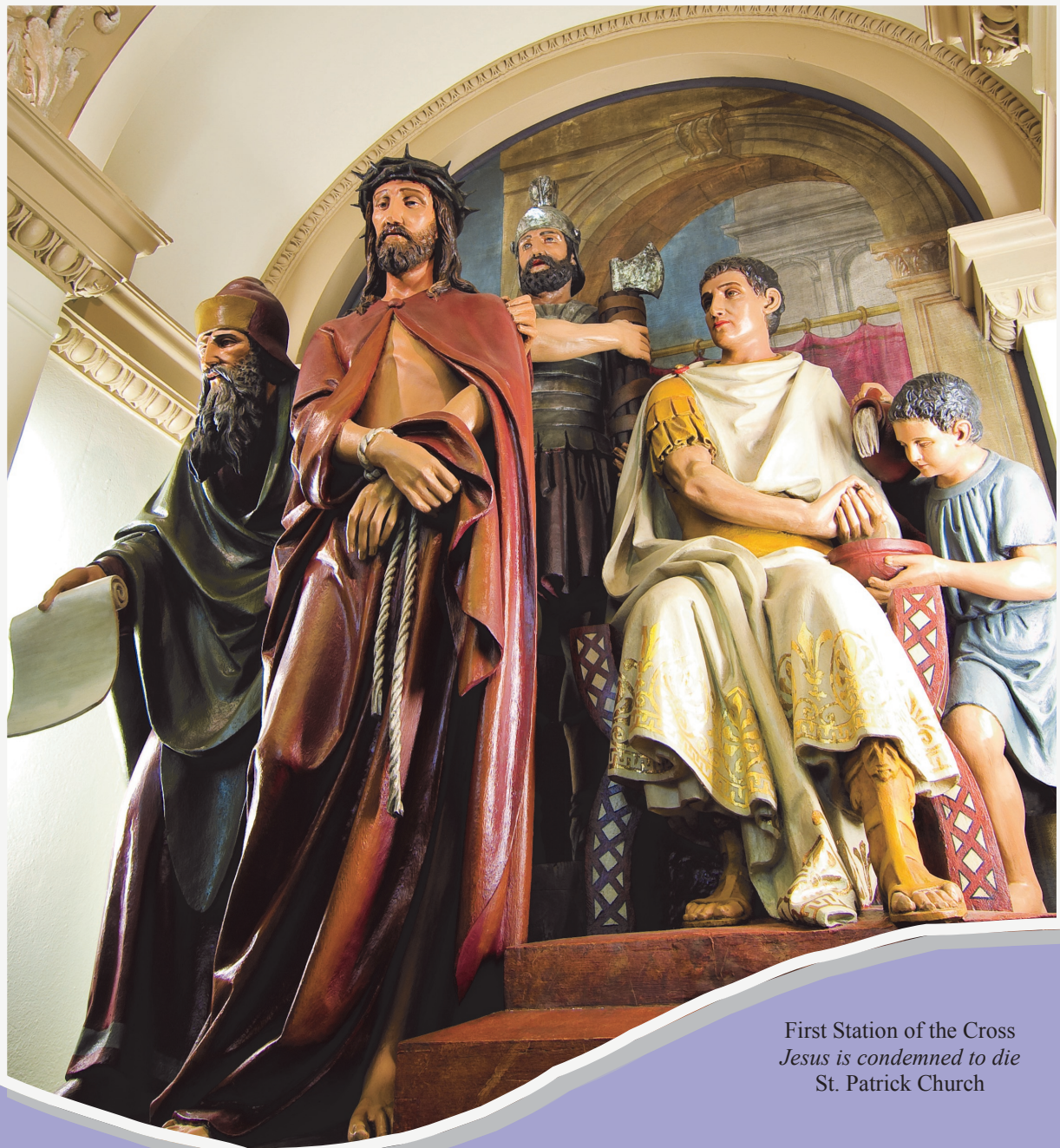


Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017



First Station of the Cross
Jesus is condemned to die
St. Patrick Church

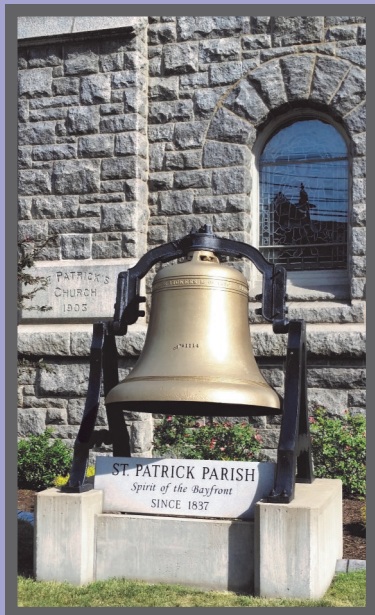
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Third Sunday of Lent. The theme of water flows throughout the scriptures and if you have ever visited the Holy Land with its barren landscape, few trees and few rivers you know how precious this commodity is. In our first reading this reality confronts the Hebrews fleeing Egypt. Burning thirst leads them to protest against Moses, and indirectly against God. Desperate for water, they seem to prefer slavery in Egypt to their present plight. In the previous chapter they had grumbled about a lack of food and God provided manna. Now they seem to have quickly forgotten God's faithful care. God commands Moses to strike the rock of Mount Horeb and water gushes forth. The end of today's story underscores that God chooses Israel out of freely-given divine love, not because of the people's merit. The names Massah and Meribah mean "the place of testing" and "the place of quarreling." As Israel's journey with God continues through the centuries, they will continually test his patience; but the Lord never ceases to offer life-giving waters of grace.

In the Letter to the Romans, written near the end of Paul's life, he presents his most developed thought on the meaning of the Good News of Christ. Paul had been a faithful Jew and now he is the Apostle to the Gentiles. He emphasizes that divine grace, not because of any human accomplishment, is what justifies us with God. For Paul, faith involves accepting God's gift precisely as a gift, surrendering all thought of justifying oneself by human effort.

Our gospel today comes from John, written 40 years after Matthew wrote. It's clear that water is going to be central. Jesus' request for a drink breaches social and religious custom. In response she addresses Jesus as "a Jew." Next she addresses him as "sir," and finally as "Lord." Her growing insight indicates her growing understanding of him. Jesus tells her that the temple is not where God lives, but in the person of Jesus. As the disciples return, the woman recognizes

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Jesus as Messiah, but the disciples call him nothing more than Rabbi. John is indicating that faith in Jesus grows in levels of understanding and commitment.

Bishop David O'Connell of the Diocese of Trenton, NJ recently issued a pastoral letter outlining a complete reconfiguration of the 107 parishes in the diocese. He noted in the letter that, with a Catholic population of 774,000 Catholics, only 18% are attending Mass on a regular basis and only 42% of the population support the church financially.

