

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**March 3, 2019**



Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
"All were amazed at His  
understanding and questions"  
photo by Tom Golab

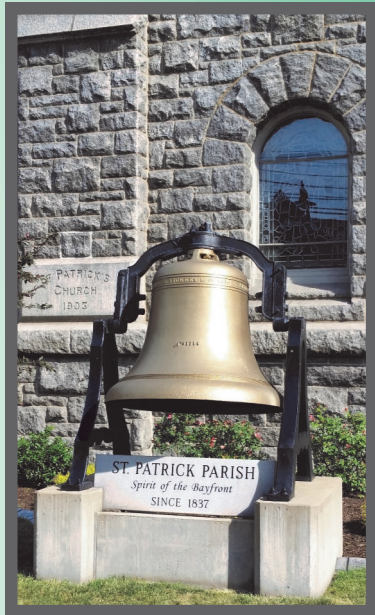
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

#### **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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading tells us that we measure a person's character by how the person talks. To listen carefully before judging is the proof of wisdom; the way a person talks reveals their interior life. Just as the fiery kiln if the proof of the clay pot and the fruit is the proof of the tree from which it is picked, so conversation is the proof of a person's character. The wisdom regarding testing the just and the wicked by their speech challenges us to reflect on how we talk, which is the evidence of our interior lives, our conscience, attitude, intention and affection. Our speech reveals where we have allowed ourselves to be planted and take root. In today's gospel, Jesus projects the image of the fruit tree as analogous to a person's virtue. A good person produces goodness; evil produces evil.

Paul also reflects on the harvest of our sinful nature or of our virtue. Those who are imbedded in a life of sin and corruption are destined for death. But for those who are "steadfast and persevering," death wins no definitive victory; the harvest is eternal life. The good people who are "fully engaged in the work of the Lord," know their toil is not in vain. They shall bear fruit for eternal life.

Jesus speaks in parables. He warns those who are in a position to guide others to take care to correct themselves, lest they be ridiculed; then he related the parable of the decayed and good fruit: "every tree is known by its own fruit." The secrets of the heart are revealed by the words of the mouth. Recall our first reading. It is often easier for us to look outward rather than inward. The faults we most staunchly denounce are often those committed by others; the defects we recognize with more accuracy are those of our neighbor. Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye?" Let us learn from the speck in the neighbor's eye or the flaw in his or her conduct: it is time to get our own eyes checked. Jesus says, "You hypocrites. Remove



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

the wooden beam from your own eye first," and then with your conscience clear, you can offer correction to your neighbor. He is really calling us to mercy, the key to creating a better world inside and out.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. There will be an 8 AM Mass with distribution of ashes to follow. There will also be a noon Mass with distribution of ashes to follow. In addition, we will distribute ashes in church from 11:45—11:55 before the noon Mass. We will have to stop for Mass but will resume once Mass is over.

Lent is a time for all of us to consider some form of penance in the hopes that such actions can draw us closer to the Lord. By depriving ourselves of something, we can be better able to focus on the needs of others and on our relationship with God.

Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in 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—58. We are asked on these two days to take one full meal and two smaller meals and eating between meals is not permitted. Where health or work is seriously affected, the last does not oblige. And, finally, on Holy Thursday, no celebration of the Mass is to begin earlier than 4:30 PM.

The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is currently being conducted throughout the diocese. This annual appeal funds Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the Priests Retirement Home, etc. It is the largest single source of income for the diocese. Each parish is assessed a set amount and any money raised about that amount remains in the parish. Our assessment this year is \$88,000, and I'm hoping you will respond in whatever way you can to help us meet that goal. Last year we generated more than \$31,000 that remained in the parish. When I first came here nine years ago, our assessment was \$22,000, and we struggled to raise that amount. But we have grown and our income has grown significantly, and so we have a greater responsibility. Some of you are able to help in a major way; some of you can't contribute anything. All I ask is that everyone

think about what you might be able to do. I'm simply very grateful for the generous way you support both the parish and the diocese. In the nine years I have been here, I have never once needed to ask for money; your generosity precedes my need to ask.

Lent lasts for 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on sundown of Holy Thursday. The word *Lent* derives from the medieval English word *Lenten*, meaning springtime. The season of penance derives its basis from both the Old Testament and the New Testament calling for it. It developed, like almost everything in the church, over a long period of time. In the earliest of days it was the days before Holy Thursday. By the 4th century the current 40 days was established because it is the length of the fast and temptation of Jesus in the desert. Once Christianity was legalized in the late 4th century and people began to be baptized as infants rather than adults, the emphasis of Lent changed from preparation for baptism to repentance and fasting. Vatican II restored the catechumenate, that Lent is a time to prepare adults for entrance into the church.

