

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019



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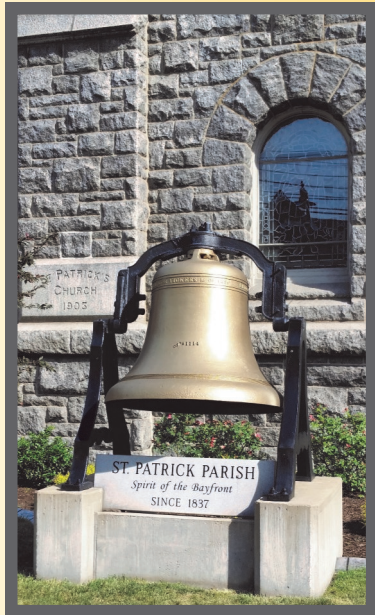
Saint Patrick Parish

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. In our gospel we hear Jesus' invitation: "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." An example of such compassion is David. King Saul, consumed by jealousy of David's rising popularity, has driven the youth from court and pursues him in the Judean desert. Given the opportunity, David refuses to take revenge. One night he and Abishai enter unimpeded into the king's camp and find Saul and Abner, the military general, asleep and unguarded. Abishai proposes to kill Saul. David stops him and instead steals the insignia of his royal person to prove that he had the opportunity to kill Saul but declined. David was compassionate toward an unjust persecutor, showing mercy. David adds, "The Lord will reward every person according to the terms of righteousness and faithfulness," words that foreshadow how David will succeed Saul.

Paul writes that just as we resemble Adam, made from the earth, so also we resemble Christ and are formed in his image. Like Adam, we are fashioned according to God's image, but we also inherit Adam's weakness. Through Baptism, however, we bear the imprint of Christ, share in his resurrection and receive from God the gift of his life-giving spirit.

In this gospel passage, often called the Discourse on the Plain, Jesus formulates the ethics of the reign of God, emphasizing the forgiveness and love for one's enemies. Jesus wants his disciples to conduct ourselves according to the divine essence: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." That God is good to the deserving does not surprise us. That the Son of God would die for a righteous person is understandable. That our heavenly Father makes the sun rise on the worth, who could object? But that God shows goodness and mercy to the rude, the mean, the swindler, the wicked, that his Son would die for people while they are sinners, that God shines the same sun on those who love him and those who despise him, that is more than we can

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

fathom. According to secular criteria, God's governance is not just. Equity, equality, democracy and leadership are measured by a different value system in God's reign. Jesus tells us how a wasteful son squandered his inheritance and how his responsible brother fulfilled all his duties, yet the father did not reward and punish each one as we might expect. What is amazing about the gospel, is not that we see these things in God, but that Jesus expects us to act in the same manner. "For the measure in which you measure will in return be measured out to you." The call is to leave resentment and vengeance behind.

The Sisters of St. Joseph recently made a gift of \$1,500 to our parish Food Pantry. We're all grateful for their generosity. Sister Mary Pascal, who started the Food Pantry and after whom it is named, was a Sister of St. Joseph. And those same sisters had a presence in St. Patrick's Parish from the 1870s when they first staffed the parish school until just two years ago when Sister Marie Kebort retired. We owe this community of women a great deal of gratitude.

A new report shows that Europe is facing a "faith drain." Europe is now home to just 24 percent of the world's Catholics, compared to 65 percent in 1910. As of 2015, that number stood at 267 million, second only to South America with 335 million. Latin America now boasts 39 percent of the global Catholic population, while Africa is tipped to dominate in terms of body count shortly after 2030. Some 16 percent of people in Sub-Saharan Africa identify as Catholic and 12 percent do the same in Asia-Pacific. Catholics in Poland number 87 percent of the population, Italy 78 percent and Portugal 77 percent. Catholics in these areas were described as more religious, but also much more socially conservative, for example opposing gay marriage and legal abortion. The study also reveals that Catholics in Western Europe, aside from the three countries named above, are more accepting of Muslim, such as accepting a Muslim as a family member.