Saint Patrick's Parish was established in 1837, making it the oldest parish in the city of Erie and 180 years old this year. The first church was a small wooden building on the east side of German St. between Third and Fourth Streets. The second church was a brick building located approximately where the rectory now stands. It was built in 1849 and used until the present church was built in 1906. It was demolished in 1912 to make way for construction of the rectory. That second church also served as the cathedral of the Diocese of Erie from 1852 when the diocese was established until the present St. Peter's Cathedral was completed in 1892.

With today's interest in genealogy, people are constantly contacting us as they search for baptism, marriage, death records of their Irish ancestors. Almost every Irish immigrant in Erie would have lived here in the First Ward and been a member of St. Patrick's Parish. If you are searching for any records of an ancestor there is a form on our webpage which you can complete and we can then search to see if there are any records here.

In those early days almost every Catholic parish was ethnic. The Irish belonged to St. Patrick's, the German's to St. Mary's and later St. Joseph's. There was a large Portuguese immigrant population in Erie and they belonged to St. Andrew's. While many of the Irish worked on the ships on Lake Erie, the Portuguese were the builders of the ships. As immigrants blended more and more into the general population, they migrated away from those ethnic parishes, some people to the suburbs, others to no practice of the faith at all.

We're seeing some of the same phenomenon happening today with Latino and Hispanic Catholics. When they first migrate to America, they all worship together, but with each generation blending more into the general population, they migrate away from those churches; and many of the young migrate to no worship.

We also have at the rectory all of the large books which list all of the burials in both Trinity and Calvary Cemetery from the day each were opened until 2010. Many times the tombstones reveal information that families are searching for.

If anyone is searching for ancestral roots in Ireland itself, you can go online and find a great deal of information. The sacramental records of the Irish churches are all online and can be easily accessed. Because many of those baptisms, marriages and deaths were only recorded in the church registers, this is often the only way people can trace ancestors. Because of the deep poverty and the prejudice by British landowners and politicians, much of that data was never recorded civilly.

