

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020



"Jesus Teaching in the Temple"
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
photo by
Tom Golab

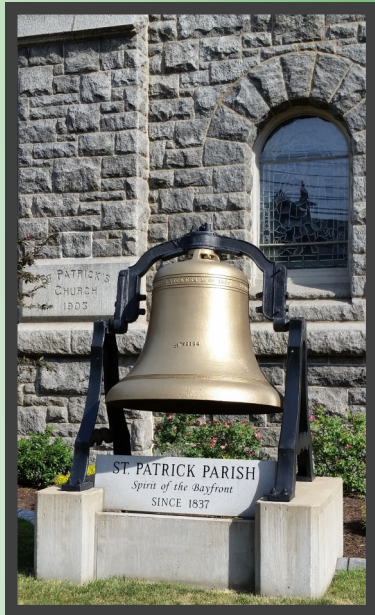
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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MASS SCHEDULE:

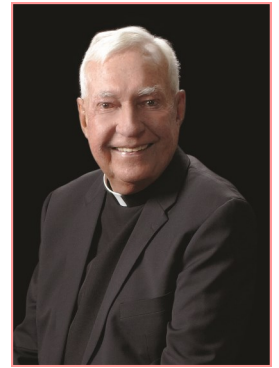
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The reading from Isaiah is the second of four poems referred to as “servant songs.” Each of these poems describes a mysterious servant that sometimes seems to be Isaiah himself and at other times, Israel. An enigmatic figure, the servant can be viewed both as an individual and as a community, with the description aptly applied in one verse to the prophet and in the next to the nation as a whole. The portrait portrays someone intimately involved in God’s plan. After the first words, in which the Lord says, “You are my servant,” the servant himself speaks, telling of God’s words, actions and purpose. The reason that God formed the servant is so that the people—referred to either as Jacob or Israel—may be brought back to God. They be brought back has a twofold meaning: it can indicate brought back from the land of exile or brought back from sinfulness and idolatry. In the final verses, the Lord again speaks. God has formed the servant not for the sake of Israel alone, but also for the nations. God will make the servant a light to the nations so that salvation will reach to the most distant parts of the earth.

The first way Paul identifies himself for the church in Corinth is “called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.” As an apostle, Paul is sent forth to proclaim Christ and to act as his authoritative representative. Paul does not do this alone, but he names others in the letter who share in the mission of Jesus in other letters. Paul and Sosthenes write to the young Corinthian church noting that they are called to be God’s own people. Paul himself and the church in Corinth are in union with believers everywhere who call on the name of the Lord Jesus. If they are united with the church all around the Mediterranean, they must first be united with the believers in their own city. Corinth has been fractured with division and Paul is subtly reminding them to heal.

From the opening words of his gospel, John creates a multifaceted portrait of Jesus. Today, John the Baptist tells his audience that Jesus is the Lamb of God. This fulfills a Jewish tradition in that

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the lamb was an essential part of the Passover, when its blood on the doorposts preserved the homes of the Hebrews as the family shared in a meal. Further, the lamb is a symbol for the Suffering Servant of Isaiah who bore the sufferings of others, and was led like a lamb to the slaughter. The Baptist acknowledges that he does not personally know Jesus, though his role was to make Jesus known to Israel. Ultimately, a vision opened John's eyes to Jesus identity when he saw the Spirit come down and remain on Jesus at the time of his baptism.

There is an envelope in your monthly packet for January if you wish to make a contribution to help cover the costs of the Homeless Shelter which we will host for a week in February. That week costs the parish approximately \$7,000 and anything you can contribute will help offset the costs. This year we are adding security with an off-duty policeman there every night from 7 PM to 7 AM. Many of the people who come to the shelter have mental health issues, and last year we had some major problems which we hope to avoid repeating.

I'm grateful to Angie Kontur for her leadership with this project. She is an incredibly organized person and everything is in place. She has people lined up to provide a hot meal every night of the week, others to provide coffee and donuts for breakfast in the morning, etc. We also have volunteers who are there the entire time to monitor the situation. I'm amazed at how much you have brought to the rectory in the form of toothpaste, shampoo, kleenex, etc. for us to distribute to the people who come to the shelter. We can have as many as 70 people a night.

