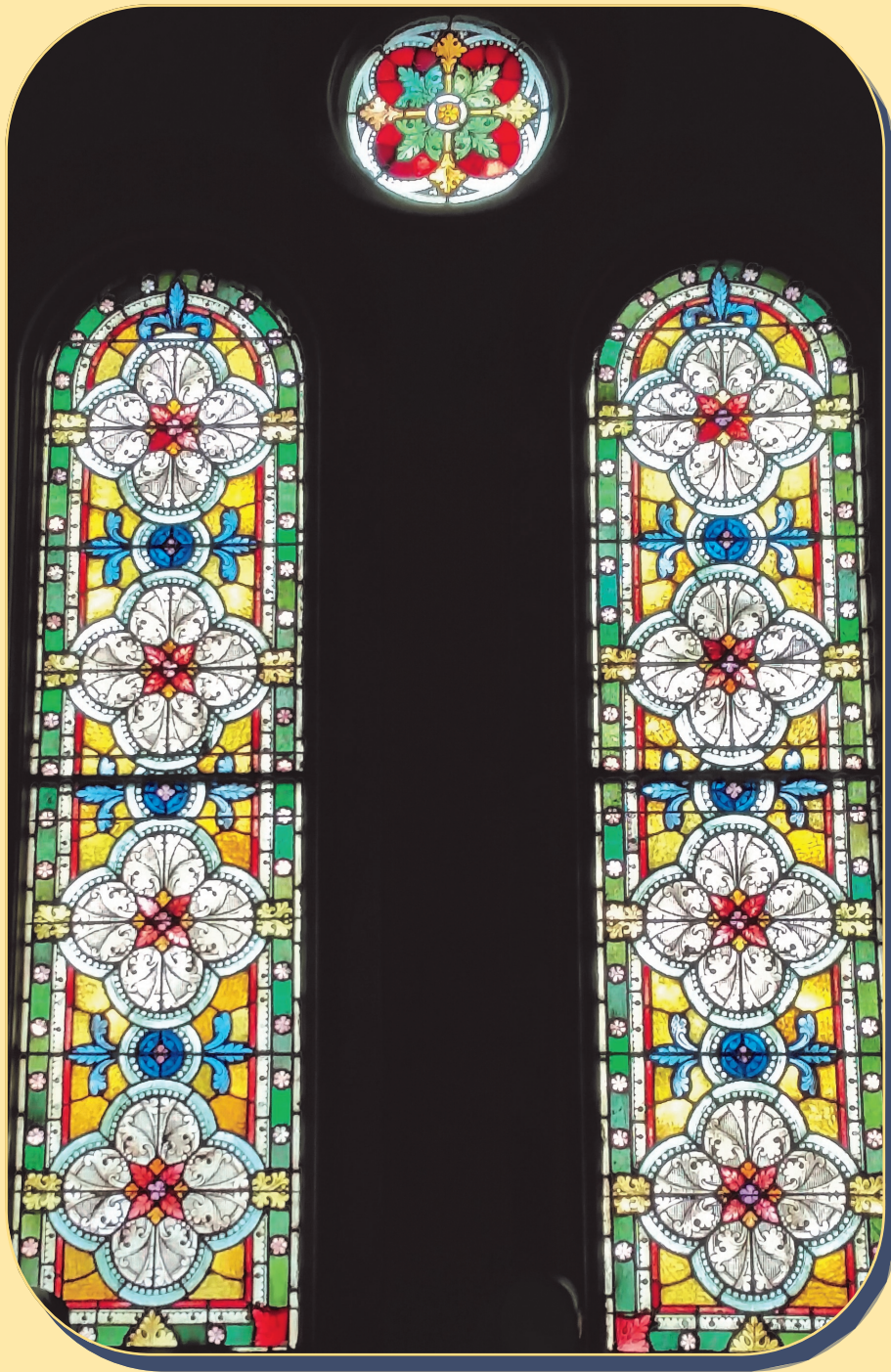


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018



St. Patrick Church -
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behind the organ

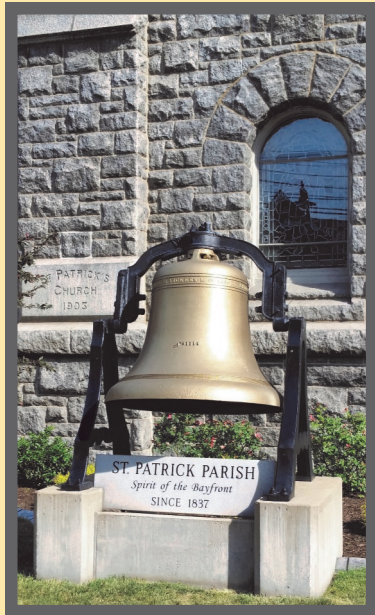
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

