

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 18, 2018**



Stained Glass Window  
of St. Patrick  
St. Patrick Church

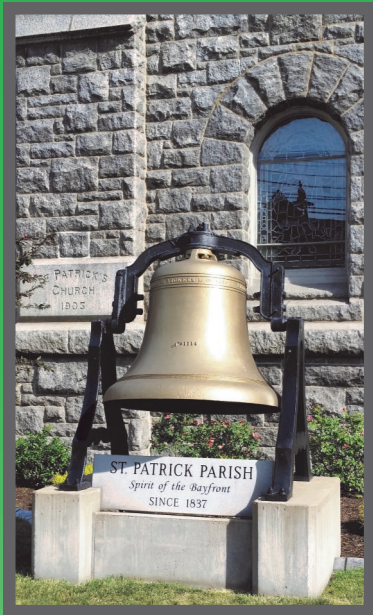
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jeremiah's historical context was one of political and religious turmoil. The northern kingdom had been devastated by Assyria, and Babylon attacked his homeland of Judah, sending thousands into exile. And in the midst of all of this is one of the most beautiful biblical prophecies found anywhere. Chapters 30-31 are called the "Book of Consolation." It soars with the poetry of hope, healing and newness. It anticipates the restoration and reunion of Israel and Judah. While Jeremiah saw the exile as punishment for their sins, the new covenant is not based on their repentance, but simply on God's choice. God proclaims, "I will be their God and they will be my people." While the old covenant was written in stone; the new will be written in their hearts, allowing all to know the God who will forgive their sins.

Our brief reading from Hebrews begins with a portrait of Jesus "in the flesh," presenting him in the human status he shares with all people. While in the flesh, he does what other human beings do: he prayed, he cried out to God, he wept, he suffered. At the same time, he is acknowledged as the Son of God. The Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes his divine sonship and today's reading says that though he is Son, he learned obedience through suffering. When the author writes that Jesus was made perfect, he is referring to completion, fulfillment. Having completed the purpose for which he came into the world, Christ is now the source of salvation for all.

The setting of our gospel today in Jerusalem is where Jesus announces that his hour has come. At the wedding Feast of Cana, he announced that his hour had not yet come, but he did not explain himself. Now he clearly tells his disciples that the hour means his glorification. He uses the metaphor of the seed that must die. As an image of his own impending death, the grain that falls to the ground in order to produce fruit tells his disciples that his hour of glorification must also

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

include his death. Only through losing his life is his glorification accomplished. All who want to come to eternal life must likewise be willing to lay down their lives; they must follow Jesus, must lose life in order to save it. The divine voice heard in today's gospel is found only in John.

We welcome the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick who will be attending the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass this weekend. Following Mass, I will install new Knights and Ladies and then the group will go to the Yehl Room at Gannon for an evening of entertainment and dinner. The Knights and Ladies were established in the 1970s to honor people who have given dedicated service to their parish and to the community. Each year six new members are installed and that will happen again this weekend. Being inducted this year are Chuck Agresti of St. Patrick's Parish; Frank Kaleta of Our Lady of Mercy Parish; Barbara Kelly of St. Peter's Cathedral; Mary Francis Lakari of Our Lady of Peace Parish; Pegg Mallin of Holy Cross Parish and Terri Michalski of St. Patrick's Parish.

I mentioned in an earlier bulletin that we are going to renovate the men's room in church. The contractor has to remove a wall that was added at some point after the church was built. As a result, the men's room may be closed for a longer period of time than we originally planned. There is another rest room in church which men are welcome to use while this one is closed. If you got into the weekday chapel (if you are facing the altar, it is the door to the left) and go through the chapel into the hallway which winds its way behind the altar, you will find another restroom which men can use until this one is completed.

A parishioner has generously donated the money needed to install an in-ground sprinkler system on the church and rectory lawns. That system will be installed as soon as the weather breaks.

Workers are finishing installing the last of the new windows in the rectory. There are 101 windows in that house, and no two are the same size!! We began this project several years ago and have been completing it as we have the money needed to pay for the new windows. As we finally come to the completion, we have spent almost \$100,000 for the new windows. I can attest,

however, that this winter the rectory was nice and warm as opposed to past winters when I would bundle up in a couple of sweaters. The windows we replaced were original to the building, and so they were over a hundred years old. Those of you familiar with those earlier windows know that a rope was used to raise and lower the bottom window. Not at St. Patrick's!! Instead of a rope, each window had a brass band. When the Cauley brothers built this house out of their own pocket in 1915, they didn't spare any expense.

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of the most sacred week of the church year. Palms will be blessed before the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass and again before the Sunday morning 10:30 AM Mass and will be distributed at all weekend Masses.

The following weekend is Easter, and this year the Easter Vigil can begin on Holy Saturday at 8:30 PM. We will have the regular Sunday morning Masses at 8 and 10:30 AM.

Work is moving along very nicely on the restoration of the pipe organ. And I'm happy to say that most of that work is being done right here in Erie using local labor and talent. Mark Alloway, our organist and music director, has practically moved into the church as he works closely with the people doing the work. As I mentioned earlier, we had hoped to have the pipe organ working for the wedding season which begins the Saturday after Easter, but that is not going to happen. They are now telling us that it should be completed in early July. It's interesting to see the handiwork in the pipe organ as it's being dismantled. All of the woodwork which held the pipes together is tongue and groove; not one single nail or screw is found in the entire apparatus. There are over 3,000 pipes being restored.