Peter Steinfels is a high respected and retired religion editor of the *New York Times*. He recently penned a lengthy article for *Commonweal* on the PA Grand Jury report in which he writes, "the document is inaccurate, unfair and misleading."

He notes that the report makes two distinct charges. The first concerns predator priests, their many victims and their unspeakable acts. That charge is, as far as can be determined, dreadfully true. It is in the second charge that he takes a dramatic stance. "All of these victims were brushed aside, in every part of the state, by church leaders who preferred to protect the abusers and their institutions above all." Or as the introduction to the report sums it up, "Priests were raping little boys and girls, and the men of God who were responsible for them not only did nothing; they hid it all."

Steinfels contends that the report does not document the sensational charges contained in its introduction—namely, that over seven decades Catholic authorities, in virtual lockstep, supposedly brushed aside all victims and did absolutely nothing in the face of terrible crimes, except to conceal them. Steinfels writes, "This ugly, indiscriminate and inflammatory charge, unsubstantiated by the report's own evidence, to say nothing of the evidence the report ignores, is truly unworthy of a judicial body responsible for impartial justice."

In 2002, the American bishops issued the Dallas Charter which set down zero tolerance guidelines for handling sex abuse by clergy or laity. Steinfels writes that the "Dallas Charter has worked. Not worked perfectly, not without need for regular improvements....but worked. It set out and has regularly fine-tuned, procedures, practices and standards that can be overseen by middling caretaker leaders." He points out strongly how former Erie bishop Donald Trautman was misrepresented in the report and shows that he did nothing to dissuade people from taking sex-abuse charges to the police.

Life is short, so drink the good wine first. I had it all. I talked with a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed, I had a roof over my head, I had HDTV and internet, and I went to the gym, the pool and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical coverage." I felt sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?" "Oh, nothing like that," he replied. "I was paroled.."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,224.56
Online Giving	<u>1,722.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,946.86

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Robert McCarthy
from Diane McCarthy & family*

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 by **Richard & Janice Scolio**.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Mildred Biebel** from husband, Robert
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Luke, Megan, Ben & Delaney Gilmore
- ♦ **Genevieve Villella** From Karl & Ginny Kelm
- ♦ **Ann Gambatese** from Tim & Sheila Mack
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
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- ♦ **Mark J. Williams** from the St. Patrick School Alumni, Class of 1966

Also donations from:

Kathleen Horan, Phil & Judy Kelly, June Pettys,
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Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HARBORCREEK

Marriage Moments—

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...” (1Cor. 13:7) Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have?

“So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13) Appreciate each other today and everyday.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Kathleen Haslett**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Kay Mannino, Wendy Sadlier, Patty Dailey, Roseanne Brown**

Greeters: **Phil & Judy Kelly**

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

Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joseph Schneider, Lisa Straub**

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

Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Michele Wheaton**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Michele Wheaton, Tom Golab, Megan Gilmore, Kathleen Pae**

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick**

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick



will induct six new members—

Catherine Kern of St. Patrick Church,

Sean McLaughlin of St. Peter Cathedral,

Ryan Palm of St. Patrick Church,

William Riordan of St. Peter Cathedral,

Joseph Schember of Sacred Heart and **Patrick**

Speice of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. You are invited

to attend the annual **Knights and Ladies Dinner**

on **Saturday, March 9th at the Yehl Room at Gannon University's Waldron Campus Center** following

the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick Church. For more information and reservations contact Colleen Welch 814-455-8571 by March 2.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Feb. 23 Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Feb. 24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM WILLIAM J. RENNIE (DOROTHY RENNIE)

10:30 AM MARY G. WALKER &

THOMAS ANDREW WALKER (WALKER FAMILY)

Feb. 25 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 26 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 27 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 28 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 1 Friday, World Day of Prayer

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 2 Saturday, Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM BILL WHIPPLE, JR. (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

March 3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM "FOR THE PARISHIONER'S OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER

(DR. & MRS. ROBERT THOMAS)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/23 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/26 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

02/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

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.