Congratulations to John Bauman who is confirmed today by Bishop Persico. John completed his preparation in the Eastside Religious Ed program, did his service hours last fall at the Irish Festival, met with me to discuss his growth in faith and was confirmed in a ceremony at St. Luke's for all of the eastside students. A large number of our other students are being confirmed this spring, but they have been taking their classes at other parishes and will be confirmed with those students.

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large, raging river. Needing to get to the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof. God gave him big arms and strong legs and he swam across in about two hours. The second man prayed, "God, give me the strength and tools to cross the river." God gave him a rowboat and after an hour, he made it to the other side. The third man prayed, "God, give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river." Poof, he was turned into a woman. She looked at the map and hiked a hundred feet up stream and walked across the bridge.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,636.00
Online Giving	<u>1,392.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,028.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 51,846.00
Paid to date	\$ 33,486.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Jeanette Marie Zinna
daughter of
Matthew & Melissa (Cross) Zinna
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy



We offer our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of Robert McCarthy and Robert Gallo, who recently passed away.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Thomas McGraw
the Candela family*

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 made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert McCarthy** from Evan Adair, Joe Lemmo Margie & George Rumrill, Angela & Tom Cook
- ♦ **Robert Gallo** from Robert & Diane Boeh
- ♦ **Michael Schloss** from John & Carolyn Bauman
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias and Raymond & Marie Peplinsky** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Robert Adamczyk** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Raymond Fiorelli & Ron Fiorelli** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **George Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ♦ **Marcy Sturdivant** from Yvonne Gersims

Also donations from:

Christa Blose, John Godish, Jay & Carol Habas,
Patricia Heasley, Steven & Kelly Karns and
Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Kaleigh Hubert,
Alex Vinesky

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Audrey Reigel

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Palm, Tim Scully,
Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

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

Lent Resources for Individuals and Families

The Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life is offering resources for individuals for the Lenten season. These resources include weekly Scripture for reflection, service project suggestions and additional resources for assisting families in preparing for Easter. This is a great opportunity for families to find ways to devote time to scripture and service together. Access these resources at <http://www.eriescd.org/justice.htm>.





180 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

WANTED: VENDOR RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON

The Festival chairperson in charge of vendor relations solicits all those folks who sell all of that great Irish stuff—jewelry, tee shirts, flags, clothing, etc.—gets them settled in at the Vendor Village tent, and makes sure that both they and we have a great festival. Sadly, our fantastic Vendor Relations Chairperson, Roselle Walkiewicz, has taken her many talents south to sunny Florida. We will miss her enormously, but our loss is your gain, because this opens up a coveted seat on the Festival Committee—a chance for you to step up and do a big job.

The successful candidate will be an understudy to Roselle this year and assume command of the vendors for the 2018 festival. Here's the job in a nutshell:

- **Recruit a Good Mix of Vendors:** Contact return and potential vendors in January, send registration packets and oversee payment (with the help of our unsung heroine in the rectory, Janine Carch Sliker). Make sure we don't end up with 6 Irish flag vendors and no clothing.
- **Organize Vendor Placement and Set Up:** Map out the vendor area with the festival chairs and physical set-up folks and insure that the vendors have what they need and have ordered in the way of equipment and supplies—tables, chairs, electricity.
- **Be the Festival Liaison with the Vendors:** You'll need to be on site most of the weekend to check the vendors in and make sure it's all running smoothly for the vendors and for the festival and to solve any disputes or problems.
- **Debrief with Each Vendor:** After the festival, check with the vendors—what was their level of satisfaction and their interest in returning? Then, report to the committee as a whole on recommendations for next year.

The successful candidate for this position should be outgoing, very organized, think outside the box, and be able to problem solve on the go. Experience with retail sales might be a plus, but a love of shopping is a real plus as well.

An email outlining your sterling qualifications (e.g. I'm living and breathing and willing to help!) and interest in discussing the job further should be sent to either Gary or Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs. Nothing is binding, so if you are even a little bit interested, let us know. We're not above bribery.

Waiting for your email, contact us, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

March 20 *Monday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM ELEANOR WEISENFLUH (MARK WEISENFLUH)

March 21 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JESSE VERGA (ST. LUKE'S PARISH)

March 22 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MARIAN SCHAUBLE, ANNIV. (JIM SPIEGEL)

March 23 *Thursday, Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ
(MARGARET IZAJ & CORY IZAJ)

March 24 *Friday, Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

March 25 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)

March 26 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM CATHERINE & JOHN WEBER (VIKI WEBER)

10:30 AM MICHAEL SCHLOSS (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

03/21 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

03/22 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

03/25 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/26 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about potential dangers. Children "meet" new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these new "friends" are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children's participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe!

