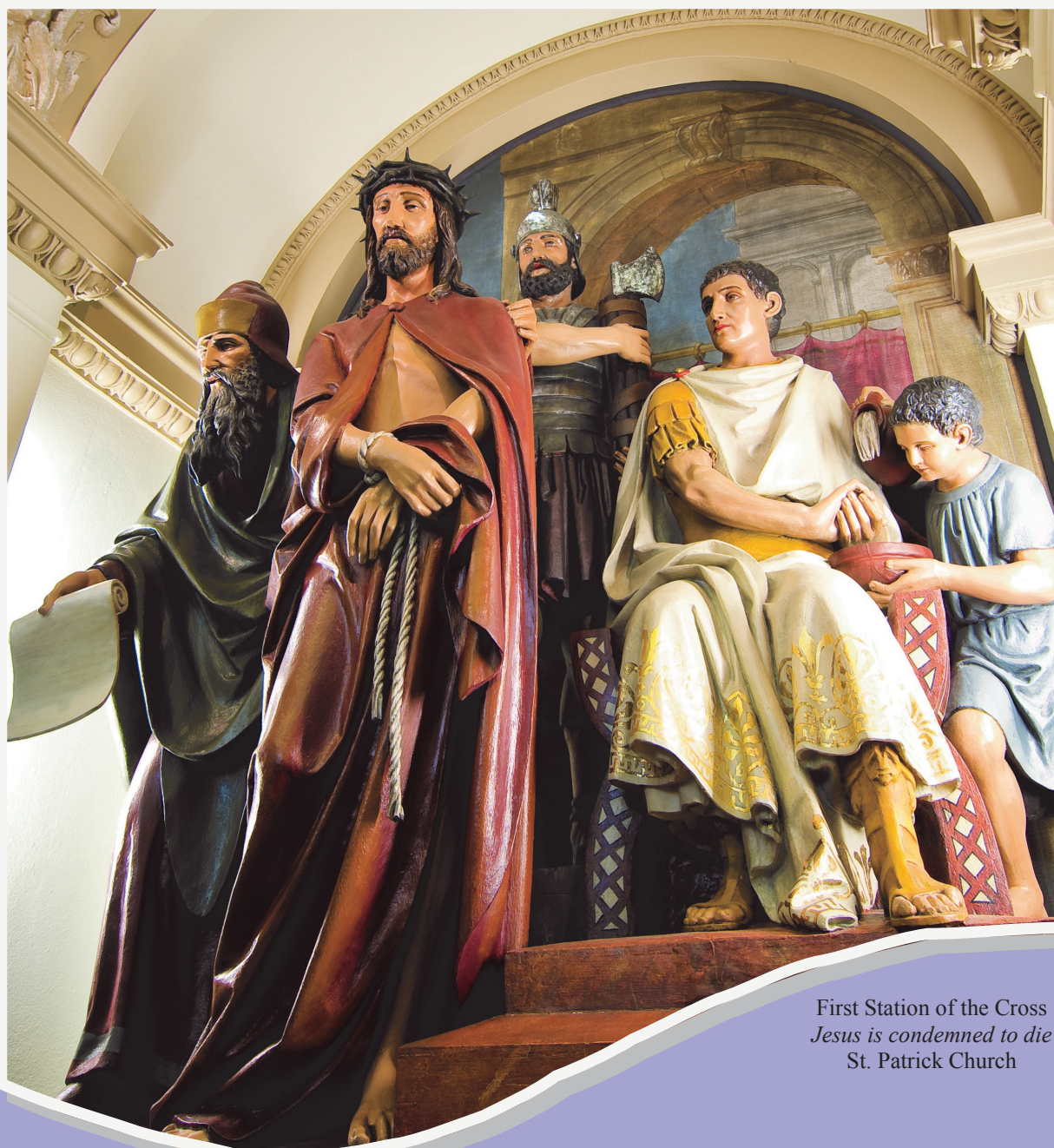


Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018



First Station of the Cross
Jesus is condemned to die
St. Patrick Church

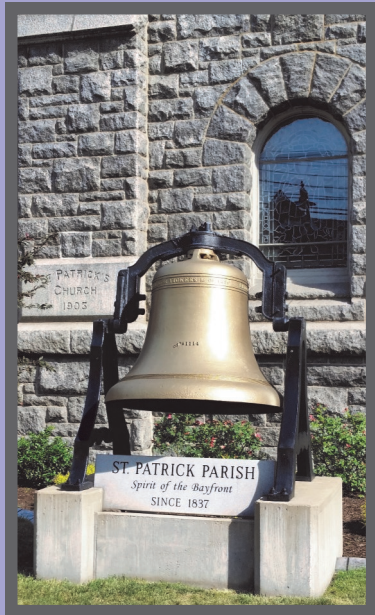
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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MASS SCHEDULE:

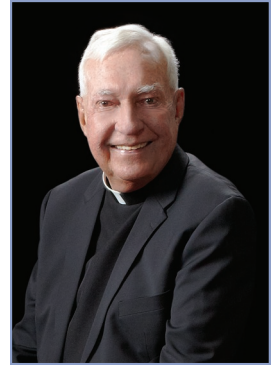
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Third Sunday of Lent and we hear first of the Ten Commandments, introduced not as commandments but as the “words” that God spoke. The focus is on God’s personal communication with Israel, through which he provides instruction that is fundamental to their relationship. God’s opening words are not about the law, but they present a personal God who has chosen Israel to be his own. The first three commandments express the fidelity that Israel owes God. The covenant and God’s deliverance of Israel from slavery implied an exclusive bond characterized by mercy on God’s part, and obedient love on Israel’s part. After establishing the relationship between God and Israel in a covenant, the rest of God’s words show the correct relationship among the people themselves.

“Christ crucified.” In two words, Paul announces the paradoxical proclamation that was and is often a stumbling block to faith. The image of a stumbling block (*skandalon*) occurs frequently in the gospels and Paul’s letters as a metaphor for something that causes people to trip and fall. Jesus even calls Peter a *skandalon* when Peter tries to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem. The cross has been that stumbling block since it first occurred. For Jews, one hung on a cross was cursed (Deut. 21:23), for Greeks, accepting one who had undergone such a disgraceful death as a messiah was utter foolishness. In today’s brief reading, Paul merely sets up a contrast between accepted human judgments and God’s reversal of them. What appears as foolish from a human perspective is in reality divine wisdom.

