

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 10, 2019**



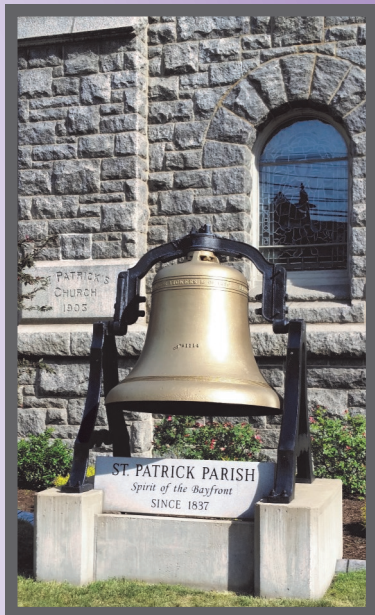
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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**

130 East 4th Street  
Erie, PA 16507

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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 First Sunday of Lent. Each year during the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), the Israelite farmer was to offer God the first-fruits of the harvest in thanksgiving for the gift of the land. On the occasion, he pronounced a liturgical formula, "my father was a wandering Aramean..." This formula, found in today's first reading, expresses three articles of the Hebrew faith: the vocation of the patriarchs, the freedom from Egyptian slavery and the gift of the land flowing with milk and honey. Thus, God is not the result of a private revelation or an abstract ideology, but a real presence, incarnate in the complicated and often fragile plot of human experience. God's existence and continual presence is revealed in the people's history. In her liturgy, Israel recites this creed, the fundamental core of her faith. Deuteronomy portrays the people at a critical time, the exodus and journey through the wilderness, when God delivered them from Egypt and fed them in the desert.

The second reading puts us in direct relation to Easter. It announces the center of the church's faith, that is, the decisive historical event of Christ's resurrection. This message puts us in the position of the believers in Deuteronomy. We are called upon to bear witness to God's saving deed of raising Christ and to rejoice in our confidence that God will save us along with him. We find ourselves in the middle between Christ's final victory and our own struggle with evil, but we trust in God's power to save us.

After his baptism, Jesus, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was "led by the Spirit" into the desert of temptation. It is a moment to recall Israel's temptation in the desert, when God's chosen people, bound for the Promised Land, were tempted to turn away from their friendship with God. Temptation has a deep root in our history, in a garden, when Eve and Adam failed the primordial test and short-circuited their first and best friendship. It is the friendship Jesus enjoys with the Father strengthens him against all temptation. We, too, are

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

faced constantly with temptation. Dodging it is not an option, but is part of our lives. In the Our Father, we don't ask that temptation be removed, but that we not succumb to it. The key to not failing is love, which fortified Jesus.

A reminder that the parish office is closed on Fridays.

We are always in need of additional lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone would be willing to volunteer, you can specify which Mass you are available for. If you call the parish office, someone will get in touch with you and train you for a role in the liturgy. I would particularly welcome any young people who want to serve in this way.

The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is currently being conducted throughout the diocese. The revenue from this appeal funds Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the Priests Retirement Home, etc. Our assessment this year is \$88,000 and any money we raise beyond that can remain in the parish. Last year more than \$31,000 remained in the parish. I simply ask that you consider making a gift to this appeal. Some of you are unable to give anything, and that is perfectly ok. Others are able to be much more generous, and I'm grateful for that.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Diocesan Youth Board. You can find the online application at <https://bit.ly/2QvhA1R>. The Diocesan Youth Board is a group of high school students and their mentors who come together regularly to pray, develop useful leadership and ministry skills and build community. Members serve as the bishop's "eyes and ears" to bring attention to what matters to young people.

Now that it is past, you can look back with pride at the way the parish stepped up again this year by hosting a week of the Homeless Shelter. We housed approximately 60 homeless men and women each night, provided them with a hot meal, a shower, a clean bed, and coffee and a breakfast to get them going the next morning. Many of these people are mentally ill and simply can't care for themselves; however we found this year to be extremely challenging. A significant number caused serious problems and we are going to re-evaluate our continued participation in

this effort. Many of these people should not be on the streets; they should be in institutions. We had problems with a man and woman getting into a fist fight during the night; we had a group smuggle in alcohol and get drunk; we had several of them take a drug and then throw up everywhere. I—we—can't expect volunteers to have to tolerate that kind of activity. These people need professional help; and our volunteers are not professionals. We pay \$1,000 to the Russian Church of the Nativity for the use of their Social Center, we pay another \$1,000 to Erie United Methodist Alliance, the parent organization which oversees the Overflow Homeless Shelter. They move all the cots, see that there are clean sheets and towels to start each week, then come in and tear everything down and move it to the next location. On top of that we pay a cleaning service to come in each morning and thoroughly clean the restrooms, shower room and the entire area, pay for a dumpster for the week. And, finally, we have additional expenses purchasing clothing, etc. for the clients.

