

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019



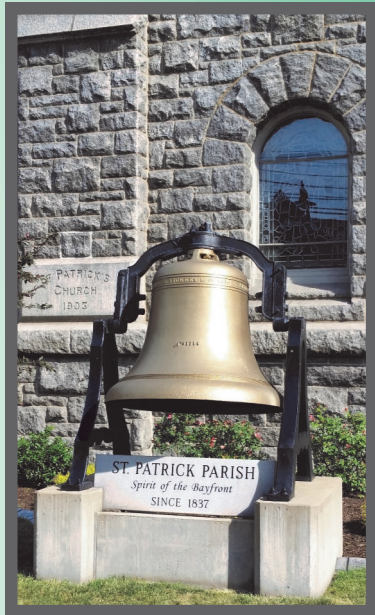
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The exile is officially over, and the Jews returning to their home country expect the restoration of the sovereignty of Judah promised by the prophets. The return was not immediately accompanied by joy, however. The once-defeated Jerusalem, slow to recover from the recent disaster, remains a palpable sign of God's distance. But the prophet is not carried away by sadness; on the contrary, he announces the salvation that God will fulfill among his people. The relationship between God and the people will imitate the true love that unites wife and husband. The prophetic voice infuses hope. The people, personified by the city of Jerusalem, is God's beloved fiancé. He will not abandon her. The prophet speaks of a wedding feast between God and his people.

Paul displays the character of the spiritual gifts which flow from the one Spirit. The accent on the "same Spirit," "the same Lord," "the same God," contrasts with the diversity of the gifts, which are manifestations of the Spirit for the common good. Paul notes that everyone shares in the gifts and we need to recognize them in others. The body of Christ is no place for envy or ill will, distributed according to God's will.

Two scenes help us grasp the meaning of the wedding feast of Cana. The first goes back to Genesis and the couple leaving paradise, where abundant water fertilized and refreshed the garden. In this departure from paradise, nothing is cheerful. In another scene, woman and man meet again. The woman stands facing the cross, and the voice from the cross, "Woman, there is your son," echoes his own voice at Cana, "Woman, what can we do?" Just as Cana abounds in water, transformed into wine, two fountains, water and blood, springs from the pierced body of Christ. Cana represents the marriage covenant between God and his people. The transformation of water from the stone jars into wine is the quality of life we find in and with

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Christ. We no longer feel abandoned and our land is no longer devastated (first reading) because we are espoused to God who cares about us and gets involved in our lives. The first reading and the gospel share the prophetic theme of the wedding between God and his people as a covenant of love. Despite our infidelities, God constantly renews his covenant.

A new statistical analysis seeks to contextualize data about child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy in Pennsylvania. The analysis was done by the Philadelphia law firm Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, LLP. The Grand Jury report claimed to have identified more than 1,000 victims of 301 credibly accused priests and notes a devastating portrait of cover-up by church authorities. The statistical analysis focused on 690 allegations over an 84 year period from 1934 to the present. The remaining cases, the analysis said, were so "deficient" that they could not be included. Since 2003, 23 new cases emerged or 3% of the total. By way of comparison, the authors write that in 2016, the PA Department of Human Services identified more than 3,000 total substantiated allegations, more than three times the number of total allegations against the Catholic Church, identified by the Grand Jury over an eighty year period.

"What is true in Pennsylvania is also true on a national level," the analysis reads, noting that nationally, 24.7 percent of women and 16 percent of men have experienced childhood sexual abuse. "Evidence shows that sexual abuse of minors is a huge epidemic that touches every major institution in society. Further, by all accounts, few institutions have done as much as the Catholic Church to learn from past failures and take steps to prevent abuse going forward." Citing a 2007 *New York Times* report, the analysis says that "Insurance companies receive 260 reports per year of sexual abuse of a minor in U.S. Protestant churches. This annual number is more than the total accusations against Catholic clergy since 2005." And according to a 2004 Education Week study, 290,000 students experienced some sort of physical sexual abuse by a public school employee from 1991 to 2000.

None of this information is intended to make light

of the devastation imposed upon children by abusive clergy and the cover-up by inept bishops; but merely intended to show how widespread and horrific is the sexual abuse of children in our country.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate planning? We established the St. Patrick's Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. None of that money can be spent on operating expenses. We presently have a little over a hundred thousand dollars in it, and I would love to see it grow so that we can be assured of the ongoing maintenance of the church. Perhaps a gift from your estate could be directed to the Foundation.

We recently received our assessment for the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal: \$87,561. This makes us the fifth highest assessment in the diocese with Our Lady of Peace first, then St. George's, St. Jude's and Queen of the World, St. Mary's being the only parishes having higher assessments. Any funds raised above the assessment remain in the parish and the diocesan Finance Office reports that \$1.5 million remained in the parishes. At St. Patrick's, we had an assessment of \$81,400 and raised \$113,000 leaving \$31,600 in the parish.

Lawyers and judges in Erie donated over 80 \$60 gift cards from Walmart which are being distributed through St. Martin's Center. Atty. Andy Sisinni coordinates this each year.

