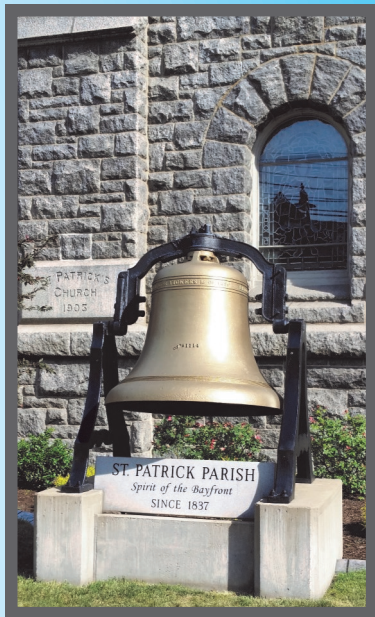
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Baptism of the Lord. We read from Isaiah 40 that God the Creator, the restorer of life, inspires hope in the exiled people. The Creator has the power to recreate them and the compassion to alleviate their sadness. The scene unfolds in two stages: first in Babylon, where the announcement of liberation resounds with the people. The prophet then moves to Jerusalem and, from a high place, contemplates those who return home and announces again the good news. A highway will be prepared for the coming of the king, the Messiah. He comes to protect them with loving kindness so they do not fall again into the hands of mercenaries.

The first portion of this second reading constitutes the heart of the letter to Titus. It may be a confession of faith used in the Baptismal liturgy of the early church. It contains the main themes of Christian faith and morality: moderation, justice, honesty, piety, hope. The second portion sings of God's saving love through Jesus. Baptism "regenerates and renews" the lives of believers. The term *justified* means "put on the right track." In other words, conforming to the divine plan to transform the children into heirs of eternal life and happiness. The plan of salvation is accomplished through Baptism, by which God regenerates us and makes us sons and daughters through the Spirit.

Just before creation, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters of chaos. After the creation of man and woman, the author tells about the abundance of water. In the Book of Genesis these new human beings are presented in the midst of the waters of paradise. At his birth, Jesus had crossed the boundary which separates the divine from the human, heaven from earth. At the Jordan thirty years later, the Son of God stood in line with sinners, awaiting the ritual that signified a change of life. He knew why he was standing in that line; his plan was not to redeem humanity

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

from a distance, but rather to mingle, to be identified with sinners. The baptism of Jesus was a Trinitarian epiphany in which the Son of God was presented to the world by the Father and the Holy Spirit with the words, "You are my Son, my beloved, I delight in you," accompanied by the Spirit's hovering like a dove. At our own baptism we become sons and daughters of God and partakers of the mission of Christ.

Italy is witnessing a dramatic drop in birth rates as well as in religious marriages. In a country of 60 million people, only 458,151 children were born last year. That is a little more than 7 new births for every 1,000 inhabitants, 30 percent below the average in the European Union, which is already the region with the lowest birth rate in the world. If one considers the fertility rate that ensures zero growth, meaning a balanced turnover of the population, is at 2.1 children per woman, the Italian figure has been dramatically below this for decades and in 2017 sank to the level of 1.32. These are numbers that already attest to an inexorable march toward the extinction of a people.

Even more concerning are the figures concerning marriage. There were 203,000 in 2016 and it dropped to 191,000 in 2017, down 6 percent in a single year. But what has really fallen are not marriages with at least one foreign spouse, nor second marriages. The real collapse is in first marriages, down 7.3 percent in one year. Marriages within the church fell 10.5 percent in one year. Italian commentators are particularly harsh on the failure of the church to address these issues. One quoted Titus Livius, "Dum Romae consulitur, Saguntum expugnatur." (While in Rome they discussed pointlessly, into the city stole the enemy.)

We're going to do the Shining Stars for children at St. Martin's Center different next year. This year we had 12 stars that were not returned which would have meant that those 12 children would not have received a gift. The parish did purchase gifts for them. Next year, we're going to get the name and phone number of the person taking each star so that we will know who has to be contacted. Again, thank you for your generosity with this. St. Martin's Center could not believe the gifts that you donated.

St. Martin's Center told us that they had 1,400 stars this year, and that their volunteers were overwhelmed by the number of gifts. Because they are having such a difficult time getting volunteers to help with this project, they are thinking of scaling back next year. Perhaps some of you would consider volunteering to help them so that they don't have to deprive any needy children of a Christmas gift. I'll run the information in the bulletin in November so that if any of you are interested, you can contact St. Martin's Center.

Thank you for your generous response in the Christmas collection this year. That collection came to \$37,092 which is an incredible amount. You make my work here very easy with your ongoing generosity. As you know, we tithe this collection each year and give ten percent of it directly to the poor. I will get a check to St. Martin's Center this week for that amount and they will see that it is used to help the poor. Your generosity does not go unnoticed by God.

We have just finished up some extensive work on the floor and supports under the Food Pantry. We noticed several weeks ago that an area of the floor near a chimney had dropped about an inch. When a contractor got underneath there, they discovered that a rather large area was filled with dry rot and was crumbling and had to be entirely replaced. We had put a new floor in there a few years ago, but at that time we were unaware of the extent of the damage. Everything is repaired and functioning. Thanks to your generosity, we are always able to make these repairs. And there will be more as the buildings are 100 years old.

