

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 28, 2018**



St. Patrick Church  
Stained Glass Window -  
Stairwell to Organ Loft

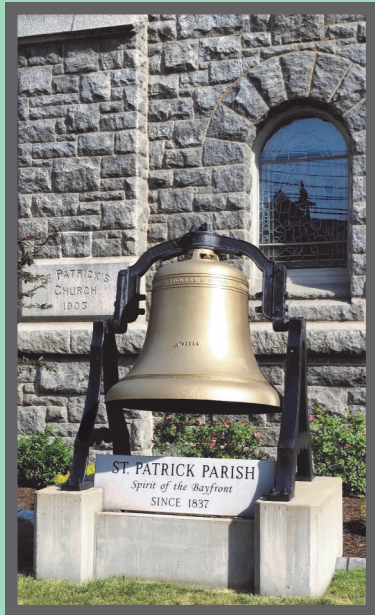
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Throughout the Torah, Moses is the primary prophet and today he outlines what a prophet is. First of all, he is not trained, but called uniquely by God making him independent of institutions such as priesthood of the kingdom. They are often lonely voices challenging accepted ways of practice and thinking. They all come from within Israel. Today Moses is telling his people that God will continue to send them prophets from within their own nation, the last and greatest, of course, will be Jesus himself.

Paul's commentary on marriage is best understood in the context of his expectation of the Lord's coming again, expressed in the verse just before today's reading, "the world in its present form is passing away," and that includes institutions like slavery and marriage. If the world we have known is soon to be gone, being anxious about the things of the world is a misplaced anxiety. Paul wants people to be anxious about the right things. In his view, both married men and women are anxious to please their spouse. Thus, they divide their concerns between devotion to spouse and devotion to God. On the other hand, unmarried women and men are anxious about the things of the Lord and can do so with undivided hearts. This devotion can be accomplished by the unwed without the distraction and responsibilities of marriage.

After Jesus announces the coming of the kingdom, he begins his public ministry in Galilee. Capernaum is the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, the city of his first teaching and miracles in Mark's gospel. In today's reading we're told that Jesus went immediately to the synagogue. The word *immediately* is very prominent in Mark's gospel to highlight the urgency of Jesus' mission. This first miracle introduces us to the important features of Jesus' ministry: Sabbath, teaching, healing and authority. The first action of Jesus is teaching. His teaching was extraordinary because he taught with authority, rather than



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

relying on the opinions and interpretations of others. He then continues to exhibit authority by rebuking an unclean spirit. Others would have been shocked by the man's presence because anyone unclean is not allowed in the synagogue and they would have expelled him. Instead, Jesus expels the demon. Jesus' authority is a clear sign that the kingdom has arrived.

Next weekend begins the annual Catholic Service Appeal throughout the diocese. This appeal raises funds for Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, etc. Each parish is assessed a set amount by the diocese and any funds raised above that remain in the parish. Last year our assessment was \$74,000 and we raised \$118,000 which meant that \$44,000 remained here at St. Patrick's. Each parishioner will receive a letter from me in the hopes that you will be able to help with the appeal. Our assessment this year is \$84,000 and our goal is \$120,000.

The parish will once again sponsor a week of the Homeless Shelter during February. We will rent the Parish Center at the Church of the Nativity to house the event and will take in up to 70 people each night. We're in need of a score of volunteers to prepare an evening meal, to staff the program throughout the night, etc. People will arrive at 7 PM and leave by 7 AM the next morning when they will go for the Bishop's Breakfast. That volunteer project provides the homeless with a fully cooked breakfast every morning and is financed through the Catholic Service Appeal. The cost to the parish for the week of the Homeless Shelter is approximately \$6,000. Your January packet of envelopes contains an envelope if you would care to help with these expenses.

