

Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018



Palm Sunday
St. Patrick Church
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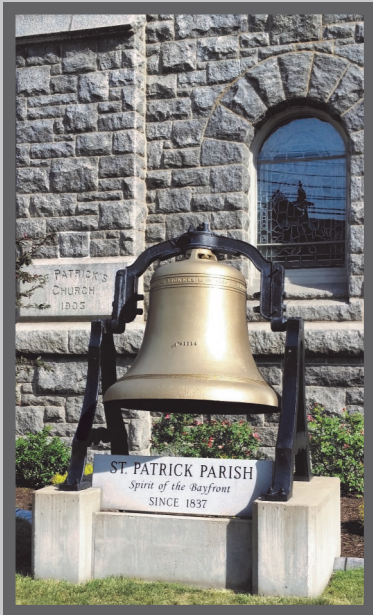
Saint Patrick Parish

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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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 Second Sunday of Easter. Normally our first reading comes from the OT, but during the Easter season it will be from Acts of the Apostles. Acts is the story of the early church, beginning in Jerusalem and ending in Rome. Luke intersperses events and speeches with summaries of the church's growth. There are four summaries in the book, the first of which is composed of the teaching of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread and the prayers. Today's reading is the second summary which describes how the early church grew even after Peter and John had been ordered by the leaders in Jerusalem not to preach in Jesus' name. Today's emphasis is on how they lived a communal life, sharing everything.

In the second reading, John addresses the community as beloved, as believers and as children of God. These three descriptions are intricately woven together, for believing and loving are actions that result in becoming children of God. Believing is a major motif in this reading because of false prophets who were leading people away from the truth. The opening verse stresses a core dimension of the content of Christian belief: Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God who fulfilled God's promise of an anointed descendant of King David. The community also believes that Jesus is the son of God. Belief in Jesus as the Son of God leads to the victory that overcomes "the world," signifying that part of creation associated with darkness. The letter emphasizes the connection between love of God and love of neighbor.

Today's familiar reading has Jesus appearing twice, both times on the first day of the week. In both scenes he greets them with "Peace be with you," assuring his fearful disciples that he has conquered death, and that he has fulfilled the promises he made to them at their last meal together. He had said then that peace was his farewell to them and that he would return to them.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

He also promised the Spirit and today he imparts the promised Spirit. Between the two appearances is the familiar story of Thomas who comes to believe because he sees; but Jesus proclaims we are blessed who believe and do not see.

Have you considered a gift to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal? That drive is currently underway in the parish. Funds generated in this drive provide monies for Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, etc. and is the largest single source of income for the diocese. Each parish is assessed a set amount and any money raised over that is to remain in the parish. Our assessment this year is \$84,000, and I'm hoping we can generate extra money to replace the tiles in the church vestibule and the back of church. All I ask is that you think about it. Some of you can't do anything; that is fine. Others can make a donation, and I simply ask that you consider it.

The Pew Research Institute has released a study showing that peoples regard of Pope Francis is, for the very first time, colored by their political leanings. The survey shows signs of "growing discontent with Francis among Catholics on the political right, with increasing share of Catholic Republicans saying they view Francis unfavorably, and that they think he is too liberal and naïve." In 2014, one year into his papacy, there was "no discernible difference between the share of Catholic Republicans (90%) and Democrats (89%) who expressed a favorable view of him. Today, by contrast, the pope's rating is 10 points higher among Catholic Democrats (89%) than among Catholic Republicans. (79%)." Despite these differences, he still enjoys a favorable rating from the overwhelming number of Catholics.

Work continues on the pipe organ with some of the ranks of pipes have already been put in place up in the balcony. There is still a great deal of work to be completed, and Organ Supply is not yet able to speculate on a date when it will be complete and we can use it again.

As I mentioned earlier, once the organ is in place, we are going to replace all of the tile in the back of church as well as carpet the balcony. Both are in great need for repair. Work will also be completed on the men's restroom in church.

Insulation has been placed over the windows behind the pipe organ so that the hot and cold air coming in through those windows will no longer damage the organ. We think that when the pipes were removed is the very first time that people have seen these windows. We know that the pipe organ was in place when the church was first opened to the public, so they would not have seen them at that time. They're beautiful windows and it seems a shame to cover them up, but we have to do that to protect the organ. The insulation that has been installed can easily be removed at any point in the future.

