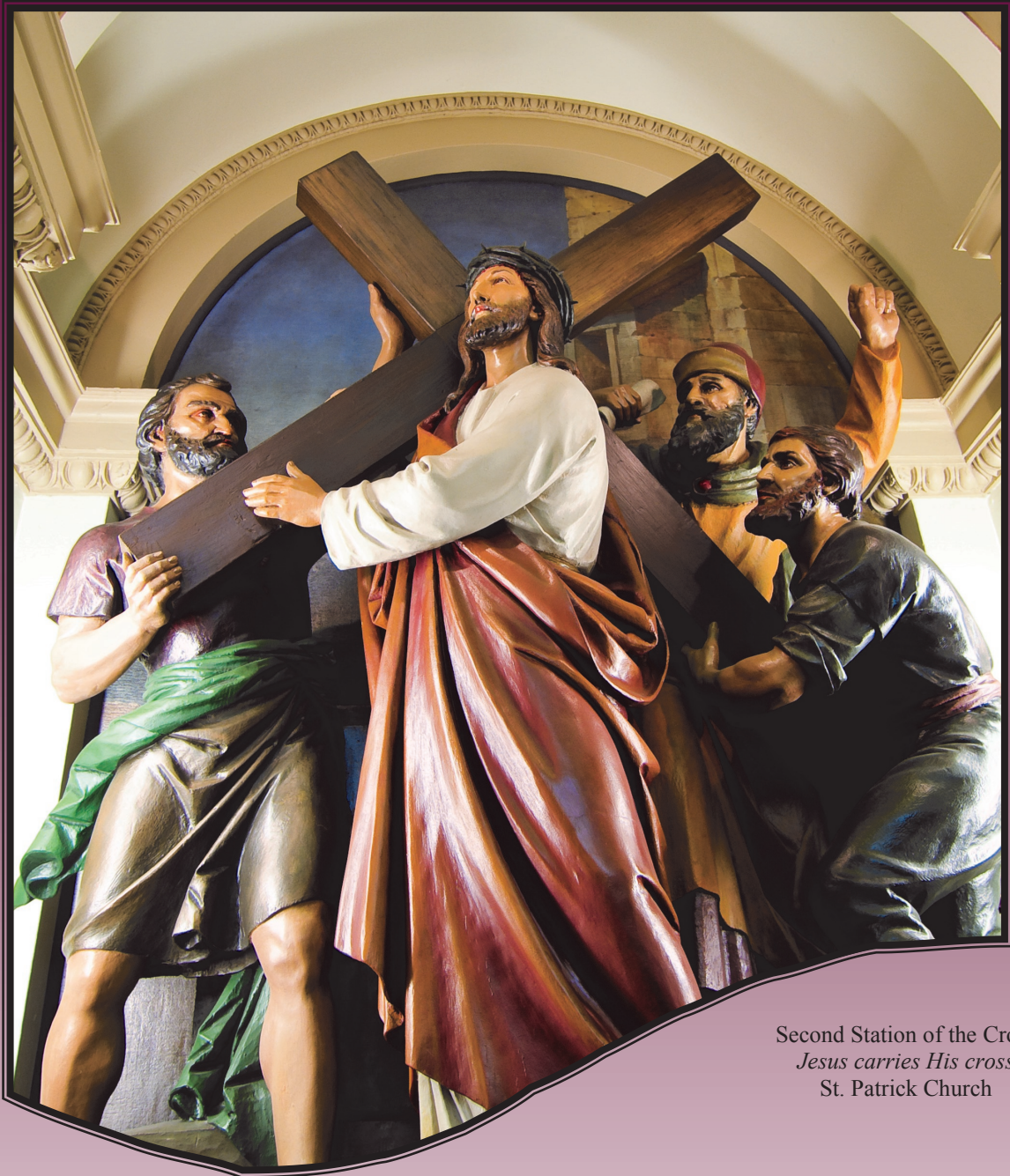


Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018



Second Station of the Cross
Jesus carries His cross
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

130 East 4th Street
Erie, PA 16507

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MASS SCHEDULE:

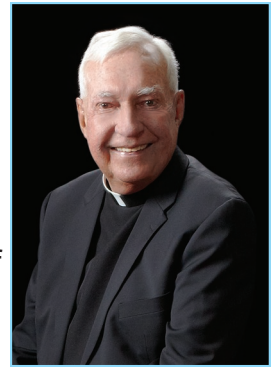
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent and our reading comes from Second Chronicles, a book that begins with Adam and concludes with Cyrus the Persian. Today's reading offers a glimpse into Israel's history, one fraught with poor leadership and, at times, blatantly sinful. And the people generally followed the leadership. The author notes that they defiled the Temple, worshiped idols and were unjust to each other. Despite this, God did not abandon them, but sent prophets as messengers of his compassion toward his people. They responded to the messengers by either mocking them, despising God's warnings and scoffed at the prophets. Then God's anger was so inflamed that he allowed hostile nations to attack the people in order to punish them. Today we hear a summary of Israel's history: the people's sin, God's compassion in drawing them back, the people continue to sin and finally, divine punishment. Despite all of this, our reading ends with God sending Cyrus to offer the people another chance.

