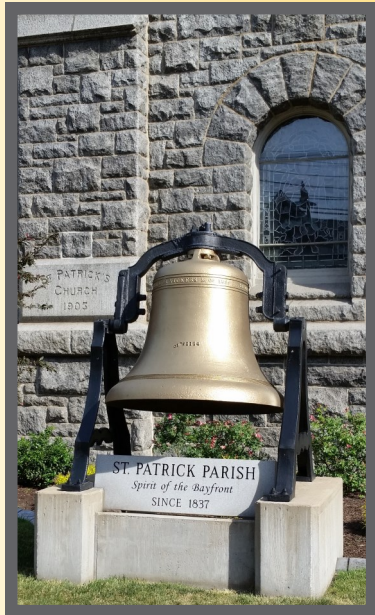


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2020



*The Pipe Organ*  
St. Patrick Church  
photo by  
Janine Carch Sliker

**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**

130 East 4th Street  
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Office Hours:

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

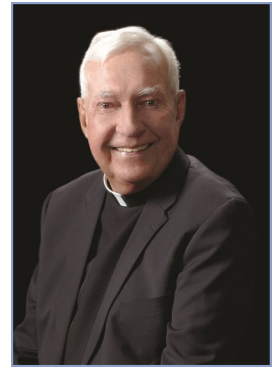
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the 8th century BC, the ever-expanding and brutal Assyrian empire invaded the northern kingdom of Israel. The military brought such devastation to land and people that darkness seemed to shroud everything. It is in that context that Isaiah announces that the gloom will be transformed to light. Though the people are still suffering, Isaiah uses verbs that sound as if the darkness has already been dispelled. The first biblical reference to darkness occurs in the creation account when darkness covers the abyss. God's word, "Let there be light," was the first act of creation. In another manifestation of divine power, God will dispel all the darkness, gloom and distress in which war-torn Israel dwells. In the second part of his prophecy, Isaiah speaks directly to the Lord who is the source of light. God's gift of light brings such joy that Isaiah uses three images to describe it. First, the peoples' joy is comparable to the rejoicing at the harvest. In a second image, the people make merry in dividing spoils. Rather than being plunged into the darkness of defeat, they rejoice in the rewards of victory. The final image is the relief of being freed from the weight of yoke, pole and rod, all instruments of servitude and oppression.

Beginning with the opening chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses a major problem in the Corinthian community: the lack of unity. He uses both positive and negative terminology to look at the situation from various angles. Paul summarized the positive perspective in the verse just before today's reading, telling the church that they have been called into fellowship with Christ. Since communion with Christ is at the heart of their faith, believers should agree in what they say, and be united in mind and purpose. Paul has learned of the division from Chloe, the only time we hear of him and most likely the head of one of the local churches. Some put their trust in Paul, Apollos or Cephas and Paul says no; our trust is in Christ. The Good News does not rest on human wisdom, but on Christ.

After his baptism by John and his temptations in



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

the dessert, Jesus begins his public ministry in Galilee, a region with a large number of gentiles dating back to the Assyrian conquest and resettling of foreigners. The area was under the control of Herod Antipas, who had already arrested John the Baptism. According to Matthew, Jesus' reason for withdrawing from the area of Zebulun and Naphtali was to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy heard in today's first reading. He begins in the village of Capernaum, a fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He begins his preaching by calling for repentance, just as had John. In the next scene he encounters Simon and Andrew and Matthew calls our attention to the power of Jesus' word and the immediacy of a response. He tells them they will continue to be fishermen, but now their catch will be people.

The annual Peter's Pence collection -- monies donated by Catholics around the world and given to the pope for charitable work—has been declining in past years. In 2017, the appeal brought in 60 million euros; last year, it produced 50 million, a drop of 17%. The Vatican itself is also operating in the red. Last year saw a deficit of 70 million euros. There are reports in the European press that much of the Peter's Pence money is not being used for charity, but to help with the operating expenses of the Vatican.

We have a difficult time heating the first floor of the rectory during these winter months. The upper two floors are fine, but the first floor is always cold. In my office, for example, the only heat is that which comes from the fireplace. Some years ago, someone removed all the radiators on the first floor and replaced them with baseboard heating. That system is simply not working, and so we are removing it and putting radiators back in. My apartment on the third floor is nice and toasty warm with the radiators (and, of course, heat rises); but the first floor is always cold. We have separate heating units in the kitchen and the living room which work very well, so we will not be putting new radiators in there, but we will in the main office, my office, the conference room, the Finance office, etc.

The parish recently received a check in the amount of \$2,050 from the diocese. That money comes each year from the Cauley Trust which was established in the 1940s by the last remaining Cauley brother. They were priests here from 1892 until the last one died in 1954. Have you

ever considered remembering the parish in your estate planning? The St. Patrick Endowment exists at the Catholic Foundation for the sole purpose of maintaining St. Patrick's Church. The monies in that fund cannot be used for any other purpose. To date we've been able to built it up to approximately \$250,000.

