

First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017



Jesus and His Disciples
Stained Glass Window
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



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, and each year our early Lenten readings focus on the ongoing human struggle to becoming the living image of God, as the Creator intended from the beginning. Our first reading today is the second account of creation in the Book of Genesis. It is in this account that we get the story of Adam and Eve in the garden. The limitation on eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil served to protect people because when they ate it they would die. In ancient Hebrew thought, sin and death were inextricably intertwined for both separate us from God (the expectation of afterlife did not emerge until about a hundred years before the birth of Christ). The symbol of the serpent is telling them if they eat of the fruit they will become divine and herein lies the sin: resisting the divine plan to become living images of God and instead striving to place themselves on the same level as God.

In Paul's letter today, he sums everything up by noting that one transgression—that of the first Adam-brought the death-dealing condemnation of alienation from God. But one righteous act—the second Adam's obedient response to God-begins a new pattern. Through Christ, humankind can truly become the creation that God intended from the beginning: we are a divine image in a rightful relationship with God.

Matthew portrays Jesus today as a man tested to discover if he trusts in God above all or relies on his own power in response to the lure of sin. In Mark's earlier account of the temptation, he tells us merely that angels came and ministered to Jesus. Matthew greatly expands on this with a triple temptation, each of which Jesus rejects with a quote from the Old Testament. As Israel of old was tested again and again on its journey from slavery to new life, so is Jesus, the beginning of the new Israel, the Church, likewise repeatedly tested. At the time Matthew wrote, the term "Son of God" did not signify the second person of the Trinity.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

It would be several centuries before this doctrine would be fully developed. It meant that someone had a special relationship with God. That is what Satan is testing. There is also a clear link in this gospel to Jesus testing in the desert (which he passes) and that of Israel's 40 year wandering (which they failed.)

Today is the First Sunday of Lent and the day when we undertake our annual Catholic Services Appeal in the parish. Our assessed goal this year is \$74,000, and I'm hoping we can generate a goal of \$100,000 so that we can use the difference toward the restoration of our hundred year old pipe organ. This appeal is the largest source of revenue for the diocese and it funds projects such as St. Martin's Center, the daily Bishop's Breakfast which provides a daily warm breakfast for a hundred homeless people, etc. All I ask is that you consider doing whatever you think you can afford to do. Every person's ability is different. Each family in the parish has received a letter from me outlining our goal and an envelope which you can return with your pledge.

The parish Finance Committee has asked that the surplus monies raised in this year's CSA be put toward the restoration of our pipe organ. That one hundred year old instrument is one of the finest pipe organs in the area and is desperately in need of repair. The last work done on it was in the early 1970s. We hope to do this work over a period of several years which will not require a capital campaign.

Lenten Scripture classes will be offered on Monday, March 6 and Monday, March 13, with a morning class at 10 AM and an evening class at 6 PM. This year we will explore the Infancy Narratives, the stories of the birth of Jesus as found only in Matthew and Luke, and in very different presentations. There is no cost, but we ask that you phone the parish office if you are attending so we know how many handouts to print. The classes will also be posted on our web page for anyone who wants to watch them there. If you are requesting a handout for watching the classes on line, please call the office and we will mail one to you. Please remember to register if you plan to attend so we can determine how many handouts to prepare.

Reverend Keith Sunberg, pastor of Wayside Presbyterian Church, is bringing a group of his 5th and 6th grade students to St. Patrick's to see the Stations of the Cross and have them explained to them. He has also done this on previous occasions, and we're happy to welcome him and his students.

I think you would be surprised at the number of groups who come to tour the church. Once the weather breaks, we will see tour buses here every week bringing groups. The Stations of the Cross are unique and not to be found elsewhere. There is another set of them in Pittsburgh but they are smaller and not nearly as well defined as are the ones in St. Patrick's Church.

On March 17 & 18, the diocese will host 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's Cathedral will be open from 5:45 PM on Friday, March 17, until 3:30 PM on Saturday, March 18. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for confession will be available during that entire time. Bishop Persico has asked each pastor to invite parishioners to participate in this 24 hours of prayer and adoration.

A Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 25, from 9 AM until 3:30 PM at the Warner Theater. The day will feature nationally known speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a Mass with Bishop Persico. For more information or to register, do to www.2232Men.com or call 814-455-7364.

