

Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020



Stations of the Cross
St. Patrick Church
photos by John Baker

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:

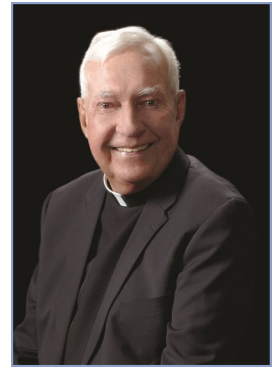
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Second Sunday of Lent. The saga of Abram (whose name is changed to Abraham in Genesis 17) begins with the Lord's commands and promises, followed by Abram's unquestioning obedience. Genesis tells his story in thirteen chapters in which his faith in God is tested over and over. Though Abram is the main character, it is God who takes the initiative, makes promises, acts decisively and is always faithful. Prior to Abram's call, Genesis tells of widespread disobedience and its consequences. Because of repeated sin, God has pronounced curses and alienation. But today we read five times of God's blessing on his people. To receive God's blessing, Abram must go from his land, from everything that is secure, without knowing where God will lead him. Beyond this, God makes a strange promise to 75-year-old Abram, who had no heir. More than assuring a single heir, God promises to make of Abram a great nation.

The letters to Timothy and Titus offer guidance to church leaders as well as their communities. The letters paint a picture of church structure in the late first century. Paul notes that he has endured great suffering and Timothy must be prepared for the same. At the same time, Paul assures Timothy that God provides the strength to live in fidelity to the Gospel. Then Paul moves to a poetic proclamation. Similar to other New Testament hymns, Paul's hymn recalls God's saving actions and the grace bestowed on us in Christ. The gospel, according to Paul, is more than words, but is the active and effective graciousness of God.

A theophany is a mysterious, divine appearance that includes a revelation, such as that given Moses at the burning bush. The scene in today's gospel is Jesus taking three disciples on a mountaintop and is a theophany that reveals Jesus' hidden identity, both through his transfigured appearance and through God's Word to the disciples. As elsewhere in Matthew, this scene shows continuity with the Jewish tradition, important for Matthew's Jewish audience. In addition to the continuity of Moses and Elijah, representing the

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

law and the prophets, Matthew highlights the newness evident in Jesus. When he ascends the mountain, Jesus radiates a divine presence that his disciples witness. A voice reiterates what was said at his baptism: he is God's beloved Son to whom his disciples must listen. Jesus will then tell them of his coming passion and death, a teaching they neither understood nor accepted. Now they must listen to Jesus, just as Moses and Elijah listened to the voice of God.

We're exploring the possibility of some solar panels to help reduce our electric bill (which runs about \$1,800 per month.) Most of that expense comes from the huge spotlights which keep the church exterior lit during the night. The company we are working with is recommending the roof of the garage behind the rectory. I don't know anything about solar panels. If one of you has some knowledge about solar energy and would be willing to help me with this, I would be grateful. Just call the parish office.

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal is currently underway in all of the parishes in the diocese. This is the largest fundraiser for the operating expenses of the diocese, and each parish is assessed a set amount based on our income. Our assessment this year has increased to almost \$95,000 from \$87,000 last year; but that is because we are so fortunate with the income we have—thanks to your generosity. Everyone in the parish has received a letter from me outlining this year's goal. Some of you can contribute; some can make a generous contribution; others can't afford to give anything. That is perfectly fine. All I ask is that you think about it and do what you think you can. Any monies raised above and beyond the assessment remains in the parish. Last year we generated \$119,000 which left over \$32,000 for our own use. Our goal this year is \$120,000 which would generate \$25,000 for us.

As I think you are aware, I promised the day I came here almost 11 years ago that I will never mention money from the pulpit. The pulpit is reserved for the Word of God. But I didn't say anything about the bulletin!!!

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade will take place this coming Saturday. There is some confusion about the event. It is not a parish sponsored event. It is sponsored by an organization, the Knights and Ladies of Saint Patrick, who

co-sponsor the event with the Erie Zoo.

You may have noticed how dusty and dirty are the Stations of the Cross. We had a company in here a few years ago to clean them, but with taking apart and re-assembling the pipe organ, you can imagine the dust. That same company is here to clean the Stations as well as all three high altars which are also very dirty.

I recently paid our taxes to the city of Erie which totaled \$3,968. We pay taxes on the rectory, the parking lot and the grounds of the church. The only building that is exempt from taxes is what is called the "sanctuary," or the church itself.

Bishop Persico announced recently that three new seminarians have enrolled to begin their formation studies at St. Mark's Seminary. In addition to these men, eleven seminarians continue in formation: two at St. Mark's Seminary, two at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore (my alma mater), and seven at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. In addition to the three new men studying for our diocese at St. Mark's, two men from the Diocese of Greensburg have joined them bringing the total enrollment at St. Mark's to 11 men.

St. Martin's Center recently announced its 2018/19 figures which show that they served a total of 13,200 meals through the Bishop's Breakfast program. This program provides homeless people with a hot breakfast seven mornings a week. 271 people received rent assistance, 2,096 people were served through their Food Pantry, 78 households received foreclosure assistance that resolved or prevented a mortgage delinquency and 251 children received education at St. Martin's Early Learning Center. A number of our parishioners volunteer at St. Martin's Center, and they are always looking for additional volunteers. In addition, one of our parishioners, Jim Fetzner, is on their Board of Directors and serves as their Treasurer. If you are interested in donating some time to volunteer at St. Martin's, you can reach them at 452-6113.