All four gospels have an account of Jesus driving out the money-changers, but only in John is it placed at the beginning, rather than the end, of Jesus’ ministry. The early placement serves as an introduction and foreshadowing to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today’s scene takes place at a Passover at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry where he explains that the temple will be

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

restored but he will raise it up in three days. While the audience assumes he means the building, the event with the money-changers actually is a foreshadowing of a later Passover when Jesus (the temple) will be temporarily destroyed only to be raised up again. John looks even further into the future and tells us that the disciples remembered this episode when he rose from the dead, and only then is their misunderstanding finally made clear.

1,393 Catholic schools have closed or consolidated from 2007 to 2017 compared with 287 school openings. During that same time period, enrollment declined by 19 percent to less than 1.9 million students. Catholic school enrollment peaked in 1965 with more than 5.2 million students. The National Catholic Educational Association cites three causes for the decline in enrollment: shifting demographics, tuition costs and changes in the practice of the faith.

Now that most of the pipes have been removed from the pipe organ, you can see two stained glass windows that have been completely hidden by the pipe organ since the church was built in 1906. In the original design for the church, those windows are not included. Instead, there was to be a large outside niche above the center entry doors which would hold a larger than life statue of St. Patrick. For some reason, that design was changed and these two windows replaced the planned statue.

The company restoring the pipe organ tell us that these windows are part of the problem with the pipe organ. So much cold air is coming through them that it is adversely affecting the pipes. Since the windows can't be seen once the organ is put back together, we're going to fill those windows with a good deal of insulation. We're not closing up the windows but there will be over a foot of insulation against them to keep the cold air out.

