# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2018



Stained Glass Windows St. Patrick Church

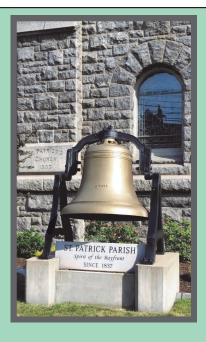
# Saint Patrick Parish

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All of Job's friends are dismayed by the amount and degree of his suf-



fering and they offer a variety of reasons for it. Today's reading is, in part, Job's response to his friend Eliphaz, who suggested that Job must have brought the suffering upon himself; it is God's way of punishing and disciplining the guilty Job. In reply, Job looks at the plight of all humanity as little more than the life of a hireling or a slave. Although he is addressing his words to Eliphaz, Job is really speaking so that God will know that Job is innocent. Even in his vigorous complaint in today's reading, Job does not curse God. Like lamenters in the psalms, Job pours out his agony before God. Job's anguish and the unsatisfactory lectures from his friends are attempts from Israel's wisdom tradition that attempts to find reasons for human suffering, for which there is no easy reason.

Most of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is to correct Corinthian misbelief and misbehavior. In today's reading, Paul changes focus as he writes about himself. He writes in the first person singular as he provides a passionate explanation of his vocation. He does not boast about his preaching but notes that he received a call as an obligation to do this. He uses the Greek word *anagke*, indicating the condition under which slaves work. Paul repeatedly refers to himself as a slave for Christ, not in a servile status, but as one whose entire life and obedience is given to the Lord. Being a slave for Christ is paradoxical, for there is a profound freedom in fulfilling his given tasks.

In the time that Jesus lived, no one would touch the sick person because they were unclean and you could not then go to the synagogue. Mark notes that Jesus has no hesitation about touching Peter's mother-in-law. Mark uses the Greek word *egeiro* in reference to Jesus raising her up. This is the same word he will use for the resurrection. Her healing is a sign of the fullness of life in the Kingdom of God and foreshadows the

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

Resurrection. Once healed, we're told she waited on them. Again Mark uses the word *kiakoneo*, the very word he will use to describe the disciples. Once healed, she participates in the mission of Jesus' disciples. This is followed by the noisy scene of Jesus casting out demons and rebuking them to be silent about who he is. It will only be after the death and resurrection that people will realize the full meaning of Jesus as Messiah.

Our parish Food Pantry distributed 10,726 pounds of food during the month of December at a cost of \$1,937 to the parish. We served 376 families, a dramatic decrease from the normal number we serve but that is because the Food Pantry wasn't open one week and another week it was reported close which caused many people to not come.

In European countries, they do not take up a collection at Mass. Instead, you indicate on your tax form which religion you belong to and a small amount of your tax goes to the church. In Germany, the church collected \$6 billion euros (\$7.2 billion dollars). Those figures come despite the fact that the number of Catholics attending Mass has fallen significantly since the 1960s. In 2015, 2.5 million Catholics went to Mass on Sunday, compared to 11.5 million 50 years earlier. In addition, more than 2.2 million Catholics have formally deregistered from the church since 2000.

Bishop Franz-Josef Bode, the vide president of the German Bishops' Conference, has called for a discussion about the possibility of blessing homosexual relationships. He believes there is "much that is positive" in such relationships. His statement comes on the heels of a recent interview given by Cardinal Reinhard Marx, president of the German Bishops' Conference, in which he proposed that the Catholic Church rethink her teaching on sexual morality in which he argued against a "blind rigorism." For him, it is "difficult to say from the outside whether someone is in the state of mortal sin." Marx applied this statement not only to men and women in "irregular situations," but also to those in a homosexual relationship. Bishop Bode asks, with reference to homosexual couples, "how do we do justice to them?" and adds: "how do we accompany them pastorally and liturgically?" He goes further to say, "We

have to reflect upon the question as to how to assess in a differentiated manner a relationship between two homosexual persons," he says. "Is there not so much positive and good and right so that we have to be more just?" The bishop said that we also need to openly discuss the ordination of women to the diaconate, etc. noting that to keep silent on these matters serves no logical purpose.

