

The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020



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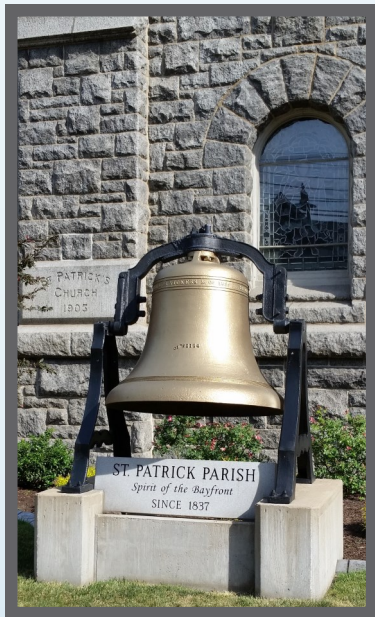
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

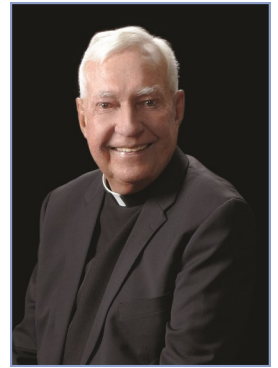
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. Malachi, one of the last of the Hebrew prophets, wrote during the Persian period, when the temple was rebuilt and worship resumed after the exile. The name Malachi means *my messenger*, and may either be the personal name of a prophet or a designation of his role to be God's messenger. His prophecy looks toward the day of the Lord when God will act as a powerful judge. The messenger that the Lord will send to prepare the way may be Malachi himself, Elijah, or another prophet. The messenger's unknown identity has led to a history of varied interpretations, with the New Testament ultimately seeing John the Baptist as the one preparing the way. He calls not only for reform of the abuses of worship but even more importantly, purification will entail reform of the conduct of priests and people alike. Only then will their sacrifices be pleasing to the Lord.

Today's reading from Hebrews presents Jesus as two distinct yet interrelated perspectives: he is both fully human and he is a high priest. He comes to save humanity from the devil and his power over the devil and over death itself frees his brothers and sisters from the fear of physical death at the end of life. This is so because Jesus is the source of life beyond death. From another angle, existence outside the faith community and alienation from God because of sin is tantamount of being dead. Jesus is portrayed as the perfect high priest, merciful and faithful, whose sacrifice expiated the sins of the people. His testing and suffering gave him a profound understanding of the experiences of his brothers and sisters.

When Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord, they also present him to the world. Simeon is the first of Spirit-filled figures to present Jesus to both Jews and Gentiles. With the child in his arms, Simeon prays with a profound sense of peace. God had promised him he would not see death until he had seen God's anointed one, and now his eyes see God's salvation in the infant he holds. After such a joyful revelation, his words to Mary offer a

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

glimpse of future sorrow. He states that Jesus will be responsible for the fall and rise of many in Israel, foretelling the opposition he will face. As if to counterbalance Simeon's prophecy, Anna steps forward and give thanks for the child and speak of him to all awaiting redemption of Jerusalem, thereby presenting him to his people. The scene ends quietly with the family returning to Nazareth.

During the first week of January, I had 19 requests for a wedding date at St. Patrick's in the year 2021. Until the end of March we only take reservations from registered active parishioners. Then, if there are still any dates open, we will consider non-parishioners. Remember that all of our weddings at St. Patrick's are a wedding service, and not a wedding Mass.

We are insulating the attic in the rectory, something which was never done. It's a rather monumental project given the size of the house (there are 13,000 square feet in the rectory). We've talked about it for sometime but now are finally getting it done.

Our Food Pantry distributed 6,509 pounds of food during the month of December at a cost to the parish of \$356.55. Once again, all of these costs are covered by your generosity.

As I think you're aware, we tithe our Christmas and Easter collection and give ten percent of it to the poor. This year we were able to send Emmaus Soup Kitchen a check for \$1,000; St. Patrick's Haven a check for \$1,000 and St. Martin's Center a check for \$1,000. In addition to this, we send both Emmaus Soup Kitchen and St. Patrick's Haven \$100 each month.

There has been a sharp rise of attacks on Catholic places in Europe during the last two years. The highest level of the violence has been in France where an average of three sites every day are coming under attack. In Germany, the attacks are occurring on an average of two times every day. The acts take a variety of forms, including arson, urination and defecation, desecration, looting and even Satanism. Though there is no evidence that Muslims are involved in the violence, a rise of resistance to immigrants from Muslim countries is being fueled by the attacks. Police recently launched an investigation after windows were smashed at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, the burial place of composer

Johann Sebastian Bach, on New Year's Eve. Two several hundred year stained glass windows were destroyed and more than 20 Art Nouveau panes were also destroyed. During the attack, heavy stones were thrown into the building.

