

Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018



Easter at
St. Patrick Church
photos by
Erin Fessler

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

Monsignor Henry A. Kriegel—Pastor

Janine Carch Sliker—Office Manager

Ann Halupczynski—Director of Finances

Tom Golab—Sacristan

Mark Alloway—Organist, Music Director

Jan Gervasi—Wedding Coordinator

Anne Causgrove—Baptismal Preparation

*Mary Pat Schlaudecker—Archivist,
Genealogy research*

Phone: 814-454-8085

FAX: 814-459-8685

Email: stpat@neo.rr.com

Website: www.saintpatrickparisherie.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 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 Third Sunday of Easter and our first reading is the second speech by Peter in Acts, occurring after Peter and John had healed a crippled man. The opening words, unfortunately not included in our reading, is the question, "Why are you amazed at this?" Since his audience is composed solely of Israelites, they should know that it is not by Peter's power that this is done. Peter then tells them that the God of Abraham, the God of their ancestors, "has glorified his servant Jesus." He tells them that they should know that all of Jesus' suffering has brought to fulfillment what God foretold through the prophets.

Our second reading from John's letter reminds his audience that Jesus advocates for our sins. He then connects knowing Jesus with obeying his commandments. In the Jewish perspective, knowing entails more than cognitive understanding. Knowing is a relational activity, involving intimacy and experience. Thus, those who truly know Jesus exhibit their knowledge by obedience to his commandments.

The first verses in our gospel are a transition from the account of Jesus and two disciples on the road to Emmaus and his appearance to his disciples in Jerusalem. The stories have similar features: Jesus appears unexpectedly, he answers their questions through the interpretation of Scripture, he proclaims the Good News of his resurrection and they share a meal. The two Emmaus disciples tell others what they had seen and heard, and today, Jesus commissions those gathered in Jerusalem to preach to all nations. The common features present essential dimensions of Christian faith: Jesus is present as the Risen Messiah, he has fulfilled the Scriptures, the Paschal Mystery is the lens to understand the Scriptures, they will meet him when they gather, particularly in their common meal and they are expected to share the Good News with others. When he appears to them today, they are startled, terrified and questioning. They do not

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

recognize him and he reassures them that he is the Jesus they had known. He shows them that he is not a ghost for they are able to touch him and eat a meal with him. Then he opens their minds to the Scriptures after which he commissions them to proclaim repentance and his name to all the nations.

Have you considered a pledge or gift to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal? Our assessment this year is \$84,000 and any monies we generate above that will remain in the parish.

Next Sunday's second collection is the Good Shepherd collection, the annual appeal to help pay for the costs of our 68 retired priests. Last year's collection totaled \$201,051 and over the ten years this collection has been conducted, you have generously donated \$1,793,585. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

The U. S. adult population grew by 6.3% from 2010 to 2016. Growth in the number of adults who identify as Catholic has not kept pace and is falling into negative territory. Since 2010, the adult Catholic population in the United States has declined by 0.9% (a loss of 511,558 people). The rate of decline has been identical for Hispanic and non-Hispanic adults. The share of U. S. adults who identify as Catholic declined from 25.2% in 2010 to 23.5% in 2016. The share of Hispanic adults who identify as Catholic declined from 63.1% in 2010 to 53.8% in 2016. At the same time, there was strong growth in the Hispanic adult population of 16.1% between 2010 and 2016. So even with the drop in Catholic affiliation, the share of all adult Catholics who identify their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino did not change from 2010 to 2016 and remains at 35.4%.

As part of the same data, information is showing that the overall fertility rate in the United States in 2009 was 2.0%. This is very near the "replacement rate" of 2.1% where the population is replacing itself. However, fertility fell with the recession and had not recovered by 2015 when the fertility rate was 1.84%. There is an even more precipitous decline in the number of Catholic baptisms which declined from 1.15 million in 1996 to 828,702 in 2016. Catholics are continuing to have children at similar rates as in the past,

but the question emerges, why are baptisms decreasing. The researchers conclude that it is tied into marriage. In the 1970s, 90% of Catholic mothers were married. In 2010, only 62% are married. Nearly 25% have never married. The researchers conclude that these mothers are reluctant to bring their baby to church to be baptized.