A new study by the PEW Research Center reveals that one-in-four fathers of children 17 or younger (24%) are living apart from at least one of their children, and 17% are living apart from all of them. Education is strongly linked to the likelihood that a dad will be living apart from his children. Fathers who lack a four-year college degree are especially likely to be living apart from their kids: 25% in this group are, compared with just 8% of fathers with a bachelor's degree or more education. Differences along racial and ethnic lines are even more dramatic. About half of black fathers (47%) are living apart from at least one of their children ages 17 or younger, and 36% are living apart from all of their children. Far lower shares of Hispanic (26%) and white (17%) fathers are living apart from one or more of their children.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal will get underway in all parishes on the First Sunday of Lent. This annual appeal provides 60% of the diocesan income, finances Catholic Charities, etc. and pays for the Bishop's Breakfast, a hot meal served daily to homeless people. Each parish is assessed a set amount and must pay that. Any money earned above that amount can remain in the parish. Last year our assessment was \$74,000 and we generated \$115,000 which left \$41,000 for our own use. This year's goal is \$81,000 and we have a parish goal of \$120,000 which would leave us with \$39,000 for the parish. You will receive a letter from me shortly about the appeal, and I only ask that you try to do what you think you can—it is different for everyone.

I was presiding at a wedding when the best man asked if I would keep an eye on the gift table. "There are a few people here that the bride and groom don't trust around all that money," he said. "Then why on earth were they invited?" I asked. Looking at me as if I were crazy, he said, "They're family."



# Saint Patrick News



## **Stewardship**

Offertory Collection\$ 8,818.00Online Giving $\underline{1,572.30}$ Total Income\$ 10,390.30

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

Donations were made in memory of:

- Elisabeth & Dan Donnelly from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ Jeff Bomba from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
- Theresa Schade from Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz
- Robert McCarthy from Thomas & Mary Ann Jakubowski
- ◆ Genevieve Villella from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ Henrietta Borden from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ *Helen Wright* from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- Kathy Lucas from Jim & Kathy Sertz

#### Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, William & Mary Flanagan, Jay & Carol Habas, Joanne Homicz, Kathleen Horan, Mark & Annette Rennie and Mark & Barbara Sargent

> Special Thank You!!! to Panera Bread & HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

#### 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!!!



#### **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 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

Greeters: **NEEDED** 

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,

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### Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathyrn Olds,

Joe Schneider

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,

Mike Nies

### Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Palm, Kathleen Pae,

Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,

Chuck Agresti

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,

Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

### DONATION DRIVE

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11



Clear out your unwanted jewelry and purses to make room for Valentine's Day presents!

Please bring your gently used watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and purses to our special collection before masses on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Or, drop your donations off in the gift shop anytime.

If you are interested in volunteering at our booth for the festival, please contact Patty Dailey (814) 461-9845.



The **Knights and Ladies** Raffle ticket envelopes will be available in the back of the Church for parishioners to pick up after all Masses this

weekend. This raffle helps to defray costs of expenses for the many projects the Knights

and Ladies provide for the Parish and the Community.

#### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**Feb. 5** *Monday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr* 8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

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

8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. OF BIRTH (BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Feb. 7 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM DECEASED BARKO FAMILY (DAVID & DARLEEN WILKINSON)

Feb. 8 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 am John & Bessie Weber Family

Feb. 9 Friday, Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 10** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 5:00 PM SARA CARLOW (CARLOW FAMILY)

Feb. 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM MARILYN WAYLAND (DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**02/03** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**02/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**02/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**02/10** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

# **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Human Trafficking and Protecting our Youth:**

Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm



## 222 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

## This diamond ring...

If, as Gary Lewis and his Playboys once noted, your diamond ring doesn't shine for you anymore, get rid of it. But how?