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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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. "The word of God came to Jonah," is a typical introduction to a divinely inspired message to a prophet of Israel. A very important line in today's reading is omitted and that is that God's word came to him a second time. The first time, Jonah, the most reluctant prophet in all Israel, attempted to flee the divine commission, resulting in the well known story of Jonah in the belly of the whale. When, finally, Jonah goes to Nineveh, the people immediately repent. Again the reading omits the extent of their repentance. Their turning from evil moves God to turn away from the threat that Jonah proclaimed. The strangeness of Jonah's story gives scripture scholars a wide diversity of interpretation. Some see the whole book as a parable, rather than a historic narrative. Whatever its genre, the book has three very important theological messages: the power of God's Word, the universal call to repentance, and the vastness of God's compassion.

In the verses prior to today's reading, Paul writes to the church about how to live in the present age with the understanding that there will be an age to come. Throughout all of his letters, the church's belief in this future age underlies Paul's teaching. Today's text begins with his saying that the time until God's arrival to bring this new age to come is very short. Paul uses the Greek word *kairos*, for time, indicating the time designated by God, the appointed time of fulfilling God's promises. In the context of today's reading, the time refers to Christ's second coming. Yet Paul points out that we have already experienced God's *kairos* in the Incarnation. The Christ who will come in the future has already come among us. The things of the present age to which people cling are only a glimpse of the glory of the age to come.

Jesus' first words in Mark's gospel announce that the *kairos*, the appointed time of God's coming is now at hand. Immediately after announcing the

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the appointed time, Jesus calls his first disciples. Simon, Andrew, James and John immediately respond to him, abandon their own way of life and enter into this new way of life.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Jason Mitchell, a member of the faculty at Gan-non University. I'm grateful for his willingness to cover the parish this weekend as I finish up rehab from having my right knee replaced. I will be back in the saddle next weekend.

I'm coming along really well after the surgery to replace my right knee. The initial therapy was a bit tough, but I survived and am now at home and getting around without a cane or anything. I must tell you that the absence of the pain that I've been experiencing is wonderful. I thank all of you for your care and concern.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal will get underway on the first weekend of February. This appeal raises funds for Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, funds the daily Bishop's Breakfast prepared for over 150 homeless people each day, etc. Each parish is assessed a set amount and anything raised above and beyond that remains in the parish. Last year our assessment was \$74,000 and we raised \$115,000 which meant that \$41,000 was able to remain here at St. Patrick's. Everyone will receive a letter from me within the next week or two and I'm hoping that you might be able to help support the appeal again this year. This year's assessment is slightly more at \$81,359.

St. Martin's Center does more to help the poor and those living on the margins of life than any other organization that I know. It helps people with food, clothing, rent, paying bills, etc. A number of our parishioners volunteer to help at the Center, and I'm wondering if there are any more of you who would be willing to volunteer. You can choose from a variety of tasks that need to be done and pretty much determine how many hours you would be able to commit to. Additional information is available by contacting the Center at 452-6113.

A recent study by the PEW Research Center on Orthodox Christians throughout the world shows

that they are experiencing a dramatic decline in numbers and participation. In Russia, only 6 percent of the Orthodox go to church, in Ukraine it is 12 percent and in Romania it is 21 percent. With the exception of Africa, India and the Philippines, Christianity is on a sharp decline throughout the world.

Canada's 17-month-old legalized euthanasia is aimed at an extensive expansion which would now allow euthanasia for teenagers and the mentally ill. In the first 12 months of enactment, over 2,000 Canadians died via medically prescribed poison injected into their veins. A poll also revealed that 70% of Canadian Catholics support the bill while 70% of evangelical Christians oppose it.

Pope Francis is asking bishops' conferences around the world for a translation change in the Lord's prayer. He says that the line, "and lead us not into temptation" is a bad translation. In France, the line was recently changed to "do not let us enter into temptation." "I am the one who falls. It's not God pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen," said the Holy Father. The Italian Bishops Conference is set to make the change soon and other nationalities are expected to do the same.

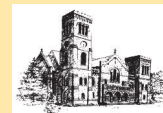
Your January packet of envelopes includes one to help with the costs of the Overflow Homeless Shelter which we will host for a week in February. This project costs the parish approximately \$6,000 for the week. Any help you can give to offset these expenses will be greatly appreciated.

