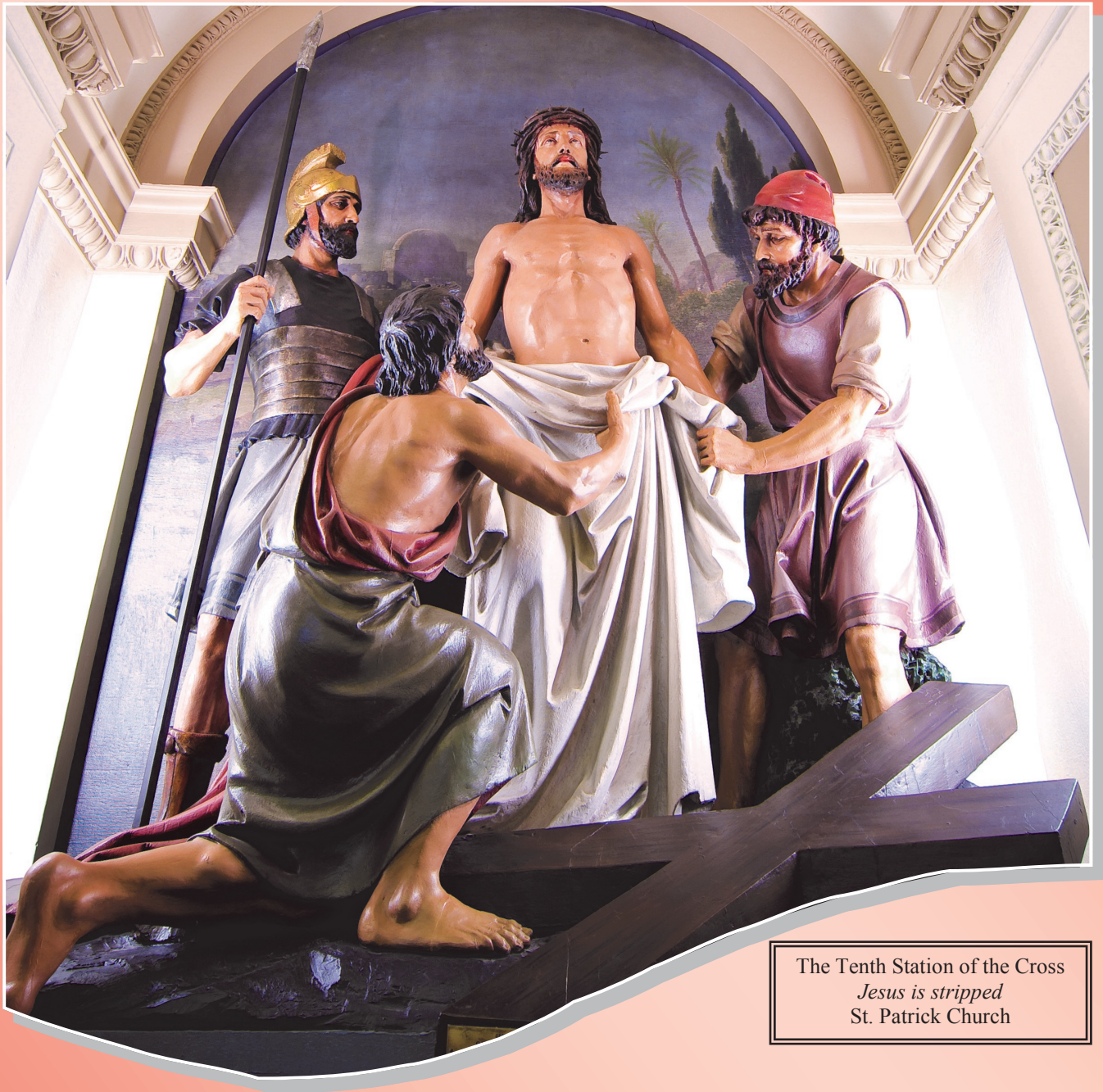


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 14, 2019



The Tenth Station of the Cross
Jesus is stripped
St. Patrick Church

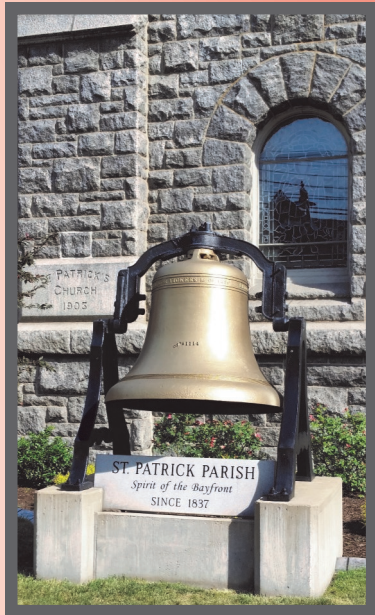
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Daily Mass: Monday -Thursday 8 AM

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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 Palm Sunday and we begin with the great procession into Jerusalem. People were laying their cloaks on the ground for the donkey to walk on. It appears that the crowd is composed of people whose lives Jesus had changed, perhaps the once-blind Bartimaeus, Martha and Mary, his mother, other disciples, all caught up in the festive atmosphere. Residents of the neighborhood of the Mount of Olives left their houses to greet the pilgrims. But how quickly the crowd will turn from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him."

