

Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017



St. Patrick
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 Second Sunday of Lent. With today's first reading, the Book of Genesis begins a lengthy series of episodes concerning Abram, considered the father of God's people and supreme model of faith. In Genesis 17:5, God changes Abram's name to Abraham. In biblical thought, a new name signifies a change in one's identity, character or role. Abram is renamed when God assures him that the promises made in today's Scripture will be fulfilled. The terminology is *bless*, and *blessing* in this passage is very important. It appears over six hundred times in the Old Testament. The Hebrew word that is used conveys a sense of God supplying strength to do what lies beyond human capacity. In blessing Abram, the Lord assures him that divine power will supply what human weakness cannot accomplish.

Today's brief second reading comes from Second Timothy, one of the three letters called the Pastoral Epistles: First and Second Timothy and Titus. Though attributed to Paul, they are believed to date from the early second century, written by an unknown disciple of Paul or the Pauline school. These three writings are so named because they address practical matters of life in early Christian communities facing adversity, false teaching the opposing values of the prevailing culture.

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church presents a narrative of Jesus' Transfiguration. Mt, Mk & Lk have this narrative but each with subtle differences because each address a different community. Matthew's hearers seem to be struggling with various questions about the continuity of discontinuity between Jesus and the Judaism of their birth. As such, Mt frequently strives to show that Jesus fulfills or brings to completion the Old Testament scriptures. His treatment of the Transfiguration emphasizes the revelation of God in Jesus, who both epitomizes and transcends all previous disclosure of God in Israel's history.

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

Just prior to today's reading, Matthew has Jesus teaching on the mountain, a setting that recalls God's gift of the Torah to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Mt thus portrays Jesus as true interpreter of the Law of Moses. The Law and Prophets are fulfilled, symbolized by the figures of Moses and Elijah. The bright cloud reminds us of the guiding presence of God as a pillar of cloud in Israel's desert journey. Mt alone adds: listen to him," a frequent OT admonition.

At a recent Parish Council meeting, a resolution was passed which says that St. Patrick's Parish will gladly celebrate funerals for non-parishioners but we will not schedule them more than three days in advance. The reason for this is that 75% of our funerals are non-parishioners and families often request a date two or three weeks in advance so that out of town family can be here. What is happening, however, is that a parishioner dies and they want a funeral in 3 days and it's already booked by a non-parishioner. By limiting the time this way, we're protecting you who are parishioners.

All parishioners have received a letter from me concerning the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal. This annual drive is the largest source of income for the diocese and funds a wide variety of charitable projects. Each parish is assessed a set amount based on income and any money raised above that remains in the parish. Our assessment this year is \$74,000, and I'm hoping we can reach a goal of \$100,000 so that I will have funds toward the restoration of the pipe organ. All I ask is that you consider your situation and give whatever you feel you can give. Nothing more.

The final Lenten Scripture class will be offered on Monday at 10 AM and again at 6 PM.

Though the Fridays of Lent are to be observed as days when we abstain from eating meat, Bishop Persico has dispensed the diocese from that obligation for this Friday, March 17, the feast of St. Patrick.

In the 1600s, Paulander monks in Bavaria were a very strict order who did not eat any solid food during Lent. They needed more than water for sustenance, so all they did for Lent was drink

beer!! They concocted an "unusually strong" brew full of carbohydrates and nutrients, because liquid bread wouldn't break the fast!!!"

Pope Francis spoke recently on how the political community, civil society and the church ought to react to the phenomenon of mass migration, especially forced migration. "Unfortunately, in the majority of cases this movement is forced, caused by conflict, natural disasters, persecution, climate change, violence, extreme poverty and inhumane living conditions," he said. The proper response to migration, the pope said is fourfold: "to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate." In the face of a climate of rejection of migrants "rooted ultimately in self-centeredness and amplified by populist rhetoric, what is needed is a change of attitude, to overcome indifferences and to counter fears with a generous approach of welcoming those who knock at our doors," he said.

Over 60,000 people received ashes at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Ash Wednesday!!! By the time the day was over, I felt I had distributed almost as many here!!!

All of our ongoing parish volunteers and their spouses gathered at Gannon University on Mardi Gras for a cocktail party both to say thanks to everyone for their participation in the parish and to help introduce ourselves to one another. In my invitation, I asked everyone to introduce themselves to three parishioners whom they do not know and it seems everyone did that.