The Diocese of Erie publishes an informational and educational page on the internet which is intended to keep Catholics throughout the diocese up to date and informed on things that are happening, planned, etc. Anyone can access by going to [info@nwpacatholic.com](mailto:info@nwpacatholic.com). I think you will find the page not only attractive and appealing, but also highly informative. It recently had a picture of the men cleaning the Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's.

Speaking of the Stations, Lent is a time when a large number of people used to come to St. Patrick's to say the Stations of the Cross. I remember in my first years here, all during Lent you would see cars pulling up and people going in to say the Stations. Unfortunately, like most pious practices in the church, it has practically disappeared. We have a monitor in the parish office so we can see what is going on in church and today it is not unusual to see no one in there during Lent.

A salesman sees a young boy sitting on a porch and says, "Hi, sonny. Is your mommy at home?" "She sure is," replies the boy. The salesman rings the bell, then again, and again, but with no answer, he turns to the boy and says, "Hey, I thought you said your mommy was at home." "She is," says the boy, "but I don't live here."





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,925.00
Online Giving	<u>1,947.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,872.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Ford James Loeffler**  
child of  
James & Danielle (Ford) Loeffler  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 PM Mass on Sunday

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 in memory of **Winiarczyk and Nemergut families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben & Delaney
- ♦ **Fred Taylor** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Byrne family** from Corrine J. Cassa
- ♦ **Paul & Norma Causgrove, Jim & Mary Anne Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **James Fitzgibbon** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Dale Fitzgerald** from Maura Jobes
- ♦ **Helen Kormosh, Joseph Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musloff
- ♦ **Kay & Hank Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Chris Longnecker** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Joe & Heather Kimball,  
Adlin & Erin Strimel and John & Annette Widomski

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



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

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

**Lector:** Mary Beth Pinto

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Beth Pinto, Ray Fiorelli,  
Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz

**Greeters:** Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 8:00 am**

**Lector:** Lisa Straub

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
Nancy Andrzejewski, Joseph Schneider

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 10:30 am**

**Lector:** Ed Smith

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed Smith, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Williams, Tim Scully

**Greeters:** **NEEDED**

**Altar Servers:** Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

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

## 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 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)

**March 11** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JEANNE TUZNIK (DAVID BOROWY)

**March 12** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM DOLORES ELLIS (BILL ELLIS)

**March 13** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 14** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 15** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 16** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM MARY DISANTI (SANDRA STYN)

**March 17** *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM CAROLYN QUIRK (FAMILY)

10:30 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**03/12** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/13** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**03/16** 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

## HALF-WAY TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL 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, 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 16 and 17, is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Mass. 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 mass 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. Each fairy got his or her or their name on a shamrock which we then displayed at the bar. So this year, we're asking all of you to become whiskey fairies.

Bring in a bottle of your favorite Irish booze. After taking an inventory of what we have here is what we would like:

- **Jameson:** Regular, Caskmate, Black Barrell
- **Bushmill:** Regular, Black Bush
- **John Powers:** Regular and Reserve.
- **Brandy:** Apple or peach any brand.
- We also happily accept Wine and Spirits gift cards or cash/checks.

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 a bottle for Jim.

So, all ye fairies, see you next weekend and thanks for your support.

2019 Erie Irish Festival Chairman, Eric Albright would love to hear from you. You can email him at [soapinerie@netzero.net](mailto:soapinerie@netzero.net) (Check out Fine Wine and Spirits online for extra savings with their coupons).



(Pictured, Ron Brown & Chuck Agresti, 2017 Erie Irish Festival)

**2019 Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal**

Loving, forgiving and ever-present God,  
in your Son, you gave us a model  
of self-giving love and openness.