Our Food Pantry distributed over 150 coats to clients over the Thanksgiving week. Many of them come to the pantry with little to protect them from the cold, and each year we try to help with this. We also distribute gloves. All of this is made possible by your incredible generosity.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Tom Fialkowski, retired pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect for the Congregation for Bishops, said recently that the number of priests who refuse to become bishops has risen sharply in the past decade. He noted that about

three out of ten priests refuse when asked to be a bishop. The appointment of a bishop begins when the bishops of a province (we are part of the province of Philadelphia) draw up a list of priests "most suitable for the episcopate," and send the list, called a terna, to the papal nuncio in Washington, D.C. The list is then forwarded to the Congregation for Bishops who investigate each individual and send names to the pope who is free to name whomever he wishes. Candidates must have a "good reputation," be at least 35 years old, have been ordained for more than five years and have at least a degree in theology or in canon law. Pope Francis has also added to the list by saying that the candidates must have "empathy for the poor." It's impressive to see how Pope Francis brings the care of the poor into every setting.

Gannon University invites people to be part of their CARE game on Saturday, January 25, at 1 PM in the Hammernill Center. All monies raised will be given to St. Vincent Hospital to help cancer patients immediate needs such as travel expenses, dietary needs, holistic care and more.

Gavin Ashenden, former Anglican chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II, has converted to Catholicism. He resigned his chaplaincy in 2017 after criticizing a service at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Glasgow which included a reading from the Koran denying Christ's divinity.

The *Erie Reader* recently published its list of the BEST OF ERIE 2019 and the best Heritage Festival in Erie was voted as the Irish Festival! Second was the Greek Festival and third was the Polish Festival. That honor is because of all the hard work that Eric Albright and Gary and Becky Johnson have put into the festival in these past few years. When I first came here ten years ago and the Festival was at Rainbow Gardens, we had an average of 1,800 people for the weekend. This past year we had 13,000!!!

The Religion teacher was asking her first grade students some questions about love and marriage. "Is it better to be single or married?" she asked. A little girl raised her hand and said, "It's better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them." "How do you make love last?" she asked. A little boy answered, "Don't forget your wife's name—that will mess up the love." A little girl answered, "Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take the garbage out."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,772.00
Online Giving	<u>1,623.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,395.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Services Appeal

Final balance on 2019 CSA is due by
January 25, 2020

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:

- ♦ **Giannina Altadonna** from Frank & Christine Altadonna
- ♦ **Emory Lang** from Mary Atzert
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben, Delainey and Norah
- ♦ **William Hilbert, Sr., Paul & Norma Causgrove, Jim & Mary Ann Maloney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
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- ♦ **Rickey Oligeri** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **John Anthony Rzomp** from David & Mary St. George
- ♦ **Peter Reinhardt, David Reinhardt, Bob & Sally Wagner** from David & Kathy Wagner
- ♦ **Renee Wettekin** from Nicole Wisniewski
- ♦ **Lu Rein Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

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Richard & Margaret Bonniger, Ann Downing,
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Arlene Piskor and Mark & Annette Rennie

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.



Marriage Moments—

Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. Think of a way that you and your spouse are different yet your traits complement each other. (Consider things like attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, quick thinker vs. thorough planner, extrovert vs. self reflective...)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Vickie Lampe, Diane McCarthy, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**

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

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Joseph Schneider,
Nancy Andrzejewski, Christopher Sofranko

Ushers: John Maloney, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies
1 NEEDED

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Megan Gilmore,
Mary Williams, Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

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

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

Be cautious about sharing personal Information—

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Jan. 18 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM EUGENE & CLARA KULIG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

Jan. 19 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

10:30 AM LARRY BAUMANN (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

Jan. 20 *Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 21 *Tuesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

Jan. 22 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM KARL BALLARD (BILL & BETTY ANN FILIKOWSKI)