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

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



Holy Family School will hold its annual **Vera Bradley**

Bingo on Sunday, March 19 beginning at 1:00 pm in the school gymnasium at 913 Fulton Street. Tickets are \$20.00 and that includes your bingo cards for the day. Also on tap are raffles, door prizes, small games of chance, and food/refreshments. For tickets, please call (814) 566-3624 or email val@sebaldhackwelder.com. Doors open at noon and only 150 tickets will be sold!

The St. James Annual Card Party, "**Spring Promenade**," will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017, from 2 - 5 pm at St. James Place. 2622 Buffalo



Road. Cost is \$6.00 and includes Luncheon, Prom Fashion Show, and Door Prizes. There will also be a Chinese Auction, 50/50, and Grand Award Tickets. Please call the St. James Rectory at 899-6178 to reserve a table or with any questions at 899-6178.

St. Peter Cathedral to host concert series—

St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie, is continuing its concert series with a choral concert March 19 at 4 p.m. The Symphonic Singers will perform, with Jean Verdecchia as director and conductor, and Jenny Davis as accompanist. The program is free and open to the public.

Lenten Day of Reflection planned at Glinodo

International speaker and retreat presenter **Edwina Gateley** will explore the role of women in Scripture at a Lenten Day of Reflection, "**Soul Sisters**," on March 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Glinodo Center, 6270 E Lake Road, Erie. The cost is \$40, which includes a snack and lunch. Register by contacting Kathleen Kutz at 814-520-9617.

Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 2-4 pm. This month's topic is "MOODS." Visit our website at www.erieircd.org/transitions.htm

St. Boniface Parish
9367 Wattsburg Road
Erie, PA

FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2016

Following 7:30 AM Mass, St. Boniface Cafeteria

Fr. Mike Polinek, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Erie, will be the speaker. He will talk of the role of "**Vocations in today's world**".

The menu will include ham, hash browned potatoes, eggs, fruit cup, sweet roll and beverage. The cost \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$25 per family.

Program will begin about 8:15 and conclude around 10:15. This will give families the option of attending either Mass.(7:30 or 10:30)

Please join us for this Lenten family breakfast.

Sponsored by St. Boniface Knights of Columbus

Thank You for your help, the Knights at St. Boniface

**Knights of Columbus
Council #11313
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

bring your family.... tell your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a delicious Sunday breakfast especially prepared by the St. Jude Knights of Columbus.

Please come out and support the Knights of Columbus.

Sunday, March 26, 2017

St. Jude the Apostle Parish Center
2801 West 6th Street
8:30 am until 1:00 pm.

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Coffee, Orange Juice, Milk.

Adults- \$5.00
Children ages 3-12 \$4.00
Under 3 years- Free



LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS:



St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Friday, March 31, in the Parish Hall, serving from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Cost: adults—\$10.00; children (6-12) - \$5.00; children 5 and under—free. Take-out dinners are \$10.25. Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family.

Prep, Villa to perform “School of Rock, The Musical”

Cathedral Preparatory School and Villa Maria Academy will perform “School of Rock, The Musical” March 30 to April 1 at 7 p.m., and April 2 at 2 p.m. at the H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep in downtown Erie. This new musical, starring Jack Black, is currently running on Broadway, but through special arrangements is available to high schools and other youth theater groups. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, email mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com or call 814-453-7737, ext. 2275, or 814-838-2061, ext. 3275.

Mercyhurst Prep to present “Mary Poppins”



The Mercyhurst Preparatory School Performing Arts Department will present “**Mary Poppins,**” the Broadway musical, next month at the MPS Performing Arts Center, 538 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Performance dates are April 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m., and April 9 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

Tamburitzans to Perform in Erie—



The Tamburitzans are coming to Mercyhurst Preparatory School's newly renovated Performing Arts Center on April 22 at 7 p.m. This show features exciting music, songs and dances of international cultures. The Tamburitzans perform in about 60 shows from August to May and log about 40,000 miles in 35 states across the United States.

All seats are reserved.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

Go to mposlakers.com/tamburitzans and click to order tickets or call 866-967-8167. Mercyhurst Prep is located at 538 E. Grandview Blvd. Erie

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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Moving

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