

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 10, 2019



"Bread from Heaven"  
Stained Glass Window  
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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Erie, PA 16507

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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our first reading relates the call of Isaiah to be a prophet and the fact that he willingly accepts God's invitation. The reading further stresses the contrast between God's holiness and human smallness expressed by an astonished youth who consents to being overwhelmed by God and in receiving a mission.

The second reading is not the story of Paul's call, but rather his witness to the central belief of Christianity: the resurrection. Paul recognizes that the task of the prophet or apostle is not to announce his own message, but what he has received and experienced personally. At the ground level of a person's Christian faith is not the intuition of his or her own importance, but a historical event: the death and resurrection of Jesus. And it is not simply the report of a past event; it has repercussions in the lives of people today: Christ appeared to Cephas, to the twelve, then was seen by five hundred others and to the least likely Paul himself. It is a reminder to us that Christ is manifested to every believer who is faithful to the call he or she has received. People today will believe in the resurrection not so much on the testimony of yesterday's witnesses, as by the changed and ever-changing lives of today's witnesses.

In our gospel, the shadows of night resist saying goodbye to night. On the one hand, the rising sun blinds the eye and does not let us see right; on the other, the eyes are accustomed to semidarkness. In our first reading Isaiah exclaims that he is a man of unclean lips. In the gospel, after the miraculous catch of fish, Simon drops at the master's feet and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," a response that echoes Isaiah's feeling of unworthiness. Without the encounter with Christ, the individual is unproductive; but in friendship with Christ, the individual becomes alive and fruitful. This gospel tells us clearly that it is only in friendship with Jesus that we can live in and for others.

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

Demographic reports indicate that the U. S. birth rate is at a 40-year low, with significant declines among Hispanic women. That low birth rate could mean declining Mass attendance because couples with children are more likely to attend church. "It is the case that Catholics, Hispanic or not, tend to become more active in their faith when they marry and have children," wrote Dr. Mark Gray, senior research associate at the Georgetown University affiliated Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. "Thus, going to Mass frequently may not necessarily make a couple more open to having more children, instead, having children may encourage parents to incorporate their faith in their family life more and thus lead to higher levels of attendance." Hispanic Catholics who attend Mass frequently have 2.89 children compared to non-Hispanic Catholics who have 2.35, "So it is accurate to say that more frequently Mass attending Catholics have more children," Gray wrote. "Hispanics who are not Catholic have 1.8 children on average. Nearly 46 percent of Hispanic adults are not Catholic.

The study notes that there were 3.85 million births last year, a total fertility rate of about 1.76 births per woman. By comparison, the total fertility rate in 2007 was 2.08 children born per woman. The largest drop has been among Hispanic women where the fertility rate fell from 2.85 births per woman to 2.1. They had about 19 percent fewer babies than they were on pace to have before 2008. The study also addressed the decline in marriages as a contributing factor. Decline in marriage rates between Catholics and non-Catholics also mean a decline in non-Catholic spouses who convert to Catholicism. In 1996, 31 percent of all marriages were between Catholics and non-Catholics compared to only 23 percent in 2015. While the highest majority of young Catholics are Hispanic, it has become clear that more Mexican residents of the U. S. are returning to Mexico than entering, with a net population decline of about 140,000 U. S. residing Mexicans from 2009 to 2014. There has also been a dramatic decline in the number of Catholic immigrants to America which will result in fewer people attending Mass.

I can tell you from my observation these results are very true. I see couples whom I married

at Mass more frequently once they have a child or two. Prior to that, I rarely saw them here.

When we restored the pipe organ, Organ Supply noted that a section of the organ was never originally installed. We discovered that the pipe organ at St. Andrew's has that section and it will fit nicely into our organ. The pipe organ at St. Andrew's has not played in over 40 years and will never play again. We approached St. Andrew's and offered to buy that section, and their Parish Finance Council voted to sell it to us. Organ Supply has now taken all of those pipes and are restoring them and will eventually put them in our organ. Mark Alloway tells me that this addition will bring that heavy base sound that a pipe organ has and which we have never had.

With the coming of Lent, we will again undertake our 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. This appeal raises the monies to support Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the Priests Retirement Home, etc. Each parish is assessed a set amount and anything raised above that can remain in the parish. Our assessment last year was \$81,000 and we raised \$113,000 which mean that \$32,000 remained here. This year's assessment is slightly more than \$88,000. I noticed in the files that as recent as 2014, our assessment was \$42,350. The assessment is based on an average of three years of income, and our income has increased significantly in the intervening years, and we need to do our share to help the diocese.

I generally invite all parishioners who donate \$400 or more to the CSA to a cocktail party at the rectory at the end of the drive. We have grown so much that last year I had to have 2 cocktail parties of approximately 60 people each. We continue to grow and this year we are going to host one cocktail party in the Yehl Room at Gannon in May.

A doctor was addressing a large audience. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. High-fat diets can be dangerous. But there is one food that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it. Can anyone tell me what that is?" After several seconds of quiet, a 75-year-old man in the front row raises his hand and says softly, "Wedding cake."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,964.00
Online Giving	<u>1,542.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,506.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Haley Kathleen Bowman**  
 child of  
 Eric & Rebecca (Lelonek) Bowman  
 who will be baptized  
 after the 10:30 PM Mass on Sunday



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
 burns in loving memory of  
**Robert Gallo, Anniversary**  
 from Matt & Abby Lechner*

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

- ♦ A donation to the Food Pantry was made for **Special Intentions** from Kathy Fatica

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Ron Duska** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Rose Fiorelli, Anniversary of Birth** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Adelaide Wagner** from Jane Lightner
- ♦ **Richard D'Andrea** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski

Also donations from:

Jennifer Butters, Ken & Alice Daub, Ken & Jan Gervasi, Jay & Carol Habas, Gerald & Susan Kanonczyk, Phil & Judy Kelly, Joe & Heather Kimball, Ken & Patty Marchant and Deborah Musloff

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

## 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 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

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

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

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

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

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

## Happy National Marriage Week!

Show your spouse that your life together is important, and do something special for your marriage. Need ideas? Visit [www.eriercd.org](http://www.eriercd.org) and search for *DIY Marriage Tune-Up*. Contact the Family Life office for more info, 814-824-1261 or [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org)



## Marriage Moments—

“Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests...” (1 Cor. 13: 5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Feb. 9** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM WILLIAM SCHLAUDECKER  
(MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)

**Feb. 10** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM HELEN HODAS KIRSCH (JACK KIRSCH)  
10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (FAMILY)

**Feb. 11** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO  
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

**Feb. 12** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (CARLOW FAMILY)

**Feb. 13** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**Feb. 14** *Thursday, Saints Cyril, Monk  
and Methodius, Bishop*

8:00 AM MASS

**Feb. 15** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE)

**Feb. 17** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM BERNADINE ZDUNSKI, ANNIV. 2/21 (FAMILY)  
10:30 AM RICHARD MILLER  
(BILL & KATHY MASEK FAMILY)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/09 4:30 PM Confessions  
02/12 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR  
02/13 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
02/16 4:30 PM Confessions

### DONATION DRIVE FOR THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL JEWELRY/PURSE BOOTH

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>



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

Please bring your gently used watches, earrings,  
necklaces, bracelets and purses to our  
special collection before Masses on  
the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

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



### 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 16<sup>TH</sup>, 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

**BE IRISH FOR A DAY!**  
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, brought to you by St. George Church



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 **Feb. 11**

and **Feb. 25**, each evening **from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Brewerrie (Union Station) in Erie**. For more information or questions contact Theresa Walsh at [cya@stgeorgeerie.org](mailto:cya@stgeorgeerie.org)

### Alpha training offered in Erie

Alpha is an internationally known evangelization tool that reaches those who may be away from the church or who are struggling with their faith in general. April Blum will be at **St. Joseph/Bread of Life**, 147 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, on **February 16** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to conduct an interactive training session for those interested in learning more about Alpha and how to implement it at your parish. For more information, register at [www.alphausa.org/runalphaeriepa](http://www.alphausa.org/runalphaeriepa).

### Navigating adolescence with your son?

Looking for ways to help him develop as a strong Christian man? Come to the **Father-Son Program** on **February 16**. The day is designed to give sons ages 11-13 and their fathers (or mentors) structured time to connect over food, games, and activities from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Parish social hall, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro. The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring the annual event. For more information and to register, go to [www.erieRCD.org/chastity](http://www.erieRCD.org/chastity). To register by phone, call Kate at 814-824-1259



### Paulist priest featured at parish mission

A parish mission on the Gospel of Luke will be held **Feb. 18-20** at **St. Jude the Apostle Church**, 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. The mission begins at 7 p.m. each day. Father James DiLuzio, a Paulist priest, missionary and actor, will give a powerful recitation of Luke's Gospel. For more details, see the Luke Live website at [www.LukeLive.com](http://www.LukeLive.com).



### February 24th 10 am—1 pm Bayfront Convention Center

Enjoy samples from various coffee shops and vote for Erie's Best Coffee!

Basket Raffle ~ Live Music ~ Children's Activities

#### TICKETS:

**\$10 advanced, \$15 at the door,  
ages 12 and under free**

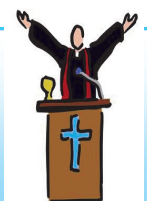
Tickets can be purchased at  
**Erie Federal Credit Union - 3503 Peach St.**  
**Mill Creek Coffee Co. 1222 Linden Ave.**  
[www.smcerie.org](http://www.smcerie.org)

All proceeds benefit  
**St. Martin Center**

**Openings remain open for NOVA**, scheduled for **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **St. Mark the Evangelist Parish** in Lawrence Park. NOVA is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1265 or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) to register.

### MSGR. KRIEGLER'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.

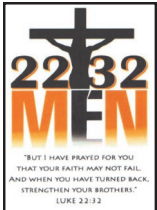


## 2232 Men, 2019 Conference, Saturday March 2

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Our Lady of Peace Church,  
2401 W 38<sup>th</sup> St. Erie, PA 16506

Adoration ~Reconciliation  
~Mass with Bishop Persico~



Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS:

- Tom Peterson, television producer, author and evangelist; founded Catholics Come Home organization and television series
- Sean Forrest, singer & songwriter turned youth minister, Catholic evangelist and missionary
- Sean O'Hare, Entrepreneur & Businessman, speaker, Christian apologist and pro-life advocate

\$40/Adults, \$25/College Students, \$10/High School  
Registration includes lunch. For more details and to register go to [www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com) info@2232men.com

## 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](http://www.138women.com)



## IRISH HOOLEY

A NIGHT OF SHAMROCKS  
AND SHENANIGANS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND - 6PM-11PM



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8281 Oliver Rd  
Erie, PA 16509



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AND MORE

OPENING ACT - BLARNEY RUBBLE

Irish Stein Hoisting Competition & Kilt Contest  
Rince Na Tiarna Dancers will perform at 7:30pm

**\$20**

PER PERSON  
Includes draft beer,  
pop, chips and pretzels.

Our Irish Kitchen will be open  
featuring Ruebens, Corn Beef,  
Salt Potatoes and Hot Dogs  
- all for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at Tipperary West

FOR MORE INFORMATION, Contact Cheryl Heintz  
at 814-882-6912 or [cheryl@tipperaryirishours.com](mailto:cheryl@tipperaryirishours.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