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. I went to a shrink and told him, and he replied, "Just put yourself in my hands for one year, come three times a week and we will get rid of those fears." "How much do you charge?" "Eighty dollars a visit." "I'll sleep on it," I said. Six months later I ran into the doctor on the street and he asked me why I never came back. "Well, eighty bucks a visit, three times a week is \$12,480. A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went out and bought a new truck." With a bit of an attitude the shrink asked, "And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	12/23/18	\$ 10,555.00
Online Giving		<u>1,665.30</u>
Total Income		\$ 12,220.30

Offertory Collection	12/25/18	\$ 37,092.00
(Christmas 2018)		

Offertory Collection	12/30/18	\$ 8,459.20
Online Giving		<u>1,327.30</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,786.50

Offertory Collection	01/06/19	\$ 9,299.00
Online Giving		<u>1,510.30</u>
Total Income		\$ 10,809.30

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2018 CSA balances must be received by January 27th.

Thank you!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

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

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Steve Scutella,
Anne Scutella

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

Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton,
Cyndi Pristello, Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: ———

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

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

- ♦ **Father Plunkett**
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Maureen Barber McCormick
- ♦ **Teresa Callaghan** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **Michael J. Cummings** from Donna & Hershelman family
- ♦ **Rita McCall** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Barb Timmons** from Nancy Klaus
- ♦ **Thomas Kaminski** from Nancy Kaminski
- ♦ **Janet Newman** from Tim & Sheila Mach
- ♦ **Jack Dalton** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Michael Schloss** from Dotty Schloss
- ♦ **Departed Veterans** from Ed & Jennifer Smith

Also donations from:

Ken & Alice Daub, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Geoffrey Gloekler, Dennis & Danna Hartwig, Kathleen Horan, David & Diane Lauer, Joe & Judy Pitetti, Vikki Scully, Adlin & Erin Strimel, Kevin & Elizabeth Sweeney and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

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

If you are disabled or physically unable to walk to communion, please help the Eucharistic Ministers by putting a white stole on the end of the pew. The stoles are available in the vestibule on the bookshelf. Please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability 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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

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

Jan. 13 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER

(BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

Jan. 14 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK (DOLORES DOMBROWSKI)

Jan. 15 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM MILDRED DEDINISIO (FAMILY)

Jan. 16 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV (ANGIE KONTUR)

Jan. 17 Thursday, Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 18 Friday, Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 19 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM THOMAS PETERSON

(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)

Jan. 20 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD (NANCY HERZOG)

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

01/05 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
01/08 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
01/09 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
01/12 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Human Trafficking and Protecting our Youth:

Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under the age of 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 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 visit: https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2018.pdf To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.erie.org/childprotection/>

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

♣ [SATURDAY] ♣

MARCH 16TH, 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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Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

Received from...

In Memory Of / In Honor Of...

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Anderson.....	IMO Ed Eckert, Ray & Mae Anderson
.....	IHO Helen Eckert
Dr. & Mrs. Peter Barzyk.....	IMO Deacon Peter P. Barzyk, Julie Barzyk, Richard Barzyk, Marian
.....	Barzyk, Varina Taylor, Wesley Taylor, Rev. Stanley Barzyk,
.....	Sr. Mary Michael Bayda
Catherine Good.....	IMO Joseph & Kay Nedresky
Tom & Sheila Higgins.....	IMO Joseph C. Higgins, Ruth (Dolly) Higgins, John J. Higgin,
.....	Kathleen (Higgins) Stablein, Joseph D. Sullivan,
.....	Kathleen (Jane) Sullivan
Bill & Martha Hilbert.....	IMO the Wurst & Hilbert families, Susan DiCara
Marci Honard.....	IMO Rosemarie Bihler, Richard Walach, James Aquino
John & Deborah Hromyak.....	IMO Robert Romecki
Debbie Hromyak, Renee Tomporowski,	
Erica Jones, Maxine Sweet and Sue Pancurak.....	IMO Jeff Bomba
Jim & Michele Hubert.....	IMO Norene & William Miller, Virginia Waltz
Jerry, Jeremy, & Jennifer.....	IMO Sally Infantino
Jim & Jerry & families.....	IMO Angelo & Bertha Infantino
Bill & Patty Jackson.....	IMO Lois H. Dahlkemper, Deborah A. Dahlkemper,
.....	John & Rita Jackson, John Charles Jackson, Joseph & Fern
.....	Dahlkemper, Edward & Clara Hanlin
Caroline James.....	IMO Katherine Lewandowski
Michael & Antoinette.....	
Richard J. Johnson.....	IMO Theresa Johnson
Jodie Laughlin.....	IMO Gabriel Deely
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Potosnak.....	IMO Sam Pedano, Rose Riazzi, Josephine Herdzik, Patrick Riazzi



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



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*Christmas 2018
St. Patrick Church
Photos by Erin Fessler*