I will celebrate my 75th birthday in March (where has the time gone?) That age is the age of retirement for priests in the Diocese of Erie. We have optional retirement at 70 and full retirement at the age of 75. I have talked with Bishop Persico and asked that I be allowed to continue at St. Patrick's as long as my health is good. He has graciously given me permission to do so, and so you are stuck with me. There are several priests in the diocese who are continuing to minister after the age of 75. Quite frankly, the thought of retirement frightens me. I think I would view it in a

different way if I had a spouse or a family, but as my situation is, I don't know what I would do all day. I certainly wouldn't go to Florida or California for any extended period of time alone, so for the time being, I think this is the best option for me. I will revisit this each year depending on my health and my ability to lead the parish. AND, you have to tell me if you think I'm at the point where I'm simply too old to do this. I don't want to be remembered as the old fool who never knew when to get off the stage.

As part of all of this, I've cut back on some things. I'm not going to teach a Scripture class during Lent this year, etc.

As you can well imagine, our snow removal bill this year matches the German war debt. The unprecedented snowfalls at Christmas required at least once a day plowing and then we had to bring in equipment and trucks to haul the snow out as the parking lots were disappearing with the piles of snow.

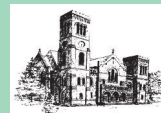
Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate planning. You can name the parish as beneficiary in a life insurance policy or you can make a specific request. We have the St. Patrick's Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance of the church.

We're slowly restoring the rectory and recently while they were steaming off some wall paper on the second floor they found some handwriting on the wall: "Ed White, paper hanger. Feb. 4, 1915."

A drunk who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes, the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?" "My son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, and a contempt for your fellow man." "Well, I'll be darned," the drunk muttered, returning to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading that the pope does."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,865.00
Online Giving	<u>1,685.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,550.30

*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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi

A donations was made in honor of:

- ♦ **Our 8 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren** from Fred & Theresa Gabler

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert P. Romecki** from Randal & Christine Akers
- ♦ **Dorothy Chessario, Nicholas Caccavo** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Kevin Misko** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Eugene & Clara Kulig** from Jay & Carol Habas
- ♦ **Alan Haskins** from Donna Haskins
- ♦ **Elizabeth Sonntag, Phil Sonntag, Edward Mifsud** from William & Kathy Masek
- ♦ **Jim Kaveney** from Michael & JoAnne Samsel
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Greg & Carmella Tellers

Also donations from:

Joe & Heather Kimball, Joe Kormosh,  
David & Diane Lauer and Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch

**Special Thank You!!!**  
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## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.

## 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.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Beth Pinto,  
Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *Collin & Ryan Hudson*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,*  
**1 NEEDED**

**Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Nick Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
Nancy Andrzejewski*

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

**Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Karyn Polaski*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Michele Wheaton,  
Colleen Welch, Charla Leemhuis*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner*

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

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

The **Knights and Ladies** Raffle ticket envelopes will be available in the back of the Church for parishioners to pick up starting the weekend of February 3/4. Grand Prize drawing is \$500. This raffle helps to defray costs of expenses for the many projects the Knights and Ladies provide for the Parish and the Community.



**Vote here: [www.eriecatholic.org](http://www.eriecatholic.org)**

Erie Catholic School System wants your help in choosing a patron saint. While our system name will remain Erie Catholic and our schools will each keep their own patron saints and names, our new patron saint will be an additional heavenly advocate to help unite us and accompany us into the future. Go to [www.eriecatholic.org](http://www.eriecatholic.org) and click on Patron Saint survey. (One vote per person please. Survey open from January 27 to February 1.) Have faith in your future!

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Jan. 27** *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

**Jan. 28** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:30 AM PRO POPULO

“FOR THE PARISIONERS OF ST. PATRICK”

**Jan. 29** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

**Jan. 30** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

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

8:00 AM NOEL MCKAVERTY (APPLEBEE FAMILY)

**Feb. 1** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

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

NO MASS OR COMMUNION ESERVICE

**Feb. 3** *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM KATHLEEN WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

**Feb. 4** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PAUL G. ASHWORTH & SR. MARIE PAUL ASHWORTH

(MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)

10:30 AM ANGELO ZONO (FAMILY)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**01/27** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/30** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/31** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**02/03** 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



## 230 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL.

### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

What does the 2018 Erie Irish Festival have in common with outer space (aside from the fact they are both out of this world)?

