

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019



Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
Photo by
Tom Golab

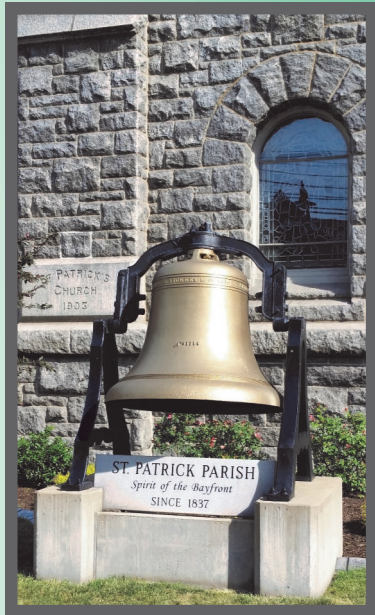
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading recalls a key scene in the rebuilding of the people upon their return from Babylonian captivity: the scribe Ezra presents the book of the new law. When they return they discover that the rebuilding of the temple has been delayed, the monarchy disappeared and the properties of the exiles were occupied by squatters. A single institution remains, one that fostered the unity of God's people for centuries: God's law given by Moses. To mark the renewal and the birth of Judaism, Ezra proclaims this law, and the people agree to its conditions. Thanks to this law, the people are filled with hope. For the first time after the exile, Israel gathers as a people, celebrates the proclamation of the word, and share a festive meal.

The central theme of today's readings is the Word of God proclaimed to the people. We just heard Ezra announcing God's law. Jesus begins his public activity by commenting on sacred Scripture in the synagogue of Nazareth. Paul explains how the Word of God shapes the Body of Christ and is manifested in the diverse charisms, gifts granted by God for the good of the community. He employs the analogy of the body to illustrate the functions of the charisms—"As the body is one though it has many parts....so also Christ." The spiritual gifts and the diverse functions do not impair the unity of Christians; rather, they are a manifestation of the church's wealth.

After Jesus reads from the scroll in the synagogue, he announces that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The poor will be the privileged beneficiaries of the good news of the arrival of the messianic era. Sometimes we get discouraged by the distance that separates the truth of God's word and the condition of our lives. But we need patience and constancy. Water by nature is soft and stone is hard, but when water falls drop by drop on the stone, over time, it will be smooth and sculpted. This is what happens as we pay daily attention to the Word of God.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

The divine word is also soft and the hearer of the word often hard-hearted, but if we listen to this word, over time the heart will be transformed and will open to God's love. The heart becomes softer, more humane, less stone, with the action of the word of God, drop by drop.

We had to take up part of the floor in the Food Pantry because the substructure underneath it is full of dry rot. One section of the floor had dropped about an inch. When we had a contractor come in, he wasn't able to give us an exact bid because he couldn't determine the extent of the damage; but, of course, it was extensive. It is now repaired and we wait for the next issue!!!

We also had bills of almost \$5,000 because a pipe on the third floor of the rectory burst and we didn't know it until the ceiling in the living room on the first floor came down. It's now repaired and the hundred year old pipes have been replaced.

If you ever park in the east parking lot and enter church through the side door off that parking lot, you know what terrible condition the hallway is back there. Plaster was down, paint peeled, etc. and we have now completely restored that area so that it is presentable.

St. Martin's Center is always looking for additional volunteers, and perhaps you would consider helping them. They just published their report on the last year and it reveals that they helped 8,296 people, served 11,816 Bishop's Breakfasts, provided childhood education for 255 children and served 1,495 families through their Food Pantry. They offer all kinds of assistance ranging from money to pay rent to helping people get job interviews.

The Institute for Family Studies has just released a report that reveals that only half of U. S. children are being raised by married parents. Among high school seniors whose parents had a college education or more, 64 percent lived with married parents. The more education a person has, the more likely they are to marry and stay married. Only 29 percent of children whose parents had less than a high school education still lived with married parents through the end of high school. Race also played a factor. Asian-American

children were found to be the most stable group with two-thirds of them living with married parents. However, less than one quarter of African-American children experienced a married two-parent household and only 45 percent of Hispanic children grew up with married parents. Of the 50 percent who did not grow up with married parents, 23 percent were raised by only their birth mother; eleven percent were raised by a birth parent and a step-parent; and six percent were raised by their father. The remaining ten percent were raised either by grandparents, foster care, adoption and same-sex couples.

As 2019 dawns, a whole new rebirth of downtown Erie is in the works. Everywhere you look there is construction going on: the new Erie Insurance building will dominate the skyline. The new building at UPMC Hamot, the new hotel on the Bayfront, the major construction at St. Vincent's. The Downtown Development Corporation continues to focus on the re-birth of downtown Erie, and the results are slowly emerging. It's an exciting moment, and St. Patrick's sits right in the middle of all of it. I remember when I first came here nine years ago, the condition of the neighborhood was rather frightening. Take some time and drive through the lower Eastside now and you see a live, vibrant neighborhood. Gone from State St. to Parade Street and from the Bayfront to East Sixth Street are run down, derelict homes. Instead you will see refurbished homes, new homes, a great deal of restoration and rebuilding by Erie Insurance, and a neighborhood that is alive. More and more professional people are moving into the area giving it a new sense of life. There is room here for both professional people and people who struggle to get by.