The idea of ashes on Ash Wednesday came from imitation of the practice of wearing ashes by public penitents. Public penitents were those doing penance for sins such as murder, apostasy and adultery. At one time people gave up all animal products during the entire Lenten season. The Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches still follow this tradition.

I had mentioned earlier that the side hallway of the church coming in from the east parking lot had been restored. I forgot that they put that work off to finish the wooden flooring in the balcony. As soon as that work is completed, they will get to the side hallway. If you enter or leave through it, you know what deplorable condition it is in. When this area is completed, everything in the entire church building will have been restored to its original glory.

A little old lady sits next to a man on a bench in Miami. The woman asks, "Are you a stranger here?" The man replies, "Sort of, I used to live here years ago." "So, where have you been?" asks the old lady. The old man replies, "I was in prison for murdering my wife." "Really?" says the old lady "So you're single...."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,757.00
Online Giving	<u>1,645.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,402.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



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

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose 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:

- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Theresa Steadman** from David & Gretchen Durney
- ♦ **Adelaide Wagner** from the volunteers at the Food Pantry
- ♦ **Isabelle Maloney** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Robert Musolff** from Richard & Sharon Furiesz
- ♦ **Mark J. Williams** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Ben & Delainey Gilmore
- ♦ **Joe R. Kormosh and Helen Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Edwin Wright** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Valery Szumigala** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Clara Rzomp, William Rzomp, Ann Wnukoski, John Wnukoski** from David & Mary St. George

Also donations from:

James & Karen Bomba, Janice Cole, William & Patricia Gloekler, John Godish, Phil & Judy Kelly, Ken & Patricia Marchant and Gloria Walker

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

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Jay Habas**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella**

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Nancy Andrzejewski, 2 NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Luke Gilmore**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Dario Cipriani, Ryan Palm, Luke Gilmore, Cyndi Pristello**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

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

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

## 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 contact Colleen Welch 814-455-8571

## 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.



**LENT**

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**March 2** *Saturday, Vigil: 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

**March 4** *Monday, Saint Casimir*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER (ESTATE)

**March 5** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 6** *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM MASS

12:00 PM MASS

**March 7** *Thursday, Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 8** *Friday, Saint John, Religious*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 9** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICK

**March 10** *First Sunday of Lent*

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

10:30 AM KATHY SEABROOKE THOMAS  
(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**03/05** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/06** 8:00 AM **Mass followed by Ashes**

**03/06** 11:45 AM **Ashes distributed followed by Mass**  
**@ noon**

**03/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**03/09** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

ERIE, PA'S ANNUAL

## St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019

♣ [ SATURDAY ] ♣

**MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 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

BE SURE TO SWING BY THE GRAND STAND AT PERRY SQUARE to

ENJOY GREAT COMMENTARY featuring GARY DRAPCHO ♣ irish tunes

with DJ MICHELLE FLAHERTY ♣ family-friendly face painting

♣ an irish-inspired photobooth to take selfies & much more!!!

**BE IRISH FOR A DAY!**

THE ——— HOSTED BY ———  
**Knights & Ladies**  
OF ST. PATRICK EST. 1978



St Patrick Day  
Parade in Erie PA

#IrishInErie

### **A Family Perspective—**

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.

