

First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020



Stations of the Cross
St. Patrick Church
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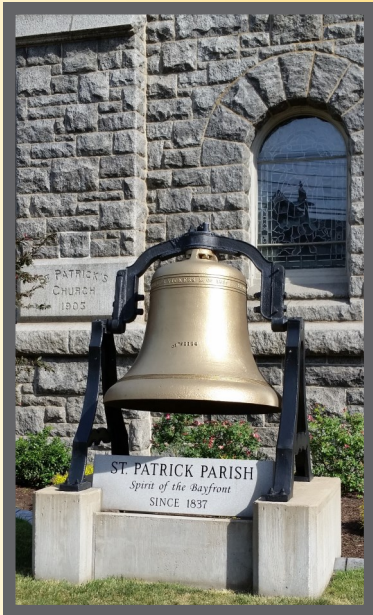
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

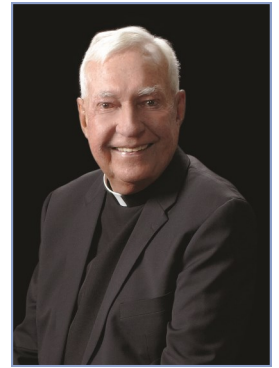
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 First Sunday of Lent. The Book of Genesis is about origins. It begins with a poetic description of the origin of time and space. On the sixth day, God created humanity in the divine image. The next chapter is a narrative account of the origin of sin. The goodness of creation has become disordered. Today's reading begins with Genesis' second view of human origins. After God creates man, he creates trees with special mention given to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The narrative omits the creation of woman but she is given the name Eve, derived from the word for "life". The story of the temptation is a cunning story of how the serpent twists the woman's answers and makes her more vulnerable. Once Adam and Eve have eaten of this tree, they feel shame and vulnerability and they clothe their nakedness, even from God. The engaging details of the story are rich in imagination and symbolism and invite us to reflect on how our relationship with God, a loving bond, can be broken. Yet, even in the face of this, the loving, forgiving God will remain ever present to them.

Throughout the reading from Romans, Paul writes as a Jew who knows the tradition well, including the account of Adam and Eve. He presumes that his audience knows the story of Adam and Eve as well as that of Christ's saving death on the cross. He refers to Adam as a pre-figuration of one who is to come. The later figure is always greater than the initial one. Adam's transgression has a far-reaching effect on us, resulting in death, while Christ's death has an even greater effect, bringing the gift of life. Paul develops the "unlikeness" of Adam and Christ more than their "likeness." He presents Christ as the gift of God whose saving grace transforms the universality of sin and death.

Matthew's gospel, written for Jews who believe in Christ as the Messiah, shows how Jesus fulfills their prophecies and hopes. The account of Israel's forty years in the desert (Deut. 6-8) is the background for Christ's forty days in the desert. God had tested Israel and they failed but Matthew will present Jesus as being tested and

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

passing the test.

The number of Women Religious in the world continues on a sharp decline. In 2010 there were more than 720,000; by 2019, that number has dropped to 650,000. The numbers continue to increase in Africa and Asia, but to decline dramatically in the rest of the world.

The neighboring Diocese of Buffalo faces near certain bankruptcy after posting a \$5 million loss in 2019, and with a barrage of lawsuits from the clergy misconduct scandal still pending. Last year was the second consecutive yearly loss for the diocese of 163 parishes. It lost \$1.8 million in 2018. The diocese has already paid out \$10 million to more than 100 victims under an independent compensation program faced in 2018.

The German bishops are in the process of a Synod involving bishops, clergy, religious and lay people. Four panels of experts prepared working documents to serve as the basis for discussion. The head of the German bishops' conference, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, has said they do not want to "reinvent the church." The two year process will focus on sexual morality, the lifestyle of priests, women in the church and the abuse of power. The document demands sexual morality must develop "on the basis of insights of the human sciences, including the life experience of faithful people." The document goes on to say that relying on psychology, sociology and anthropology would open up many prohibitions of sexual morality taught by the church "which sees sexual activity only within marriage, and still directed towards procreation."

The working document justifies the use of contraception, the practice of masturbation and an active homosexual lifestyle. The document says that "homosexual acts also realize positive meaningful values, insofar as they are an expression of friendship, reliability, loyalty and support in life." Homosexuality, it adds, should no longer be considered as intrinsically evil. A blessing of homosexual unions, not marriage, is not excluded from the document.

On the role of women in the church, the document says that not only should women participate more in the life of the church, but the "question of the sacramental ordination of women needs to be asked." The document poses the question, "Is

there even the possibility of achieving certainty about the will of God on this subject with human power of cognition?" Considerable time is spent on the question of female deacons, advocating for a "revival of the tradition of the ordination of deaconesses."