A few bulletin bloopers: "The sermon next Sunday morning will be 'Jesus walks on water.' The sermon the following Sunday will be 'Searching for Jesus.'"..."The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir."..."Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered."..."The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning."..."Our closing hymn today will be 'Angles We Have Heard Get High.'"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,445.00
Online Giving	<u>1,537.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,982.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 22,970.00
Paid to date	\$ 13,770.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Carl Rimpa
from wife, Helen & Mary Lou Rimpa*

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 in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
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- ♦ **Gerald A. Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly

Also donations from:

Tammy Birkmire, Barbara Brairton,
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Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

Special Thank You!!!

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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



Let Us *Welcome*
Jacob Edward Stewart
son of
James & Jennifer (Marz) Stewart
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Jay Habas**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Ray Fiorelli**

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

Ushers: **Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
Jim Sertz**

Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Audrey Reigel**

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

Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Mary Williams**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Charla Leemhuis,
Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello**

Greeters: **Charla Leemhuis, 1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary Williams**

A Family Perspective—

First Sunday of Lent

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 2017 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS



Lent has just begun but too easily it can go the way of New Year's resolutions - Good idea but soon forgotten. Help each other. If you choose the same practice you can reinforce each other. If you choose different ones support each other's growth - but don't nag. It's not a contest.

For some creative ideas go to <http://www.susanvogt.net/blog/>



194 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE “HALF-WAY-TO-THE-ERIE-IRISH- -FESTIVAL” PARADE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Next Saturday, March 11, is the Half Way to the Erie Irish Festival Parade through downtown Erie—a march down State from 11th street to the Erie Irish Festival grounds in front of St. Patrick’s. In other parts of the city this is referred to as the “St. Patrick’s Day Parade.” All of the proud Irish organizations, pubs, and bands will be marching for the Green. And your Erie Irish Festival volunteers will be marching right with them. This year, a number of us are getting our Irish on and reminding everyone along the parade route that this year’s festival will be bigger and better than ever. We’ll be handing out save the date cards and shiny Irish baubles, bangles, and beads.

So, please, plan to come to the parade and cheer us on. And if you’d like to march with us, get in touch with Patty Brunner or sister, Deb Slusarz, our parade coordinators, pmbrunner0001@yahoo.com or drunn95@yahoo.com and they’ll fill you in on the parade logistics.

In other news, Saturday, March 18, is The-Day-After-St.-Patrick’s-Day-Sale Day. On this day, all of the local stores that sell St. Patrick’s paraphernalia and decorations will be slashing their prices. This is a great day for all of you to comb over your local dollar stores, craft stores, junk stores, and discount stores and to buy up all of the left-over decorations to donate to the Erie Irish Festival. Last year, a lot of you bought up decorations, napkins, plates, and everything else Irish, and gave them to the Festival. And we used every single item that was donated. Jim and Kathy Sertz, our dedicated decorating directors, and their crew of dedicated decorators found a place for each and every item. Not a cup, plate, fuzzy shamrock or cardboard leprechaun went to waste. So have fun searching for that perfect bargain and bring it all to church or to the rectory. You can always leave your donations at the gift shop, or just lay them on the altar in front of St. Theresa after mass (she’d be very pleased to see you). And be sure to include your name with your donation. We want to be able to thank you.

We haven’t heard from you in a while, why not shoot us an email, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

March 4 *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM PHIL & JUDY KELLY,
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

March 5 *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM ARTHUR CASEY (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
10:30 AM ELIZABETH SONNTAG (KATHY, BILL & GIRLS)

March 6 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MARION BORKOWSKI
(DAUGHTER, PATRICIA ANTONOPLOS)

March 7 *Tuesday, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00 AM ROSELLA BURGOYNE ZABORAC (FAMILY)

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 10 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 11 *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM JOHN & MAY MURPHY
(PATRICK & EITHNE MURPHY)

March 12 *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM THOMAS R. CHULICK III
(PATRICK & EITHNE MURPHY)
10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent

- 03/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/05** No religious education classes
- 03/07** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/08** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/11** First Reconciliation retreat 10:00—noon
- 03/12** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

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.