Many of you have told me that you can hear much better with the improvements we have made to the sound system. That upgrade cost approximately \$10,000 and we still have more work to do. The company who did the work tell me that the system is 16 years old and one of these days one of the speakers will go and will have to be replaced. When that happens, they tell me we'll have to replace both speakers. We'll just keep on top of it and do what has to be done. I can tell you that with the improvements they made to the system, for the first time I can hear in the sanctuary. The speakers are outside the sanctuary and I haven't been able to hear the readings, etc., but now I can.

The Archdiocese of New York is opening several shuttered churches as homeless shelters which will provide beds for 1,000 homeless people. Last year the archdiocese confirmed plans to build a 200-family, most women and children homeless shelter in addition to a 22-bed all-female shelter owned by Catholic Charities. Former convents, rectories and churches that are selected will be renovated before they house people. The shelters are all located on Staten Island and many of the homeless from that area have moved into mid-town Manhattan to live on the streets. Part of the idea is to return them to the boroughs in which they properly belong. The city of New York has plans to build 90 homeless shelters across the five boroughs over the next five years.

St. Patrick's week of the Overflow Homeless Shelter is presently underway. As you know, we rent the Social Center from the Church of the Nativity to house the event. We are taking in approximately 60—70 homeless people each night, providing them with a hot meal, a shower, a chance to relax and watch TV and then a warm bed. Thank you for your support of this project.

Messages found on church sign boards: "Fight truth decay—read the bible."....."God so loved the world that he did not send a committee"....."running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up"...."Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins"....."No God. No peace. Know God. Know peace."....."Soul food served here."....



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,530.00
Online Giving	<u>1,788.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,318.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
William J. Rennie
from Dorothy Rennie*

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 **Jeffery Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben, Delaine and Norah

Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Theresa Callaghan, Frances Callaghan** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **Margaret Sheehan Ward** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Jim & Maureen Fitzgibbon, Nancy Gallagher** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Rosemarie Bihler** from Marci Honard
- ♦ **John C. Jackson, Rita B. Jackson** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Chesko & Murphy families** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Luke Purvis** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Firman & Mildred Shoff** from Mark & Annette Rennie

Also donations from:

Bill & Mary Flanagan, Barbara Abbott & James Roddy, Victoria Abbott, Tom & Linda Anderson, Ken & Alice Daub, Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore, Ken & Jan Gervasi and Bill & Patty Gloekler

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

Welcome New Parishioners

*Joseph Danks
Matthew & Amanda McCreddie
Robert Byrd
Kylie Causgrove
Megan Rahill
Molly Anglin
Alyse Sambuchino
Jeffrey Walach
Jay & Ruth Alberstadt
Jacqueline Szabat*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Patty Dailey, Roseann Brown, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joseph Schneider, Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Smith, Dotty Schloss,
Megan Gilmore, Candy Bukowski, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

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

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

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.



A Family Perspective—

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and peaceful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Feb. 3 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM STEPHEN JUDE DOMITROVICH

(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)

Feb. 4 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

Feb. 5 *Wednesday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM KARL BALLARD

(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)

Feb. 6 *Thursday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(BARBARA THOMPSON)

Feb. 7 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 8 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTRE)

Feb. 9 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

10:30 AM JERRY EMLING (PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)



Do you have an inner artist yearning to be set free?

The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, 201 E. 10th St., Erie, is offering art classes through its "Discover Your Inner Artist Series" from February to April. To see full details and to register for classes, go to www.neighborhoodarthouse.org/events/details/discover-your-inner-artist. All materials are included. No previous experience needed.

Enjoy bingo night at Blessed Sacrament



Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie will host a bingo night at Geiger Hall, 1626 W. 26th St., on Feb. 7. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with play beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30 for 15 games. There will be cash prizes, including a grand prize of \$1,000. Also included are games of chance and theme baskets. BYOB. Food available for purchase or bring your own. All proceeds benefit Blessed Sacrament Advancement Scholarship Fund. Must be 18 to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/01 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/04 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

02/05 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

02/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - February us Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:

Teen dating violence is a serious problem in the United States. One in three high school students experience either physical or sexual violence, or both, that is perpetrated by someone they are dating or going out with. One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend. Teen dating violence can be physical, emotional or sexual. Teen dating violence can be prevented through empowering teens to lead healthy lives and establish healthy relationships. Healthy relationships consist of trust, honesty, respect, equality and compromise. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

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.