The very ornate, Victorian organ console that was part of the original pipe organ was literally thrown out in the 1970s and replaced with a rather bland, nondescript console. Since we have the blue prints for the original console, it is being built and will look exactly as the original one did. I've seen the partially finished console, and it is absolutely beautiful. When everything is complete, you will be able to go in the balcony and see the console and restored organ.

Celebrant of our weekend Masses this weekend is Father Jason Mitchell of Gannon University. I am in Charlottesville, VA to perform the wedding for the son of parishioners.

Last week I paid our property and school taxes to the City of Erie for a total of \$4,700.

America, the Jesuit magazine, recently published some data on Mass attendance which shows that on a typical weekend, 26% of Catholics attend Mass. That contrasts with a typical weekend in 1958 when 62% of Catholics attended Mass. The data also showed that 68% of Catholics go to Mass on Christmas and 52% on Easter.

In a separate report, the same journal reported that Americans purchase 146 million pounds of candy for Easter at a cost of \$823 million.

For their 10th anniversary, a couple had dinner at the Ocean View Restaurant because the wine selection was good. For the 25th, they had dinner at the Ocean View because it was quiet. For the 50th, they went to the Ocean View because it was wheelchair accessible. And for their 60th anniversary, they went to the Ocean View because they'd never been there before.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection (3-25-18)	\$ 10,409.32
Online Giving	<u>1,334.30</u>
Total	\$ 11,743.62
Catholic Services Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 79,095.00
Total Paid	\$ 52,745.00
Total Families	170

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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Thomas Klaus** from Judy Emling & Georgia Komorek
- ♦ **Ronald Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Deborah Musloff
- ♦ **Olive Blair & Ray Blair** from Barbara Rothman
- ♦ **Phyllis & Robert Williams, Gale Williams** from Mary Williams
- ♦ **Teresa Callaghan, JoAnn & Abby Church** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan

Also donations from:

Fred Covatto, Dr. Forrest & Shirley Mischler, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, John & Cynthia Purvis, Mark & Annette Rennie, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Vikki Scully, Frank Victor & Melissa Brasco, Richard & Mary Beth Wachter and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 435

A **Special Thank You** to Jim & Karen Bomba along with the Cathedral Prep coaches & friends who donated an enormous amount of diapers to the Food Pantry in memory of their son, Jeff Bomba.

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Thomas & Edward Heubel
from Heubel family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kay Mannino

CUP: Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Ed Smith, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Michele Wheaton, Patty Jackson

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Michel Wheaton, Susan Merski,
Mary Frick, Tim Torrey

Additional Easter Flower Memorials...

Mary Beth Abbott

IMO Katie Abbott, Jillian Abbott, Dundon
family, Mary Jane Clark, Michele Hertel

David & Gretchen Durney

IMO Hug & Margaret Gallagher

Richard E. Filippi family

IMO Frank & Ines Filippi

Joe Kormosh

IMO Helen Kormosh, Joseph Kormosh

Patricia Marchant

IMO Jane Marchant, Carol Conyngham

Tom & Colleen Welch

IMO Thomas L. Welch, Catherine T. Welch,
Anthony & Louise Spenik, Joan McKeown

LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 7 *Saturday, Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy*

5:00 PM CHARLES TRUDNOWSKI
(JIM & KATHY SERTZ)

April 8 *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM JEFF BOMBA (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

April 9 *Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 10 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGIE KONTUR)

April 11 *Wednesday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM MARY MCCARTHY (MARY LOU SCOTTINO)

April 12 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

April 13 *Friday, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

April 14 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS
(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

April 15 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"
10:30 AM JACKIE VOMMARO (KEN & ALICE DAUB)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

04/07 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/08 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR

04/10 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/11 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/14 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Protection Month: Be Vigilant.

