

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 31, 2019**



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

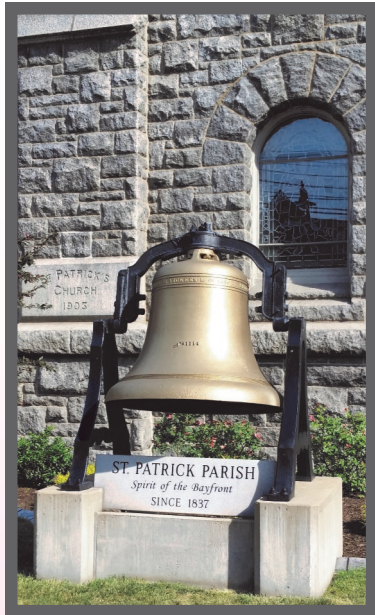
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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**

130 East 4th Street  
Erie, PA 16507

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

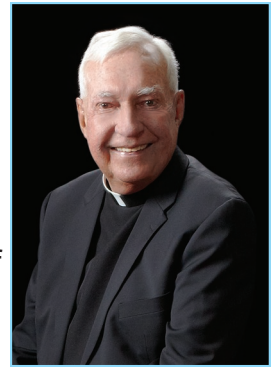
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent. The people are encamped at Gilgal, the first stop in the Promised Land, and their Passover celebration enlivens their hope for the future. It is the beginning of a new stage in Israel's history. The manna that fed them in the desert is done; from now on, they will feed on the fruits of the Promised Land, which the Lord has given. There is no need to fear the enemy; the Lord's words indicate a rupture with the past: "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." The reading highlights three things that are required: obedience to the law, the liturgy, and cultivation in the land for food.

In today's second reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians we learn the extent of God's gift. God has reconciled us through Christ, who gave his own life to save us from sin, but it is up to us to accept that reconciliation and return to the house of the loving Father in our real, everyday lives. Paul's mandate is precise: "entrusting to us the message of reconciliation...on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." Reconciliation is envisioned, above all, as a re-creation of the believer, a "new creation," resurrected in Christ. Paul's "brothers and sisters," having been reconciled to Christ, are sent to the entire world as "ambassadors for Christ."

Our gospel gives us the greatest story of forgiveness found anywhere in the Scriptures, and it is found only in Luke. The loving father exercises incredible patience with his wayward son, but when the son returns, the elder son separates himself from the family on a principle of mistaken righteousness. Of the three, the eldest son is unable to enjoy the fruits of the family home; instead, he ponders his own virtue, meditating on the kid goat he never requested of his father. Rather than rejoice that his father's dearest hope has been realized, he clings to his resentment and refuses to enter the celebration of his brother's return. The eldest son cannot live in a house where the heart is more important than order and



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

discipline, where mercy surpasses justice, where the sinner receives forgiveness without reproach? The parable is a story of the boundless love of a Father, who offered his repentant child the gift of unconditional reconciliation. The eldest son reminds us of the need for a change of heart and mind through discovery of the Father's mercy.

The Catholic Church runs approximately 220,000 schools in all pre-university levels throughout the world, educating more than 65 million children. More than half of the registered students are not Catholic and large numbers not even of other Christian churches.

We recently paid our property taxes to the City of Erie which totaled \$3,524.14. We pay taxes on the rectory, the parking lot, any green space, etc. The only area we don't pay taxes on is what is termed "the sanctuary," ie., the church itself. And we have a responsibility to pay our fair share as we benefit endlessly from services rendered by the city.

The Urban Land Institute was invited to Erie by the Jefferson Society, the city of Erie, the Erie Community Foundation and Erie Insurance to provide recommendations based on the panelists' expertise and experience. The problem statement of their report notes that Erie has seen significant loss of jobs over the past several decades, the population of the city has declined to under 100,000 with much of its housing stock vacant or significantly compromised. However, it notes, "amid these severe problems and challenges a remarkable change has begun to unfold. Erie residents are starting to believe in their city again." It noted that in 1970, 40 percent of its job base was in manufacturing. Today it accounts for 15 percent. As manufacturing decreased, Erie diversified into medical, insurance, education and tourism.

