

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017



The Sixth Station of the Cross
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
St. Patrick Church

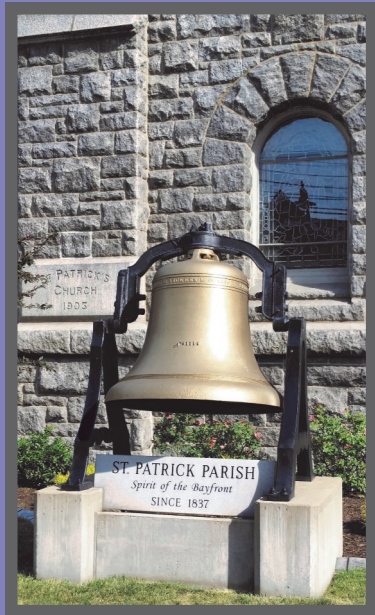
Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass: Monday -Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent. Ezekiel was a priest of the Jerusalem Temple who also served as a prophet among the earliest Judean captives taken to Babylon. By the time of today's reading, the kingdom was at the end; Jerusalem lay in ruin. In exile, the prophet tries to awaken the people to the true cause of their catastrophe: their repeated refusal to hear and obey God's teaching. Twice he refers to the people as "my people," a two-edged sword reminding them of both their failure to act as God's covenant people and the Lord's promise to re-create them as such. Even the people's repeated sin cannot frustrate the divine plan, which always seeks the fullness of life. When God restores the Israelites as a people and returns them to the Promised Land, not only foreign nations but the Lord's own people will know once again the one, true source of life, the God who fulfills promises.

Written near the end of Paul's life, the Letter to the Romans contains the apostle's mature thought, some of which can be difficult to translate. Today Paul attempts to present his native Hebrew thinking in the Greek language. Translated into English, the results can mislead. First century Greek philosophy viewed a human being as a duality, composed of body and soul. On the other hand, ancient Hebrew thought understood the human person and an indivisible unity. To clarify the difference between a person oriented toward Christ and a person without Christ, Paul employed a variety of Greek terms, including *sarx*, in English *flesh*. In English, this word signifies only the physical reality of a human being. But for Paul, someone "in the flesh" refers to a person who is not turned toward Christ, while someone living "in the spirit" indicates a person enlivened by the indwelling presence or the spirit of the Risen Christ.

As with most passages from John's gospel, today's reading must be understood in light of his terminology and perspectives. For John, Jesus is

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

sent to reveal God, but that some people open themselves to this revelation, while others remain closed. John presents a series of "signs" of revelatory encounters with Christ, which people respond to with various levels of believing or rejection. At the time he writes, Judaism is struggling with different interpretations of the Law and the Prophets. Some Jews perceived the Christian movement to be one among other Jewish sects which needs to be corrected or rejected. Those promoting the latter inspire John's generous term, "the Jews." The raising of Lazarus is the last of John's signs and one that elicits faith even from many of "the Jews," laying the groundwork for his death.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and we will have the solemn blessing of Palms at both the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass and the Sunday morning 10:30 AM Mass.

Beginning in the Middle Ages and up until the end of Vatican II (1965), the church had Last Rites, an anointing of a dying person. Families usually called for a priest when someone was near death, and the priest came and administered the sacrament. That was, in reality, a distortion of the originally intended sacrament—the Sacrament of the Sick. Today the sacrament is intended for people who are elderly, seriously ill, undergoing surgery, etc. It is a sacrament that prays for the forgiveness of sin, that prays for healing and good health and prays for the peace of mind of the individual receiving it. If you have an elderly parent or someone who is seriously ill, I would be more than happy to come to the house and give them the sacrament. Just call the office and we will schedule it. What we shouldn't do is wait until someone is near death before receiving the sacrament.

Now that the nice weather is returning, you may encounter a homeless person when you come to church. This neighborhood is one of the safest in town, but a couple of homeless people wander over here hoping to get money from parishioners. Can I plead with you not to give them anything. Every need they have is covered, ie., shelter, food, medical, dental, haircut, etc. Many of these people are mentally ill and can't care for themselves; but if you give them money, they immedi-

ately buy drugs or alcohol. Drugs are rampant among the homeless. I know it sounds cruel to refuse them; but they can't care for themselves and we have to take that responsibility.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, can I ask that you consider doing so? All I ask is that people do what they think they can afford; nothing more. Money raised will go toward our \$74,000 assessment this year and excess funds will be used toward the restoration of our pipe organ.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Bill Bloomstine who is being honored by the John Carroll University Alumni Association with the Alumni Medal, the highest honor awarded annually. The award recognizes an individual for accomplishments in his/her profession, exemplary family and personal life, contributions to their community and dedication to John Carroll University. The ceremony will take place in Cleveland on May 19th.