With marriage, there is another potential complication. In 1970, 76% of Catholics got married in the church. As recent as 1996, over 50% were getting married in the church, and then began a sharp decline. By 2016, only 29% of Catholics were married in the church.

And, finally, the data shows that in 1996 about 80% of Catholics who died were buried in the church. By 2016, only 63% were buried in the church.

All of these same statistics are evident in our own diocese where there have been sharp declines in baptisms, confirmation, marriage and funerals. We are fortunate at St. Patrick's with the young population we have and the high number of baptisms compared to the number of deaths. Last year, for example, we had 58 baptisms and 12 deaths. We had 29 funerals last year, but only 12 of them were parishioners.

An eighty-year couple were having trouble remembering things. At a visit to their doctor's office, he told them they were in good shape physically but that they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. Later that night they are watching TV and the old man gets up from his chair. "Where are you going?" asks his wife. "To the kitchen," he replies. "She asks him for a bowl of ice cream and he replies, "Sure." "Don't you think you should write it down?" she asks. "No, I can remember," he answers. "Well, I would like some chocolate topping. You better write it down because I know you'll forget." "I can remember a bowl of ice cream with chocolate topping," he replied. "I still think you should write it down," she says. With irritation rising in his voice, he says, "I can remember it." He fumes off to the kitchen and twenty minutes later he comes in and gives her a plate of two eggs and bacon. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "You forgot my toast. I told you to write it down."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 4/1/18 \$ 14,185.00
 Online Giving 1,960.30
 Total Income \$ 16,145.30

Offertory Collection 4/8/18 \$ 9,856.00
 Online Giving 1,452.30
 Total Income \$ 11,308.30

Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment) \$ 84,000.00
 Total Pledged \$ 86,895.00
 Total Paid \$ 62,185.00
 Total Families 183

Thank you for your generosity!



We *Congratulate and Welcome*
Quinlan Cullen and
Frederick "Fritz" Wachter
 who will be making their
 First Communion
 at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Bernadine Zdunski
from Mary Lou & Robert Maracci



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 **Kathy Alessi**.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Ben & Delaney Gilmore
- ♦ **Emilio R. Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ **Helen Kormosh, Joe Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis
- ♦ **Chris D. Loretto** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Mary McCarthy, Rene Calabrese** from David & Sue Taccone
- ♦ **Norbert Rydzewski** from Dennis & Danna Hartwig
- ♦ **Thomas Klaus** from Robert & Barbara Timmons

Also donations from:

Mary Rzomp Alberstadt, Tom & Mary Beth Galla,
 Joe & Heather Kimball, Carla Orlando, Bill & Mary
 Flanagan, Kathleen Horan, Phil & Judy Kelly, Joel
 Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz, Patricia Schmidt and
 Delene Thompson

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST *Mary Beth Pinto, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*

CUP: *Kathy Sertz, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

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

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
 Joe Schneider*

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

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Colleen Welch, Cyndi Pristello, Ryan Palm*

CUP: *Kathleen Pae, Tim Scully*

Greeters: NEEDED

Altar Servers: NEEDED

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

*Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
 Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz*

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

April 16 *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ (FAMILY)

April 17 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

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

April 18 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM NORMA ADAMS & FAMILY
(BETTY ANN & BILL FILIKOWSKI)

April 19 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM MASS

April 20 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

April 21 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM KATHY LUCAS (JIM & KATHY SERTZ)

April 22 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM THOMAS KLAUS (DON & PAT GEHRLEIN)
10:30 AM STEPHEN MILLER (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

04/17 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/21 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Preventing Child Abuse is Everyone's Responsibility.