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 for more information and/or to register

Bulldog Boogie planned February 15



Enjoy a fun evening of dancing and refreshments at the Bulldog Boogie at Blessed Sacrament Church's Geiger Hall, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, on Feb. 15 from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The featured band is The Groove. The cost is \$25 per person. BYOB. Snacks will be provided or bring your own. All proceeds benefit the Blessed Sacrament Scholarship Fund. Must be 21 to attend. For information and to purchase tickets, go to www.eriecatholic.org/bss or go to the school or parish office.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH Lenten Orders**February 1st until February 23rd, 2020****PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER****PIEROGI:**

\$15.00/Dozen OR \$8.50/Half Dozen

POTATO PANCAKE BATTER:

\$5.00/Pint

\$8.00/Quart

\$15.00/2 Quarts

FAX orders to: (814) 461-1150**CALL** orders in to (814) 456-0671 (office) or (814) 456-9970 (Edith)**MAIL** orders to: Holy Trinity Parish
2220 Reed Street Erie, PA 16503**Order pick up dates:****Wednesday February 26th****(4:00p.m. until 7:00p.m.)****OR****Saturday, February 29th****(Between 10:00-11:00am)****HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER****23rd and Reed Streets****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 or by contacting Sandie Wheeler at development@larcheerie.org or 814-452-2065. Admission includes food and beverages and a chance to win one of the 20 door prizes.

**Gear up for Mardi Gras celebration**

St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean is hosting its annual Mardi Gras celebration **Feb. 22** from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission

only for those 21 and older. Tickets are \$15 each. Cost includes pulled pork sandwiches, Smith hot dogs, jambalaya, beer, soda, snacks and a dessert table. A basket raffle and separate large item raffle will be held, as well as instant bingos and tip boards on numerous items. There will be \$5 chances on two tickets to the Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Washington Capitals game March 7 (seating is in the Captain Morgan Section). For admission tickets and/or Penguins chances, call the church office at 814-476-7657.

"The Bag Mat Ministry will be meeting on **February 23rd** in the SH Auditorium immediately following the 10:00 mass (approximately 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m). **NO CROCHETING** experience needed! We will

provide everything necessary for you to take part in this event. We need bag: flatteners, stackers, cutters, loopers, ballers, as well as crocheters!! Any donations of travel size health and beauty care, underclothing, socks, and warm weather wear can also be donated along with spare plastic bags in the containers at Sacred Heart & St. Andrew's church marked for the Bag Mat Ministry. You can also bring any items along with you on the of the event. If you need **SERVICE HOURS** this is an awesome way to earn them as well as help someone out!! So bring a bag lunch and come join the fun!!"



22:32 MEN

2020 CONFERENCE

*Be Strengthened
and Strengthen
Your Brothers!*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

8:00 AM Registration
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Event

Our Lady of Peace Parish

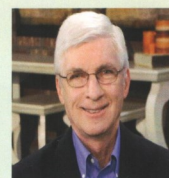
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All Faiths are Welcome!

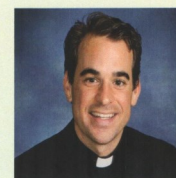
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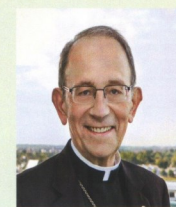
DR. RALPH MARTIN



FR. MICHAEL DENK



Master of Ceremonies
FR. LARRY RICHARDS



Mass with
BISHOP LAWRENCE
PERSICO



\$40/Adult
\$25/College Student
\$10/High School Student
Group Rates for 8 or More
Registration includes
LUNCH and FREE PARKING!

"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
LUKE 22:32

www.2232Men.com
info@2232Men.com
for more details and to register.



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

Youth minister needed at Our Lady of Mercy, St. Mark

The parishes of **Our Lady of Mercy**, Harborcreek, and St. Mark the Evangelist, Lawrence Park, are seeking an energetic, creative person dedicated to working with teens as a youth minister. This is a full- or part-time position. For details, go to <https://www.eriecd.org/employment.html>.



LENTEN PRACTICES 2020

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020, and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, April 9, 2020.

The following practices and regulations are promulgated and binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent and the Paschal Triduum, 2020. Eastern Rite Catholics who may be attending Latin Rite parishes have their own proper regulations and should consult their own eparchy or parish.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING, and other forms of self-denial, are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

2. ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

3. ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of **fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *(On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*

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