2232 Men, 2019 Conference, Saturday March 2

9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

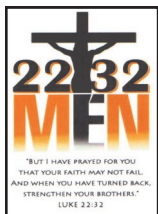
Our Lady of Peace Church,
2401 W 38th St. Erie, PA 16506

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 info@2232men.com



Openings remain open for NOVA, scheduled for **Saturday, March 2nd 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 to register.

Sacred Heart Church, Erie, PA is hosting their 66th annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sunday, March 10** at Sacred Heart Church Auditorium at 25th and Liberty Streets. Begins at 11 a.m. and concludes at 6 p.m. Features their famous homemade sauce and meatballs.



Adults \$9

Children (ages 6-12) \$5

Children under 6 free

Carryouts are available.

Theme Baskets ~ 50/50 raffle ~ Bake sale

ERIE, PA'S ANNUAL

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019

♣ [SATURDAY] ♣

MARCH 16TH, 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
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Knights & Ladies
OF ST. PATRICK EST. 1978



St Patrick Day
Parade in Erie PA



#IrishInErie

A Family Perspective—

In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."



IRISH HOOLEY
A NIGHT OF SHAMROCKS
AND SHENANIGANS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND - 6PM-11PM

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HOSE
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Erie, PA 16509



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TIPS, RAFFLES
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Rince Na Tiarna Dancers will perform at 7:30pm

\$20
PER PERSON
*includes draft beer,
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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@tipperaryirishstours.com



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CALL orders in to (814) 456-0671
MAIL orders to: Holy Trinity Parish
2220 Reed Street Erie, PA 16503

Order pick up dates:
Wednesday March 6, 2019
(Following 5:30pm mass)
OR
Saturday, March 9, 2019
(Between 10:00-11:00am)

HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER
23rd and Reed St. - Erie PA 16503

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

GET HOOKED! -----> 2019 LENTEN DINNERS

ALL SAINTS

11264 Route 97 N, Waterford
MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12
4:30-7:00 pm

BAKED OR FRIED FISH

Adult: \$9, Child under 12: \$4, Toddlers: Free.
 Includes sides, drink and homemade dessert.

**Take-outs available*

More info: **(814) 796-3023**

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX

4376 W. Lake Road, Erie
MARCH 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12, 19
5:00-7:00 pm

BAKED OR FRIED COD Adult: \$12 (without fish: \$8), Child under 12: \$5.

More info: **(814) 838-8808**

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Parish Cafeteria --- 1626 W. 26th St., Erie

MARCH 8, 22 / APRIL 5; 4:30-7:00 pm

BAKED SCROD OR CHEESE RAVIOLI

Adult: \$9, Child under 12: \$5

MAC AND CHEESE Adult: \$5, Child: \$3

Includes green beans, coleslaw, roll and butter, sherbet and beverage. Fish dinners also include French fries or mac and cheese. Plus, **BAKE**

SALE! **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(814) 454-0171**

HOLY CROSS

Reilly Center --- 7100 W. Ridge Road, Fairview

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

4:30-7:00 pm

FISH, SHRIMP OR COMBO Adult: \$10, Child: \$5

FISH SANDWICH \$8; MAC AND CHEESE \$5

All dinners include sides, drink and dessert.

**Take-outs available*

More info: **(814) 474-2605**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Gallagher Hall --- 100 Penn Ave., Mercer

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12, 19

5:00-7:00 pm

FRIED FISH Adult: \$10, Child 12 and under: \$5,

3 and under: Free. Includes sides, drink and

cake. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(724) 662-2999**

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Scheffner Hall --- 1553 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie

MARCH 15, 29 / APRIL 12, 26; 4:00-7:00 pm

FRIED FISH AND/OR CHEESE PIEROGI

Adult: \$10, Child: \$5. Includes sides and ice

cream. **Take-outs available: 50 cents more.*

More info: **(814) 825-7313**

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

Social Hall --- 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

5:00-7:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Adult: \$10, Child: \$5. Includes sides, drink and

dessert. **Tickets and take-outs at the door.*

More info: **(814) 734-3113**

SS. PETER AND PAUL BYZANTINE

Social Hall --- 3415 Wallace St., Erie

MARCH 8, 22 / APRIL 5; 4:30-7:00 pm

BAKED COD, POTATO OR CHEESE PIEROGI

OR COMBO Adult: \$10, Child 6-12: \$5,

Under 6: Free. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(814) 825-8140**