Perhaps the most compelling statement in the report is "The Erie community is in trouble owing to problems shared by many older industrial cities. These are deindustrialization, loss of population, and suburbanization. But while these are extremely hard problems to solve, at root, they are technical, garden variety, clearable hurdles.

Far more noteworthy, is that Erie is in trouble less because of loss of jobs and less because of suburbanization and less because of population loss, and less because of petty bickering with the county, than because of the community's tendency towards self-inflicted wounds...in other words, self-defeating habits and attitudes in Erie are what's really in the way of prosperity." No truer words were ever written.

In the block occupied by St. Patrick's Church, the Land Institute recommends taking part of our parking lot on Holland Street, part of Hamot's and then continuing along East Third Street on the Hamot parking lot until the end of it and redeveloping it with new residential row houses and up to 11 new cottage units enclosing the parking lot. Throughout the downtown area, there is a strong effort to expand housing to get professional people living in the area as well as to hide all of the parking lots from public view.

The suggested plan for the entire Modern Tool block would be to provide new and renovated commercial space of 40,000 to 45,000 square feet for the first floor, between 40 and 50 new residential units on the second and third floors, and parking with 105 to 115 spaces.

We're living at an incredibly exciting moment in the history of this city and St. Patrick's Church sits right in the middle of it.

Our Food Pantry served 434 families during the month of February distributing 9,912 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$265.02. Once again, as is the case every month, the parish did not have to take money out of our operating budget because of your ongoing generous support of the Food Pantry. Our neighbors at the Russian Orthodox Church also offer a Food Pantry but on a much more limited scale than ours and we have talked about merging them.

A priest is walking down the street when he notices a small boy trying to press the doorbell of a house. Unfortunately, the boy is too small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach. After watching the boy's efforts, the priest walks up behind the little guy and gives the doorbell a solid ring. Crouching down to the little boy's level, the priest smiles and asks him, "And now what, my little friend?" The boy replies, "Now we run like hell."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,113.25
Online Giving	<u>1,912.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,025.55

### Catholic Services Appeal 2019

Pledged	\$ 52,840.00
Paid	\$ 35,810.00

*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:

## 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:

- ♦ **Bob Miniger** from Richard & Martha Brown
- ♦ **Harold Koester** from Donald & Karen Kalivoda
- ♦ **Cindy Slick** from Gerald & Susan Kononczyk
- ♦ **Francis Silay** from Ingrid Lombard
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Charles Leingang** from Dale & Amy Nichilo
- ♦ **Roger Czulewicz** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Ray Sullivan** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Gary Watts** from David & Kathy Wagner

Also donations from:

Richard & Margaret Bonniger, Candy Bukowski,  
Geoffrey Gloekler and Bill & Patty Gloekler

**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.

## 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.



Let us **Welcome**  
**Aurora Kathleen Masolotte**  
child of  
Mark & Kathryn (Fischer) Masolotte  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 PM Mass on Sunday



The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Stella Abbato**  
from Judy Emling

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Roseanne Brown,  
Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: ———

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

### Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
Nancy Andrzejewski, Joseph Schneider

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

### Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Karyn Polaski

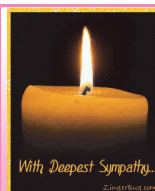
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae,  
Megan Gilmore, Tim Scully

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: ———

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin, Tim Torrey



Deepest Sympathies to the family and friends of **Mildred Biebel, Stella Abbato** and **Ed Brown** who have recently passed away.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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

**April 1** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

**April 2** *Tuesday, Saint Francis of Paola*

8:00 AM CARL CARLOTTI (ROLAND CIACCHINI)

**April 3** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM IRENE MACK (FAMILY)

**April 4** *Thursday, Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MASS

**April 5** *Friday, Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 6** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN & AUDREY KIMBALL  
(MCLAUGHLIN FAMILY)

**April 7** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM MILDRED BIEBEL (DANIEL & JANET FISCHER,  
FRANK & VAL SUROVIEC AND KAREN DIPKO)  
10:30 AM HELEN HODAS KIRSCH (EILEEN & JIM  
MCLAUGHLIN FAMILY)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**03/30** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**04/02** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**04/03** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**04/06** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

*Spring cleaning*

Don't forget, when doing your spring cleaning to donate any unwanted jewelry or purses to the **Erie Irish Festival Jewelry Booth**. You can drop off any gently used jewelry or handbags at the back of the church, gift shop or at the parish office.



