

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 24, 2019



Stations of the Cross  
*St. Patrick Church*  
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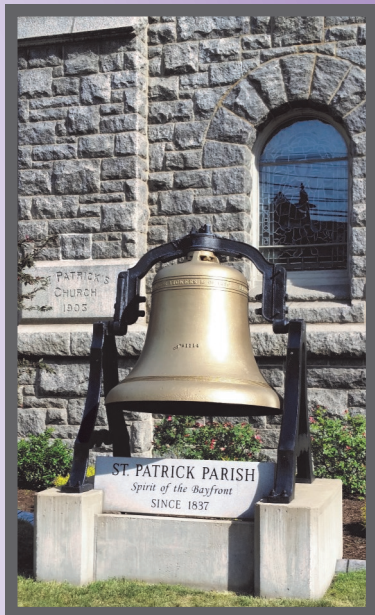
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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Office Hours:

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 Third Sunday of Lent. God prepares Moses for the theophany, God's manifestation. He is to take off his shoes as a sign of respect for a sacred place. When Moses asks God's name, the unusual response is "I Am," essentially different from idols. This name indicates the nearness of God and is an invitation to come closer, to know God truly, which takes time and effort. This revelation takes Moses into a lasting friendship with God. That God reveals his awareness of his people's suffering and his statement that he has come to rescue them. God directs Moses along the path to freedom that passes through detachment from oneself and requires trust in God as well as the ability to relate to one another with mutual respect which is the basis of the Ten Commandments. God is patient, but expects change.

In our second reading, Paul describes to the Christians of Corinth how Israel's experience of the exodus prefigures their salvation in Christ. He talks about their grumbling and complaining to Moses and God about their wandering in the desert and says that "These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come." Like our ancestors, Christians also traverse the desert, a place of temptation which offers false deities more comfortable and made to our liking.

Just like the people in today's gospel, we often ask ourselves about the calamities that happen in places near and far. We ask why such tragedies befall the people of Syria, Venezuela, Haiti, already crushed by centuries of injustice and misery. Jesus, facing such questions, shifts the focus toward the audience: "If you do not repent, you will perish in the same way." We are not mice in a laboratory where God punishes or rewards, Jesus is clear on this point: the victims of Pilate or the earthquake are no worse sinners than we are. Every person is admonished to change his or her way of thinking and respond to God's grace.



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

Jesus pointed the finger when he warned, "If you do not repent, you will perish like they did." God does not want to catch us in sin and punish us but he is like the gardener in today's parable who gives the barren tree one last chance. As the gardener hopes for change with the tree, so God watches each of us, looks into our hearts and waits patiently for our change of attitude and conversion.

Angie Kontur will meet on Tuesday with all of her committee chairs from the Homeless Shelter to do a follow-up on how well the program worked this year and to critique it. Following that meeting, I'm going to host the group and their spouses for drinks and dinner at the rectory. At their most recent meeting, the Parish Council expressed strong feelings that we not sponsor a week in the future because of the growing number of mentally ill people who are becoming clients and the fact that we are not professionally trained to deal with them. We had some pretty horrific experiences this year. We also discovered that a growing number of homeless are coming from other cities because we're the only place that provides a homeless shelter as well as Emmaus Soup Kitchen where they can get a hot meal each day.

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 item of the time—their regional-beer. The concocted an unusually strong brew, full of carbohydrates and nutrients, because a liquid such as this would not break the fast. And that is all they had for 40 days of Lent!!! The beer was an early doppelbock-style beer which the monks eventually sold in the community and which was the original Paulaner Brewery. They named the beer "Holy Father Beer!"

Many of you enter the rectory through the side porch. We are going to make a change in that entrance merely for the sake of security. We have ordered a commercial door to come into the porch. That door will be locked and you can ring the doorbell and the parish staff will be able to see on the monitor who is at the door. Once they determine who is seeking entry, they will be able

electronically to unlock the door from their desk and you can then enter the rectory. People often drop things off on that porch and there will now be a sheltered container outside of the new door where you can leave things. We have also ordered a new and much more secure door from the side porch into the rectory living room. The present door would be very easy to break into. I knock on wood, but we've never had any problems with attempted theft or vandalism and that is due in large degree to the way that Erie Insurance patrols the neighborhood both day and night. I see their patrol cars going by at all hours, and this is a greatly added element of security.

The Archdiocese of Chicago sold a parking lot near the cathedral in downtown for \$110 million. That money, coupled with other monies will be used to pay over \$200 million to settle sex abuse cases How did it ever get to this point?

We closed the books on the CSA (Catholic Service Appeal) of 2018, and out of pledges of \$118,320, we only had \$1,525.00 not paid. That is an incredible response. Again, I thank you for your generosity in supporting both the parish and the diocese.

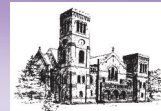
I'm thrilled that thirteen parishioners have volunteered to be additional Eucharistic Ministers. We face a shortage, particularly in the winter months when many of our Eucharistic Ministers are in Florida. We do not distribute the cup during the flu season, but will start again on Easter and that requires even more volunteers.

Congratulations to parishioners Gary and Becky Johnson who are being honored this year by the Flagship Niagara League and will be presented and particularly honored during the Mariners Ball in June. They are being recognized for their early help with the League as well as their sponsorship of the Brig Niagara. Gary and Becky also chaired our Irish Festival and Becky is a volunteer in our Food Pantry.

A drunk walks into a bar and saw a woman sitting at the bar, walks over to her and kisses her. She jumped up and slapped him. He said, "I'm sorry. I thought your were my wife. You look exactly like her." She replied, "You worthless idiot, you no good drunk!" He said, "And you sound just like her too."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 3/10/19	\$ 8,621.00
Online Giving	<u>1,532.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,153.30

Offertory Collection 3/17/19	\$ 9,374.88
Online Giving	<u>1,782.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,157.18

Catholic Services Appeal 2019	
Pledged	\$ 38,135.00
Paid	\$ 25,955.00

*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:

## Restoration

In memory of **Mildred Biebel** from:

- ♦ Gene & Jean Conn, Thomas Kozesky, Dot Wagner, Marilyn Sontheimer, Robert & Nancy Forish, David & Grace Stevens, Marlene Squeglia, Michael & Nancy Algeir and Dan & Janet Fischer

## 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:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **William & Lillian McDonald** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Claire Hanlin Gredler** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Robert T. Miniger** from Erie & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Robert Lindenberger** from Bill & Patty Jackson

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Janice Cole, Ken & Jan Gervasi, Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Carla Orlando and Arlene Piskor

**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.**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kay Mannino, Shirley Winschel

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

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella, Lisa Straub

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

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney, Michele Wheaton, Mary Williams

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

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

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

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

8:00 AM RICHARD HART, MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER

**March 26** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 27** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 28** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**March 29** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 30** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM WILLIAM SCHLAUDECKER

(MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)

**March 31** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

10:30 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK



The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring the *Mother Daughter Tea* on **May 5 from noon to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie.** Enjoy a dress-up tea, which includes time for

bonding, fun and conversation about growing to healthy and holy womanhood. The program is designed for girls 10 and older and their moms. For more information or to register, visit [www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm) or call Kate Whiteford, director of the Chastity Education Office, at 814-824-1259

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**03/26** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

### 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.



## **Advertiser of the Week:**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

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Moving

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Special shout out to our 2019 Parade Committee + Volunteers, MC & DJ,  
Erie Zoo Line-up Coordinators, Facepainter & Photographer



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