It is every adult's moral responsibility to protect victims by reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of a minor 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.* To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Looking for volunteers -

OLP is looking for any parishioners who might be able to help volunteer with Our Lady of Peace's "Derby Night" on Saturday, April 28th. Adult volunteers are needed at various stations set up throughout the event. Younger parishioners who need service hours can help the morning of the event. If anyone is interested, please contact Jill Walz at (814)899-0085 or jcbwjmw@hotmail.com for more information.

Collection for Retired Priests—April 22



Retired priests of the Diocese of Erie receive a monthly pension from the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund and, if they participated in Social Security, another smaller monthly check. They use their pension for basic needs, such

as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing cost for medical services, prescription drugs, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials.

Thus, there is a pressing need to support those priests with supplementary assistance with their noninsured medical costs and long-term care costs. As the number of retired priest's increases, the Priest Retirement Plan needs to grow to meet their future needs.

The Good Shepherd Collection allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and who have faithfully served our parishes.

For more information about the collection and to read about our retired priests, go to <http://www.eriercd.org/goodshepherd.htm>.

Final call: register today for the 2018 Catholic Women's conference!

The 4th annual 1:38 Women's Conference for Catholic women in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 21, at Our Lady of Peace Parish from 9 am to 3:30 pm (Check-in begins at 8). 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.

Based on the theme of 1 John 4:12-13 "Intimacy with God and Love For One Another", the day is designed to help women reflect on deepening their faith so they can be a source of strength and love for their families and others. Hear inspiring national speakers such as Sister Jane Dominic Laurel, Katie Hartfiel, and Patty Schneier and enjoy opportunities for adoration and reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

For more information and to register visit www.138women.com or call (814) 455-7364. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.

MPS to present 'Once Upon A Mattress'

Mercyhurst Preparatory School's Performing Arts Center in Erie will present "Once Upon A Mattress" April 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. each day, and on April 22 at 2 p.m. at Mercyhurst Prep, 538 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Tickets are available at the door one hour before performances. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

Church choir to perform at St. Peter Cathedral

The choir from the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie will present an evening of song on Sunday, April 22, beginning at 5 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie. Sharon Downey will direct the choir. The performance will be followed by an organ recital by Ethan LaPlaca of Pittsburgh. The evening's events are free and open to the public.

**Golf and sports raffle to benefit parish**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek and its Knights of Columbus will hold their annual golf and sports raffle May 11 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 857 Bartlett Road. Tickets are available in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by calling there at 814-899-5342. Tickets also are available at the door the night of the raffle. The cost is \$10 a ticket and includes food, beverages, and a chance on 19 great prizes. The grand prize is a cruise trip for two to Bermuda.

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:

We thank **Orlando FAMILY DENTISTRY**
Dr. Maria Orlando & Dr. Carla Orlando
 3235 West 38th St., Erie, PA 814-833-8860
 for advertising in our parish bulletin.

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



St. Patrick Parish
130 East Fourth Street
Erie, PA 16507
814-454-8085

Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful women who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your mother has already gone to her eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling her of your love for her.

Our bulletin of May 12 and 13 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased mother or grandmother whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

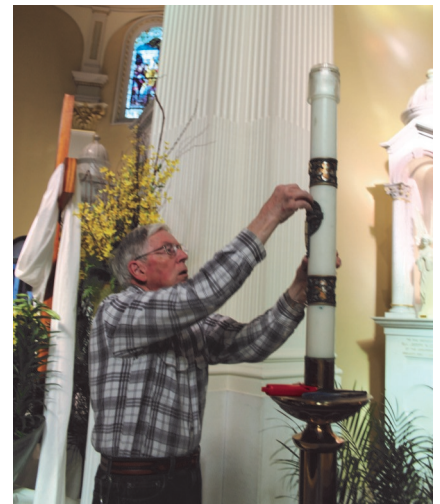
Sincerely,

Msgr. Henry Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From



EASTER 2018
photos by
ERIN FESSLER







