

Second Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2017



Easter Sunday
St. Patrick Church
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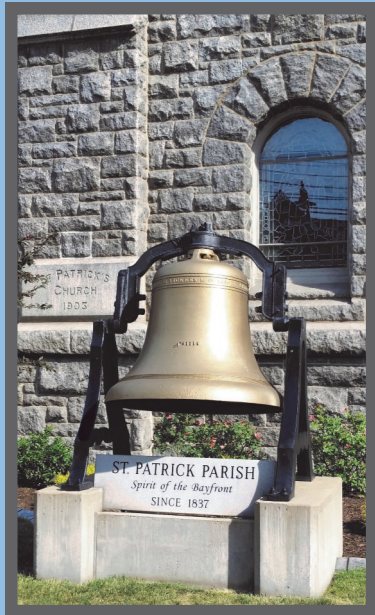
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

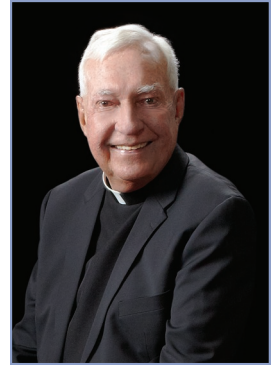
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

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 and we read first from Acts of the Apostles.

Acts was written by Luke as a continuation of his gospel to show how the apostles and disciples spread the gospel, first to the people of Israel and then to all people. In describing the early Christian mission, Luke takes great care to point out the continuity between the gospel and the tradition of Judaism. Luke's only use of the word *koinonia* (communal life) appears in today's passage, emphasizing the mutual responsibility and support that bind all the baptized. Today he speaks of their pooling their resources and shows the fruits of their work: they give praise to God, receive the favor of the people and enjoy growth in the community. Remember that these early believers felt that the second coming of Jesus was immanent, a belief that would eventually bring them to great confusion

Though scholars doubt that Peter actually wrote this first letter which we have as our second reading, they agree that it speaks to an audience of Christians undergoing unspecified sufferings. It is addressed to Gentile converts who were undergoing Roman persecution or the ridicule, exclusion or economic boycotts often directed at those who refused to conform to the prevailing imperial culture. The letter has sprinklings of baptismal liturgies, including what seem to be portions of creeds, hymns and homilies. Like Christ, Christians might undergo testing and even anguish, but those who, like Christ, place unwavering trust in God will know salvation.

Today's gospel can be best understood by reference to its end, which most scholars believe to be also the original conclusion of John's gospel. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send the Advocate (the Spirit) on his return to the Father. In today's gospel, he fulfills that promise, sending forth the disciples as he was sent; they must now be his revelatory sign. Thomas does not doubt this changed reality; he refuses it with his "I will not believe". When Jesus returns a week later, he

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

insists not only that Thomas recognize him but also that Thomas be transformed: blessed are those who have not seen the mortal body of Jesus, but have truly perceived the living sign of his Risen Body on earth, the church.

This past week we hosted two groups of bridal couples for an evening at the rectory. Coming in groups of 5 or 6 couples, we have a very casual evening with drinks and dinner. There's no agenda, no program; just an opportunity to welcome them. There is certainly no shortage of conversation as they're all in the same boat and have much to share. We have the original 1908 Cauley family china which is 23 carat gold, and we use all of it for these dinners. The dining room looks like Downton Abbey!!!! It all makes for a fun evening and an opportunity for the parish to welcome these young couples.

Parishes across the diocese are reporting a significant drop in the number of weddings, and we're experiencing the same reality here at St. Patrick's. In recent years, we've had as many as 35—40 weddings a year. This year we have 24 weddings on the calendar. When I was in Palm Springs, CA, I didn't have a single wedding in 10 years. People were all married at the Country Club, etc. I suspect the same thing is now happening here.

With the new registration of some families in the past few weeks, our total number of families in St. Patrick's Parish now exceeds 900 families. That is a rather incredible growth, and we continue to register new families on a regular basis. In the early years of the parish, when the number of families at St. Patrick's exceeded 450, the diocese would split the parish and form another one. That began first with the cathedral in 1892, then St. Ann's was created and carved out of territory that had been St. Patrick's; then St. Andrew's was created and also carved out of territory that had been St. Patrick's.

