

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017



St. Patrick Church  
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Saint Patrick Parish  
*Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837*  
Daily Mass 8 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM  
Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

**Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor**

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Friday **OFFICE & CHURCH CLOSED**

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

Today is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Book of Leviticus contains some of the most ancient material in the Old Testament, including numerous commands concerning ritual worship, rules for moral conduct and penalties for various sins. All of these instructions developed over centuries and were gathered into their present form after the Jews were released from Babylonian captivity and attempted to renew themselves as God's covenant people. Today, Moses states that just as Israel's God is holy, so the community chosen for special relationship with God is to be holy. They must be recognized for a way of life set apart from that of surrounding peoples and nations. Today we're reminded that those who belong to the Lord are commanded to love each other. However, authentic love of neighbor might call for fraternal correction when necessary. While this command is here addressed to the people of Israel, Jesus will expand the love command to all people.

Today's passage from First Corinthians returns to several issues raised by Paul in readings we have heard over the past few weeks. Paul was concerned that the church in Corinth had divided into factions who allied themselves with a particular minister and he was also dismayed that the community was valuing human wisdom over God's wisdom, revealed in Christ. Contrasting worldly and divine wisdom, Paul quotes Psalm 94 to support his claim that in comparison to God's wisdom, the sages of this world are like a mere wisp of air.

We continue in our gospel with the Sermon on the Mount, today hearing the last two antithetical statements begun last Sunday. Again we hear, "You have heard" with his own, "But I say to you." Today he gives one of the most difficult of his commands, that we also love our enemies.

He notes that even tax collectors and Gentiles (pagans) who are ritually impure, show goodwill to one another and that for Jesus' disciples the standard of righteousness is much greater; it is no less than an imitation of God himself.

I will be offering two Scripture classes this Lent, one on Monday, March 6, and the second on Monday, March 9. Class will be offered at 10 AM and again at 6 PM. This year we will explore the Infancy Narratives (the stories of the birth of Jesus) as found in Matthew and Luke. We'll discover sharp differences and why they exist. There is no charge, but we ask that you call the parish office and register so we know how many handouts to print. This is a change of dates as I am having minor eye surgery in March.

Trastevere is a section of Rome near the Vatican, and located on an island in the Tiber River. Pope Francis met with the order who administer the church of San Callisto in that neighborhood and they are now opening the church on cold nights to provide shelter for the homeless. In addition, volunteers are there to provide the homeless with blankets and a cooked evening meal.

Am finishing an interesting book, *Taming Lust* by Ben-Atar & Brown. Set in the late 1790s, it talks of the dangers of immigrants coming to America and destroying our nation. "Most European immigrants," a writer for the *Gazette of the United States*, declared "were convicts of the worst kind, guilty of murder, rape and sodomy." Senator Uriah Tracy of Pennsylvania concurred and said that in PA, where unworthy European multitudes had been allowed to settle, he was disgusted "by the very many Irishmen, Free Mason and the most God-provoking Democrats on this side of Hell." As for the Germans, he found them "stupid, ignorant and ugly, and they are to the Irish what negroes at the south are to their drivers. These immigrants," he said, "must never be allowed

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

into New England "because they pose political, cultural and sexual threats."

Each family in the parish has received a letter from me concerning the annual Catholic Services Appeal which is currently underway in the parish. This annual appeal is the largest source of income for the diocese and funds things such as St. Martin's Center, Catholic Charities, our Marriage Tribunal, the Bishop's Breakfast, etc. Each parish is assessed a set amount based on our income, and our assessment this year is \$74,000 which is an increase of \$10,000 from last year. I am hoping to generate revenue above and beyond that which can then remain in the parish. I hope you will consider a pledge in whatever amount you feel you can do.

Any excess funds raised in this appeal will be used for the restoration of our pipe organ. That hundred year old instrument is one of the finest pipe organs in the area and has not been repaired since the early 1970s. It is in major need of repair, and our plan is to do this over a period of years. We will shut the pipe organ down after Christmas and work will begin. Then we will use it again for Easter and the wedding season up until the following Christmas when we will repeat that order. By doing it this way, the Finance Committee feels we can undertake this work without a capital campaign.

I'm grateful to New Century Security for installing additional security cameras in the church. They did this at no cost to the parish and it now enables us to see every area of the interior.

Please note the change of dates for the Lenten Scripture classes. I am having some minor eye surgery in March and have to work around that.

"Lord, give me coffee to change the things I can change and wine to accept the things I can't."...."People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable."...."I only drink a little, but when I do, I turn into another person, and that person drinks a lot."...."Not to get technical, but according to chemistry, alcohol is a solution."

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Feb. 18 Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM MARILYN WAYLAND, ANNIV.  
(JOAN & DAVE HEUBEL)

**Feb. 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM DEBBIE & CAROL DONNELLY  
(JAMES DONNELLY & FAMILY)

10:30 AM PHIL FATICA (FAMILY)

**Feb. 20 Monday, Weekday, President's Day**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 21 Tuesday, Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor Of the Church**

8:00 AM CYNTHIA MURPHY JORDANA  
(BEN & GLORINE PIZZO)

**Feb. 22 Wednesday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

8:00 AM ARTHUR CASEY (BETTY ROWAND)

**Feb. 23 Thursday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

**Feb. 24 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 25 Saturday, Vigil: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM MARY WALKER & THOMAS ANDREW WALKER  
(WALKER FAMILY)

**Feb. 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM PAT DOYLE (SYLVESTER CARLOW FAMILY)  
10:30 AM TOM WALKER (FAMILY)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary  
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons  
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

**02/18** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**02/19** No religious education classes  
**02/20** Church & Office Closed, President's Day  
**02/21** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**02/21** 11:45 AM Wrap-up Mtg. Homeless Shelter - R  
**02/22** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**02/25** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**02/26** No religious education classes

## 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.



## Looking for resources for your family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:  
<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,656.00
Online Giving	<u>1,390.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,046.00

*Thanks for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Ann & Chris Cuzzola**  
from Alice Carlotti and  
Annie & Brian Candela*

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 **Winiarczyk & Nemergut families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Daughter, Marcy Fabin** from Betty Gama
- ♦ **Veronica Remo** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Rita Jackson & Lois Dahlkemper** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Norman Murphy & Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Roland & Geraldine Ciacchini**
- ♦ **Luke Purvis** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Dominic & Mary Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Frances & John Black** from Frances Sokolowski
- ♦ **Pat & Jack Wilson and Ray Sullivan** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

John Godish, Kathleen Horan, Steven & Kelly Karns, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Mark & Annette Rennie, and Mark & Barbara Sargent

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



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Graceanne Marie & Parker Jay Reed**  
children of  
Nathan & Cassandra (Coletta) Reed  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Patty Dailey*

Greeters: *Phil & Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Audrey Reigel*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Chuck Straub, 1-2 NEEDED*

**Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Michele Wheaton, Ed Smith, Charla Leehmuis*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

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

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz*

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS



A good marriage is not recognized by the absence of conflict, but the presence of peacemaking. One sign of a healthy marital relationship is the desire of a husband and wife to seek unity when there are disagreements and differences.

## A Family Perspective

Seventh Sunday

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be **FAMILY** to others.





## 208 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

### A RE-INTRODUCTION

Hello, we are Gary and Becky Johnson, serving out the last year of a two year sentence as co-chairs of the Erie Irish Festival. We have so many new families and individuals in the parish that we thought we would re-introduce ourselves.

Becky is an Erie native—a Kohler by birth—who grew up on the west side as a St. Jude's parishioner. She is a Penn State grad by way of Strong Vincent High School (Go Colonels!). She taught deaf children in Pittsburgh and then Wisconsin for 30 years before retiring and moving back to Erie. In addition to her many years at the food pantry, she is a board member at the Erie County Historical Society.

Gary is a Pittsburgh native, a psychologist by training and a businessman by profession. He is semi-retired as President and owner of a behavioral health company in southern Wisconsin. We met at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in 1982, where we were both working, and in a whirlwind romance, were married that same year. We have three grown children, who come each year to help with festival from their homes in Wisconsin and Pittsburgh.

We moved back to Erie to be closer to family in 2009, the same year that Father Kriegel, who married us, moved back, so it was natural that we settled in at St. Pats. Our first job at the Irish Festival was peeling potatoes when it was at Rainbow Gardens. Then we started the whiskey tasting bar and, when the festival moved to the street here, we opened the sports bar. We took over as chairpersons last year from Angie Kontur, who first oversaw the move from the indoor venue to the St. Pat's neighborhood streets.

We have many, many goals for the festival this year, and we'll mention them all at some point, but for now, we'll just mention the most important one.

First and foremost, we need you to get involved. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a parish to put on a festival. This is a big, big job and many hands make the work much lighter and much more fun. We know those pew cushions are comfy, but you've got to get your butts out of them and offer to help. Helping out is a great way to get to know each other, make friends, and to learn that this parish is a community of support. When you are one of us, the whole parish has got your back! And some of us, not Becky of course but some of us, are getting older and looking to pass on the torch. So as we move along this year, we'll be asking for you to step up and take on a role—some of the roles are big, some are little, but they are all vital and all waiting for you raise your hand to volunteer. Stay tuned for a lot more on this subject!

If you have really good ideas, you can contact us, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com)



## The Irish Hooley



March 4, 2017 at the Belle Valley Social with  
**SEAMUS KENNEDY**

Tickets are \$20.00 which includes beer, pop, set-ups, chips. No kitchen. Bring your own goodies.

Irish auction featuring jewelry, Irish items, surprises. Basket of Cheer and Horse Race.

Entertainment will also feature Blarney Rubble at 6:30. Rince Na Tiarna Irish Dancers at 7:30 and Seamus Kennedy at 8:00.

### **LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS:**

**St. Stanislaus Parish** is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, March 3, 17, and 31, in the Parish



**LENT**

Hall, serving from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Cost: adults—\$10.00; children (6-12) - \$5.00; children 5 and under—free. Take-out dinners are \$10.25. Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family.



### **Lenten vigils scheduled at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery**

Lenten vigils will be held every Saturday during Lent at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. Guests are welcome. Vigils begin at 7 p.m. The schedule of reflections is as follows:

- March 4—Sister Margaret Zeller, OSB
- March 11—Sister Mary Ellen Plumb, OSB
- March 18—Sister Cindy Hoover, OSB
- March 25—Sister Theresa Zoky, OSB
- April 1—Oblate Janice Etchison
- April 8—Sister Linda Romey, OSB

### **Transitions: A Peer Support Group**

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 2-4 pm. This month's topic is : **"Where is God when I'm hurting?"** Visit our website at: [www.erieRCD.org/transitions.htm](http://www.erieRCD.org/transitions.htm).



## ***2017 Weddings at St. Patrick Church***

Christopher Allen & Leslie Ridge

Robert DiPlacido & Jacqueline Masek

Shawn Gilronan & Kathryn Cook

David Harrington & Kristen Gehrlein

Cody Harris & Kathleen McCarthy

William Hilbert III & Helena Fustine

Richard Jones & Sara Nevel

Anthony Michalak & Alexandria Nichols

Sean Nutter & Katelyn Kaveney

Jonathan Ogden & Stephanie Kelley

Anthony Poletti & Sarah Steen

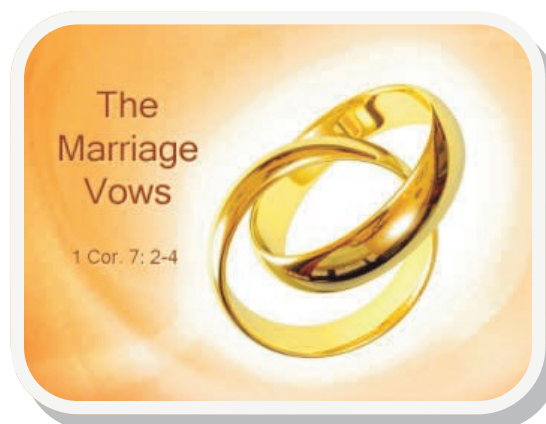
Blake Pennock & Amy Langer

Blake Ragghianti & Danielle Downey

Dylan Russell & Samantha Johnson

Aaron Tellers & Amy Kooser

Matthew Walkowiak & Kelli Rossman



**Holy Trinity Church accepts Lenten food orders—**

In need of special Lenten foods? Pre-order pierogi or potato pancake batter through Feb. 27 at Holy Trinity Church.

**PIEROGI**—\$14.00/dozen or \$8.00/half dozen

**POTATO PANCAKE BATTER**—\$6.00/small tub,  
\$10.00/large tub

**Fax orders:** (814) 461-1150 **Call orders:** (814) 456-0671

**Mail orders:** Holy Trinity Parish 220 Reed Street, Erie,  
PA 16503

**Order Pick dates:** Wednesday, March 1 after 5:30 Mass  
& Saturday, March 4 between 10:00-11:00 am at the Holy  
Trinity Social Center

**Irish hooley planned in Girard**

The Knights of Columbus Council #5430, Girard, will present an Irish hooley at the St. John Parish Center, Route 20, Girard, on March 12 beginning at 1:30 p.m. A pork dinner will be served beginning at 2 p.m., with hooley festivities to follow. Lance's Limerick Lunatics will be the featured entertainment. Beer, set-ups and pop will be provided; BYOB. Purchase tickets after Masses at St. John the Evangelist Church, or send a check to: Pat and Darlene Sargent, 37 Penn Ave., Girard, PA 16417. Phone reservations are accepted at 814-774-0983. Tables are available for up to 12 people. Proceeds benefit the St. John Parish Center.

**24 Hours for the Lord**

On March 17-18, the Diocese of Erie will celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord, an initiative of our Holy Father with an emphasis on adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of reconciliation. St. Peter Cathedral, Erie, will have its doors open for the entire 24 hours, with adoration and confession available during that time. As Bishop Lawrence Persico indicated in his statement on immigration [Feb. 3, 2017], this year's 24 Hours for the Lord will be devoted to prayer for peace and unity in our country, as well as for immigrants and refugees, in addition to a prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program**

NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 for information. The net **NOVA** is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th in Erie. Preregistration is required.

## 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

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