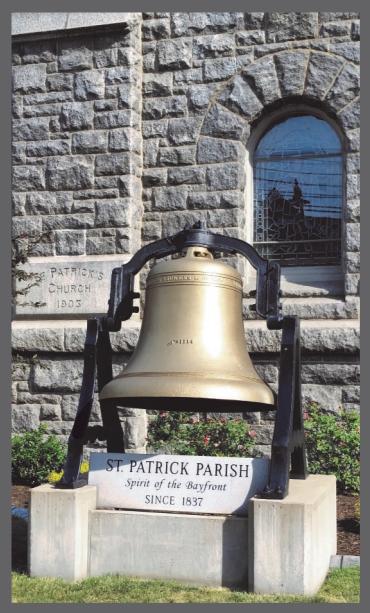


Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019



The Second Station of the Cross
Jesus carries His cross
St. Patrick Church
photo by John Baker

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



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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

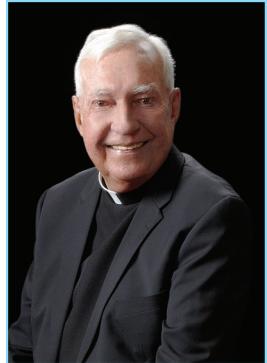
Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

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. The first reading encourages the chosen people to look forward to the day of their liberation from exile in Babylon. It recalls the exodus from Egypt but, more so, God's voice sets the present generation on the road to Jerusalem and the future. The new exodus will be even more marvelous than the previous one; God will again pave a highway, and the wilderness will be transformed into a paradise, where wild animals will honor their creator and the chosen people will drink from abundant streams.



The event on the road to Damascus (recounted in Acts 9) transformed Paul. Elsewhere he stressed the power of God's graces; here he gives his personal assessment: "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Paul desires to be fully identified with Christ, conscious that he will not achieve this by his own efforts but by God's grace and "righteousness" or "justice." This justice is illustrated in today's gospel, when he tells of grace extended to the adulterous woman, who is a figure of God's people. The new justice to which Paul refers is exercised through the restored relationship that springs from merciful love. Adhering to Christ means giving up self-sufficiency "that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ."

On Mt. Sinai God engraved the ten commandments on two stone tablets. In today's gospel, the evangelist tells how the Son of God writes on the Palestinian soil. Hoping to trap Jesus, some Pharisees and scribes present a woman caught in adultery to Jesus, insisting, "Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women, So what do you say?" They were right. The law condemns the woman and her partner to death. Jesus does not argue with them, but raises the argument to another level. He reinterprets what God wrote on the tablets of the law: "Jesus bent

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

down and began to write on the ground with his finger." Jesus traces in the topsoil the new law of grace. And look at what he wrote, not a list of sins, etc., but the new law "Love your neighbor as yourself" or "Do not judge and you will not be judged." In the woman, Jesus recognizes the people he came to save. She is Israel of yesterday, the people not always faithful to God; and she is the church of tomorrow, whom Jesus loves and for whom he will sacrifice himself, to release her from slavery to sin. Jesus came not to judge, but to forgive and save.

The Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico has joined a growing number of dioceses in the West who are moving Confirmation to the day of First Communion. Bishop James Wall noted that Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, as is Baptism, and they need to be linked much closer together. "Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation long after the reception of Holy Communion, tends to weaken the understanding of the bond and relationship that the Sacraments of Initiation have with one another," wrote the bishop. He also added that "An alarming percentage of our Catholic children who were baptized and received First Holy Communion, do not continue their formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and in too many cases, never receive the Sacrament."

I can tell you that my experience here is that more and more of our young people are opting not to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which is now offered in their junior year of high school. At that level of school, their schedules are already full and they do not want to add all of the time that is necessary for the preparation for the sacrament. If you look at the annual diocesan report on sacraments, you will see a noticeable decrease in the number of confirmations. In more and more of the couples I marry, I often find one or another has not been confirmed. Pope Francis has asked that bishops move Confirmation to the day of First Communion.

Over 1,000 new Russian Orthodox parishes opened this past year, an average of 2-3 a day. In addition, 40% of Russian school children choose to take the course, "Foundation of Orthodox Culture" as part of their education. There are also 182 more Russian Orthodox bishops than 10

years ago. The church estimates that at the current rate of growth, the number of parishes in the Russian church would double within 25-30 years, reaching levels not seen since the revolution. If you're my age or older, you remember the old Latin Mass, at the end of which we always prayed for the conversion of Russia. It's happening. Those prayers worked.

Eric Albright, Festival chair, asked me to put a note in the bulletin asking if anyone has a warehouse with empty space where we could store a lot of the festival things. We have been purchasing kitchen equipment so we don't have to rent it; but our problem now is finding enough space to store all of it.

