

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2019



St. Patrick  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
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Tom Golab

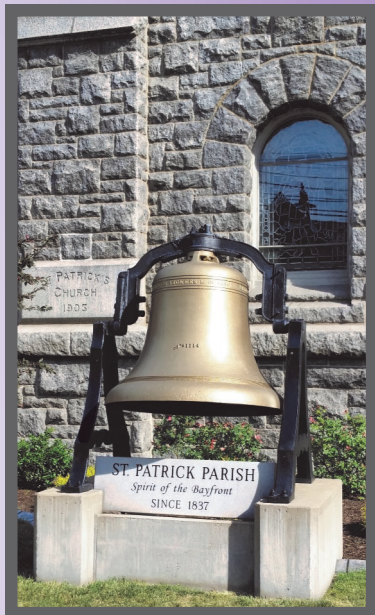
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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 Second Sunday of Lent and our first reading describes the covenant between God and Abram. God has already promised him that he would have descendants, an improbable promise to an elderly man and his equally elderly wife. God seals the covenant with him in the ritual where animals are split and the covenanting parties commit themselves to fidelity by an oath. As the covenant partners pass between the split animals, each calls down on himself the same fate if he were to be unfaithful. At sunset, a terrifying darkness overwhelms Abram; then God appears in smoke and fire to pass between the carcasses. The covenant is sealed; God is forever committed to be faithful to his people, even those yet to be born.

Many try to persuade Paul to move away from faith in Christ crucified and focus on the external practices of Jewish law, such as dietary practices and circumcision. To Paul these are mere "earthly things," practices of little concern for one who is destined for eternal life. Paul encourages the community at Philippi to keep firm in the Lord, who "will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body." To do so, he invited the community to follow his example and embrace the cross with trust.

In the transfiguration Jesus is bathed in light; his face is radiant, his garments dazzling white. Elijah and Moses also shine in glory as Jesus converses with them about his "exodus that he was going to fulfill in Jerusalem." His "exodus" refers to the freedom from sin that Jesus will achieve for us through his cross and resurrection. How do his companions react? While Jesus prayed, they had become drowsy with fatigue and the sun's heat. It is not the only time they will have trouble staying awake as Jesus prays. Shortly before Jesus' betrayal in the garden of olives, as he is overwhelmed by sadness, the apostles will fall asleep. Today, in the transfiguration, Moses and Elijah attend Jesus; soon, in Gethsemane, an angel will attend him. These two moments embrace



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

the ecstasy and agony of Jesus, and in both scenes the disciples are caught in the pendulum. They only half understood what was happening. When they said, "Master, it is good that we are here," perhaps they really mean, "Why go to Jerusalem, life is good here on the mountain?" Their failure to grasp what is happening is one of the central point of all four gospels.

The annual Catholic Service Appeal is underway again during Lent. Each parish is assessed a set amount and anything we raise above that stays in the parish. Last year, we paid our assessment and had \$31,000 remaining for the parish. These funds raised by the diocese support Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the Priests Retirement Home, etc. All I ask is that you think about participating. Some of you can make a generous gift; some of you can't afford anything. I respect your decision; all I ask is that you consider it.

You may notice several times a week in the listing for Mass intentions, there is none. It is merely listed as "Mass." In the past, when someone died, people would have Masses said for them. Today, many people donate to a charity, including our own Food Pantry. As such, we have a very low supply of Mass intentions. In some other parishes, they have so many intentions, that people cannot get a Mass said for a deceased family member or friend until at least a year. If you hear anyone mentioning that, please tell them they can get a Mass celebrated here in a relatively short period of time.

Just a reminder that the diocese publishes a weekly webpage on the internet with news, information about upcoming events, etc. It is intended for Catholics throughout the diocese and you can access it at [info@nwpcatholic.com](mailto:info@nwpcatholic.com). I think you'll find it highly informative and helpful. In addition to that, each registered Catholic family in the diocese receives FAITH, the monthly magazine which is published by the diocese. I was editor of its predecessor, the *Lake Shore Visitor*, which was published as a weekly newspaper of local and international Catholic news. Those diocesan newspapers are largely a thing of the past and have been replaced by something such as FAITH magazine. We are fortunate with the Communications Office which we have who publish this.

.In the 1600s, Paulaner monks moved from Southern Italy to Bavaria. Being a strict order, they were not allowed to consume solid food during Lent. They needed something other than water to sustain them, so the monks turned to a common staple of the time in their region-beer. They concocted an unusually strong brew, full of carbohydrates and nutrients, because liquid bread wouldn't break the fast. This was an early doppelbock-style beer which the monks eventually sold in the community and which was the original product of Paulaner brewery, founded in 1634. They named the beer "Holy Father Beer!"