One of our own parishioners, Attorney Matt Wachter, is a vice president of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation. Another parishioner, Pierre McCormick, is on the Board of Directors. And, of course, the best neighbor anyone could ever have—Erie Insurance—is right in the middle of everything with this project.

A cop stops a drunk late at night and asks him where he's going. "I'm going to a lecture on the abuse of alcohol and the effects it has on the human body." "Really?" asks the policeman, "whose giving that lecture at one in the morning?" "My wife."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,814.00
Online Giving	<u>1,562.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 6,376.30

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:

- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Beverly Fetzner
- ♦ **Phyllis Zack, "Kitty" Cancilla Hilton** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Bill & Rosemarie Hayes** from Bob & Ann Hayes
- ♦ **James & William Villella** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Helen Hodas Kirsch** from John M. Kirsch
- ♦ **Richard Walach** from Marci Honard
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **James T. Rennie** from Dorothy Rennie
- ♦ **Frieda Miller** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Jim Kaveney** from Michael & JoAnne Samsel
- ♦ **Dr. Sam Ward** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Mark & Barbara Sargent, Robert & Carolyn Schenker,
William Sennett, Nick Straub and
Clarence & Mary Zielinski

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Jennifer Johnson
Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Welcome New Parishioners

*Robert & Connie Biebel
David Duska & Anastasia Lachica
Derek & Melanie Lichtinger
Michael & Cynthia Smiley
Paige Tempslo
Nick & Terre DeSantis
James & Kathleen Salter
Derek & Emily Sieber
John & Annette Widomski
Pamela DeMatteis
Art & Mary Whiteman
Scott & Leslie Woodell*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Wendy Sadlier,
Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

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

Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Christine Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Pae, Ed Smith,
Megan Gilmore

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dario Cipriani,
Michele Wheaton

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



Banns of Marriage

Craig Campomizzi & Julie Mellin
Tyler Cyphert & Jessica Czerwinski
Ryan Dougherty & Elizabeth Fessler

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 TACCONI (FAMILY)

Jan. 28 *Monday, Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest & Doctor of the Church*

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

Jan. 29 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

Jan. 30 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

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

8:00 AM MASS

Feb. 1 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 2 *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM WANDA HABAS (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

Feb. 3 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM ASHWORTH FAMILY (MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)

10:30 AM KATHLEEN WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

01/04 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

01/30 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

02/02 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.



Open House Schedule: Sunday, January 27, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament School

Our Lady of Peace School

St. James School

St. Jude School

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. George School

St. Luke School



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

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THE ——— HOSTED BY ———
Knights & Ladies
OF ST. PATRICK EST. 1978



St Patrick Day
Parade in Erie PA



#IrishInErie

Young adults welcomed to Theology on Tap

Young adults, ages 21 to mid-30s, are invited to attend a series of Theology on Tap events sponsored by the St. George Parish Catholic Young Adult Ministry. The remaining programs this winter will be held Jan. 28, Feb. 11 and Feb. 25, each evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Brewerie (Union Station) in Erie. For more information or questions contact Theresa Walsh at cya@stgeorgeerie.org

Ladies, consider taking your Lenten journey with us!

Lent is a season of renewal, rebirth, regeneration, and recommitment.

All women 18 years and older are invited to join in Women of Grace Study Program, "Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life", developed by EWTN's Johnette Benkovic. Take your Lenten journey with us to be strengthened for holiness and finding God's awesome purpose and mission for you in the world today. **A morning group (9:30-11:30) and evening group (6:30-8:30) will start on February 12th** and will meet for 9 Tuesdays. It will be held at **St. Jude the Apostle Church office in the Founder's Room**. To register for this group, please text or call Carmen Schattner at (517) 442-5552 or email at clschattner@gmail.com. **A morning group (9:15-11:15) will start on February 13th** and will meet for 9 Wednesdays, **at St. Joe's Community Center on the second floor**. Text or call Kathy McGovern at 814-440-8792 to register for this group. Cost is \$54 for materials (there is a reduced cost for Kindle). Financial assistance is available.

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.

5th Annual Women's Conference in Erie

The 5th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference is happening **March 30, 2019** at Our Lady of Peace Church. Come and learn how to Live Joy-fully!

The Conference includes 3 dynamic speakers—Internationally-known recording artist Amanda Vernon, Director of Ministry Advancement at Blessed is She, Beth Davis and author, speaker and broadcaster Sonja Corbitt. Cost of the conference is \$40 for Adults, \$35 for Senior Citizens, \$25 for College Students, \$10 for High School Students and Religious Sisters are **FREE!** The conference cost includes lunch. Register by calling 814-455-7364 or on-line at www.138women.com

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



Catholic Schools **Week of Giving** Every Gift Matched!

We hope that you will consider making a gift during the CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OF GIVING, January 27th through February 1st. Your gift will be **MATCHED** dollar for dollar, and will help to ensure that Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

Attached is my gift of \$ _____ made payable to: Erie Catholic School System

Please send my gift acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____



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It is through your generosity that we will continue to maximize every child's academic and spiritual potential.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