My grandson has two tickets for the Super Bowl Box seats plus airfare and hotel, but he didn't realize when he bought them that this is going to be on the same day as his wedding—so he can't go. If you're interested and want to go instead of him, it's at First Presbyterian Church in Washington at 5 PM. Her name is Brenda. She will be the one in the white dress.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection \$ 9,093.00

Online Giving—will be reported in 3/22 bulletin

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Katheryn Angelotti
Dave & Joan Heubel*

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
Kathy Alessi.*

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

- ♦ **Wm. J. & Jane W. Carney** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Lois Hanlin Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Marcia Russell, Attilio Chimenti** from Merle & Marjory Painter
- ♦ **Edwin Wright** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Dominic & Mary Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Theresa Steadman** from William & Rebecca Ruprecht
- ♦ **Patricia Wilson** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Paul Morabito, Ted & Jean Widomski** from John & Annette Widomski

Also donations from:

Bill & Patty Gloekler, Geoffrey Gloekler, Jay & Carol Habas, Ken & Patti Marchant, Troy Scott & Susan Walker Scott, and Mark & Annette Rennie

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

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.



Sisters that have entered religious life from St. Patrick

- * Sr. Margaret Ann Hardner, S.S.J.
- * Sr. Phyllis McCracken, S.S.J.
- * Sr. Margaret Therese McDonnell, O.S.B.

Sisters who have served at St. Patrick Parish

- * Sr. Marie Stephen Kebort, S.S.J.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Barbara Brairton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Barbara Brairton, Vickie Lampe, Shirley Winschel, Kay Mannino, Wendy Sadlier*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,*
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Sunday, March 15 2020 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Dan Bergell*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Christopher Sofranko*

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

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Ryan Palm, Colleen Welch*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: *Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers*

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick

will induct six new members on Saturday March 7th

- ♦ **Mary Flanagan** of Saint Patrick
- ♦ **Jean Malthaner** of Sacred Heart
- ♦ **Timothy NeCastro** of Saint Paul
- ♦ **Jane Ross** of Saint Andrew
- ♦ **Joyce Savocchio** of Saint Paul
- ♦ **Dr. Brian Stark** of Saint Andrew



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

March 9 Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 10 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 11 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 12 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 13 Friday, Lenten Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 14 Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM MARY TELLERS, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (MARILYN REISER)

March 15 Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM JOSEPH NIES (SR. MARIE KEBORT)

10:30 AM ED BROWN, ANNIV., 3/18 (MARY ELLEN BROWN)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

03/07 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/10 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

03/11 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

03/14 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network is in need of a volunteer to cook for a few Mondays a year at their soup kitchen ministry. Meal would be to serve approximately 100. Takes place at St. Paul

Community Center, 453 W. 16th St. Please call Lora Caldwell of SSJNN at 897-6901 if interested.

Sláinte

IRISH WHISKEY SHOPPING LIST

- * Jameson (get the big bottle!)
- * Jameson Caskmates—all kinds.
- * Jameson Black Barrel (aren't you a big spender!)
- * Bushmills (\$3.00 off!)
- * John Powers Irish Whiskey (\$4.00 off!)
- * Bushmill's Black Bush (\$3.00 off!)
- * Paddy's Devil's Apple
- * Vodka (any brand—for bloody marys)
- * Apple or Peach Brandy (any brand)

So, how much did you save? You know you can use that to buy back a shot or two of the whiskey you donated this year at the Festival, good fairy that you are. **Sláinte!**

187 DAYS TO THE 2020 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



HALF-WAY THERE.

WHISKEY FAIRIES ARISE.

If you are anything like us, you love holidays and always buy too much food and drink just in case an extra guest or two show up. Well, the good news this year is that if you bought too much whiskey for St. Patrick's day, we have a way that you can unload it safely and responsibly (and insure that you will have the fun of buying too much again next year).

Next weekend, March 14 and 15, is the 5th annual Bring-A-Bottle to Church event when Monsignor Kriegel turns a blind eye and when we ask you to bring a bottle of Irish Whiskey to mass. An unopened bottle. That you leave at church. Still unopened.

For you newbies, here's what we do: Chuck Agresti and Ron Brown, the proprietors of the Erie Irish Festival Whiskey Bar, will be at each mass next weekend to collect donations of Irish Whiskey which they will use at their establishment come the festival. Last year, these intrepid barkeeps did not have to purchase a single bottle of whiskey, thanks to the donations of the St. Patrick's Whiskey Fairies—the good parishioners who donate whiskey. This year, each fairy will pose for a photo when they donate their bottle(s), which we will then display at the bar. So this year, we're asking all of you once again to become whiskey fairies and to bring your best smile.

And guess what, my fairy friends? Irish Whiskey is on sale at the state store this month—from 3 to 5 dollars off a bottle—so you can save money and help the Irish Festival. What could be better? And the more you buy, the more you save! Fairy nice, eh?

We've attached a convenient whiskey fairy shopping list that you can tear out and take to the store with you. It lists all of the brands we need this year. We also happily accept state store gift cards or cash/checks. Oh, and while you're at it, throw in a bottle of vodka or apple or peach brandy for those Festival Sunday after-mass cocktails (any brand will do).

And let us not forget Jim Wehan and his great Irish Coffee booth. Jim laces his brew with the elixir of the north, Bushmill's. You might just bring in an extra bottle for Jim.

So, all ye fairies, see you next weekend and thanks for your support. If you miss Mass (shame on you) you can drop a bottle or two off at the gift shop or rectory any time.

If you've a mind to, you can contact us, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.



MARDI GRAS
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION 2020
AT THE YEHL ROOM
GANNON UNIVERSITY

Thank you to all the *Volunteers* in
the Parish who serve so faithfully!!!