In our first reading for Mass, Isaiah describes a mysterious Servant, called by God, whose suffering will win the life of the people. The Servant is not identified; he may be the people of Israel, or a prophet like Moses or Jeremiah, or a person yet to come. His fate prefigures that of the humble Christ, who did not resist the Father's will and was not excused from suffering evil, and he remained confident even to the sacrifice on the cross. In the Christian context, we recognize Christ, the Lamb of God, sacrificed to take away the sin of the world. The suffering of this servant anticipates the Paschal mystery of Christ.

In our second reading this Christological hymn presents the contrast between Jesus' humiliation from death and his exaltation above every other name. Christ did not hold on to divine privilege; rather, he was born in human flesh and became the servant of all, selfless to the point of accepting death on a cross. An interpretation is that Christ is the replica of Adam, the image of God as was Adam, but unlike Adam, he did not work that privilege to his own advantage. The hymn draws a parallel between the pride and disobedience of Adam and the humility and service of the Son of God.

We read our Passion from Luke and we begin with the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper and then move to the sheer agony of the Garden which must be understood as a complete

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

abandonment to the will of the Father. We are then introduced to Judas and listen as Jesus is the faithful witness, strong in his declarations before the Sanhedrin and humble before the mockery, the blows, and the bitter hatred toward him. Note that Luke, who has more women in his gospel than any other, has women as the witnesses at the crucifixion. It will be to a woman whom the resurrected Jesus will appear for the first time.

Dioceses throughout the country are noting a sharp decrease in donations to diocesan wide projects. Pastors report that parish donations remain strong, but that people seem to have lost confidence in their bishops because of the cover-up of the abuse scandal and are closing their purse strings. Notable exceptions are in dioceses where the bishop has been totally transparent about what is going on and sharing information about abuse openly. That certainly is the case in our own diocese with the way Bishop Persico has handled all of this. "People love their parish, but they've lost trust in the bishops," said Father John Mello, the pastor of two urban parishes in the Fall River, MA diocese. CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) reports that the percentage of lay Catholics who had donated to diocesan financial appeals had declined from 38 percent in April 2002 to around 29 percent today. "We know in the past that Catholics haven't been affected in their giving to their parishes, but the abuse scandal has affected their giving to diocesan collections. We have evidence of that, said Mark Gray, the director of CARA Catholic polls.

To date, the abuse scandals have cost American dioceses \$3.8 billion in total settlements. At least 16 dioceses have filed for bankruptcy protection since 2004.

Remember that next Saturday is Holy Saturday and there cannot be a Vigil Mass at the usual 5 PM time. The Easter Vigil will be held at 8:30 PM and the regular Sunday morning Masses will be at 8 and 10:30.

The *Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae*, a yearbook released each year in Rome this year showed the number of Catholics growing more rapidly than the overall population in Africa and Asia. In the Americas the Catholic population is

growing, although not as quickly as over-all growth. In Europe the numbers remained flat. The yearbook also shows a decline in the number of candidates for the priesthood worldwide. Again the figures for Africa and Asia were more promising, while in the Americas and especially in Europe the decline was more severe.

The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday and Good Friday as well as Easter Monday.

Our maintenance people have finished almost completely re-plastering the side hallway entrance to the church and the Food Pantry. I had no idea it was in as bad a condition as it was. As they finish that area and re-paint it, they are going to start on the walls in the east sacristy. They are also in terrible condition. We have to remember that the plaster on these walls is over a hundred years old. At the cathedral, the plaster is so bad that paint won't stick to it, and they are in the midst of a four year \$4.5 million project to replace every square inch of plaster in the building.

Last fall, the gas company dug up the entire area in front of the rectory between the sidewalk and the street. It's been mud all winter, and as soon as the weather breaks, we'll get it seeded. There is a sprinkler system in there which will keep it watered.

I can't thank you enough for your generous support of the Catholic Services Appeal. As you know we have an \$88,000 assessment and anything raised above that stays in the parish. I have been trying to build up an endowment for the parish so that there will be a source of income in the future. That endowment exists solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. It presently has almost \$200,000 in it and I would love to get it to \$500,000. Any monies raised above and beyond our assessment are going in that endowment.