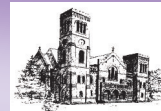
The parish is grateful to the late Mary McCarthy for a bequest of \$39,000. Mary left the bequest to the Catholic Foundation of Northwestern Pennsylvania which, de facto, owns it, but with the stipulation that the interest earned each year goes to St. Patrick's Parish. The documents establishing the trust make it clear that the monies can only be used for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of St. Patrick's Church. None of the money earned can be used for operating expenses or upkeep of the rectory.

Parishioners can also establish trusts in the Catholic Foundation in any amount and for any purpose. The Catholic Foundation is an entity separate from the diocese but which earns monies that help with Catholic education throughout the diocese. The parish presently has a trust in the Foundation valued at approximately \$100,000 and the interest earned on that each year (approximately 5%) goes to the parish.

An Irishman walks into a bar and orders three separate shot glasses of Irish whiskey. He drinks all three. He does this day after day after day, and the bartender finally says, "You know, I can put all three shots into one glass for you." The guy says, "No, I prefer it this way. See, I have two brothers. They're over in Ireland, and I love them. This glass here is for Finnian and this one here is for Fergus, and this one is for me. This way I can feel like we're all here together having a drink." He continues to come in day after day and the bartender continues to set up three glasses. Then one day, the guy says, "Give me two shots today." "What happened? Did something happen to one of your brothers?" the bartender asks. "No, no, no," the Irishman says, "I decided to give up drinking for Lent."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for the week of March 9/10 will be printed in the March 23/24 Bulletin.

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 **Richard & Janice Scolio**.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Adelaide Wagner** from Michael P. & Maria Burenko
- ♦ **Rosemarie Morrow** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Forrest Mischler, MD** from Shirley Mischler
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cindy Purvis
- ♦ **Paul Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **John V. Rewers** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Alfred Sokolowski** from Frances Sokolowski
- ♦ **Chuck Thomas** from Andrea Valerio-Malone

Also donations from:

Victoria Abbott, Mary Anne Ashworth, Bridge Group, Jennifer Butters, Ann Downing, Ken & Alice Daub, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Nick & Terre DeSantis, James & Linda Gehrlein, John Godish, Francis Hart, Steven & Kelly Karns, Phil & Judy Kelly, Karl & Virginia Kelm, Kevin & Vickie Marz, Shawn & Karen Reagan and David & Mary St. George

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

The Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry is seeking 2 men to volunteer for the 6:30 AM shift. Please call the Parish office at 454-8085 if interested.



*Birthday Wishes to  
**Frances Jean Sokolowski**  
who will celebrate her 90th  
birthday on March 18th. She  
is a lifelong parishioner of  
St. Patrick Church.*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Rick Forzano**  
from the **Candela family***

### Welcome New Parishioners

*Arlene Piskor  
Kathleen Teubert  
Rich Vogt  
Gabrielle Hayes  
Patricia Stephany  
Dan & Mary Bergell  
John & Kelly Gennaro  
James & Melanie Gillespie  
Christopher Graves  
James & Mary Rutkowski  
Mark Pasold*

### Ministry Schedule

#### **Saturday, March 23 2019 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Angie Kontur  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Patty Dailey,  
Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky  
Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers  
Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers.  
Jim Sertz*

#### **Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 8:00 am**

*Lector: Fred Olds  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds  
Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,  
Mike Nies*

#### **Sunday, March 24, 2017 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Mary Duncan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello, Ryan Palm,  
Colleen Welch, Ed Smith  
Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin  
Altar Servers: ———  
Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,  
Paul Balczun  
Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,  
Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz*

### 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 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

**March 18** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 19** *Tuesday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 20** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE SERTZ, ANNIV. 3/22 (FAMILY)

**March 21** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 22** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (KATHY WAYMAN)

**March 24** *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM EVELYN "KITTY" MAZZONE (MEL SAMICK)

10:30 AM RUTH GRAY (TOM GRAY)

### **Marriage Moments—**

The [Spring Equinox](#) is Wednesday, March 20. What does this have to do with marriage? Well, it may be a stretch, but since "equinox" is rooted in equality (the date that we [nearly have equal light and dark](#)) connect this with the tradition of spring cleaning together for an equal amount of time this week.

### **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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**03/16** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/19** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**03/23** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

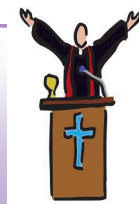
### **Pro-life rosary to be recited in March**

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.

### **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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**





MARDI GRAS VOLUNTER GET-TOGETHER 2019  
AT THE YEHL ROOM  
GANNON UNIVERSITY

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