Jesus, Moses and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus swings and his ball is headed for the water. He closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green, two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going directly to the water. A fish jumps from the water swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the bird, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus turns to Moses and says, "Next time I'm leaving dad at home."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,977.00
Online Giving	<u>1,567.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,544.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 41,416.43
Paid to date	\$ 25,361.43

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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations made in memory of:

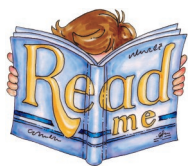
- ♦ **Paul & Norma Causgrove, Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney, & Dan Carroll** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Carol & Debra** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **David C. Schmidt** from Dennis D. Schmidt
- ♦ **Michael Schloss** from David & Susan Williams

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, Ken & Alice Daub, and Margaret McMahon Collins

Special Thank You!!!

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Katheryn Angelotti,
Anniversary of Birth
from family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Patty Dailey**

Greeters: **Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan**

Altar Servers: **Emilio & Gemma Filippi**

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

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

Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub**
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Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Brown**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Michele Wheaton, Ed Brown, Forrest Mischler**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: **Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick**

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.



Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh!
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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 18 and 19, 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 bar-keeps 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.

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
- March 13** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM JESSE VERGA (ST. LUKE'S PARISH)
- March 14** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM RALPH E. SCHAUBLE, ANNIV. (JIM SPIEGEL)
- March 15** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN
(MARGARET & KEVIN OWSIANY)
- March 16** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 17** *Friday, Saint Patrick, Bishop*
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 18** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*
5:00 PM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)
- March 19** *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM FRANK & EVELYN LYNN (ERIE DIOCESE)
10:30 AM BETTY MASEK (DON SONNTAG)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 03/11** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/12** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
- 03/11** 2:00 PM **St. Patrick's Day Parade** -11th & State
- 03/14** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/18** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/19** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

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



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February 9, 2017

Fr. Henry Kriegel
St. Patrick Parish
130 E 4th St.
Erie, PA 16507

Dear Fr. Kriegel and St. Patrick Parish,

Ron is a single daddy raising two little girls. He lost his job of six years, and suddenly found himself falling behind on rent and unable to provide for his little ones.

You stepped in as a saving grace and provided for Ron beyond what St. Martin Center, Inc. alone could do.

We cannot thank you enough for your wonderful generosity. Your gift of \$1,500.00 on 12/9/2016 provided more than just a "boost" to a family desperately in need; it provided a glimmer of hope and a reminder that someone cares.

Please read the enclosed note from Ron Lichniak; the father you helped. We hope his words touch you and that you see how greatly you have impacted his life.

Thank you for listening to the call and stepping in to be this family's hero in their time of need. We are so grateful for you.

With thanks,

David González
Chief Executive Officer

To The Good people of ST. PAT'S.

MY NAME IS Ron Lichniak This past year I
saw upon hard times. I lost my job, and
feel behind on my bills. I was getting
evicted from my house, my kids where not
going to have a Christmas. I Do NOT like to
ask for help, however I had no choice. I contacted
United Way who put me in contact with The ST
MARTIN center. There I spoke with MARGIE OLSZEWSKI.
She contacted my land lord and covered my rent.
She then came to my house and gave me a gift card
games, and winter clothing for my kids. She told
me these items were from you. I truly have
no way to get my kids gifts. I would like
to thank you from the bottom of my heart.
You gave me light when I was in a dark room.
There is no way I can ever tell you thank you
enough for the joy you gave my kids on Christmas
the joy you gave me. So in closing I thank you
again. I will pay it forward. If there is anything
I can ever do to try to repay you. I will be there.

Thank You

Ron Lichniak

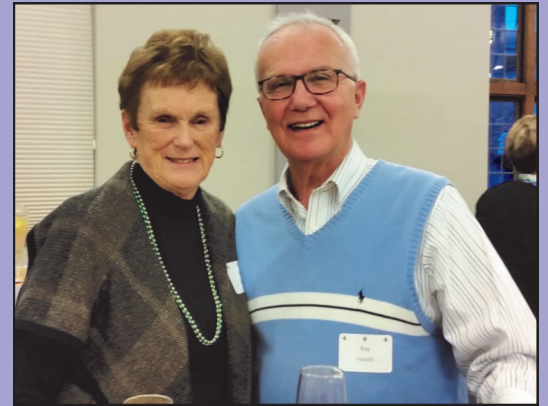


MARDI GRAS PARTY AT THE YEHL BALLROOM GANNON UNIVERSITY



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE
PARISH MEMBERS WHO
SERVE SO FAITHFULLY!**









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

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