A sweet grandmother phoned St. Joseph Hospital and asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator responded, "Of course, what's the patient's name and room number?" "It's Norma Findlay, room 302." "Let me place you on hold while I check with her nurse." A few minutes later she came back on line and said, "Good news. Her nurse told me Norma is doing very well. Her blood pressure is fine, her blood work is normal and her doctor, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged Tuesday." The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I have been so worried." The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?" The grandmother replied, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me anything."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,603.93
Online Giving	<u>1,597.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,201.23

Thank you for your generosity!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2018 CSA balances must be received by January 27th.
Thank you!

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 to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **The Biebel family** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **David Blinzler** from Kay Blinzler
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben and Delainey
- ♦ **Dorothy Ward, Camilla Lehan, Margaret Higgins** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney, Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **John & Marjorie BeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Chris McCracken** from Gertrude Donovan McCracken
- ♦ **Myrtle & John Perry** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon

Also donations from:

Victoria Abbott, Ann Downing, James & Linda Gehrlein,
William & Patricia Gloekler, Dennis & Marie Gritzer,
Jay & Carol Habas, Francis Hart and
Gerald & Susan Kanonczyk

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



Let us *Welcome*
Stella Diane Sharp
child of
Jeffrey & Kathleen (Fiorenzo) Sharp
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Helen Hodas Kirsch
from Eileen & Jim McLaughlin family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ray Fiorelli, Wendy Sadler, Kay Mannino*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers*

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

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joseph Schneider*

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

Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Luke Gilmore*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Colleen Welch, Ryan Palm, Luke Gilmore*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

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

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz*

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.



Thank you! Once again, the response to our collection of personal care items for use at the **overflow homeless shelter** was overwhelming. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Jan. 21 *Monday, Saint Agnes Virgin & Martyr*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 22 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM FORREST MISCHLER (SR. MARIE)

Jan. 23 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

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

8:00 AM MARY MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(MARY LOU SCOTTINO)

Jan. 25 *Friday, The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 26 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS
(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

Jan. 27 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE (FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

01/19 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/21 **Office & Church Closed**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

01/22 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

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

01/26 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

***Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick present
Msgr. Kriegel with a \$500 donation to the
Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry***



Msgr. Kriegel, President-Patti Sullivan, Treasurer-Colleen Welch,
Secretary-Diane Speice, Vice President-Michael Malthaner

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

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

f St Patrick Day
Parade in Erie PA
i #IrishInErie

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.

Erie March for Life—

People for Life invites you to participate in the Erie **March for Life on Saturday, January 26**. The theme of this year's March is Choose hope! Gather at the pavilion in west Perry Square by 10:45 a.m. The March will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. with a brief program in Perry Square. This is a good opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless and a witness for the sanctity of human life in our own community. For more information call 814-882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2019.

Mercy Center of the Arts Preschool to hold open house



The Mercy Center of the Arts Preschool, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, will hold an open house Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, email Amy Bauschard at abauschard@mercyhurst.edu or call 814-824-2519.

Mass, breakfast scheduled to honor seminarians
Knights of Columbus Council #4121 of St. Julia Parish, Erie, will host a breakfast to honor seminarians of the Diocese of Erie on Feb. 3 following the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mark Catholic Center's chapel, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Reservations may be made by contacting Bill Lenart at 814-838-1775 or at stickamondo@verizon.net.

Please join the Saint Jude PTO on **Sunday, February 24th** for a fun afternoon of **Purse BINGO**. All funds raised from this fun afternoon will support the faculty, staff, students and programs at Saint Jude School.



Doors Open at 11:30 am and Games begin at 1pm.

Saga Club of Erie ~ 3828 Washington Ave., Erie PA 16509

Tickets go on sale Monday, January 14, 2019. Only 250 seats available so call now for your ticket. To purchase contact Colleen Miller @ 814-392-1827 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/st-jude-school-ptu-purse-bingo-tickets-54304117076. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door if available. Tables of 8 may be purchased in advance, MUST be purchased as 1 transaction for \$200 a table.

Part-time live-in caregiver needed for 95 year old gentleman. Call Tim at 450-9416 if interested.

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



January 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have always understood the value of good communications. The work I've been called to as bishop of the Diocese of Erie is not done in a vacuum. Responding to the needs that surfaced early in my tenure, I took a collaborative approach to restructuring in both schools and parishes. I consulted with many advisors, but also opened the conversation to all parishioners, inviting feedback and using it to help shape our future.

I also have worked to keep you informed about my responses to the serious challenges of the past year. A number of people have asked me how they could be helpful to me after the release of the grand jury report. One way is to stay informed. Read the statements I've issued along the way, rather than relying on headlines or social media posts that don't always capture the full story. When the subject comes up with family, friends or colleagues, encourage them to do the same.

One way to stay informed is to visit www.ErieRCD.org. We now have an even more user-friendly site with state-of-the-art technology that makes it easy for you to access, whether you are on a laptop, a tablet or your phone. Our homepage has a link to all of my statements, and the news tab will take you to our latest stories. While you're there, be sure to subscribe to our free, weekly Diocese of ErieE-news, an engaging mix of links to diocesan, national and international news of interest to Catholics.

I am grateful for your contributions to the Help Spread the Faith campaign scheduled to take place in parishes the weekend of Jan. 26-27, 2019. Your support will ensure we continue to have access to valuable communications tools, including our website, Faith Magazine and a strong array of digital options.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