New Concord, Ohio is what. It's the childhood home of both Astronaut John Glenn and the new 2018 Erie Irish Festival chair person, Eric Albright. Back in New Concord Eric was the youngest of 6 children and went to work at the age of 12 for his father, a baker and restaurateur. Eric swept up the parking lot twice a week and used the cash to buy books from the club at his school.

After graduating from John Glenn High School, Eric went to work at a Ponderosa Steakhouse and pretty quickly rose to Executive Manager. He helped with the local schools' work study programs and was honored as Employer of the Year for the whole state of Ohio! Eric was President of his county's Big Brothers and Sisters program as well. In 1986, he moved to Erie to take over the old Ponderosa on West 8<sup>th</sup>—it was in dire need of a good, honest, seasoned professional and Eric quickly turned the place around. A year later he married his wife, Lisa, and they settled not far from St. Jude's church, where they of course became devotees of Father Kriegel. Like so many of us, when the good monsignor returned to Erie and set up shop at St. Pats, Eric and Lisa followed him here.

In 1989, Eric left Ponderosa for Ecolab, where he put his lifetime of restaurant expertise to good use helping restaurants stay clean and sanitary. (He also donates the cleaning and sanitizing supplies we use in the festival kitchen).

After almost 30 years at Ecolab, Eric retired last year and made the mistake of mentioning to Father Kriegel that he wasn't sure how he was going to occupy his time. The good Monsignor had a suggestion and fortunately Eric jumped at the opportunity to take over the reins of the festival and do his part to help grow and maintain the strength of the parish. In short, he's a good guy and we know he'll do a great job.

So join us in welcoming Eric, 2018 Chairperson of the Erie Irish Festival, as he takes us to the next level in what will certainly be the biggest and best festival ever!

You can offer congratulations, suggestions, support, and, yes, cash and checks to Eric at [soapinerie@netzero.net](mailto:soapinerie@netzero.net).





January 5, 2018

The Reverend Monsignor Henry A. Kriegel  
Saint Patrick Church  
130 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507-1508

Dear Monsignor Kriegel:

Thank you for your letter.

Even though you will reach your 75<sup>th</sup> year when you are permitted to retire, in a spirit of generosity you wish to remain in active ministry as pastor of Saint Patrick Parish.

I am delighted to grant you permission to continue in your pastorate. Your parishioners will be pleased to know of your desire to continue as their pastor.

Thank you for your years of service to the Diocese of Erie and your dedicated service to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people.

I hope your surgery has gone well and your rehab will be beneficial.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

LTP/rp

cc: The Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Smith, JCL



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## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ErieCatholic.org) to learn more.

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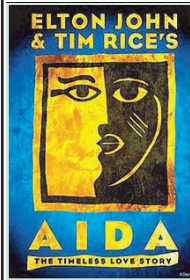
#### 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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



present *Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida*, at the H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep on February 8, 9 and 10 at 7:00 PM and February 11 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. This 2000 winner of 4 Tony Awards is an incredible story of love, loyalty, and betrayal which chronicles the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the Egyptian general they both love. An enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, finds her heart entangled with Radames, an Egyptian soldier who is betrothed to the Pharaoh's daughter, Amneris. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility she faces as the leader of her people. With an unforgettable score by Elton John and Tim Rice, Aida is a classic love story and modern crowd pleaser. Radames is played by senior, **Alex Welz**, Aida is played by junior, **Hannah Harvey**, and Amneris is played by senior, **Valeria Camacho**. Other featured actors are junior, **Elijah Lyons** as Zoser, senior, **Howard Land** as Mereb, senior, **Mary Catherine McGovern** as Nehebka, senior, **Nick Carneval** as Amonasro, and senior, **Ian Malesiewski** as the Pharaoh.

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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

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

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

HEAD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
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New Registration

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Moving

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## Advertiser of the Week:

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