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children. And we must always communicate our concerns to the appropriate parties. Sometimes this means communicating our safety concerns to our children. And sometimes this means communicating our concerns about seemingly inappropriate behavior to those who are in a position to intervene. Parents must also listen carefully to their children and adults who interact with them. When children exhibit dramatic behavioral changes, adults must find out what caused the changes. Being aware of what's happening with our children means talking to, listening to, and observing them – at every opportunity. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Mothers and daughters Invited to annual tea

All mothers (or female role models) and their daughters, ages 11 to 13, are welcome to attend an annual Mother-Daughter Tea sponsored by the Chastity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie.



- April 15, noon to 4:30 p.m., St. Mark Catholic Center, 439 East Grandview Blvd., Erie

The cost is \$15 per family, with an early-bird rate of \$12 if the reservation is received two weeks before the event. The cost includes time for discussion, games and refreshments. For more information and to register, go to www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm and click on "TEA" under the Events tab. To register by phone, call Kate Whiteford at 814-824-1259.



Defining Hope is a documentary film that weaves together the stories of persons with life-threatening illness, and the nurses who guide them, as they make choices about how they want to live, how much medical technology they can accept, and what they hope for. The film offers an inspiring message about bringing back power to the patient and helping people understand that they have choices when confronting life threatening illness and deciding on care.

Monday, April 16, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM

Tom Ridge Environmental Center
301 Peninsula Drive

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Donation: \$10.00

All proceeds benefit Great Lakes Hospice

For tickets, visit www.hamothealthfoundation.org/hope
Or call 814.877.6913

This evening is made possible thanks to the generous support of
Pauline Stevens, in memory of Dr. Richard Stevens

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.





Great Lakes Hospice Memorial Service

Please join us for this
Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 @ 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

Just two more weeks until 1:38 Women—register now!

Are you looking to discover Intimacy with God and love in your life? Do you want to bring hope into the world? Then join your sisters from across the Diocese of Erie and beyond for the fourth annual 1:38 Women's conference. This day of inspiration, spiritual growth and worship, open to women of all faiths, will feature national speakers—including Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, Katie Hartfiel, and Patty Schneier--adoration, reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico.

The conference will be held at the Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (check-in begins at 8 am). Registration is only \$40 per person, \$35 for senior citizens or groups of 8, \$25 for college students, \$10 for high school students, and free for religious sisters and includes lunch and free parking.

For more information and to register visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364

Catholic Charities Club CC Night

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie is pleased to announce Club CC Night, a celebration and continuation of the good works of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, on Saturday, May 12, at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. The lounge-like setting will feature delicious food and drinks, dancing and entertainment, all for a wonderful cause.

Local comedienne Lisa Chimenti-Foster will portray Sister Agnes as the evening's toastmistress. Cleveland Nightclub DJ Brent Schmidt will offer music covering everything from the Rat Pack through today's hits.

Ann and Charlie Rutkowski will be honored with the Helping Hands Award, given for outstanding service to both church and community. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ClubCCNight.com or call 814-824-1251.

Advertiser of the Week:

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602 West 10th St.—814-454-4551
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

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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



April 2, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Erie is blessed with sixty-two priests who have reached retirement age. By their own choice thirteen still have Diocesan assignments. Since their ordination, these priests have served in a majority of the 97 parishes in our Diocese. Although they may be “retired”, many remain active, providing sacramental ministry in parishes and often substituting for priests to allow them to get time off.

Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday. Since 2007, the Diocese of Erie has taken up the Good Shepherd Collection on Good Shepherd Sunday so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for our priests – those already retired and those still in active ministry.

The response to the annual Good Shepherd Collection has been one of overwhelming generosity by you, the people of the Diocese! It tells me that you love these priests who have devoted their entire priesthood to God and to you. The Good Shepherd Collection helps provide needed funding toward retirement and health care for these faithful priests. As the number of priests reaching retirement age continues to grow each year, so does the need for continued support for them.

Contributions to the “Good Shepherd Collection” can be made at your parish or online at: www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will help make a difference in the lives of our priests. This collection should not be confused with the Retirement Fund for Religious, taken in December for consecrated women and men belonging to religious orders. That collection does not benefit our diocesan priests.

Please pray for all our priests and that our Diocese will be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord to the priesthood. I know our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity to retired priests through the annual Good Shepherd Collection.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie