

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020



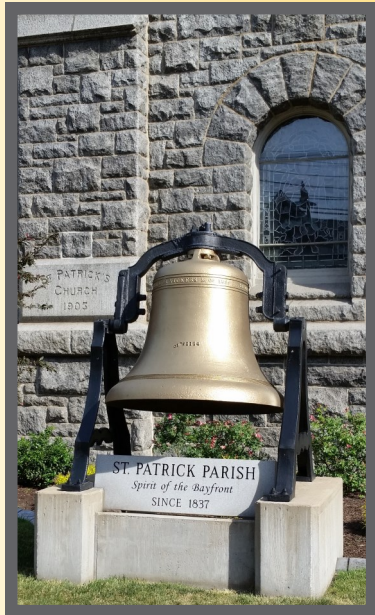
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

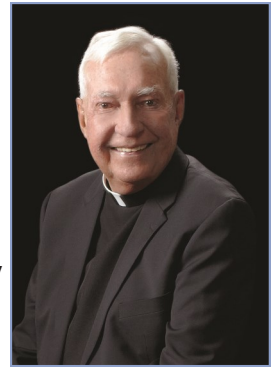
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Of the many characteristics that Israel came to understand about the Lord, holiness is foundational for their experience of God. God's holiness signifies divine otherness, God's being different, separate and even set apart from anything evil. The holy God is pure, clean and strong. Though holiness connotes separateness, the holy God has a deep relationship and is involved with the created world through acts of compassion, abiding guardianship, restoration of brokenness and power that sustains the universe and power that sustains the universe. The holy God is transcendent even while remaining unexpectedly near. In today's reading, the Lord commands that the community be holy because their God is holy. A long section in Leviticus, from which today's reading is taken, is called the Holiness Code, a collection of numerous directives that explain how people are to live in holiness. Humans are holy because we belong to God. In addition to belonging to him, we are also called to care for one another. We are to love one another as ourselves.

"Temple of God" is the third image Paul uses to promote unity in the fractured Corinthian community. First he told them they are the field belonging to God, suggesting that much planting is needed for the harvest. Next, they are God's building, where each member build on the foundation laid by Paul. In today's reading, they are a particular building: God's temple. The temple in Jerusalem is a structure of inanimate stones and the dwelling place of God. Paul tells the Corinthians to see themselves as the living temple in Corinth. God's own Spirit has made a home within them. The next topic, wisdom, seems to be unrelated to the temple image. Yet those who consider themselves wise in wisdom are the very ones destroying the temple. He speaks of the futility of human wisdom.

In Jesus' day, the laws and religious traditions of Judaism were subject to widely diverse interpretations. Not only was their controversy between the Sadducees and the Pharisees, but also among the Pharisees themselves. For example

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the followers of the teachings of two wise men, Hallel and Shammai differed on matters of ethics and how Jews should relate to their Roman oppressors. As Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he gives his own interpretation on how to live faithfully to God. His teaching goes far beyond getting even; there is to be no retaliation at all. Rather, respond to insults with non-violence; when paying debts, give back more than is required, etc. Leviticus required Israelites to love their fellow countrymen. Jesus takes this much further—we love everyone.

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We will have two Masses on Wednesday: 8 AM in the weekday chapel and 12 noon in the main church. I will distribute ashes after the 8 AM Mass and Eucharistic Ministers will distribute ashes from 11:45—noon and then we will stop for Mass. They will continue to distribute ashes after the noon Mass. We are not permitted to have a Vigil Mass on Ash Wednesday because Lent has not yet begun.

The church encourages us to pull back a bit and consider some prayer, fasting and giving to the poor during this season.

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58. On these days, those bound by the laws of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted and eating between meals is not permitted.

This year the Easter Vigil can begin at 9 PM but the bishop will give permission for parishes to begin at 8:30 PM. He has granted us permission to begin at 8:30.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal is now underway throughout the diocese. This is the largest fundraiser for the diocese and helps fund St. Martin's Center, Catholic Charities, the Priests' Retirement Home, etc. Our assessment this year has increased from \$84,000 to almost \$95,000, and that is because our revenue continues to increase so we have to do our fair share. All of you have received a letter from me with a pledge card. All I ask is that you discuss it and decide what you can do. Some can give, some can give generously; others can't give anything. That is

perfectly fine. All I ask is that you do what you think you can.

On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Pope Francis baptized more than thirty children in the Sistine Chapel. He told the parents at one point, they are not to worry if their children made a fuss during the ceremonies. "The children aren't used to coming to the Sistine Chapel. It's their first time." If they start to cry, he said, try to make them comfortable but don't worry if they keep it up. "Children are choral," he said. "If one starts making noise, they all join in. Don't get upset. When a child cries in church, it's a beautiful homily."

You may have noticed how dusty and dirty the Stations of the Cross have become. The same is true of the high altar in church. We have a team coming in to clean both the Stations and the high altar. It's a rather delicate process (and not inexpensive!) but well worth it. The Stations are rare pieces of art not to be found elsewhere and we want to do everything we can to preserve them. They were hand carved in Munich in 1892.

We have finished our week of providing the Overflow Homeless Shelter and the group is going to gather in the rectory later in March to evaluate everything. I will confess, that along with the Church of the Nativity, we were about ready to throw in the towel because there are so many mentally ill people and we are not qualified to care for them. This year both the Church of the Nativity and ourselves hired security in the form of a group called "The Blue Coats." They do not wear any uniform, the leader is a former drug addict himself! I can't begin to tell you the difference they made with the entire experience. We had a guest overdose on drugs one night and they were right there; we had some guests try to smuggle in beer, and they caught it immediately. They were absolutely wonderful. I can't thank Angie Kontur, chair, and all of her committee members for their efforts with this. I wish you could have seen some of the meals they served.

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her children the difference between right and wrong. "All right, children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?" Little Jeffrey raised his hand and with a confident smile said, "You'd be his wife."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the offertory for February 15th/16th will be published in the February 29th/March 1st bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Marilyn Wayland
from Dave & Joan Heubel*

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 made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Brian Pierce, Larry Laskowski** from Mary Beth Abbott
- ♦ **Giannina Altadonna** from Frank & Christine Altadonna
- ♦ **Mary Corbett** from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
- ♦ **Mark Bukowski** from Candy Bukowski
- ♦ **Anthony Patrizia & John Fatica** from Lawrence & Nancy Fatica
- ♦ **Irene & Tony Izbicki** from Marsha Gensheimer
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- ♦ **Michael Wygant** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Chads Martin** from Ed & Jennifer Smith
- ♦ **Norm & Peg Kessler** from Michael & Paulanne Reske

Also donations from:

Ann Downing, Francis Hart, Bill & Mary Flanagan,
Tim & Karen Grode, Kay Mannino, Dave & Julie
Sanner and Matthew & Kimberly Yaw

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

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—

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



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Vickie Lampe, Roseann Brown, Patty Dailey

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
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Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

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

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

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: Christine Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Palm, Dotty Schloss,
Tim Scully, Kathleen Pae, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun

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

**YOU BRING YOUR KIDS, YOU BRING YOUR
FRIENDS, YOU EVEN BRING YOUR MOM TO
CHURCH. NOW YOU CAN BRING YOUR WHISKEY.
THE 2020 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL WHISKEY DRIVE IS
COMING...SOON!**

MARCH 14 AND 15 - BRING A BOTTLE TO CHURCH!

**(And leave it there! Unopened if you
please!)**



Watch the bulletin for more info in the coming weeks. Irish Whiskey goes on sale in the state stores on March 2. We'll help you get your shopping list ready in time for the sale.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Feb. 22 *Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)
Feb. 23 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM KEITH MORAN (CINDY AUSTIN)
 10:30 AM JOAN HEUBEL (TOM SADOSKI)
Feb. 24 *Monday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM MASS
Feb. 25 *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK
Feb. 26 *Wednesday, Ash Wednesday*
 8:00 AM MASS
 12:00 PM MASS
Feb. 27 *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*
 8:00 AM MASS
Feb. 28 *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Feb. 29 *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 PM PRAYERS ANSWERED BY A PARISHIONER
March 1 *First Sunday Of Lent*
 8:00 AM JOSEPH NIES (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
 10:30 AM ROBERT WHEELER (DONNA MAYCOCK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/22 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
02/23 11:30 AM Festival Chair Mtg. - CP
02/25 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
02/26 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
02/29 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

The St. James Bloomin' Card Party will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2020**, from 2-5 pm at **St. James Place**, 2622 Buffalo Road. Cost is \$7.00 and includes a Luncheon and a chance on the Door Prizes. There will be a Chinese Auction, 50/50, and Grand Award Tickets available for purchase. For further information, please contact the Rectory Office at 899-6178.



Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Meals on Wheels volunteers' team?

We are looking for volunteers for the Greater Erie Community Action Committee's Meals on Wheels program.

We are providing much more than just a meal. At the core of the Meals on Wheels service is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our seniors. For many, the trusted Meals on Wheels volunteer or staff member who shows up every day with a meal and a smile is the only person they see or speak with all day.

Call us today! You may contact Nicole Johnson at njohnson@gecac.org or 814-870-5406 for more information or additional materials.

Visit GECAC on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GECACErie/> or our website at www.gecac.org.

Inner-City Neighborhood Art House offers adult classes for March—



SCULPTED PAINTING—Learn This Easy, Versatile Technique to Add Dimension to Art Projects

Workshop: One 2-hour session

Instructor: Leslie Ford

Date: March 10

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Inner-City Neighborhood Art House
 201 East 10th Street, Erie

Cost: \$20

Registration: call 455-5508 or

Online <https://www.neighborhoodarthouse.org/events>

All materials included - No previous experience

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

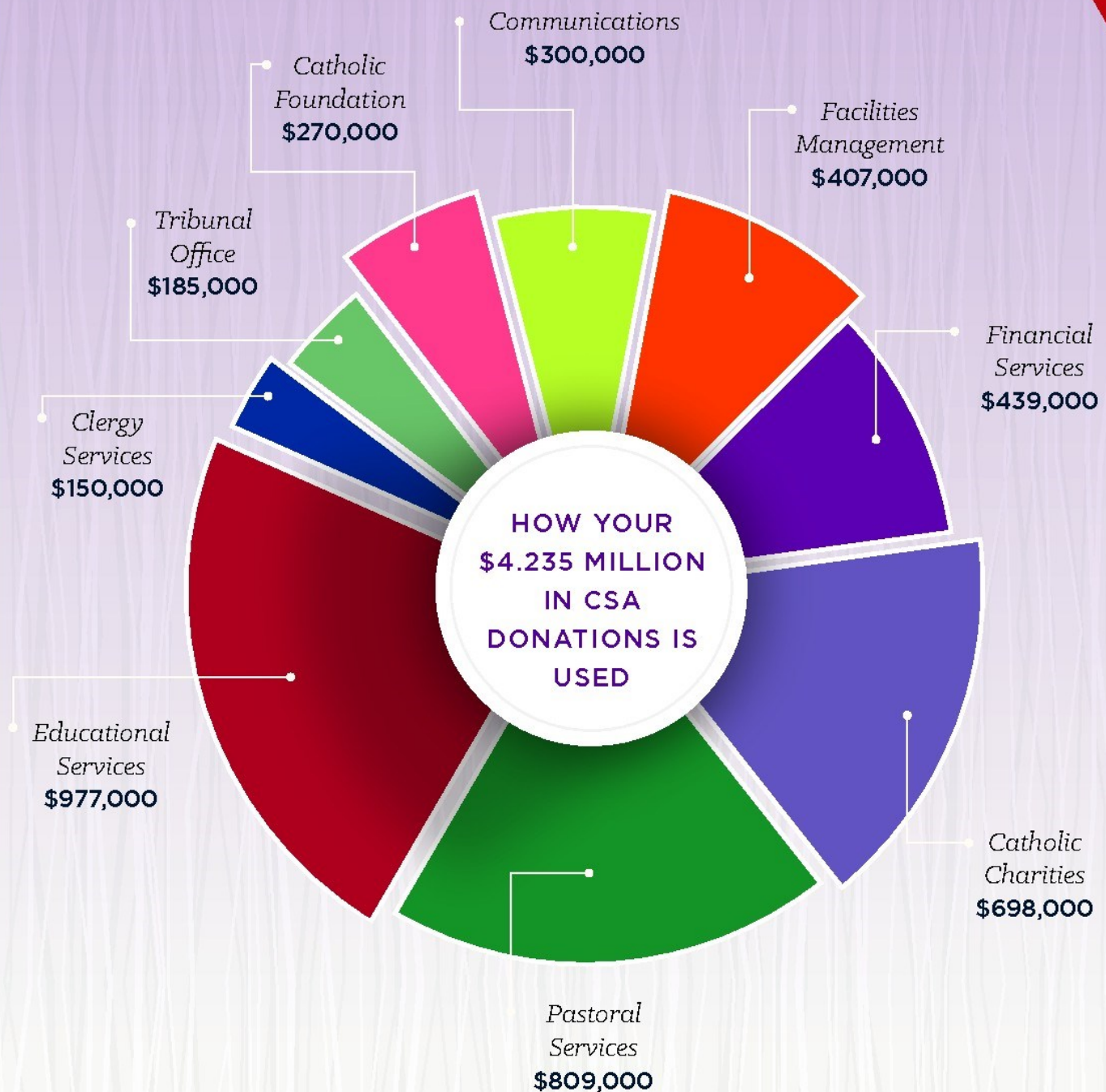
Catholic Services Appeal

FORWARD TOGETHER: Doing the Work of Christ



CSA
CATHOLIC
SERVICES
APPEAL

THE CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) is the annual fundraising campaign for the 13-county Diocese of Erie. Parishioners are asked by Bishop Lawrence Persico for financial support that extends beyond individual parishes to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the diocese. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the church.



How the **\$4,235,000 CSA Donations** are used

ALL CSA FUNDS RAISED will be placed in a designated account and used exclusively and solely to support the initiatives and ministries of the diocese to benefit all parishes in Northwest PA. No funds donated to the CSA have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse crisis.

DONATIONS TO THE CSA MAKE THE FOLLOWING WORK OF CHRIST POSSIBLE:

EVANGELIZATION

- The Communications Office spreads the Word of Christ through *Faith* magazine, the diocesan web site, social media and e-news formats.

PROMOTING JUSTICE AND SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED

- Catholic Charities affiliates and agencies feed the hungry and give clothing, shelter and dignity to neighbors in need in northwest Pennsylvania.
- Disabilities Ministry and the Ministry with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing promote religious growth of individuals and their inclusion in the fellowship and spirituality of the church.
- The Social Justice and Life Office educates parishes and individuals on Catholic social teaching, matters of social justice and a consistent ethic of life.
- The Office for the Protection of Children and Youth coordinates the training and screening of all diocesan, parish and Catholic school personnel to promote a safe environment for children.
- CSA supports ministries such as Maria House, prison ministries, the Hispanic Apostolate and the Word of Life Renewal Center.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AND PROVIDING SUPPORT TO PARISHES

- The Office of Worship coordinates bishop's liturgies throughout the diocese and provides support to parishes in liturgy preparation and formation.
- The Tribunal Office serves as a resource for persons seeking annulments and preparing for marriage. It also educates pastoral ministers who prepare couples for marriage or assist persons seeking an annulment.
- Facilities Management functions as a resource to parishes on physical plant matters, safety issues and accident prevention, and environmental and regulatory compliance.

- The Financial Services Office assists the diocese and its parishes, schools and affiliated agencies with regards to temporal goods as well as property and health insurances.
- The CSA supports the pastoral leadership that shepherds our church.

CULTIVATING CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

- The Catholic Schools Office supports Catholic education in 32 Catholic schools in the diocese.
- Lifelong faith formation initiatives throughout the diocese include youth and young adult ministry opportunities, family life outreach and support for parish-based faith formation efforts.
- Clergy services provide ongoing education to priests and deacons, as well as guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, pastors and people throughout the diocese.
- Tuition assistance programs help make Catholic education a possibility for families throughout the diocese.

CREATING A LASTING CATHOLIC LEGACY

- CSA funds provide a grant to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. The Foundation is in service to all parishes, schools and Catholic ministries in the diocese by helping to establish our Catholic legacy through endowments. It also provides professional fund development and CSA appeal assistance to the Diocese of Erie.

PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT through your parish. Thank you for supporting the 2020 CSA Appeal.

INFO> **Questions?**
Inquire to your parish office.