

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2018



St. Patrick Church  
Christmas 2017  
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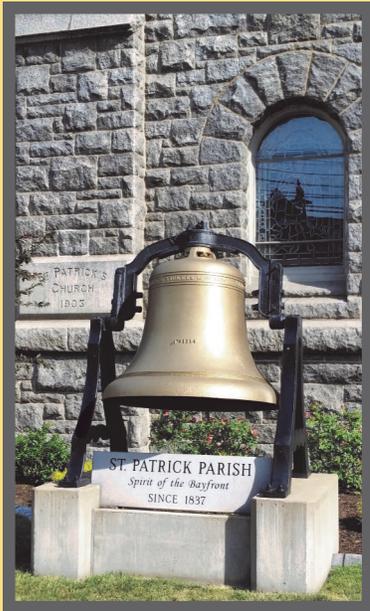
## Saint Patrick Parish

*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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Erie, PA 16507

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Office Hours:

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

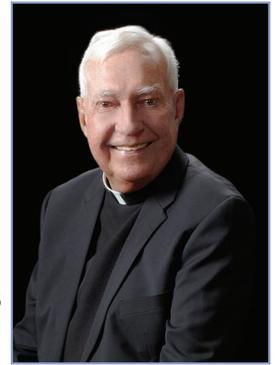
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Samuel was the child promised to the barren woman Hannah. In gratitude, she brought him to the temple when he was a boy to serve the Lord under the guidance of the high priest Eli. When today's reading begins, Eli is old and nearly blind, so Samuel attended to Eli's needs as part of his service in the temple. Because prophecy and divine revelation were not common in Samuel's day, it is not surprising that neither of them immediately recognized that God was speaking to the young man. The only voice that Samuel expects to hear is Eli's. Each time Samuel hears the call, he answers, "Here I am." Following Eli's instructions, Samuel identifies himself as the Lord's servant who is listening. God's word will bear fruit as Samuel takes on his role as judge and prophet.

Corinth was an important city and Paul spent about a year and a half there and later wrote several letters to them when he heard about erroneous teaching and immoral behavior occurring in his absence. Scholars believe there were three letters to the Corinthians, but we only have two of them. The Corinthians had little regard for the body, either their own or another's. Paul explains that the body is made to be in relationship with the Lord, so closely joined to Christ that each person becomes one spirit with him. The body is a temple, a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. If the Corinthians understand this, then reverence for the body should follow

Today we hear from John and our reading is the dramatic encounter of Jesus with his first followers. It begins with John the Baptist directing his disciples to Jesus as the Lamb of God, a designation that refers to the paschal lamb, the gentle lamb led to slaughter, the suffering servant of Isaiah or the apocalyptic lamb who will destroy evil. In John's gospel, symbolism often has multiple layers of meaning. Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" These are Jesus' first words in John. "To look for" or "to seek" is a motif in John which

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

signifies both an intense search and deep desire. Jesus invites those who are genuine searchers to come and you will see. Andrew tells his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Our attention then shifts to Peter with the new name of Cephas as one who seeks and finds the Lord.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Tom Fialkowski, long time faculty member and swimming coach at Cathedral Prep and the retired pastor of Mount Carmel Parish. I had my right knee replaced on Wednesday and am now in rehab for a week, and, according to family members, am not the most patient person they've ever met!!!

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 12,239 pounds of food during the month of November at a cost to the parish of \$584. We served 531 families which included 306 elderly and 277 children. Once again, this undertaking does not cost the parish a single penny because you so overwhelmingly support it. God bless you for helping those who are in need.

Once again we will host a Homeless Shelter for a week in February. That week will cost the parish approximately \$6,000. An envelope is in your January packet of envelopes in case you would like to help with this expense. We are also in need of volunteers to help staff the project. We will again rent the Parish Center at our nearby Church of the Nativity to house the event.

Our bulletins for the past couple of weeks had to go in very early because of the holidays, and this is the first chance I have to thank you for your incredible generosity at Christmas. You purchased Christmas gifts for 150 children who otherwise would not have had anything. We were also able to give St. Martin's Center \$1,000 to be given to families who are in need. And, finally, we gave St. Martin's Center over 85 \$60 gift cards to Walmart to be given to people in need. These gift cards all came from the attorneys and judges in Erie and was coordinated by Atty. Andy Sisinni. Trust me when I say that God does not forget such generosity toward people who do not have what we have. In addition to all of these things, the volunteers at our Food Pantry distributed gifts to the clients who come regularly for food. You

are an incredibly generous group of people. I can only tell you that I am lucky to be assigned here.

In addition to that, a parishioner has offered to pay for the re-carpeting of the balcony and another parishioner gave me \$10,000 toward the costs of replacing the tiles in the back of church. We are going to wait with those until the pipe organ is completely finished.

You may recall that Pope Francis wrote a letter last year in which he stated that there are cases where divorced and remarried Catholics can receive Communion. The letter has met unprecedented opposition from ultra-conservative cardinals and bishops. Since that letter, the pope also wrote a letter to the bishops of Argentina telling them that their interpretation of his original letter, that is giving communion to those divorced and remarried Catholics, is the correct interpretation. He has since elevated that private letter to the Argentinian bishops to an apostolic letter calling the controversial change "authentic teaching" of the church. Remember when we talked about the four levels of our faith: doctrine, teachings, disciplines and practices, I said that doctrine doesn't change; it can develop but not change; but the teachings of the church can and do change. The opposition to this development are people who think that the Holy Spirit died with the last apostle. He's still working in our world, and this new development is a marvelous step forward. Remember that communion is not a reward for being good; it is the food that feeds and sustains us on the journey of life.

