

First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018



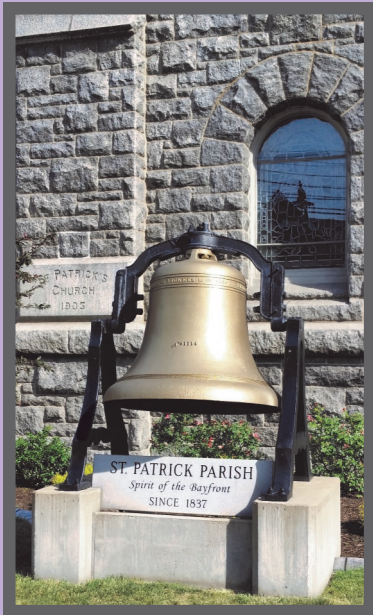
Saint Patrick Parish

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 First Sunday of Lent. Many stories in the ancient world tell of a great flood, but only the biblical story weaves into it God's profound mercy which exceeds our sinfulness. After the flood, the first thing Noah does is offer a sacrifice to the Lord. When God smells the sweet odor of Noah's sacrifice, he promises never to doom the earth again because of human sin. Our narrative opens with God making a covenant with humanity. It is not simply repeating the original blessing given to the first man and woman; but now God establishes a covenant not only with Noah, but with his descendants and every living creature that comes out of the ark.

The first letter of Peter was a circular letter that was sent to various Christian communities. Today's reading provided essential teachings about Christ for the communities in Asia Minor. It is widely believed that this passage was used both for catechesis as well as in the early liturgy. In the verses just preceding today's reading, Peter wrote about the suffering people experience, particularly because of righteousness. Peter is reminding his readers that Christ, the righteous one, suffered for the sake of the unrighteous. Peter teaches about baptism and makes reference to the image of water by which the righteous in Noah's day were saved. That water prefigures baptism and becomes a theme in the Sundays of Lent as we prepare the elect for immersion into baptismal waters at the Easter Vigil.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell of Jesus' temptation before entering public ministry. The account in Mark is by far the shortest. Without describing how Satan tempted Jesus, as Matthew and Luke will do, Mark's brief scene sets the stage for what will happen later in the life of Jesus. Satan is not the only one who will tempt Jesus. "Get behind me, Satan," Jesus says to Peter when he tries to keep Jesus from completing his journey to Jerusalem. As Jesus resisted the tempter in the wild, he will resist Peter's misguided urging, as well as

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

every other temptation to turn from the will of his Father. Mark has Jesus begin his public ministry with the proclamation, "This is the time of fulfillment." Throughout Jewish history, people had always asked, "Is this the time of fulfillment?" As Mark's gospel unfolds, the answer becomes clearer: the kingdom of God is manifest in Jesus' words and actions. The response, so different from what they were expecting, is repentance and belief.

The annual Catholic Service Appeal begins today. This annual appeal generates 60% of the income for the diocese and partially funds St. Martin's Center, Catholic Charities, etc. It also provides for the Bishop's Breakfast, hot cooked meal prepared every morning for homeless people. Up to a hundred meals are served every morning.

Our goal at St. Patrick's this year is \$81,359. Any money generated above that remains in the parish. Last year we had an assessment of \$74,000 and generated \$115,000 which gave the parish \$41,000 in income. This year our goal is \$120,000 and if we meet it, we will again generate \$39,000 for the parish.

I'm hoping that each of you will support this appeal. I only ask that you do what you can. Some can't do anything and I understand that. Others can be very generous, and you always are. You can make a pledge and pay it monthly or pay the full amount at once.

Lent is not observed in all Christian churches but only in the Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran and Methodist churches. Some of the evangelical churches observe it. Others do not.

Lent developed rather slowly in the early church. There was always some form of fasting prior to the celebration of Easter but that only lasted 40 hours, not 40 days. By the mid-third century, the fast was extended to six days and it would only be with the Council of Nicea in 325 that the fast would become 40 days. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the time of the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Last week's bulletin outlined the suggestions for fast and abstinence during Lent.

A two-year study just released offers a look at why young people are leaving the church as early as the age of 13. Seventy-four percent of the former Catholics interviewed said they decided to leave the church between the ages of 10 and 20. Thirty-five percent of the participants told the researchers that they no longer have a religious affiliation while 14% label themselves as atheists. In addition, 21 percent of young Catholics who left the church say that they are now "born again" or evangelical Christians. Although the "nones," those who have no religious affiliation, represent the largest category of former Catholics, the study revealed that the vast majority still believe in God and desire some type of religious community with which to affiliate. The study further reveals three archetypes for disaffiliation: the injured, the drifter and the dissenter. The "injured" are young people who experienced a tragedy or hardship in which God seemed to be absent. Despite their prayers, for example, their parents divorced or ill family members died. The "drifter" is one who typically had trouble connecting their identity as a baptized Catholic to their concrete life experiences in the real world. They struggled to articulate why being Catholic matters. The "dissenters" are those who reject the faith most likely citing the church's sexual ethic as in conflict with their own. Notably, only two percent cited the clergy sex abuse scandal as a reason they left the church. Only 17% of those interviewed said they attended Mass regularly while they were Catholic and almost 80% did not attend a Catholic school.

A special thanks to chairperson Angie Kontur and all who volunteered to organize and staff our recent Homeless Shelter. For some reason, this year saw a surge in homeless women which presented several challenges such as providing a separate area for them to sleep, providing time for showers, etc. Parishioners volunteered to be at the Shelter throughout the night, others prepared a hot evening meal for the guests, etc. I am so proud of the social outreach of this parish.