ST. ANTHONY

Church Hall --- Sherman Ave., Sharon

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12, 19

4:00-7:00 pm

FRIED OR BAKED FISH OR PALACINKAS

Includes sides and cookie. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(724) 342-7391**

ST. ANTHONY

St. Paul Center --- Sponsored by

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus

Route 6 (Saybrook), Sheffield

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

5:00-7:00 pm

HADDOCK Adult: \$9 (includes sides, drink and

homemade dessert) plus 50/50!

More info: **(814) 968-5915**

ST. BRIGID

Social Hall --- 383 Arch St., Meadville

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

4:30-6:30 pm

BAKED OR FRIED ICELANDIC HADDOCK,

MAC AND CHEESE OR GRILLED CHEESE

Adult: \$9, Child 5-12: \$4.50, 4 and under: Free

Includes scalloped potatoes, green beans,

coleslaw/applesauce, bread and beverage.

ICE CREAM BAR with toppings: \$1.00

**Take-outs available*

Visit www.StBrigidChurch.org to view a map.

More info: **(814) 336-4459**

ST. JOSEPH

17724 Bennetts Valley Highway, Force

12-6:30 pm Ash Wednesday and every

Friday during Lent (Good Friday 2-6:30 pm)

BAKED OR FRIED HADDOCK

Adult: \$12, Child 10 and under: \$6

FANTAIL SHRIMP Adult: \$13, Child 10 and

under: \$7. Includes soup, sides, drink and

dessert. **Take-outs available (no soup or*

drinks). **We deliver in Bennetts Valley!**

More info: **(814) 787-4151, ext. 6**

ST. LUKE

School Cafeteria --- 421 E. 38th St., Erie

Knights of Columbus Council #11229

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29; 5:00-7:00 pm

ICELANDIC COD, PIEROGI, SHRIMP, MAC

AND CHEESE OR CAPTAIN'S PLATTER

Includes French fries and green beans.

**Take-outs available*

More info: **(814) 825-6920**

ST. MICHAEL

Knights of Columbus Hall --- 170 Clarksville

St., Greenville

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12, 19

4-7:00 pm

BAKED OR FRIED FISH

Adult: \$10, Child 12 and under: \$7

EXTRA ITEMS \$3/plate. Includes sides, drink

and dessert. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(724) 588-9911**

ST. SEVERIN

Social Hall --- 6786 Kylertown-Drifting

Highway, Drifting (Exit 133 on I-80,

5 miles north on Route 53)

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

4:00-6:30 pm

BAKED OR FRIED FISH Includes sides,

drink and dessert. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(814) 345-6665**

ST. STANISLAUS

516 E. 12th St., Erie

MARCH 8, 22 / APRIL 5; 4-7:00 pm

FISH AND PIEROGI Adult: \$10, Child 6-12:

\$5, 5 and under: Free.

**Take-out dinner: \$10.25*

More info: **(814) 452-6606**

ST. TERESA

Parish Center --- 9 Third Ave., Union City

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12

4:30-7:00 pm

BAKED OR FRIED HADDOCK Adult: \$10,

Child: \$5. Includes a side: French fries,

baked potato or mac and cheese. Plus,

homemade coleslaw, applesauce and

homemade dessert. **Take-outs available:*

(814) 438-2783, More info: (814) 438-2000

VENANGO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1505 W. First St., Oil City

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 / APRIL 5, 12, 19

5-7:00 pm

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY Adult: \$10.50,

Senior: \$10, Child under 12: \$8, Under 5: \$4.

Includes sides, drink and dessert.

PIZZA \$3/slice. **Take-outs available.*

More info: **(814) 676-9429**

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 PARISH OR SCHOOL LISTED?**
 Contact them directly for their information.