God looks over the millions of people and says, "Welcome to heaven. I want the women to go with Peter, and the men to form two lines. Make one line of the men that dominated their women on earth, and the other of men who were dominated by their women. Eventually the line of the men who were dominated is 100 miles long and the line of men that dominated women has only one man. God gets angry and says, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all dominated by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons who stood up and made me proud. Learn from him." Then God turns to the man and asks, "Tell them, my son, how did you manage to be the only one in that line?" The man replies, "I don't know. My wife told me to stand here."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/24/17	\$	9,354.00
Online Giving		<u>1,552.30</u>
Total Income	\$	10,906.30
Offertory Collection 12/25/17	\$	14,377.00
Other Gifts & Late Envelopes		<u>18,400.00</u>
Total Income	\$	32,777.00
Offertory Collection 12/31/17	\$	8,692.00
Online Giving		<u>1,702.30</u>
Total Income	\$	10,394.30
Offertory Collection 01/07/18	\$	10,191.50
Online Giving		<u>1,600.30</u>
Total Income	\$	11,791.18

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**All CSA balances must be received by  
January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

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:

- ◆ **Deceased Biebel family** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ◆ **Linda Winkelman, Ed Snyder, David Snyder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ◆ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko, Joey Deutsch** from Patrick Murphy
- ◆ **Robert Vitron** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ◆ **David Schmidt, Howard & Dorothy Bailey, son, Dennis, Russell Schmidt & family, Jaci Schmidt** from Patricia Schmidt

Also donations from:

Christa Blose, Mary Ellen Demyanovich,  
Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Kathleen Horan,  
Karl & Virginia Kelm, Carla Orlando, Pauline Stevens  
and Erin & Adlin Strimel

**Special Thank You!!!  
to PANERA BREAD &  
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Youth Readers

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Bill Power,  
Carolyn Power

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

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

**Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

**Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani,  
Michele Wheaton, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,  
Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey

## 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.



## Looking for resources for you family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

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



## Additional Christmas Memorials

From Ann Kolodziejczak:

IMO... Max & Tessie Kolodziejczak,  
Mitch, Max & Anthony Kolodziejczak,  
Antonio & Mary Kolodziejczak, John &  
Marcella Majczyk, Richard & Marsha Wilson, Ted,  
Shawn & Tim Wilson, Ralph & Caroline Maloney, Ed  
& Shirley Polaski, Louis & Gerry Huber, Tom & Terry  
Gradler, Joe & Lisa Krauchen, deceased relatives  
of Kolodziejczak & Majczyk families & friends.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**Jan. 15** *Monday, Martin Luther King Day*

CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

**Jan. 16** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 17** *Wednesday, Saint Anthony, Abbot*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 18** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 19** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 20** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV.(ANGIE KNOTUR)

**Jan. 21** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD (NANCY HERZOG)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**01/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**01/20** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## 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



## *Céad Mile 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](mailto: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



## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ErieCatholic.org) to learn more.

### **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**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.**

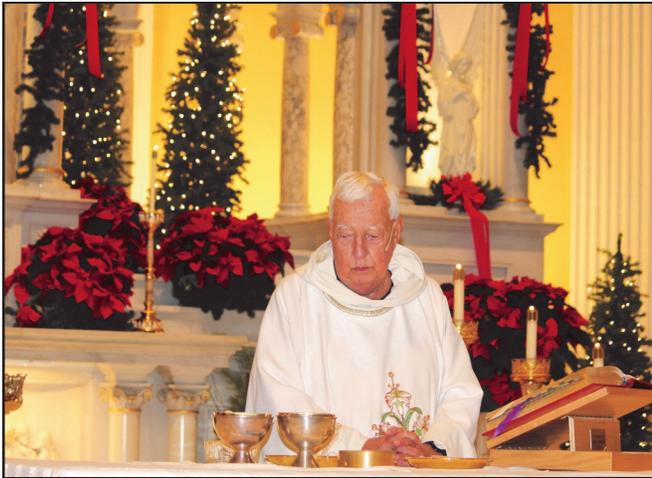
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St. James School

St. Luke School



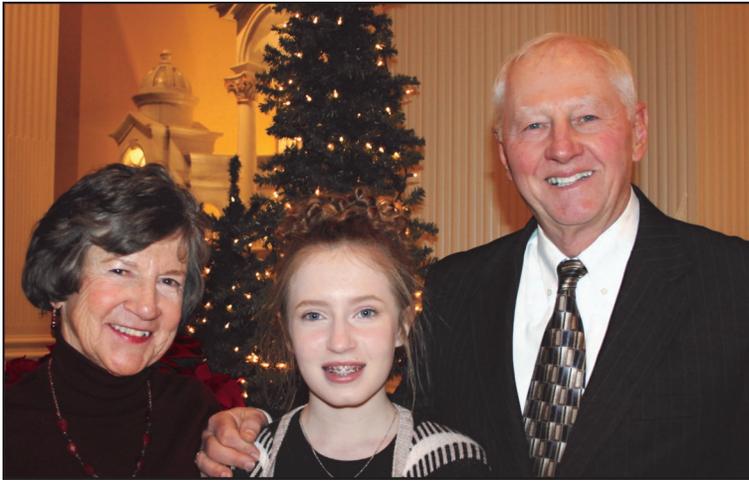
*Christmas 2017  
photos by  
Erin Fessler*













## 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**