## 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**



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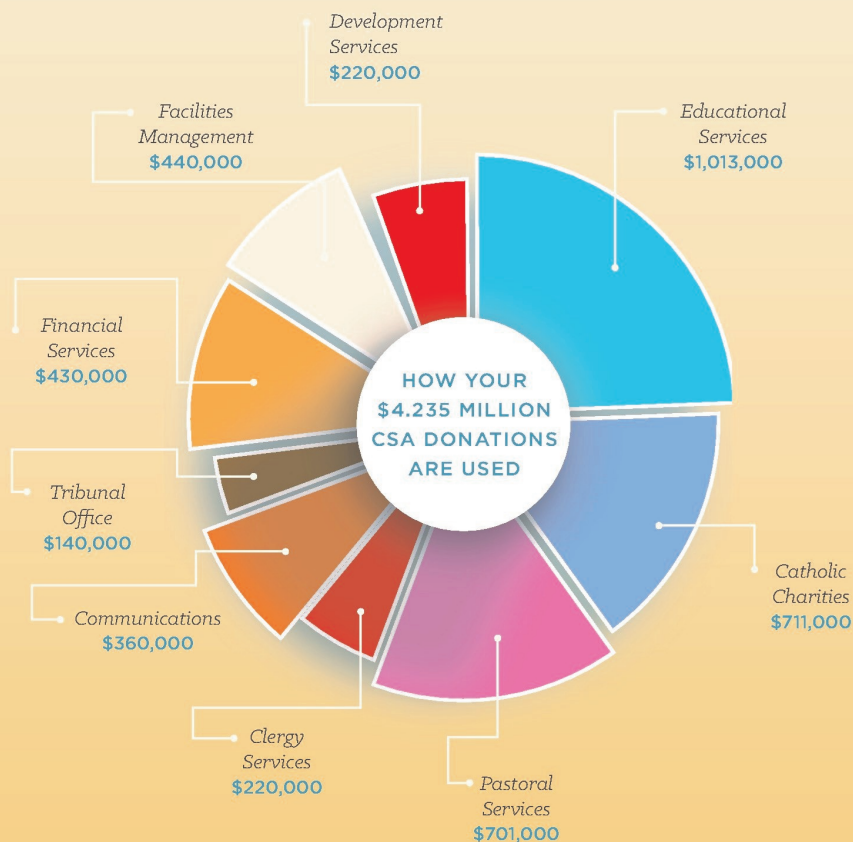
## Catholic Services Appeal



**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.

# FORWARD TOGETHER

*...with truth ... with hope ...with Christ*



### Where do CSA funds go?

**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.

**PLEASE PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT** through your parish. Thank you for supporting the 2019 CSA Appeal.



## How the \$4,235,000 CSA Donations are Used

### //////////////////// \$1,013,000

**EDUCATION SERVICES** includes the Catholic Schools Office support for 33 Catholic schools. Coordinates the work of religious education programs for youth and adults, youth ministry, campus ministry, chastity education and Natural Family Planning throughout the diocese. Includes the Office of Faith Formation and scholarship assistance.

### //////////////////// \$711,000

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** provides health care, social and pastoral services for those in need, regardless of faith. Joy Ministries offers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities an opportunity to grow in their faith. The Social Justice and Life Office educates on matters of social justice and the dignity of life. Family Life Office provides resources to prepare and enhance marriage and family relationships.

### //////////////////// \$701,000

**PASTORAL SERVICES** includes the diocesan Office of Worship which offers workshops and help for all aspects of liturgy, the spiritual formation and training of liturgical ministers, and the preparation of parish and diocesan liturgies. The office supports presiders, music directors, liturgy committees and pastoral councils by encouraging the full, active and conscious participation by all the people in every liturgical celebration.

Also under Pastoral Services, the Diocese of Erie is committed to the protection of children. Through the Office for Protection of Children and Youth, all diocesan, parish, Catholic school, and agency personnel and volunteers complete the diocesan "Creating a Safe Environment" training and obtain appropriate clearances.

### //////////////////// \$440,000

**FACILITIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT** is a resource to parishes on physical plant matters, safety issues and accident prevention, and environmental and regulatory compliance. Provides guidance on construction and renovation projects when appropriate.

### //////////////////// \$430,000

**FINANCIAL SERVICES** Office assists parishes, schools and affiliated agencies to acquire and administer necessary temporal goods prudently, professionally and in accordance with church law. Offers guidance to our clergy and parish staff regarding property and health insurances.

### //////////////////// \$360,000

**COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE** evangelizes through its website, Faith magazine, social media and the diocesan e-news. All Catholic households registered in parishes may receive *Faith* free of charge.

### //////////////////// \$220,000

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** grant to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania for operating expenses and costs related to CSA and other diocesan fundraising by trained fundraising professionals. An independent Catholic lay board of directors offers long-term investment expertise and oversight of endowment holdings.

### //////////////////// \$220,000

**CLERGY SERVICES** operates in the Chancery, which provides guidance and assistance to parishes, institutions, clergy and people throughout the diocese. The permanent diaconate provides outreach to those in need through ministry of the Word, the liturgy, and works of charity. Priests and deacons receive ongoing education on various pastoral ministries.

### //////////////////// \$140,000

**TRIBUNAL OFFICE** is a resource for persons seeking annulments. It educates pastoral ministers who prepare couples for marriage or assist persons seeking an annulment. Offers classes for priests, deacons and lay ministers.



**Questions?**

Inquire to your parish office.