Due to recent changes in tax law, it may be beneficial to you to consider making a donation to the parish through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). A Qualified Charitable Distribution is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a qualified charity under Internal Revenue Code 501 ©(3). You must be age 70 1/2 or older to be eligible to make a QCD. QCD's are limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. This excludes non-deductible contribution IRAs. The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. For a QCD to count towards your current year's requirement minimum distribution (RMD), the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, generally Dec. 31st. This current year we have a number of parishioners who made a one-time contribution out of their IRA to cover their weekly contributions as well as the CSA. You might want to talk to your tax advisor about this.

In ancient Greece, a man came running up to Socrates with gossip he's heard about Diogenes. "Before you tell me," interrupted Socrates, "are you sure that what you are to tell me is true?" "No," admitted the man. "Is what you are about to tell me about Diogenes something good?" "No, but he...." "Will this news benefit me?" "No, but Diogenes ..." "If what you want to tell me is not true, not good, and of no benefit, why tell me at all?" The man walked away in shame. And that's how Socrates never found out that Diogenes was fooling around with his wife.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,727.00
Online Giving	<u>1,577.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,304.30
Catholic Services Appeal 2019	
Pledged	\$ 63,090.00
Paid	\$ 42,780.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us *Welcome*
Teegan Christine Nutter

and

Tenley Elizabeth Nutter

children of

Sean & Katelyn (Kaveney) Nutter
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday

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

- ◆ **My wife, Mildred** from Robert Biebel
- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Dorothy Chessario** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ◆ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Edward Snyder, Linda Winkelman, David Snyder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ◆ **McGraw-Guth and Lynch-Swaney** families from Dan & Mary Lee Lynch
- ◆ **Jeff Bomba** from St. Patrick's Day Get-together
- ◆ **Katie Abbott** from Stan & Roselle Walkiewicz
- ◆ **Phyllis, Robert and Gale Williams** from Mary Williams

Also donations from:

Richard & Margaret Bonniger, Candy Bukowski,
Geoffrey Gloekler, Bill & Patty Gloekler, Kathleen
Horan, Charla Leemhuis and James Malone

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.



Deepest Sympathies to the family and friends of **Joseph DeAngelo** who recently passed away.

A Family Perspective—

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and putting downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 6 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**
5:00 PM WILLIAM MC LAUGHLIN & AUDREY KIMBALL
(MC LAUGHLIN 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
MC LAUGHLIN FAMILY)
- April 8 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI, ANNIV. (ESTATE)
- April 9 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM THOMAS COOK, ANNIV. (CRAIG HAMMON)
- April 10 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGIE KONTUR)
- April 11 Thursday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 12 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 13 Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**
5:00 PM EDWARD & THOMAS HEUBEL
(DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)
- April 14 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
8:00 AM LUNG DONOR (DAN & MARY LEE LYNCH)
10:30 AM MYRON JONES (MARLENE JONES)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 04/06** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
04/09 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
04/10 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
04/13 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month– Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility:

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7).* To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

If you are disabled and cannot walk to receive communion, please help the Eucharistic Ministers by putting a white stole on the end of the pew, (The stoles are available in the vestibule on the bookshelf.) AND please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

Catch 'Beauty and the Beast' at MPS Performing Arts Center—

The Mercyhurst Preparatory School Performing Arts Department will present "Beauty and the Beast" April 11-13 at 7:00 PM, and April 14 at 2:00 PM at the MPS Performing Arts Center (PAC), 538 E Grandview Blvd., Erie. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door.



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

~1531 E Grandview Blvd., Erie PA~

FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

4-7 PM

Friday, April 12th and Friday, April 26th.

Dine In or Carry Out

Adults—\$10.00

Children (7-12) \$5.00

Six & under are FREE

All are welcome to participate in the **Benedictines for Peace Good Friday Pilgrimage for Peace April 19 beginning at 11a.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, W. 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie.** The suffering caused by the climate crisis and the need for effective environmental action will be the focus of prayer and reflection at the following stops; Griswold Park, the Federal Building, the stage at Perry Square, the Governor's office at Second and State Streets, and the tip of Dobbin's Landing. There also will be a water blessing ritual at the fishing pier on the west of lower State Street. Between stops, participants will walk in silence on a route through the city.

A chartered bus will be available for those who choose to ride for all or part of the pilgrimage. For those returning to Mount St. Benedict at the end of the pilgrimage, the bus will be available at W. 10th and Sassafras.



Great Lakes Hospice

(Now known as Family Hospice—part of UPMC Home Healthcare)

Spring Memorial Service

Please join us for this Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 @ 5:30 PM
(Please plan to arrive by 5:15 PM)

**St. John's Lutheran Church
2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA**

For more information contact Cathy McKenzie at
877-6527

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 50th 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.



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 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.

Advertiser of the Week:

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Saint Patrick Parish

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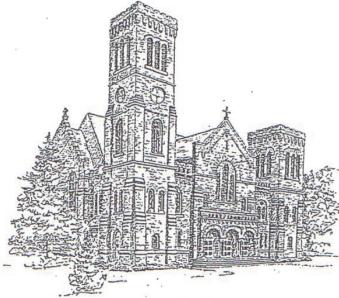
New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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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,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of/In Honor of

From