Polish devotions scheduled at St. Casimir Church

Gorzkie Zale, a Polish devotion, will be held Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Casimir Church (Our Mother of Sorrows Parish), 629 Hess Ave., Erie. Lamentations will be sung in Polish followed by Benediction. For further information, call 814-459-7361

St. Patrick's Day

You're invited!

Please join our parish celebration of St. Patrick's Day with Mass at 5pm on March 18 and dinner at the Erie Maennerchor Club immediately following.

All parishioners and friends are most cordially invited to attend this parish dinner and enjoy Irish music. Calamari's will cater the dinner and the menu will include corn beef, Irish stew, ham and other traditional Irish fare.

At the dinner, we will induct the new Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. This is a great way to build community in the parish and enjoy all that is Irish.

Please RSVP for the dinner by contacting Colleen Welch at (814) 455-8571. The cost of the dinner is \$25



Congratulations to this year's inductees into the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, they are honored for their service to God, their church and the community.

St. Patrick parishioners are **Kay Sauers**, **Mary Wegelin**, **Patty Brunner**, and **Deb Brunner Slusarz**. Other inductees are **Cheryl Heintz** from St. Luke Parish **Patti O'Brien** and **Barbara Kelly** from St. Peter Cathedral and **Marcia Russell** from Holy Cross.

Lent Resources for Individuals and Families

The Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life is offering resources for individuals for the Lenten season. These resources include weekly Scripture for reflection, service project suggestions and additional resources for assisting families in preparing for Easter. This is a great opportunity for families to find ways to devote time to scripture and service together. Access these



Irish hooley planned in Girard

The Knights of Columbus Council #5430, Girard, will present an Irish hooley at the St. John Parish Center, Route 20, Girard, on March 12 beginning at 1:30 p.m. A pork dinner will be served beginning at 2 p.m., with hooley festivities to follow. Lance's Limerick Lunatics will be the featured entertainment. Beer, set-ups and pop will be provided; BYOB. Purchase tickets after Masses at St. John the Evangelist Church, or send a check to: Pat and Darlene Sargent, 37 Penn Ave., Girard, PA 16417. Phone reservations are accepted at 814-774-0983. Tables are available for up to 12 people. Proceeds benefit the St. John Parish Center.

LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS:

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, March 17 and 31, in the Parish Hall, serving from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Cost: adults—\$10.00; children (6-12) - \$5.00; children 5 and under—free. Take-out dinners are \$10.25. Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him,
"Where are you?" -- Gen 3:9

2232 MEN 2017 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH 8:00AM Registration
9:00AM-3:30PM Event
Erie's Warner Theatre
811 State St., Erie, PA 16501

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"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU
THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.
AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,
STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."
LUKE 22:32

All faiths are welcome!

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info@2232men.com
for more details and to register.



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. Kriegel'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 "you tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH—EASTER MARKET



Homemade Pierogi, Potato Pancake Batter,
Polish Sweet Bread

(from Buffalo—*plain & raisin*),

Blessing Loaves, Nutroll (*nut & poppy*),

Swieconka Baskets, Homemade Breads, Chrusciki,

Homemade Cookies, Butter Lambs

PRE-ORDERS through March 20th

ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIAL CENTER DURING THE MARKET

23rd & Reed Streets Erie, PA 16503

The Easter Market will be held April 7th from 4-7pm and
April 8th from 9am-12 noon

Our Lady of Mount Carmel—

1553 E Grandview Blvd



Fish and Pierogi Dinners

4:00-7:00pm

Friday, March 10, March 24, April 7

Cost: Adults \$10

Children: (7-12) \$5 Under: 6 FREE



Take-out orders are available for 50 cents more

St. Patrick's Day party scheduled at Our Lady of the Lake



Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Edinboro will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day party March 11 at Our Lady of the Lake social hall, 128 Sunset Drive. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m., with the event from 6 to 10 p.m. Advance sale tickets are \$15 for a single and \$5 for children ages 5 to 16. Children under 5 are admitted free. Admission at the door is \$17 per person; \$5 for children 5 to 16. Tickets are available at the parish office, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro; by calling 814-734-3113; or at Complete Wireless, 137 Erie St., Edinboro. Tickets also are sold at all weekend Masses.



Admission includes a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner (children's menu is available), as well as live entertainment featuring the *Rince na Tiarna* Irish Dancers and Tennessee Backporch. There also will be raffles, games, and a pot o' gold drawing.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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