In times past, parishes were either territorial or ethnic. Catholics were required to attend the church in whose territory they lived, unless they belonged to an ethnic parish such as St. Paul's for the Italians. Saint Patrick's actually has the smallest territory assigned to it of any parish in

the diocese. Our territory extends from the Bayfront to East Sixth Street and from Parade St. to State Street. While territories used to be extremely important, that's not the case today. In many instances today, people attend the church they want to attend rather than the one in their neighborhood. With over a hundred families from Fairview, for example, they would drive past Holy Cross, St. Julia, St. Jude, St. Andrew and the cathedral to attend Mass at St. Patrick's. We also have a significant number of people who attend here regularly but do not belong. Anyone who wishes to attend here is more than welcome. They do not have to formally join the parish.

Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich, Germany, announced recently that he is going to appoint lay people to administer parishes, rather than close parishes because of the clergy shortage. He also suggested that mature married men could be ordained to the priesthood. The Archdiocese of Munich, which has a Catholic population of over 1.7 million, will ordain only one new priest this year.

During the month of March, our Food Pantry distributed 14,722 pounds of food at a cost of \$1,083 to the parish. Food was distributed to 1,565 families which include 38 new families this month.

St. Patrick's Parish received a bequest of \$10,000 from the late Vicki Weber. As per her will, the principal cannot be spent, but is to be part of the St. Patrick Foundation for the ongoing maintenance of St. Patrick's Church. The interest gained on the principal can be used for that purpose. Have you ever thought of remembering the parish in your estate planning?

On some Air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?" The tower responded, "Who is calling?" The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?" The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference. If it is a commercial flight it is 3 o'clock. If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours. If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells. If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the three. And if it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to Happy Hour."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 4-9-17	\$ 10,699.00
Online Giving	<u>1,342.00</u>
Total Income	\$12,041.00

Offertory Collection 4-16-17	\$ 11,406.00
Online Giving	<u>1,554.30</u>
Total Income	\$12,960.30

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 86,241.43
Paid to date	\$ 60,464.43

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 by Kathy Alessi.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Bob McCarthy** from Gary & Becky Johnson
- ♦ **Norman Murphy and Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Maudeen Evans** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Wolf & Detisch families** from Gerald & Patricia
- ♦ **Paul & Norma Causgrove and James & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Mr. & Mrs. Peter Biebel** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Bailey and Schmidt families** from Patricia Schmidt

Also donations from:

Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Mark & Susan Sullivan, Jay & Carol Habas and Golden Harvest of Gannon University

Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD & HARBORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**



Let Us *Welcome*

Tessa Margaret Masolotte

daughter of

Ryan & Kathryn (Fisher) Masolotte
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Mary Beth Pinto, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,

1 NEEDED

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Lisa Straub

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,

1 NEEDED

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Dario Cipriani, Ryan Palm

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Ed Brown

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey

If you attend the Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass on a regular basis and would like to be part of our Ministry Team, please call the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email stpats@neo.rr.com.

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.



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.





146 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

OH, DANNY BOY.

Elvis Presley said he thought the angels had written it and it was played at his funeral, and at John Kennedy's, and at so many others. It's one of the most beautiful and recognizable songs in the world, perhaps the greatest of Irish songs. But *Danny Boy's* lyrics were written by an Englishman and the tune, which was probably composed in the 17th century by a blind Irish harpist, was brought to him from the Colorado gold fields by his immigrant sister who had supposedly heard it being played by some Australian prospectors some 300 years later. It's quite a song, and it has quite a story--many competing stories actually--more than we can fit here, but we'll give you the flavor of them.