Roughly 230 people are participating in the Synod, and it is not without opposition. A coalition of lay Catholics called *Acies Ordinata*, recently mobilized in Munich to silently pray against the path being proposed by the Synod.

The leadership of the Synod notes that some of the proposals which they might make can be handled by the local bishop, others will require the consent of all the bishops in Germany, still others would require a repeat of Vatican II for confirmation and others can be decided only by the pope himself.

The Catholic population in the Netherlands has fallen by a fifth in 15 years, with just 5% of the country's 17.1 million Catholics attending Mass on any type of a regular basis. In Russia, only 2% of Russian Orthodox attended services this past Christmas.

Congratulations to parishioner, Eucharistic Minister and lector Barbara Brairton who is being honored by her alma mater, Mercyhurst University, as a Distinguished Alumnae for Service to the Community.

Our Food Pantry served 470 families during the month of January. We distributed 10,141 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$384.10. Once again, I did not have to use any parish funds for this because of your ongoing generous support of the Food Pantry. God does not forget whenever we care for his poor and needy. When we do that, he somehow manages to forget some of our other sins and failings. There is nothing more noble in the call of the gospel than to care for those who can't care for themselves. And you do that marvelously.

Some random thoughts. "My wife says I have only two faults: I don't listen and something else she was rambling on about." "You know that tingly feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body." "I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and replace it with Jim. I feel much better saying I went to the gym today." "Old age is coming at a really bad time."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 2/16/2020 \$ 8,138.00
 Online Giving 1,948.00
 Total Income \$ 10,086.00

Offertory Collection 2/23/2020 \$ 8,874.25
 Online Giving 1,803.00
 Total Income \$ 10,677.25

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
 Alfred Sokolowski, Anniversary
 from 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

Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Frances Gehringer, Teresa Callaghan, Dorothy** Chessario from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ◆ **William J. & Jane Ward Carney** from William J. Carney
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- ◆ **Debbi, Carol & James Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
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Also donations from:

Joanne Homicz, Kathleen Horan, Samantha Kiefer & Benjamin Lee, Arlene Piskor and Joe & Judy Pitetti

**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.



Let us *Welcome*
George Henry Groner
 child of
Russell & Abigail (Grasinger) Groner
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Diane McCarthy,
 Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Mike & Pat Tellers

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

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
 Barb Fischer

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

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Megan Gilmore,
 Michele Wheaton, Candy Bukowski

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

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

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

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. 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)

March 2 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 3 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 4 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 5 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 6 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 7 *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*
5:00 PM MARY TELLERS (ROSALEE TELLERS)

March 8 *Second Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK (ESTATE)
10:30 AM JEREMY SCOTT, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 3/1
(WALKER FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

02/29 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
03/03 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
03/04 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
03/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—Pledge to Heal:

The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping victims of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, VAC for short, Dr. Gerard Tobin, who can be reached at 814-454-1521. The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email BlueRCD@KLGates.com. Victims or concerned individuals can contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-454-1543. For additional information visit <https://eriercd.org/childprotection/>

Erie parish to host religious freedom forum—

St. George Parish in Erie is hosting a religious freedom forum **March 5** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the church, 5145 Peach St., Erie. Three speakers will address the historical background of religious liberty and freedom of conscience as expressed in the writings and traditions of Catholicism, Protestantism and Judaism. Speakers are the Rev. Dr. John P. Downey, theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania; Rabbi Rob Morais of Temple Anshe Hessed in Erie; and Mickey Pohl, attorney of counsel with Jones Day law firm, Pittsburgh. A free will offering will be accepted.

201 DAYS TO THE 2020 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



PANCAKE TUESDAY.

Last Tuesday was Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday,” the day before lent begins on Ash Wednesday. In days long past, lent was a time of fasting and sacrifice when Catholics were forbidden from eating fat and meat until Easter Sunday. So the week leading up to Ash Wednesday was a time of Carnival—from the Latin “carne levare,” literally “to remove meat.” Everyone partied, dressed up and paraded, and everyone ate as much fat as they could before the 40 days of fasting. In Europe, the Tuesday before lent begins is known as Shrove Tuesday—because lent is a time of reflection and confession, as well as fasting.

In Ireland, they call it **Pancake Tuesday** and the Irish celebrate with, well, pancakes.

Like most things Catholic, the tradition goes back to medieval times when the church forbade the consumption of meat, eggs, and milk during lent. So the Irish, ever fond of their dairy products, would use up their supply on the night before Ash Wednesday by making pancakes—stacks and stacks and stacks of pancakes. And today, even though church attendance in Ireland has dropped considerably over the past 40 or so years, from 91% in 1973 to around 35% a couple of years ago and only 14% in Dublin, Pancake Tuesday is as popular as ever.