Saint Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 13,798 pounds of food during the month of February at a cost to the parish of \$1,696.25. The Pantry served 512 households which include 94 elderly and 286 children. Without your ongoing generosity in supporting this ministry, many of these families, particularly children and elderly people would have gone without adequate food.

A group of Hells Angels South Carolina bikers were riding when they saw a girl about to jump off the Pee Dee River Bridge. George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing and says, "Hey, baby, what are you doing?" "I'm going to commit suicide," she replies tearfully. "Well, before you jump, why don't you give old George here your best last kiss?" With no hesitation, she leaned back over the railing and did just that, and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed by another even better one. George gets a thumbs up from his biker-buddies and says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you're missing, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?" She replied, "My parents don't like me dressing like a girl." It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,222.00
Online Giving	<u>1,472.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,694.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 67,071.43
Paid to date	\$ 45,351.43
% of Parishioners	16 %
# of Parishioners	146

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Nancy Sell-Dane
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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Msgr. William Biebel** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Anna Finichio, Vera Woodka, Frank Woodka** from James Malone
- ♦ **Kay & Dan Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Luke Purvis** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **John Rewers** from Phil & Denise Rewers

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and Mary Williams

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

HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

If anyone knows of a friend or family member living in a nursing facility, assisted living center or a shut-in that would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish office at 454-8085



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2017

Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass, April 8, 2017: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday, April 9, 2017: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM
Passion and Veneration of the Cross, 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish offices are closed
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power—Jesus**

Jay Habas—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers: **Jay Habas, Bill Power,
Carolyn Power**

Greeters: **Bob & Diane Boeh**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

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

Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Audrey Reigel**

Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,
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Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ryan Palm—Jesus**

Ed Smith—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers: **Kathleen Pae, Ed Smith,
Ryan Palm**

Greeters: **2 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers**



166 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE LEPRECHAUN CONTROVERSY

Another Saint Patrick's day has come and gone and while hangovers may linger, the accoutrement of the celebration is slowly disappearing—all of the cardboard leprechauns, leprechaun costumes, leprechaun window clings, and other leprechaun themed bric a brac are now lovingly tucked back into attic or basement. But not everyone loves the leprechaun like we do. In fact, in Ireland, the little fellow has become a rather large controversy that came to a head a few years ago when an enterprising Irish furniture designer opened the "National Leprechaun Museum" in Dublin.

You see, many Irish find the modern image of the leprechaun, the feisty little green clad imp jealously guarding his pot of gold, insulting. They see it as a vulgar stereotype of the Irish—something the Americans use to sell sugary cereal to their kids and an image that perpetuates the Irish as hooligans and drinkers. Much as recent efforts to correct the image of Native Americans or African Americans include the removal of sports mascots or derogatory images from popular culture, many Irish would like to do away with the modern leprechaun as an Irish cultural symbol.

The leprechaun of Irish folklore is a very different fellow in many respects from the Americanized version who pushes marshmallow bits in one's breakfast or challenges the Purdue Boilermakers on the gridiron. Leprechauns in Ireland are just one of a large number of fairy folk and in some circles are thought to be the somewhat aberrant offspring of fairies because of their dispositions and appearance. They wear red, not green. They are all shoemakers, and rather good at it, since they are also all rich, though it is not generally known how they acquired those pots of gold. They are solitary creatures and in the history of Ireland there has never been a sighting or indeed any record of a female leprechaun. Perhaps for this reason, they are an endangered species, protected under European Union law, with a protected habitat near the town of Carlingford. There are 236 remaining leprechauns living thereabouts according to the EU statute.

Happily, you will find no controversy when you bring your children and grand children to the Erie Irish Festival's Leprechaun Village--only fun, education, and entertainment, which, thanks to the generous nature of our sponsors, is free to all.