Jan. 23 *Thursday, Weekday*

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

Jan. 24 *Friday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 25 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JOHN FIRMAN (MARJORIE CORRITORE)

Jan. 26 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JERRY EMLING (NOEL BURGOYNE)

10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD (NANCY HERZOG)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

01/18 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/20 Church and Office CLOSED

01/21 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

01/23 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

A Family Perspective—

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, January 26, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is "Called to a New Life: Finding your way in a new reality." For more information call 814-824-1265 or email at familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit us at: <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>

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 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (Cost - \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs 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@eriecd.org for more information and/or to register

Holy Rosary/St. John parishes to host Souper Chili Sunday

The parishes of Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist in Erie will host a soup and chili cook-off Jan. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hastings Hall, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Enjoy some great food to benefit parish activities and Holy Rosary's and St. John's sister parish in Mexico. For information, to purchase tickets or to enter the competition, contact the parish office at 814-456-4254 or Mary Hickin at 814-920-7525. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids 4 to 12. Children 3 and under are free and there will be lots of macaroni and cheese for them! There is a \$20 maximum cost for families.

If you are disabled and cannot walk to receive 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.) AND please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

Attend Outdoor Adventures event to benefit L'Arche

L'Arche Erie will host its annual Outdoor Adventures Raffle on Feb. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Pre-sale ticket prices are \$20 each, or two for \$30 (pre-sale ends Feb. 13). Tickets at the door are \$20 each. Ticket and event information can be found at www.larcheerie.org or by contacting Sandie Wheeler at development@larcheerie.org or 814-452-2065. Admission includes food and beverages and a chance to win one of the 20 door prizes.

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of SSJNN

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network is celebrating its 20th year of service in 2020. Please **SAVE THE DATE** for its annual Guess That Tune Gala on **April 18** at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Proceeds support SSJNN ministries. For more details, go to www.ssjnn.org/gala.



Students invited to enroll in Saint Vincent College summer program

Students ages 15 and older are invited to enroll in the Saint Vincent College Faith and Reason Summer Program June 21-27. Participants will have an opportunity to explore the relationship between faith and reason, examine the perennial questions of humanity, develop their communication skills, learn how to analyze difficult arguments, prepare for college studies and integrate their moral, intellectual and spiritual development. For further information, contact Dr. Michael Krom, professor of philosophy at Saint Vincent, at 724-805-2844 or michael.krom@stvincent.edu. To register or for more information on the summer program, go to www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

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Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Krieger'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

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EDICT

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE CAUSE FOR GETRUDE A. BARBER

LET ALL KNOW THAT:

Whereas the *Association for the Cause of Gertrude A. Barber*, being a lawfully erected public juridic person, presented a *libellus* (petition) seeking to open a cause for the possible canonization of Gertrude A. Barber, a lay member of the faithful who lived her entire life in Erie County, Pennsylvania, in the Diocese of Erie;

Whereas the *libellus* contains all of its required elements (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 37);

Whereas I have both evaluated and established the existence of an authentic and widespread reputation of holiness and of intercessory power regarding Gertrude A. Barber (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 40) §1;

THEREFORE, I have accepted the *libellus* of the *Association for the Cause of Gertrude A. Barber* and I have opened the cause for her possible canonization, focusing on her life, heroic virtues, and reputation of holiness and of intercessory prayer (cf. *Sanctorum Mater* Title V, Article 40).

TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING INFORMATION:

I urge anyone with information, either favorable or unfavorable to this cause, to come forward with that information by contacting the Reverend Monsignor Thomas McSweeney. He serves as diocesan Postulator of the cause and the main point of contact for the collection of information. He can be reached at 814-878-5953 or through the website for the cause at www.DrBarber.org.

I direct that this edict be distributed by the diocesan Communications Office and published in the parishes of the Diocese of Erie, and that it be posted in the Cathedral Church, in accord with Title VII, Article 43 §1 of the Instruction *Sanctorum Mater*.

Given at the Chancery
Diocese of Erie
on this 12th day of December, 2019


The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop


The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor



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