Looking down at his patient, the doctor decided to tell him the truth: "I feel I should tell you that you are a very sick man. The situation is complex and confusing, and things don't look too promising. Now, is there anyone you would like to see?" Bending down toward the man, the doctor heard a feeble yes. "Who is it?" asked the doctor. In a slightly stronger tone, the sufferer said, "Another doctor."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 10,105.00
Online Giving	2,132.00
Total Income	\$ 12,237.00

Catholic Services Appeal 2019	
Pledged	\$ 68,915.00
Paid	\$ 45,330.00

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

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Mark & Eileen Behringer
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben & Delaney
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Raymond E. Fiorelli** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Francis Silay** from Food Pantry Volunteers
- ♦ **Ed Brown** from Bob & Gerry Macosko and Ron & Sherry Metz
- ♦ **Louise Battaglia** from Pauline Stevens

Also donations from:

Jim & Wendy Bahm, Maggie Bahm, Ed Chizewick,
Joe & Heather Kimball, BJ & Barb Lechner,
Ken & Pattie Marchant, Rob & Patti Oligeri,
Susan Walker Scott and Keith & Amy Szewczyk

Special Thank You!!!
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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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Ruth Gray
from Tom Gray & family*

Ministry Schedule

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, Mass, April 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Ministers: **2 NEEDED**

Good Friday, April 19, 2019 at 12:00 PM
Stations of the Cross

Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 2:00 PM
Lector: Spoken Parts—Mary Beth Pinto
Jesus—Dario Cipriani
Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae,
Mary Beth Pinto, Shirley Winschel

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
April 20, 2019 at 8:30 pm

Lector: Jay Habas
Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Wendy Sadlier, Kay Mannino
Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers
Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
3 NEEDED

EASTER SUNDAY,
April 21, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Steve Scutella, Anne Scutella
Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,
Mike Nies

Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 10:30 am
Lector: Dario Cipriani
Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Ray Fiorelli,
Ed Smith, Roseanne Brown, Colleen Welch,
1 NEEDED
Greeters: **NEEDED**
Ushers: Dave Taccone, Chuck Agresti, Tom Welch,
3 NEEDED

A Family Perspective—

Today Jesus tells us “I am among you as one who serves.” In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as “one who serves.” Selfless service defines a family as Christian

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

April 15 *Monday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM EUGENE & CLARA KING (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

April 16 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ (FAMILY)

April 17 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELLA, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

April 18 *Holy Thursday*

5:00 PM MASS

April 19 *Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Good Friday*

12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
2:00 PM PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

April 20 *Saturday, Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:30 PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

April 21 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE (CHARLOTTE MABIE)
10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (BOB LAFARO)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

04/13 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
04/16 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
04/17 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
04/20 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention 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 observe both their children's activities and the behavior of older 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 maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

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



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. Join Us!

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.

Mid-Life/Lifelong Retreat offered at Mount St. Benedict

The Mid-Life/Lifelong Retreat for Personal and Spiritual Growth for Adults is a weekend experience allowing one to refocus in the midst of life's changes. This retreat will be held at Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Erie May 17-19. To register or for more information, contact Sister Rosanne Loneck, OSB, at 814-899-0614 or email srrosanne@mtstbenedict.org.

Pilgrimage to Rome includes Angelus with Pope Francis

In conjunction with Bishop Lawrence Persico's required *ad limina* visit to Rome, the Diocese of Erie is offering a 10-day pilgrimage to Italy **Nov. 16-25, 2019**. Led by Msgr. Edward Lohse and Fr. Nicholas Rouch, the trip will include stops in Assisi, Siena and San Giovanni Rotondo—home of St. Padre Pio—as well as several days in Rome. Also of the agenda: participation in the Sunday Angelus in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis, if he is in residence, as well as a Mass with Bishop Persico. Visit www.ErieRCD.org/pilgrimage2019.html for details or call Marianna at Unitours at 1-800-777-7432. Join us for a no-obligation informational meeting at St. Mark Catholic Center, Grandview Blvd., Erie, Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm.

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CHANGE IN MASS ATTENDANCE BETWEEN 2010 AND 2018

Every October, every parish in the United States counts the number of people attending Mass. Those figures are reported to the diocese and then become part of national figures. The changes listed below show the change in Mass attendance at all of the parishes in the Erie West and the Erie East Deaneries. The figures are rather frightening. In the neighboring Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, the average drop in Mass attendance is over 60% in the same time period.

All Saints, Waterford	-22.0%
Blessed Sacrament	-27.1%
Holy Cross, Fairview	-33.3%
Holy Rosary	-21.5%
Holy Trinity	-44.7%
Mt. Calvary	-29.3%
Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek	-28.7%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	-48.6%
Our Lady of Peace	-33.3%
Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro	- 9.4%
Our Mother of Sorrows	-61.2%
Sacred Heart	-51.8%
St. Boniface	-32.2%
St. Andrew	-53.1%
St. Francis Xavier, McKean	-20.3%
St. George	-29.6%
St. Gregory, North East	-6.8%
St. James	-21.5%
St. John	-75.6%
St. John, Girard	-42.8%
St. Joseph, Bread of Life	-13.5%
St. Jude	-41.4%
St. Julia	-48.3%
St. Lawrence, Albion	-46.9%
St. Luke	-32.9%
St. Mark, Lawrence Park	-43.6%
St. Patrick	+165.7%
St. Paul	-29.5%
St. Peter Cathedral	-00.6%
St. Stanislaus	-23.8%
St. Stephen	0000%