In Ephesians we read again of God's compassion, whether in the past or the present. We're told that God reaches out with unbounded mercy, and it is in Christ that we see how active that divine mercy is. Paul notes God's abundant mercy as he ever bestows grace upon us. Paul also cautions that it is not our actions that bring about a transformation, but that salvation is the work of God's grace. The final image to describe someone transformed by grace is "work of art." Each person immersed into Christ's life is a stunning creation made by God. To see a believer is to see God's own handiwork.

Jesus continues to teach Nicodemus, the Pharisee who came to him in darkness. Jesus reminds Nicodemus of the story of Moses lifting a bronze serpent in the desert and notes that he himself will be lifted up on the cross, and so become a source of healing, even to eternal life. For John, the cross is a paradox. As Jesus is lifted up on the cross, he is also glorified. John alone will

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

alone describes Jesus as a light in the darkness; he reveals truth and he himself is the truth. The world then has a choice to choose light or darkness. Jesus is telling Nicodemus to come out of the darkness into the light of Christ and his saving love.

Next Saturday evening the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick will attend the 5 PM Mass. After Mass is finished, I will install several new members to the organization and then they will all go to the Yehl Room at Gannon University for an evening of dinner and entertainment. I congratulate the new members of the organization and hope that they will join with the present members in supporting and enhancing St. Patrick's Parish.

I must express my gratitude to Patti Sullivan for her leadership of the Knights and Ladies. She does a great job and is assisted by Mike Malthaner who is vice-chair and will succeed Patti in another year.

For several years, the eastside parishes have joined together for religious education under the title The Eastside Religious Ed Program. Headquartered at Holy Rosary, the program included also St. John's, Holy Trinity, St. Ann's, St. Casimir, St. Stanislaus and St. Patrick's. At the end of this school year, the program is going to be disbanded simply because there are no children in the eastside parishes. Here at St. Patrick's, we have over 60 children enrolled in religious ed programs but only 5 of them have been in the Eastside Religious Ed program. The others are at a variety of parishes, ie., Holy Cross, OLP, St. Jude, St. George's, St. Julia, etc. Mainly because the Eastside program was conducted on Sunday afternoon, it was very difficult for many of our families who might live way out on the west side to get their children here. The few remaining students that are in the Eastside program are going to take Religious Ed at St. Luke's starting next year.

We are extremely fortunate at St. Patrick's with the large number of young families who belong here. If you look at the population of the other parishes on the eastside of Erie, they are largely composed of older and, in many cases, simply elderly populations. The parishes south of East

38th Street would have younger populations, but none of the other parishes north of that would.

Pope Francis recently told a group in St. Peter's Square that he has a recipe for a good homily, saying they should be short and well-prepared. "Be brief," he said, "no more than 10 minutes." He asked his audience how many times they have seen people falling asleep during a homily or chatting among themselves. When people laughed, he said, "It's true, you all know it's true." He admonished priests and deacons that they have a responsibility to be well prepared when they give a homily. I hope you'll forgive me for not doing ten minute homilies, but I couldn't keep a train of thought going for that long!! You'll just have to adjust to my briefer homilies!!!

The practice of the faith continues to evolve in ways that I sometimes do not understand. In years past, we would always see a significant increase in the number of people attending daily Mass during Lent. Even when I first came here, it was to the point that we considered moving the weekday Mass from the daily chapel into the main church. This year there hasn't been a single increased number of people attending daily Mass during Lent. The same thing was true in the past with people coming to St. Patrick's to pray the Stations of the Cross. We would see people going in and out of church all day long during Lent to say the Stations. We would even have carloads of people come from parishes down in the diocese. Again, this year there is practically no one coming to pray the Stations during Lent. I'm not sure what it all means. It might not be a bad thing; it is simply something that is confusing and baffling, but God's still calling the shots.

Three guys were fishing when one of them hooked a mermaid. She promised to grant each of them a wish if they'd let her go. "Deal," says the fisherman. "I'd like you to double my intelligence." Immediately he began to recite Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. "Wow," the second guy exclaims. "Could you triple my intelligence?" He'd no sooner said it than he started spouting Einstein's equations on the theory of relativity. "That's amazing," said the third fisherman. "Quintuple my intelligence." "Are you sure?" the mermaid asked. "You might not like the outcome." "I'm sure," just do it." He closed his eyes and waited and poof — he became a woman.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,075.00
Online Giving	<u>1,855.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,930.30

Thank you for your generosity!

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 were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
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*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Katheryn Angelotti
from Heubel family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Shirley Winschel**

Greeters: **Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Joe Schneider, Nancy Andrzejewski**

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

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Dario Cipriani**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

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

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

Offertory Counters: **Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey**

You are invited to attend the annual **Knights and Ladies Dinner** commemorating 40 years—"An Evening in Ireland," on **Saturday, March 17**, following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Patrick Church. For more info and cost – knightsandladies1978@yahoo.com.