Three tough-looking bikers stomp into a truck stop where an old-timer is having breakfast. One of the bikers extinguishes his cigarette in the old guy's pancakes. The second biker spits a wad of chewing tobacco into his coffee. The third biker dumps the whole plate on the floor. Without a word of protest, the old guy pays his bill and leaves. "Not much of a man, was he?" says one of the bikers. "Not much of a driver either," said the waitress. "He just backed his truck over three motorcycles."





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,603.00
Online Giving	<u>1,372.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,975.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Hunter William &  
Addison Marie Malena**

children of  
Frank William & Sarah Marie (Tarbell) Malena  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 am 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 by Kathy Alessi.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Katie Abbott** from Mary Beth Abbott & Elli Veres
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Mark & Eileen Behringer
- ♦ **Mary Corbett, Paul Corbett** from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
- ♦ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Sister Marie Eileen Moyer, SSJ** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Terry Lynch** from Christopher & Anne Lynch
- ♦ **Thomas F. Costello, I. Alan McCreadie** from Charles & Deborah McCreadie
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Lawrence Polaski** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **William J. Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Alfred Sokolowski** from Frances Sokolowski
- ♦ **Robert Vitron** from Roberta Vitron

Also donations from:

Jay & Carol Habas, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz,  
Bill Hertel, Kathleen Horan, Don & Karen Kalivoda,  
Steven & Kelly Karns, Karl & Virginia Kelm and  
Joe & Heather Kimball

**Special Thank You!!!**  
to **PANERA BREAD &  
HABORCREEK ARRANGEMENTS**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas (Spoken Parts)

Rick Filippi (Jesus)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,  
Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,  
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**Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,  
Joe Schneider

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

**Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ryan Palm (Spoken Parts)

Ed Smith (Jesus)

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Smith, Charla Leemhuis,  
Ryan Palm

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,  
Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018

**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



*If you see  
**Tim & Meg Mackey**  
please wish them a  
Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!!!*



### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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"

**March 19** *Monday, Saint Joseph,*

*Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM DAN & BARB MCCARTHY (MARY MCCARTHY)

**March 20** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 21** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 22** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE SERTZ, ANNIV  
(JIM & KATHY SERTZ)

**March 23** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 24** *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*

5:00 PM ELEANOR M. WEISENFLUH, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

**March 25** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 AM DR. THOMAS KLAUS (PEGGY MCCREARY)  
10:30 AM SEAN SULLIVAN JOHNSON (FAMILY)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**03/17** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/20** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/21** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**03/24** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

The Diocese of Erie has committed significant resources to help those who were harmed by clergy sexual abuse to recover from their horrible experiences. We hope our efforts will help, but we realize that only the grace of God can provide the complete healing the victims need. In the midst of this sorrowful story, lessons have been learned and taken deeply to heart. Ineffective policies of the past have been rejected. Understandings that did not measure up to human realities have changed. New insights and policies can now offer protection to all our people. If now, or at any time in the past, a priest, a deacon, or other person representing the Church has abused you, you are urged to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Robert Nelson at 814-871-7723. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



## 180 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL ANYBODY OUT THERE LIKE TO SHOP?

Last year we sent you out, en masse from mass, to find all of the "After St. Patrick's Day Sales" at all of the local dollar stores and craft stores and just plain stores—to buy up all of the hanging shamrocks and cardboard leprechauns and St. Paddy's napkins and, well, just about everything Irish at rock bottom bargain prices. And man, did you deliver! This parish must have the sharpest shoppers in the diocese! You brought in tons of decorations and St. Pat's ephemera. And we used it all.

Our decorating chairs, Kathy and Jim Sertz used every glittery, glitzy, green, and did we mention glitzy decoration you donated. Every one. And didn't the festival look grand?

And those fake red leprechaun beards and hats you bought—well Leprechaun Village mayor, Abby Lechner, used all of those to help the kiddies at the festival get some great Irish selfies. Nothing went to waste. So after this weekend's festivities, please exercise your bargain hunting expertise and rush out to your local stores. Buy up every Irish themed decoration you can find at pennies on the dollar and bring them all back to church and drop them off after any mass at the gift shop or at the rectory or just leave them up by the statue of St. Theresa (she'll smile if you do). We'll find them and we'll save them and we'll use them to create a little bit of Ireland between French and Holland this September.

2018 Erie Irish Festival Chairman, Eric Albright would love to hear from you. He's looking to fill a variety of important slots in the Festival Committee and to find some understudies for some of the more experienced (e.g. "old") committee members. We especially need younger (50 qualifies in this group!) folks to help with set-up and tear-down. You can email him at [soapinerie@netzero.net](mailto:soapinerie@netzero.net)

### 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.





# ERIE, PA'S ANNUAL St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018

MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 2PM | DOWNTOWN ERIE



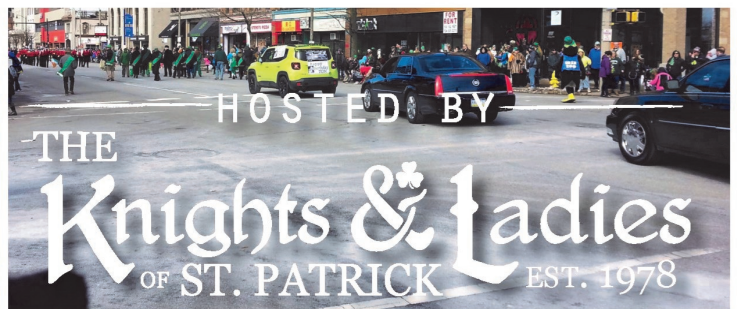
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