Sell it? After all it used to mean to you, it would be crass to accept cash for it. And you might get ripped off in a "mail us your jewelry and we'll send you cash" scheme.

Fling it off a bridge like they do after a divorce in Reno? Like Luca Brasi, your diamond ring now sleeps with the fishes but what does a fish need with a diamond ring?

No, there is only one way that will bring you peace of mind and joy to others and we both know what that is. Donate it to the 2018 Erie Irish Festival Jewelry and Purse Sale. Last year's Jewelry and Purse Sale was the most successful ever, not just because of the hard work of Chairperson Patty Dailey and her great crew, but because so many of you donated all of the jewelry that doesn't shine for you anymore. And purses. Lots of purses.

And it's not just diamond rings, any brooch that's lying in the bottom of your drawer and snagging your unmentionables, those earrings you never wear, that purse you couldn't do without and now never carry. And, men, that watch you haven't worn since your disco days? We'll take that. We'll shine it up and put a new battery in it and someone will get a great bargain and love it all over again. Cuff links? Tie Tacks? We'll find them a new home.

Next weekend, February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Jane Carney and some of the other jewelry mavens will be here to collect all of your beautiful, lightly used jewelry and purses for this year's Irish Festival Jewelry and Purse Sale. Just bring your bling to mass and drop it off. If you forget, you can always drop it off at the gift shop all year round. But please, don't forget.

One of the most fun and profitable items in the booth last year was the high-end purse auction—Kate Spades, Coaches, Dooney & Bourkes. A couple of lucky winners got some real purse bling to wow their friends. This year we need more of those great designer purses, so, ladies, what do you say? Can you help us out? The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

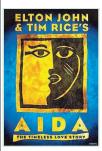
## WEDDINGS AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH 2018

Jason Smith & Monica Riggle Matthew Greene & Erica Pascale James Stubenhofer & Erin Ray Patrick Michael & Jacqueline Dill Michael Wiertel & Tera Deniziak Vincent Senita & Lauren Lim David Hinman & Pamela Endors Luke Navarro & Mackenzie Bello Jeff Lee & Brenna Burkhart Alexander Margraf & Fallon Cosgrove Andrew Bauman & Julie Kloecker Corey Pentz & Hannah Loper Jeremiah Baker & Emily Meyer

Derek Lichtinger & Melanie Oligeri

Sean Callaghan & Haley Bator

### 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 Nu-

bian 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.

#### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

Lenten Orders

Pre-Orders taken January 27<sup>th</sup>—February 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER**

PIEROGI—\$14.00/dozen OR \$8.00/half dozen
POTATO PANCAKE BATTER—\$6.00/sm. tub \$10.00/lge. tub

Order pick up dates:

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 (following 5:30pm Mass)
OR

**Saturday, February 17, 2018** (between 10:00-11:00am)

#### at HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER

23<sup>rd</sup> and Reed St. –Erie, PA 16503 for more information call (814) 456-0671

# Western Vicarate parishes are invited to St. Peter Cathedral

Bishop Lawrence Persico invites members of the Western Vicarate of the Diocese of Erie to join him at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10<sup>th</sup> and Sassafras Streets, Erie, PA for an 11 AM Mass on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> year of worship at the cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. Guided tours of the church, including the crypt, will immediately follow Mass. Social time will include coffee and donuts.

# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME:		PHONE:		
STREET:		CITY:	ZIP:	
E-N	MAIL:			
HEAD	BIRTHDATE:			
SPOUSE	BIRTHDATE:			
CHILD	BIRTHDATE:			
CHILD	BIRTHDATE:			
PLEASE CIRCLE ON	E 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 **MICHAEL J. NIES**

Attorney at Law 504 State Street 459-1138 for advertising in our parish bulletin.