Jesus, the Christ,  
forgave those who misunderstood,  
ignored or mistreated him,  
yet steadfastly announced  
God's presence in our world.

Through compassion for others  
and an eternal hope for unity  
among all peoples,  
he modeled for us  
a path of fulfillment and salvation.

Help us to unite our work with his,  
to give of ourselves—even in times  
of doubt and difficulty— and to be his  
hands, feet and words in our world  
as we move forward together.

We pray through Christ our Lord  
in unity with the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*Imprimatur*, November 28, 2018

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

**Child Protection and Creating Safe environments—Pledge to Heal:**

The Diocese of Erie is committed to help those who were harmed by clergy sexual abuse to heal and recover. 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 [ErieRCD@KLGates.com](mailto:ErieRCD@KLGates.com). Victims or concerned individuals are also welcome to contact the diocese directly to report abuse at 814-451-1543. Counseling assistance is available for victims and/or their families through the diocesan victim assistance coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelsen, who can be reached at 814-451-1521. To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

**Pro-life rosary to be recited in March**

The Shield of Roses Pro-Life Rosary will be recited March 25 after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie.

**Local public forum highlights National Catholic Sisters Week**

The public is invited to ***“Creating a Community of Kindness – a Conversation”*** on **March 10 at 7 p.m.** at Mercyhurst University's Walker Recital Hall in Erie. The forum is part of the local celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14. Moderated by Eva Mastromatteo of Erie News NOW, the townhall-style conversation will include brief reflections on the importance of acts of kindness. Those giving reflections include Sister Mary Herrmann, SSJ; Jenell Patton, Mercyhurst Campus Ministry; Sister Natalie Rossi, RSM; and Sister Anne Wambach, OSB. Audience members will be invited to share their ideas on creating a community of kindness. Erie Mayor Joe Schember and Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper will present proclamations and share their thoughts on acts of kindness. The event is a collaborative effort of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the Office for Religious of the Catholic Diocese of Erie, and is co-sponsored by Mercyhurst University Campus Ministry.

**Housing Case Manager Position Opening—**

***St. Martin Center, Inc. seeks a Housing Case Manager.*** *This position will provide comprehensive counseling services that help to implement and/or stabilize an individual's housing situation. This can include mortgage and rental assistance, subsidized housing programs and/or transitional housing. This position will specifically work with veterans, reentry populations, and homeless. The Housing Case Manager, under the supervision of the Self-Sufficiency Department Director, will work with clients to facilitate the process toward the attainment of established client goals. This is a yearly funded grant position.*

**Job Type: Full-Time with some evening/weekend work required, full benefit package (paid time off, medical, dental, vision, 401k) St. Martin Center is an EOE employer.**

**Please send resume and cover letter to St. Martin Center, 1701 Parade Street, Erie, PA 16503, or email to [molszewski@stmartincenter.org](mailto:molszewski@stmartincenter.org). No phone calls.**

**A Family Perspective—**

Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.” What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your “wilderness” with God's work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?



**Encounter the mystery of the Trinity at parish mission—**

This year's annual parish mission at *Our Lady of Mercy Parish*, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, will be held **March 18-20**, from **7 to 8 p.m. each day**. Father Michael DeMartinis will present ***"An Intimate Encounter with the Trinity."*** Father DeMartinis will invite participants to a renewed and deepened awareness and experience of the enfolding and empowering love of the Holy Trinity.

***Surviving Divorce Ministry***, formerly called *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG)*, an 8-week group to help those who are separated or divorced, will run on Wednesdays from April 3-May 22, 2019 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (Cost—\$15 for book/journal & financial help is available). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, 814-824-1261 or email: [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org) for more information and /or to register. Details can be found on [www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/sdm.html](http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/sdm.html).

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Doors open at 8:00 AM

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**Beth Davis**

**Sonja Corbitt**

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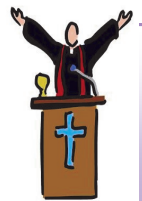
\$40 for Adults, \$35 for Senior Citizens,  
\$25 for College Students, \$10 for High School  
Students and Religious Sisters are FREE!

The conference cost includes lunch.

**MSGR. KRIEGL'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](http://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.



**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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