Pancake Tuesday is celebrated not only with overindulgence in pancakes—which the Irish eat sprinkled with lemon juice and sugar and rolled up like a crepe—but with pancake races, in which housewives run along a racecourse flipping a pancake in a skillet, often with hilarious results. Irish girls were traditionally given the afternoon of Pancake Tuesday off from school in order to prepare the batter and the oldest unmarried girl in the house would flip the first pancake in the hopes that, if she did it right, she would soon be married (after lent of course, during which marriage was forbidden). The first three pancakes made were considered sacred and were sprinkled with salt and marked with a cross—the precursor to hot cross buns. Irish children would go door to door asking for pancakes and bragging later about how many they had eaten. And, folks, when the kids knocked on your door, you had better give them a pancake or they would throw broken crockery at your door—and who wants that!

We may not have pancakes for you at the 2020 Erie Irish festival, but that’s about the only thing we won’t have—good food, good drinks, good entertainment, good shopping, and good times—so no broken crockery, please.

Gary Johnson, 2020 Festival Co-Chair. Email me with questions, suggestions, or if you are interested in joining the team. gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com

Inner-City Neighborhood Art House says: Enrich your lunch break! Explore your hidden talents!

Art a la Carte offers a one-hour art class on the first Tuesday of each month.

- * All materials included
- * No previous experience needed
- * Registration required

Classes are taught by Neighborhood Art House Teachers

Flower Arranging: March 3, 12:00 noon

Brief Description: Create your own flower arrangement just like the professionals.

Instructor: Carl Larese, Larese Floral

Registration Online at <https://www.neighborhoodarthouse.org/events> or call 455-5508

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

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.

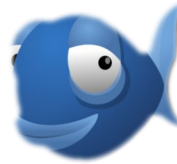
Visit GECAC on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GECACErie/> or our website at www.gecac.org.

Lenten Dinners

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Fish & Pierogi Dinner
4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- Friday, March 6th
- Friday, March 20th
- Friday, April 3rd



Dine in or Carry Out

\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children 7-12
Six & under are free

Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Partnered Parishes

4:00 - 7:00 PM (or until sold out)

Saint Stanislaus
513 East 13th Street

Serving Fish & Pierogi

- Friday, March 13th
- Friday, March 27th

\$10.00 for adults
\$5.00 for children 6-12
Free for children under 5

(Take Out available for \$10.25)



Holy Trinity
2220 Reed Street

Serving Fish, Pierogi & Potato Pancakes

- Friday, March 20th

\$12.00 Platter
\$10.00 Dinner
\$5.00 for children under 12



Enjoy a spaghetti dinner at Sacred Heart Parish

Sacred Heart Parish in Erie is serving its 67th annual spaghetti and meatball dinner at the church auditorium, 816 W. 26th St., Erie, on March 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12, and free to children under 6. Carry-outs are available. There also will be theme baskets, a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale.

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.



Celebrate the 20th anniversary of SSJNN



14TH ANNUAL

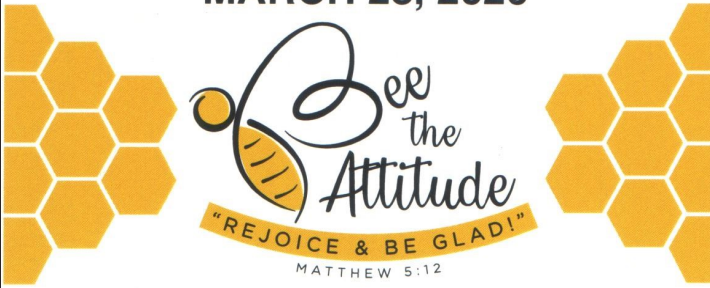
 Guess That Tune
GALA



APRIL 18, 2020 With Event Hosts:
 Bayfront Convention Center **DRS. CHRIS & CAITLIN CLARK**
 www.ssjnn.org/gala

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network is celebrating its 20th year of service in 2020. Please **SAVE THE DATE** for its annual Guess That Tune Gala on **April 18** at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Proceeds support SSJNN ministries. For more details, go to www.ssjnn.org/gala.

YOU ARE INVITED to the Sixth Annual
**1:38 WOMEN'S
 CONFERENCE**
MARCH 28, 2020



----- THE HIVE -----

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH / 2401 W. 38th St., Erie
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM / Doors open at 8:00 AM
 Adoration, Confession and Mass / Emcee: Fr. Larry Richards

----- THE SPEAKERS -----

CARALYN COLLAR
ALYSSA BORMES
SR. REGINA MARIE GORMAN, OCD

814/455-7364 or www.138women.com
 ALL FAITHS WELCOME!

A Family Perspective—

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2020 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.



Advertiser of the Week:

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Attorney Anthony "Buzz" Andrezeski
 DUI, Criminal Law, Estate Law
 814-449-9224
www.duiproerie.com
 For advertising in our Parish bulletin

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Saint Patrick Parish

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