## **Auxiliary card party set for April 11**

**St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary** will hold its annual card party April 11 at the St. Mark Catholic Center gymnasium, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the event starting at 6 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person. A light meal will be served. The evening will include grand prizes, a gift auction, a money and lottery tree and more. This is the only major fundraiser to provide support for our seminarians. Thirteen seminarians are currently studying at St. Mark Seminary. Paid reservations will be accepted through April 4 by calling Betsy at 814-504-2720. Tickets will not be available at the door. Auxiliary members will sell grand raffle tickets at parishes the weekend of April 6-7.

## **Office of Faith Formation positions available**

The **Diocese of Erie**, after a fruitful and collaborative diocesan planning process resulting in the creation of the Faith Formation Office, is seeking energetic and faith-driven leaders to serve in the following positions:

- Director of Faith Formation for *Catechesis and Sacraments*
- Director of Faith Formation for *Marriage and Family Life*
- Director of Faith Formation for *Parish Support*
- Director of Faith Formation for *Young Adult and Youth Ministry*

Note that applicants who wish to apply for more than one position should write a separate cover letter for each position. Please go to <https://www.ErieRCD.org/employment.html> for more information on each position and the application process.

## **Multi-media journalist needed**

The Office of Communications of the **Diocese of Erie** is hiring a full-time multi-media journalist. The ideal candidate will be responsible for planning, prioritizing and packaging materials for distribution through all digital and social media platforms, as well as print. For the full position profile and directions on how to apply, go to <https://www.ErieRCD.org/employment.html>.

## **St. Boniface to host Communion Breakfast**

St. Boniface Parish, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, will hold its Communion Breakfast on April 7 immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Guest speaker is Sister Mary Miller, OSB. The cost is \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door, and \$25 for families. For more information, call 814-824-5333.

## **St. Martin Learning Center is NOW HIRING —**

The St. Martin Early Learning Center in Erie is seeking a full-time teachers. Email resumes to [elcresumes@stmartincenter.org](mailto:elcresumes@stmartincenter.org) or mail to 1727 State St., Erie, PA 16501





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

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie and Bishop Lawrence Persico invite you to save the date for **Club CC**, a night to support the good works of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Erie. We will honor Michael Bailey of St. Luke Parish with the 2019 Helping Hands Award. The event will be held at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center on **May 11 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.** Reservation information is available at [www.ClubCCNight.com](http://www.ClubCCNight.com).

## Advertiser of the Week:

We Thank & Welcome

**Cassano's Collision**

323 Holland Street at East 4th St. Erie  
814-504-8542

Rick Cassano Owner/ Parishioner  
for advertising in our Parish bulletin

## Mercy Center of the Arts ~ Spring Open House

The public is invited to **Mercy Center of the Arts – Spring Open House** to be held on **Sunday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at the school located in the lower, north entrance of the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse at 444 E. Grandview Boulevard in Erie.

This coming fall, Mercy Center of the Arts will be entering its 50<sup>th</sup> year of childhood preschool preparation. Hundreds of Erie children have graduated from Mercy Center of the Arts fully prepared for success in Kindergarten and beyond, through a unique curriculum of Music, Art, Science and Engineering. We know your child will too.

Parents or Grandparents of children ages three-, four-, and five-years old are welcome to visit the classrooms, participate in an activity and meet the teachers and administrator. (*\*Children must be potty-trained before attending.*)

Parents may select to send their child(ren) to either a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday schedule, plus a Friday option. The half-day (9:00-11:30 a.m.) of classes each week provide lots of creative, hands-on application of pedagogy and learning.

Registration is limited, so please plan on attending this informative Open House. You will find the low cost tuition, scholarship availability, and quality of education far surpasses other programs. If this date and time are not convenient, we would love to give you a private tour. Please call 824-2519 to make arrangements.

## 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

130 EAST 4TH STREET • ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16507

PHONE: 814/454-8085 • 814/454-6232

FAX: 814/459-8685

March, 2019

Dear Parishioner –

Easter Sunday will be celebrated on April 21, 2019. 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 FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019 so these names can be included in the parish bulletin. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel", written in a cursive style.

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of/In Honor of

From

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