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.



spring forward

*don't forget to set
your clocks forward
this Sunday*

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
- March 12** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM MASS
- March 13** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM JENNIFER JOHNSON
 (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
- March 14** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM BERNADINE ZDUNSKI
 (BOB & MARY LOU MARACCI)
- March 15** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY
- March 16** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 17** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 5:00 PM FRED & ELINOR GRAML (MARY BETH GRAML)
 DECEASED MEMBERS OF
 THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICK
- March 18** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM DAN ROESSNER (CHARLIE & ROSEANNE)
 10:30 AM PRO POPULO
 "FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 03/10** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
03/13 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
03/14 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
03/15 10:00 AM Scripture Class - St.P
03/17 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass, March 24, 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 25, 2018

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM

Passion and Veneration of the Cross, 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish offices are closed

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday



187 DAYS TO THE 2017 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, 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 17 and 18, is the 2nd 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. Here were the best sellers last year: Jameson, Jameson Caskmate, Tullamore Dew, Bushmill's Black, Paddy's, Carolan's Irish Cream. We also happily accept state store 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.

2018 Erie Irish Festival Chairman, Eric Albright would love to hear from you. You can email him at soapinerie@netzero.net or you can contact us, Gary and Becky Johnson at

gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. (Check out Fine Wine and Spirits online for extra savings with their coupons).



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

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.
Theme baskets - 50/50 - bake sale



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

Panel on religious life scheduled at Mercy Hilltop

The public is invited to attend a panel discussion on
religious life **March 14** at 1:30 p.m. at Mercy Hilltop
Center, 444 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. Panelists will
be Sister JoAnne Courneen, RSM; Sister Susan
Doubet, OSB; and Sister Nancy Fischer, SSJ, all of
whom will share their vocation stories and discuss
their views on the future of religious life. The modera-
tor will be Gary Loncki, communications director for
the Sisters of Mercy. For more information, contact
Amy Chevalier at onthehillamy@gmail.com or call
814-824-2214.

Cathedral Prep performance on just war theory

Cathedral Preparatory School's performing arts
program will present "**In Times of War**," a show
that follows friends from an all-boys Catholic
school during World War II. The young men learn
about the church's just war theory while studying
at St. Thomas Aquinas, but then they are thrust
into battle. They struggle to balance life and
death along with the moral dilemmas of war. The
show is an original work written and directed by
Dominic Montefiori, featuring a musical score pro-
duced by Race Nicolai. Both are Prep seniors "In
Times of War" runs at 7 p.m. **March 15-17** and at
2 p.m. on **March 18** at Prep's H. David Bowes Au-
ditorium, W. 10th and Myrtle. Tickets are \$7 for
adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Get out your green for an Irish hooley

An Irish hooley, featuring Lance's
Limerick Lunatics, will be held
March 16 at St. John Parish Center,
1001 Main St. East (Route 20),
Girard. The Knights of Columbus
Council 5430, Girard, is sponsoring the evening,
with proceeds going to St. John Parish Center.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and a corned beef or
fish dinner begins at 6 p.m. BYOB, but beer, set-
ups and pop will be provided. The cost is \$20 per
person. Purchase tickets after Mass at St. John
the Evangelist Church, Girard, or make a phone
reservation by calling 814-774-0983. Send
checks to: Pat and Darlene Sargent, 37 Penn
Ave., Girard, PA 16417. Tables are available for
up to 12 people.



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

Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Ed-
inboro will hold its annual St. Pat-
rick's Day party **March 17** at Our Lady of the
Lake's social hall, 128 Sunset Drive. Doors open
at 5:45 p.m.; the event will be held from 6 to 10
p.m. Advance sale tickets are \$15 per person, \$5
for children 5 to 16, and free to those under age
5. Admission at the door is \$17 per person; \$5 for
children 5 to 16. Tickets will be sold at all week-
end Masses or can be purchased at the parish
office, 128 Sunset Drive, or by calling the office
at 814-734-3113, or at Complete Wireless, 137
Erie St., Edinboro.

Admission includes a traditional corned beef and
cabbage dinner (children's menu is available), as
well as live entertainment featuring a bagpiper
performance, Irish dancers, and music by Ten-
nessee Backporch. There will be raffles, games
and a pot o' gold drawing. For more information,
call 814-734-3113.

St. James Card/Game Party "Lucky Leprechaun"

will be held on Sunday, **March 18, 2018**
from 2-5 pm at St. James Place, 2622 Buf-
falo 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.



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. 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.

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.



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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 5/23/18). If cost is an

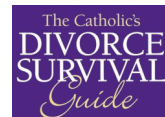
issue, please call the Family Life Office. Find comfort

and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Con-

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

familylife@eriercd.org, or visit

www.eriecd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register.



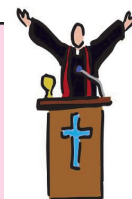
Save the date for Harborcreek Youth Services' purse bingo

Save the date for the April 15 designer purse bingo event hosted by Harborcreek Youth Services, an affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. Doors open at noon at the parish hall of Our Lady of Mercy, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, with bingo starting at 1 p.m. Reservations can be made by emailing pursebingo@hys-erie.org or by calling 814-899-7664, ext. 330. Must be 18 to attend. All proceeds benefit the clients of Harborcreek Youth Services.

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 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: _____

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