In addition, we have to include additional electric wiring in the balcony to accommodate the restored organ. We completely re-wired the church in 2012 when we did the restoration, and there is a junction box that was put in the balcony but never connected to anything. That will work perfect to supply the needed additional electricity for

the organ.

I mentioned that plans for a statue of St. Patrick to be located on the outside of the church above the center doors was abandoned for some reason, and two stained glass windows were added in its place. An additional element of the original church design that was abandoned was for a clock in the west tower. You might notice that there are several round green panels high in that tower. That is where the face of the clock was to be located. It appears that there were going to be two different faces—south, and west—for that planned clock. Access to that area of the tower is through a staircase that is high in the balcony of the church.

Father Mike DeMartinis is offering three Scripture classes during Lent. The first was held this past Thursday morning from 10—11 AM in church. There will be a second class on Thursday of this week (March 8) and the final class on Thursday, March 15. Perhaps you would consider taking these classes as part of your Lenten journey this year.

Our Food Pantry distributed 154,619 pounds of food during the month of January at a cost to the parish of \$1,462. We served 419 families which included 197 children and 76 elderly people. Once again, the Food Pantry has not cost the parish a penny because of your ongoing generosity and support of it. God bless you and know that God never forgets when we care his poor.

St. Patrick parishioner Bill Legler did the snow removal during December and the now famous Christmas snowstorm. In addition to the plowing, we had to hire another company to come in and remove snow because there was no more room to plow and pile it. Bill's bill for plowing was \$4,500, and he very generously donated that to the parish.

An elderly woman is being examined by a young physician. After about four minutes in the examination room, she bursts out of the door. Spotting an older doctor, she tells him what happened. Astounded, he marches down the hallway toward his young colleague. "What's the matter with you?" he demands. "That woman is 74 years old and you tell her she's pregnant?" The young doctor asks, "Well, does she still have her hiccups?"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,046.70
Online Giving	<u>1,457.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,504.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Eloise Marie Toman
 daughter of
 Jeremy & Tammy (Lamary) Toman
 who will be baptized
 after the 5:00 pm Liturgy on Saturday

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:

The Restoration Fund

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Dr. Thomas Klaus** from T. Steven & Leslie Sours and LTC Charles Klaus

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Dr. Thomas Klaus** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Kathleen Sullivan, Larry & Mary Lou Rosio, Bud & Mary DePlachett, Julie Sheridan-Michalski, Mary Jo Biedrzycki, Michael & Judith Pelinsky, James & Grace Dailey, Jeanne Maras
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Mark & Eileen Behringer and Delaney & Benjamin Gilmore
- ♦ **Ronald Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Nancy Gallagher** from Dr. Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Tom Vicary** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini, Quentin Orlando** from Q Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Dominic & Mary Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers

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



The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Sheila Patterson
 from Jim & Kathy Sertz

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers.

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Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Lisa Straub

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

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Kathleen Pae, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

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



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting
 Children's Books for their
 children's library.

The Food Pantry is in need of packaged diapers—

*They can be dropped off at all
 Masses and left in the vestibule or at
 the Parish Office. Thank you !!!*



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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

March 3 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM MARY ANN DISANTI (SANDRA STYN)

March 4 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM MARGARET STEWART (KAREN FEDEI DORICH & SHARON FEDEI STACY)

10:30 AM JEFF BOMBA (EILEEN & PAUL BALCZUN)

March 5 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

March 6 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM THERESA SCHADE (MARY PAT SCLAUDECKER)

March 7 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

March 8 *Thursday, Saint John of God, Religious*

8:00 AM MARY ROSELLA BURGOYNE, ANNIV.
(DAUGHTER, MONICA ZABORAC)

March 9 *Friday, Saint Francis of Rome, Religious*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 10 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

March 11 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM MARY WHELAN (EITHNE & PATRICK MURPHY)

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

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

03/06 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

03/07 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

03/08 10:00 AM Scripture Class - St.P

01/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

DIVORCED? The Catholic Divorce

Survival guide (CDSG) NEW 8-week

group begins Wednesday, April 4, 2018

6:30 pm –8:00 pm at St., Mark Catholic

Center in Erie. Cost of \$10 per person includes

"Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 8

Weeks (Last group meeting is 5/23/180). If cost is an

issue, please call the Family Life Office. Find comfort

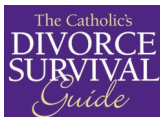
and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Con-

tact the Family Life Office, (814)824-1250, email

familylife@eriercd.org, or visit

www.ereircd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to

register.