Short on time, but long on ideas? Email us, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 1 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00 PM MATT LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN)

April 2 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM RUSSELL TACCONE (TACCONE FAMILY)

10:30 AM HELEN MILLER

(BILL & KATHY MASEK & FAMILY)

April 3 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

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

8:00 AM CYNTHIA R. MCLAUGHLIN

(MARGE PATRIZIA & CAROL GEHRLEIN)

April 5 *Wednesday, Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

8:00 AM FRANCES MAGOC, ANNIV. (MICHELE WHEATON)

April 6 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM ARTHUR CASEY (PAT & SUZANNE REIGEL)

April 7 *Friday, Saint John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

April 8 *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

5:00 PM ROCCO & PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI AND

DECEASED RELATIVES (FAMILY)

April 9 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (VIKI WEBER)

10:30 AM PHYLLIS KUKLINSKI (KEN & ALICE DAUB)

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=Rectorry

04/01 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/04 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/05 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month:

April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Parents, guardians and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today's fast-paced world. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. Visit the NCMEC web site at www.missingkids.com and check out the helpful topics. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Author to speak about Pope Francis at Blasco Library

Thomas Rourke, a professor of political science at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, will deliver a talk on his recently released book, *The Roots of Pope Francis's Social and Political Thought*, on April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Peninsula Room of the Blasco Library in Erie.



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 914 Fulton Street, Erie

Walnut, Poppy Seed, and Apricot roll sale. Pre-order by calling Michael Kuzma (814)969-0497 or (814) 823-4753. Pastries are freshly baked the night before and will be ready for pickup Palm Sunday, April 9th at Holy Family School, 1153 E 9th St. All rolls are **\$10.00**



Loftus Lecture to feature sacred Scripture professor

The annual Thomas J. and Mary H. Loftus Lecture on Catholic Thought and Action at Gannon University will feature Father Thomas Hurst, PSS, associate professor of sacred Scripture at St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore. Father Hurst will speak April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Yehl Alumni Room at the Waldron Campus Center. The lecture—titled “Opportunities and Challenges: Forming Future Priests”—is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO—

Friday, April 21, 2017



Blessed Sacrament

NEW YORK

School is holding a Purse Bingo to benefit their education fund. Doors will open at 4:40 pm with Bingo starting at 6:00 pm. BYOB, food will be available for purchase or you can bring your own. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the parish office (454-0171) or on line at the school website, bsschoolerei.org.



MICHAEL KORS

St. Paul's Spaghetti and meatball dinner—



St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut St., Erie will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Sunday, April 30th following 11 a.m. Mass. Adults \$8/child \$4. Take-out is available.

Young men invited to St. Andrew Dinner

The next St. Andrew Dinner (men's vocation dinner) will be held at Our Lady of Peace School, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, on April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. This dinner is designed for young men striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives and to be open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood. Please RSVP to the Our Lady of Peace office at 814-833-7701.



Join Bishop Lawrence Persico, Fr. Rich Toohey, Fr. David Renne, Fr. Mike Polinek, and other guest priests, as they share their vocations stories with you.

Bus trip organized to see 'Jonah'

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park is hosting a bus trip May 2-3 to Lancaster, Pa., to see the Sight & Sound biblical presentation of “Jonah.” Call Marion Armstrong at 814-897-7707 for more information or to reserve a seat.



Positions open with St. Jude Campus Summer Program

Positions are currently available for the 2017 St. Jude Campus Summer Program, which runs from June 12 to Aug. 18. Open positions include director, teachers, aides and cafeteria workers. Teachers are responsible for planning daily activities centered on a weekly theme. Two teachers are hired per grade level and both will work out a weekly schedule of 26.25 hours. The first shift is 7:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; the second shift is from 12:15 to 5:30 p.m. Pay for certified teachers is \$12 per hour, adult aides, \$10 per hour, and high school student aides, \$8 per hour. All are welcome to submit an email stating their interest by April 3 to Crystal Lander at finance@stjudeapos.org.

Summer Child Care—

Parents, if you are looking for summer child care the Blessed Sacrament Adventure Program is now accepting registrations for children preschool through sixth grade. The program begins on June 12th and ends on August 18th. Please contact the school office at 455-1387.



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

National Pastoral Musicians to host Songfest

The Erie Diocese Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians will host its annual Spring Banquet and Songfest, "Singing the Music of the Seasons," on April 23 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro.



House of Mercy to host tea in April

The Sisters of Mercy House of Mercy Spring Tea will be held April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School's Scheffner Hall, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Tickets are \$25 and are available by contacting Sister Michele Schroeck, RSM, at michele.schroeck@gmail.com or at 814-898-0167.



Save the date for the Mother-Daughter Tea



The Mother Daughter Tea will be held. The Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring the annual event on April 23 from 1 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 conversations about growing to healthy and holy womanhood. The program is designed for girls age 10 and older and their moms. For more information or to register, visit www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm or call Kate Whiteford, director of the Chastity Education Office, at 814-824-1259.

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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