

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020



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

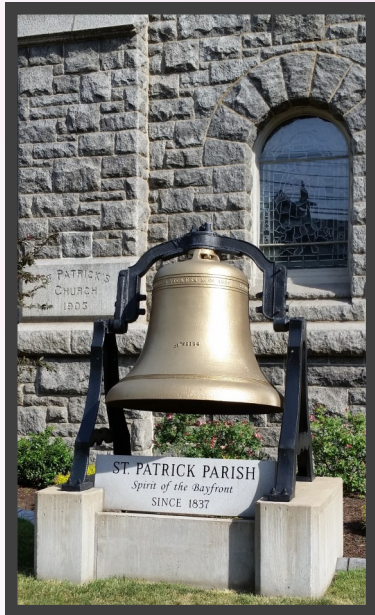
Saint Patrick Parish

*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:**

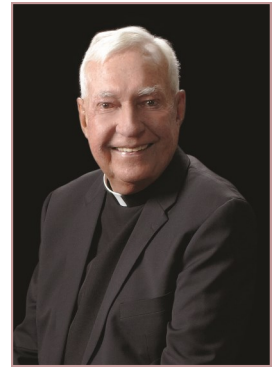
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...To***



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. When The Lord commands Samuel to go to Jesse of Bethlehem to anoint one of his sons king, Samuel is afraid to go, fearing for his life. The Lord directs Samuel to meet Jesse in a ritual at which time Samuel thinks the oldest son is to be anointed. One by one Jesse presents seven sons to Samuel who then asks, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse then acknowledges that he has an eighth son, without naming him, as if he had forgotten him, as he is far away tending sheep. Samuel commands Jesse to send for his youngest son, even announcing that the sacrificial banquet would be delayed until he arrived. When the young man is brought in, Samuel responds to God's command, "Anoint him, for this is the one." The anointing of the young David is part of a biblical motif of God choosing the younger over the elder, beginning with the choice of Abel over Cain, Jacob over Esau, etc. Today's episode begins with the long saga of David's rise to power. Even with his well-known sins and limitations, David was remembered as the ideal king.

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul, or someone writing in his name, presents teachings and exhortations applicable to all the baptized. While most of his letters address specific situations of a local church, Ephesians has a more universal audience. Paul uses the metaphor of darkness and light which resonates with the creation account in Genesis. Those who are "light in the Lord" are also created anew. Having been created anew, the baptized are to live as children of the light. Paul exhorts the entire church to walk in the light, radiating goodness, righteousness and truth. He then exhorts them to stay away from darkness. He concludes with a baptismal hymn well known to the communities. In baptism, a lighted candle signifies the new light of Christ.

As today's Gospel from John opens, Jesus has just left the temple area where the Scribes and Pharisees showed contempt toward him, even picking up stones to throw at him. And yet Jesus appears calm and undisturbed when he encounters a blind man. Now it is the disciples who question Jesus showing their own ignorance that it is because of sin or that of his parents that is

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

the cause of his blindness. In the act of creation, God took clay and formed the first human. Jesus' use of clay to heal the blind man brings about a new creation in him. While everyone around him remains blind to who Jesus is, the blind man proclaims, "He is a prophet." The Pharisees then question his parents and himself again and then throw him out. This is what Jesus awaits and he now begins to question the blind man who is able finally to see, in the light of faith, who Jesus is.

The Archdiocese of Chicago announced recently the closing and grouping of more than two dozen parishes. The change will bring the number of parishes in the archdiocese below 300 from more than 450 in the mid-80s. The archdiocese also announced the closing of five elementary schools. The *Chicago Tribune* is reporting that the archdiocese is facing as much as \$200 million in debts from clerical abuse settlements.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has paid out \$39 million to survivors of clergy sexual abuse in the past year. Paid so far are 181 survivors. To date 614 claims have been made, some 400 remain to be processed and 216 have received letters that, if they sign, they will be paid. The average settlement is \$215,000 and if all 216 claimants accept their offer, the amount paid could rise to more than \$85 million. Tens of millions more could be paid if many of the 400 additional survivors were to accept an offer.

You have to ask yourself, "How did we ever get here?" It's because of two realities: clericalism whereby the priest is set apart as better, different, etc. than others. He's put on a pedestal. We are no different than anyone else. Why should we be wearing clothes that set us totally apart from others? Why not simply wear a business suit, shirt and tie like other professionals and tear down this clericalism? The second factor we are totally inept bishops who were more interested in protecting an institution than they were in protecting innocent people. Jesus must weep when he sees what we've done to his church.

The Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province announced recently that they are withdrawing from nine missions which they serve in the northeast United States. The departure represents nearly one-third of their missions. They noted that in 1985, just 35 years ago, they had 708 friars and today they have less than 300. In addition,

only three friars professed solemn vows since 2018.

You're aware that the Boy Scouts of America recently declared bankruptcy as they struggle to settle lawsuits stemming from the abuse of Scouts. Here we have another stalwart institution in which America placed its trust revealing that they violated that trust. Certainly the church has violated people's trust. I am more and more convinced that the sexual abuse of children is much more widespread than we are led to believe. We can only pray for the victims and hope that legal steps are taken to stop all of this.

The Irish Festival committee chairs have already begun meeting in anticipation of our September Festival. Most of the entertainment groups have been booked already and a number of other things are falling in place. We have some new chairs this year including Erie Albright who is taking over the food preparation. A group of parishioners recently went to St. Stanislaus on a Friday afternoon to see how they prepare and serve their fish fry in the hopes that we can learn better ways of doing ours. It's amazing to watch the number and efficiency of the fish fries at St. Stan's during Lent. In addition, we've secured all of the permits for closing the street, etc. This year, the city is going to erect a temporary STOP sign at East Fourth and Holland to slow down the traffic as people are entering and leaving the festival. I'm grateful to Gary and Becky Johnson for their leadership with the festival once again.

In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Mass is celebrated each weekend in 42 different languages because of the large number of immigrants.

A teacher decided to do a spelling exercise with her third grade class. She asked the children to tell the class what their father's job was, spell it and name one thing he could bring to the class if he visited. The first little girl raised her hand and said, "My daddy's a banker, B-A-N-K-E-R and he would bring everyone a shiny new penny." Another girl raised her hand and said "her father was a baker, B-A-K-E-R, and he would bring cookies for everyone." A little boy raised his hand and said, "My dad's an electrician, E-L-E-C, E-L-E-R," but no matter how hard he tried he couldn't spell it. Finally, another boy raised his hand and said, "My dad's a bookie, B-O-O-K-I-E, and if he came to visit, he could give you ten to one odds that kid will never figure out how to spell electrician."





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,541.00
Online Giving	<u>1,823.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 6,364.00

Online Giving 03/02/2020	\$ 2,576.00
Online Giving 03/09/2020	\$ 1,911.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>

all Masses and Church activities are cancelled until further notice. If you have any questions or concerns the office will remain open with limited hours and the Rectory is **CLOSED** to the public. All current and scheduled Mass intentions will be rescheduled. The Food Pantry will remain open with new procedures to follow. Thank you!

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 made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert Wheeler** from Harold & Jeanne Bender, Robert & Deborah Brasington, Arthur & Anna Freitas, Paul & Anne Causgrove, Dean & Jane Gladden, Tom & Patty Mongold, Mark & Catherine O'Neil and Lou & Elizabeth Strelecki
- ♦ **Ralph F. Hedderick** from Dan & Mary Bergell
- ♦ **Mildred Biebel** from Robert Biebel
- ♦ **Marilyn Leuschen** from James & Karen Bomba
- ♦ **All Beings** from Michael & Karen Ducato
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- ♦ **Agnes Kwitowski** from Carol Grygier
- ♦ **Kelm family** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Muolff
- ♦ **Father John Walsh** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Renee Wettikin** from Nicole Wisiewski

Also donations from:

David Duska & Anastasia Lachica, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Tony & Gloria Fulgenzio and Mary Anne Port

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Joseph DeAngelo**  
from Bob & Diane Boeh*

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino,  
Wendy Sadlier, Barbara Brairton, Shirley Winschel

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

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

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
Kathleen McCabe, Pattie Marchant

Ushers: John Maloney, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies,  
**1 NEEDED**

**Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Luke Gilmore

Eucharistic Ministers: Luke Gilmore, Dario Cipriani,  
Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch, Mary Williams

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

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

### 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.



### A Family Perspective—

Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides us an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### TO BE RESCHEDULED

**March 21** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM

**March 22** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

**March 23** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM

**March 24** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM

**March 25** *Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 AM

**March 26** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM

**March 27** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

**March 28** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM

**March 29** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**03/21** 4:30 PM

**03/24** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/25** 12:00 PM

**03/29** 4:30 PM

## Welcome New Parishioners

Renee Terwilliger  
Alexa Klemm  
Anita Meyers  
Patricia R. Sharrer

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## Interested in pre-ordering special Easter foods?



TRADITIONAL PIEROGIES

Orders are being accepted through March 30<sup>th</sup> for pierogi, potato pancake batter, assorted homemade Polish breads and cookies through the Holy Trinity Parish Easter Market.

To order, go to [www.holytrinity.org](http://www.holytrinity.org), fax 814-461-1150, or order with a credit card by call Edith at 814-456-9970. The Easter Market will be held at the Holy Trinity Social Center, E. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Reed Streets, Erie, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m., and April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon.

## Get ready for Designer Purse Bingo—



Harborcreek Youth Services invites the public to its third annual **Designer Purse Bingo** event **April 26<sup>th</sup>** at St. Boniface Coleman Hall, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie. Doors open at noon. Bingo starts at 1 p.m.

There will be pull tabs, tip boards, a 50/50 and a gift auction. Pre-sale tickets are \$25 through April 25. Tickets are \$30 the day of the event. Reserved tables of eight are available for \$160. A ticket includes 15 bingo games (six cards per game) and a bingo dauber. For more information, email [pursebingo@hyserie.org](mailto:pursebingo@hyserie.org) or call 899-7664, ext. 330, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the HYS Client Care Fund.



## Save the date: Mercy Sisters to host April gala



The Sisters of Mercy in Erie are hosting an **"Irish Spring with the Sisters of Mercy Gala"** on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 9 p.m. at their motherhouse, 444 E Grandview

Blvd., Erie. This marks the kickoff of celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the Mercy presence in northwest Pennsylvania. The gala will feature Irish music, cocktails, *hors d'oeuvres*, a juried art show, and an opportunity to win gift packages and a trip for two to Dublin, Ireland, to see the Notre Dame vs. Navy football game Aug.



29. Tickets for the Ireland trip are \$20 each. For tickets or more information, call Sister Bernadette Bell, RSM, at



## 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](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.







Spring Cleaning the  
Stations of the Cross  
by  
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## 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**



## SAINT PATRICK PARISH

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FAX: 814/459-8685

March 2020

Dear Parishioner –

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 12, 2020. As you know, we observe this feast with great celebration and festivity as it marks the dawn of eternal life for each of us.

In addition to the liturgy and some outstanding music, the church itself is decorated to note the solemnity and the rejoicing that is consistent with the celebration. Those decorations will include Easter Memorial flowers in the sanctuary.

If you wish someone to be remembered in these flower memorials, please complete the listing below and return it to the parish office NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>, so these names can be included in the parish bulletin. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

*Msr. Henry Kriegel*

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of/In Honor of

From

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