Marriage Moments—

How is your Lenten resolution coming? Is it bringing you closer to your beloved? Consider that both God and your spouse are your beloved. Sacrificing for one give you a window into how to become closer to the other. Contemplate sacrificial love today.

24 Hours for the Lord

On March 9-10, 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 be open for the whole 24 hours, with adoration and confession available during that time. Bishop Lawrence Persico has asked that this year's 24 Hours for the Lord be devoted to prayer for the clergy and consecrated religious in our diocese, as well as for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Charismatic Renewal to host prayer breakfast in March



Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Erie is hosting a prayer breakfast March 10 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Center, located behind St. Joseph Church, 147 W. 24th St., Erie. The cost is \$8.50 with breakfast, or \$5 without breakfast. Register by March 7 by calling 814-833-9717.

Duquesne University Concert Choir to perform in Erie

The Duquesne University Concert Choir, "Voices of Spirit," will give a special concert March 11 at 4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sas-safras streets. Directed by Dr. Caron Daley, the choir is comprised of undergraduate and graduate students in all academic majors. The concert is open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken.



Lenten mission to feature Dan Schutte



Save the date for a Lenten mission, featuring renowned musician and composer Dan Schutte, March 11-13 at 7 p.m. each day at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. All are invited. Schutte will explore the theme, "Lord, Make Me Whole," through Scripture, reflection, story and song. The mission is sponsored by the parishes of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Gregory, St. Mark/Mount Calvary, and St. James.



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March, 2018

Dear Parishioner –

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 1, 2018. As you know, we observe this feast with great celebration and festivity as it marks the dawn of eternal life for each of us.

In addition to the liturgy and some outstanding music, the church itself is decorated to the note of solemnity and the rejoicing that is consistent with celebration. Those decorations will include Easter Memorial flowers in the sanctuary.

If you wish someone to be remembered in these flower memorials, please complete the listing below and return it to the parish office NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, March 20, 2018 so these names can be included in the parish bulletin. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Msr. Henry Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

From:

Sacred Heart Church 65th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Our famous homemade sauce and meatballs. **Sunday, March 11**, Sacred Heart Church Auditorium (Corner of 25th and Liberty Streets).



Serving from 11am to 6pm, carry-outs available.
Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, Children under 6 free.



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Walnut, Poppy Seed and Apricot Roll Sale

Pre-order by calling Michael Kuzma (814) 969-0497, pastries are freshly baked the night before and will be ready for pickup Palm Sunday, March 25th at

Holy Family School, 1153 E. 9th Street.

All rolls are \$10 each

Advertiser of the week:

We thank **BURTON**
Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.
602 West 10th St.—814-454-4551
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

St. James Card/Game Party "Lucky Leprechaun"

will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 2-5 pm at St. James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road. Cost is \$6.00 and includes Luncheon, Fashion Show by Chico's, and a chance on the Door Prizes. There will be Chinese Auction, 50/50, and Grand Award Tickets available for purchase. For further information, please contact the Rectory Office at 899-6178.



The Boy Scouts, Troop 37, from **St. James** will be hosting a Lenten Pasta Dinner on Friday, March 23rd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510. Dinner includes salad, various pastas and sauces, drink and dessert. Take out is available. Cost is \$10 for Adults, Children 5-12 \$5 and 4 and under are free. Tickets are available at the St. James Rectory or contact Brigitte Kucharski at 814-504-5219. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event.



MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegler's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right. For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "YouTube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.



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