Employees of Wabtech donated \$2,500 to our Food Pantry at Christmas. That is incredibly generous of them.

Cardinal Reinhard Marx, head of the German Bishops Conference, has expressed the view that homosexual couples can receive a church blessing "in the sense of a pastoral accompaniment" in the Catholic Church, but not in a manner that resembles marriage. The Archbishop of Munich and Freising said, "I can bless them both in the sense of pastoral accompaniment, we can pray together. But theirs cannot be a marriage-like relationship." He said he told the Vatican Synod on the Family in 2015 that homosexual couples, who are faithful to each other and support each other, should not be "negatively bracketed" by the Church or told by the Church that stable homosexual relationships are considered worthless. He also stressed that a homosexual union "is not a marriage" in the Catholic sense of the word, and that the sacrament of marriage is between a man and a woman.

Marx also commented on the sacramental ordination of women and said that Pope Francis told him "the door is closed," given Pope John's Paul's statement in 1994. "Nonetheless, said the German cardinal, "debate on the issue is not over." Archbishop Koich of Berlin said that both hetero and homosexuality are normal."

A trucker was caught in a horrific traffic jam in Washington, D C, larger than anything he had ever seen before. He sits for the longest time and suddenly a man knocks on his window. The driver rolls down the window and asks, "What's going on?" The man replies, "Terrorists have kidnapped the entire U.S. Congress, and they're asking for a \$100 million ransom." John is shocked, but the man continues, "Otherwise, they are going to douse them all in gasoline and set on fire." "Lord have mercy," replies the trucker. "We are going from car to car, collecting donations," says the man. "How much is everyone giving on average?" asks the driver. "About a gallon, maybe two, depending on what you can afford."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,964.40
Online Giving	<u>1,853.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 6,817.40

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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:

- ♦ **Theresa Callaghan, Frances Gehringer** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber Carey
- ♦ **Margaret Sheehan Ward** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Mary & Clarence Zelinski and Rosemarie & Bill Hayes** from Bob & Ann Hayes
- ♦ **Helen Kormosh, Joseph R. Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Elizabeth Sonntag, Phil Sonntag, and Edward Masek** from Bill & Kathy Masek
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Nancy Holland** from Jim & Kathy Sertz
- ♦ **Richard S. Miller** from Lynne Miller
- ♦ **Ed Schenker, Fred Schenker** from Bob & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Paul & Rose Kulich** from Michael & Paulanne Reske
- ♦ **Frank Valhovic** from Tim & Sheila Mack

Also donations from:

Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, Theresa Rotunda, Barbara Rothman, Ryan & Sarah Palm, Joe & Heather Kimball, Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Tessie & Max, Jr. Kolodziejczak**  
from daughter & sister,  
Ann Kolodziejczak*

## A Family Perspective—

When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Barbara Brairton  
Phyllis Marchinetti, Wendy Sadler, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Mike & Pat Tellers

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

**Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Pattie Marchant,  
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

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

**Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Luke Gilmore,  
Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello, Colleen Welch

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers

## 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.



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.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**Jan. 27** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM EDA CARULLO (ROSEANNE BROWN & LENA LANGER)

**Jan. 28** *Tuesday, Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR (ANGER KONTUR)

**Jan. 29** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM LARRY BAUMANN (NATE CARLIN & MARY CARROLL)

**Jan. 30** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM CAROL EDMUNDSON (JEFF & MICHELE CHERESON)

**Jan. 31** *Friday, Saint John Bosco, Priest*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 1** *Saturday, Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord*

5:00 PM KATHY HAMM (KATHY & MARY DEBELLO)

**Feb. 2** *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 AM CAROLANN WITHROW (LUCAS FAMILY)

10:30 AM KATHLEEN WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

## **Marriage Moments—**

“There are rivalries among you...Each of you is saying...” I am a Democrat, or I am a Republican. (adapted from 1 Cor.1:11-12). Even if both of you have similar political leanings, you certainly know people who have different opinions about religion or politics. Find someone who disagrees with you this week (maybe your spouse) and listen carefully to understand more than persuade.



## **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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**01/25** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/28** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/29** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**02/01** 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 1/1/2019 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

## **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](mailto: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: [famiylife@eriecd.org](mailto:famiylife@eriecd.org) for more information and/or to register



### 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](http://www.larcheerie.org) or by contacting Sandie Wheeler at [development@larcheerie.org](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:michael.krom@stvincent.edu). To register or for more information on the summer program, go to [www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason](http://www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason).

### Advertiser of the Week:

We Welcome and Thank  
**TJ's Plumbing & Heating**  
 Any Problem - Any Time - Anywhere  
 (814) 836-0001  
[www.tjsplumbing.com](http://www.tjsplumbing.com)  
 For advertising in our Parish bulletin

### MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies. Go to [saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
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**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**





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