Most businesses like that our credit card machines automatically print, "Thank you, please come again" at the bottom of receipts. Though one guy called to ask if I could take it off. "Sure," I said, "but do you mind my asking why?" "It just seems inappropriate," he said. "We're a funeral home."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,971.25
Online Giving	<u>1,362.50</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,333.75

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Arlo James Sieber
son of
Derek & Emily (Leone) Sieber
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 pm Liturgy on Saturday

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 **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Mary McCarthy** from Sally Kohler, Judy Alstadt and Mary Pat Schlaudecker
- ♦ **Mary McCarthy** from William & Sylvia Schaaf, Nancy Donnelly, Dennis & Janet Danielson
- ♦ **Renee Calabrese** from David & Gretchen Durney and the Sisters of St. Joseph
- ♦ **Maureen Fitzgibbon** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Kristine Chaippazzi Kravis** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **James, Jerry, Tom, Trish Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hadner
- ♦ **Rita Jackson, John C. Jackson** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **JoAnn Schenker** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker

Also donations from:

Mary Rzomp Alberstadt, Jennifer Butters,
Phil & Judy Kelly, Terry & Linda Pfeffer, William &
Rebecca Ruprecht and Mark & Barbara Sargent

Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS



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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Mary Kearney,
Tim Scully

Greeters: needed

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

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

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.



Scripture classes—

Fr. Mike DeMartinis will be conducting a **Scripture Class** during Lent:

Thursday, March 1, Thursday, March 8 and Thursday, March 15 from 10-11 am in the church. Please call the parish office so that we know how many will attend.
454-8085

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Feb. 17 Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM MARY WALKER & THOMAS ANDREW WALKER
(PETER & JOANNE LYONS)

Feb. 18 First Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY)

Feb. 19 Monday, Lenten Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 20 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 21 Wednesday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 22 Thursday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 23 Friday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 24 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS
(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

Feb. 25 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM MARY MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)

10:30 AM KATHY MASOLOTTE
(NORB & MARLENE FIGURSKI)

Father-Son Program offered in February

All fathers (or male role models) and their sons, ages 11 to 13, are welcome to attend the Father-Son Program Feb. 24 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, which includes activities centered on such topics as adolescence, growing into manhood, communication, and listening to God's call. Registration includes food, time for discussion with your son, and games. For more information and to register, go to

www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm and click on Father-Son under the Events tab. To register by phone, call Kate Whiteford at 814-824-1259.



Erie's Best Coffee fundraiser to benefit

St. Martin Center, Inc.

St. Martin Center, Inc. will host Erie's Best Coffee fundraiser Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 2800 W.

Eighth St., Erie. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door (kids ages 12 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at the Erie Federal Credit Union, 3503 Peach St., Erie, or online at www.stmartincenter.org under the "What's New" headline. Many coffee shops will provide samples and treats. Those who attend may vote for their choice of Erie's best coffee. Members of a celebrity panel, including Father Christopher Singer, chancellor, also will cast their votes.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/17 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
02/20 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
02/19 **President's Day - OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED**
02/21 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
02/24 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Family Perspective—

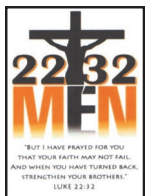
Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that a person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors 'bug' you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

St. Andrew Parish to offer pancake breakfast

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served by the St. Andrew Parish Knights of Columbus at the Msgr. Gannon Auditorium at St. Andrew Church, W. 6th and Raspberry streets, Erie, on March 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 4 to 12, and free to kids under 4. The cost for individual immediate families is \$20.

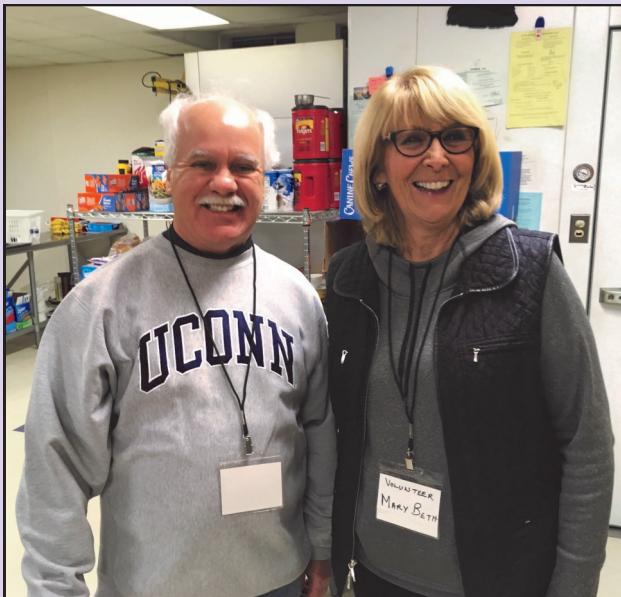
2232 Men, a Catholic Men's Conference—

Come enjoy a dynamic experience with approximately 700 men from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The fifth annual 2232 Men's conference will be held at Our Lady of Peace Church (2401 W. 38th St.) in Erie on Saturday, March 3 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers and opportunities for prayer, adoration and reconciliation as well as Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico. All you need to bring is a notebook, your Bible and an open heart! Visit www.2232Men.com or call (814) 455-7364 for more information and to register. The day is designed around the Bible verse Luke 22:32 - "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."





***HOMELESS SHELTER
2018***





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