We're going to have some dirt and mess in church over the next few months as the pipe organ is completely dismantled, repaired and then reconstructed. We'll do everything we can to keep it clean and then will do a thorough and complete clearing of the church once all of the work is finished.

A hotel guest calls the front desk and says, "I'm in room 858. You need to send someone to my room immediately. I'm having an argument with my wife and she said she's going to jump out the window." The desk clerk replies, I'm sorry sir, but that is a personal matter." The man replies, "Listen, you idiot. The window won't open. That's a maintenance matter."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,681.00
Online Giving	<u>1,583.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,264.30

Thank you for your generosity!

All 2017 CSA balances must be received by January 31st.

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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Nemergut & Winiarczyk families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Teresa Callaghan, Howard & Frances Gehringer, Nicholas Caccavo, Dorothy Chesario** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Matthew Colpoys** from Michael & Noelle Colpoys
- ♦ **James Miller** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Mark Glennon, Rosemarie Glennon** from Michael & Jill Levandowski
- ♦ **Edwin Wright** from Eugen & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Chase Hollingsworth** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Edward Chizewick, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Bob Hayes, Joe & Heather Kimball, Dave & Julie Sanner and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

**Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
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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 !!!*



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, January 28, 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 28, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Patty Jackson, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Barb Miles



*Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Mary McCarthy and Renee Calabrese** who passed away last week.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Attention Families—

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!



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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Jan. 22 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 23 *Tuesday, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 25 *Thursday, The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 26 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 27 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

Jan. 28 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DONNA JEAN MERSKI ((RON & PATTY MERSKI)

10:30 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

01/23 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

01/24 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

01/27 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 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



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 28th:

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



Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy will be holding Open Houses—

Sunday, January 21st
from 12:00—2:00 pm



Guided tours of each campus will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our modern science labs and classrooms, and will highlight our technology programs and opportunities to graduate from Prep or Villa with over a year of college complete! Prep and Villa will have applications available and there is no fee to apply. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie, PA 16501. Villa Maria Academy is located at 2403 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505. If you have any questions please call 453-7737, ext. 3.

Join Erie's March for Life Jan. 27

The 2018 Erie March for Life, themed "Life: The Universal Language," will be held Jan. 27 beginning at 11 a.m. at the pavilion in west Perry Square in downtown Erie. Those who are participating are asked to arrive by 10:45 a.m. Signs will be available for everyone. Wear warm clothes and comfortable, non-slip footwear.

2018 Great Lakes Hospice Bereavement Support Groups— 1700 Peach Street, Suite 244



- Meetings are free of charge and open to the public
- Doors open at 5:00 pm; meeting starts promptly at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm
- Dinner will be served, courtesy of Hamot Health Foundation, promptly from 5-5:30 pm the first of every month
- Please RSVP by calling Cathy McKenzie at 814/877-6527 no later than the day before the scheduled meeting

Scheduled meetings:

- * February 1st (dinner), February 15th (snack)
- * March 1st (dinner), March 17th (snack)
- * May 3rd (dinner), May 17th (snack)
- * June 7th (dinner)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3108 Sterrettania Road

- * January 25th (snack)
- * February 22nd (snack)
- * March 24th (snack)
- * May 24th (snack)
- * June 14th (snack)

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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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

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank and welcome **NATIONAL FUEL**
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Elma, Customer Service Manager, Erie, PA
for advertising in our parish bulletin.



January 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 2017 World Communications Day Message, Pope Francis takes an unblinking look at how information is impacting our culture. While acknowledging that a constant focus on bad news contributes to anxiety and fear, he knows we cannot ignore the challenges of our times.

Yet he still finds room for hope.

"I would like to contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourize evil, but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach on the part of its recipients," he writes. "I ask everyone to offer the people of our time storylines that are at heart 'good news.'"

That is exactly what we try to do in the Diocese of Erie. Overseeing our efforts to evangelize, to teach, to empower and to minister to those in need – not to mention the logistics of interacting with 97 parishes, 43 schools and dozens of ministries and agencies spread out across 10,000 square miles – requires that we share an enormous amount of information. I am committed to transparency, and work closely with our Communications Office to make sure we use every avenue possible to keep you informed.

But it's about more than information. We prioritize inspiration as well. As Faith magazine begins its 13th year of publication, it's clear there will never be any shortage of stories about people in our diocese who are living out the Gospel with creativity and generosity. This year, we also are preparing to launch an updated website, designed to be welcoming, engaging and user friendly. And I have been enjoying reaching out to you with my new Twitter account in recent months.

Each of these efforts is important to our lifelong journey as disciples. That's why I'm asking you to please support the **Help Spread the Faith** collection **January 27-28**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
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