In the early 1600's, the English were bent on confiscating the land of the Irish nobles who opposed them in Northern Ireland and snatched some property from the O'Cahan clan, one of the descendents of which was Blind Rory Dall O'Cahan, a virtuoso and composer on the harp, who lived near Derry, or Londonderry as the English called it. There are two stories about the composition of the "Londonderry Air," (not to be confused with a London Derriere), which would become the music for *Danny Boy*. One is that the land grab enraged Blind Rory and he wrote the tune. Another is that Blind Rory, staggering home drunk one night, passed out and heard the fairies playing a haunting melody, which, when he sobered up, he remembered, and played for friends on his harp. We prefer to believe the latter.

It was another blind Irish harpist, a fellow named Denis O'Hampsey, born in the late 1600's, who brought the tune with him into the early 1800's, where he died at the age of 112. But the music was not actually written down, it seems, until later in the 19th century when an English woman, herself a composer, heard it being played by a blind fiddle player (there's a pattern here) named Jimmy McCurry. It then made its way to America with the great wave of Irish immigrants fleeing the potato famine. Long story short (too late), Frederic Weatherly, an English lawyer who also wrote songs, had written *Danny Boy* but with different music. The song was a flop until his sister heard *Londonderry Air* being played in the Colorado mountains by gold prospectors and brought him the music. The resultant marriage of Blind Rory's tune and Weatherly's lyrics became a phenomenal hit--perhaps because it coincided with the outbreak of World War I and it speaks so movingly to separation and loss.

If you come to the Irish Festival, and we know you will, there's a good chance you will hear *Danny Boy* once or twice, and, if you also sample some Irish whiskey, you may even hear it as Blind Rory did, played by the fairies.

The pipes are definitely calling you--please volunteer. Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 22 *Saturday, Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday*

5:00 PM THOMAS & EDDIE HEUBEL
(JOAN & DAVE HEUBEL)

April 23 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:00 AM BERNARD CLEMENT (FAMILY)

10:30 AM RICHARD REIM MEMORIAL (FAMILY)

April 24 *Monday, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
Priest and Martyr*

8:00 AM PAUL PASTORE (KATHY SCHAUBLE PULLEN)

April 25 *Tuesday, Saint Mark, Evangelist*

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

April 26 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM RAY CICERO (EDGAR & LORETTA BALCH)

April 27 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM

April 28 *Friday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

April 29 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM FLORENCE RESKE (BOB & DIANE BOEH)

April 30 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM GAIL JAKOBOWSKI (MIKE & KATHY)

10:30 AM LUKE PURVIS (SR, MARIE KEBORT)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

04/22 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/23 11:30 AM Festival Committee Chair Meeting

04/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/26 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/29 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Festival Committee Chair Meeting Sunday, April 23, 2017 after the 10:30 AM Mass

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month:

"I don't want to be the first to say anything." "It's none of my business."

"Let's just pretend it didn't happen."

"I'm not going to be the one to tattle." The distinction between "tattling" and "telling" is a simple one. *Tattling* is done to get someone in trouble. *Telling* is done to stop a person from hurting themselves or someone else. So don't be the one to "tattle," but please be the one who "tells," and save a child's life. Call reports of disclosed or suspected abuse to the Pennsylvania child abuse hotline, *Child Line*, 1-800-932-0313. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>





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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 14, 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 13 and 14 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 5, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel".

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

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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.

**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.

Son of God Prayer Group encourages attendance at healing Mass

The Son of God Prayer Group affiliated with Holy Rosary Parish in Erie encourages everyone to attend a healing Mass on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, E. 28th Street and East Avenue, Erie. Father David Poulson, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Cambridge Springs, will officiate. The church will open at 5:30 p.m. to provide time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall. Petitions will be presented at the offertory procession. For more information, call Pat at 814-823-3968 or Gerry at 814-452-2499.

Tickets available to annual Catholic Charities Ball

The 22nd annual Catholic Charities Ball—"Lights, Camera, Action"—will be held May 20 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Enjoy two complimentary cocktails and delicious food stations before dancing the night away to the music of The Chosen Few.

Tickets are \$100 per person for this cocktail-attire event. All proceeds benefit the agencies and affiliates of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. Please make reservations before May 5 by visiting <http://www.eriercd.org/charitiesball.htm>.

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

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Attorney at Law

504 State Street **459-1138**

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