

Third Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2017



St. Patrick Church
Easter 2017

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 Third Sunday of Easter. We hear first from Acts of the Apostles, written by Luke as a supplement to his gospel. He notes that Acts indicates a shift from the Good News of Jesus himself which he proclaimed in his gospel to ways in which the early church's witness brought the Good News to the Jewish people and ultimately to the entire world. As Acts opens, the disciples await fulfillment of Jesus' promise of the Spirit. Chapter two begins with the Spirit descending at Pentecost and immediately the Good News is proclaimed to the Jews in the first of several sermons by Peter. Today's reading presents major portions of Peter's first sermon. In it, Peter, a faithful Jew, interprets Jesus by referring to Israel's sacred writings. He notes that David died and was buried in a tomb, but that God fulfilled the promises made in the psalms that he would raise up one of his descendants who would rule God's people forever.

The first letter of Peter address Christians undergoing unspecified suffering because of their faith in Jesus and holds the view of early Christians that Christ would soon return in full glory, bringing to completion the final stage of salvation. He urges his readers to be faithful because, when Christ comes in glory, he will raise up those who put their faith and hope in the one who conquers death and bestows on them the very life of God.

Throughout his gospel, Luke repeatedly refers to Jesus' journey to Jerusalem where he will die and be raised. Another key theme for Luke is Jesus' concern for the poor, the outcast, the sinner. Today he describes the life of Jesus' post-resurrection followers. Christians walk with Jesus and one another, together walking the Paschal path through death to greater life. Today we hear the familiar story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Remember that the disciples do not recognize Jesus as he walks with them and explains how he has fulfilled the Scriptures. It is only in the breaking of the bread that they come to

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

know who he is. Luke emphasizes the early Christian conviction that in the meal, the crucified and Risen Christ is fully present, teaching, healing, unifying and transforming his disciples. With their recognition of him, Jesus disappears as LK emphasizes that truly "seeing" Jesus requires eyes of faith, not merely physical organs.

Mark your calendars!! Our neighbors at the Church of the Nativity will hold their annual Russian Festival on Friday, May 26, from 4-9 PM; Saturday, May 27, from noon until 6 PM and on Sunday, May 28, from noon until 9 PM. They will also be serving a Russian breakfast on Sunday from 10 am-noon for \$10. Let's support our good neighbors by dropping in for their festival.

The Conference of Catholic bishops has issued a statement on accompanying migrants and refugees and call upon Catholics in the United States to do three things. First, pray for an end to the root causes of violent hatred that force mothers and fathers to flee the only home they may have known. Second, meet with members of your parish who are newcomers, listen to their story and share your own. And, finally, call, write or visit our elected officials and ask them to fix our broken immigration system in a way that safeguards both our security and our humanity through a generous opportunity for legal immigration.

Parish Finance Council and Parish Council held a joint meeting recently and discussed a number of important matters. First of all, they reviewed the parish finances which show that our debt has been reduced in the last five years from \$780,000 to \$30,000. I hope to eliminate that balance before the close of the fiscal year on June 30.

We held our meeting at the Church of the Nativity Social Center because that neighboring parish has approached us to see if we would be interested in using that facility for a small rental fee. Both councils agreed that it is an excellent opportunity for the parish. There is a large dining room that could seat 150 people, a commercial kitchen and a huge gymnasium. They felt we could use it for hosting coffee and donuts perhaps once a month during the winter months and then do that outdoors in the nice weather. The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick could use the facility for their

annual dinner following the induction of new members. Our Young Adults group might also want to use the facility. There is ample parking, and it's a beautiful facility.

Both councils also heard a presentation on the restoration of the pipe organ. That instrument is 110 years old and was last rebuilt in the 1940s. It is in serious need of repair. The estimated costs are much, much higher than anticipated and so now the Finance Council will look at the proposals and determine what we think the parish can afford. We are hoping to undertake this project without a capital campaign and do the work over a period of years. The plan is to use the pipe organ for Christmas, shut it down and work on it and then start using it again for Easter and the wedding season. By doing this over a period of years, we think we can absorb the costs.

I also presented to the councils a brief outline of work we have to have done on the huge chimney on the back of the church. The mortar has to be replaced, and it's probably going to be an expensive job; but we're going to start to get bids and see what can be done. I also reported to them that people have gone up into the attic of the church and up on the east wall of the church to determine if the area where we had the leak is still leaking or if it is dry. As soon as the weather breaks, we're going to replace a large section of the mortar on that east wall as that is where the water has been coming in. For years they thought it was a leak somewhere in the roof, but it seems to be the mortar. Long time parishioners tell me that area has been a problem for years and years. When we restored the church, we had to have the capital on that pillar completely rebuilt as it was beyond saving.

I recently hosted a group of about ten young adults for dinner in the rectory and an opportunity to discuss how we can jump start a ministry for Young Adults in the parish. We're looking at the age group of about 25-35, and there was some real enthusiasm to get some things going. I'll keep you posted.

A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" asked the dispatcher. "Not yet. The floor's still wet."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 7,689.00 |
| Online Giving | <u>1,739.30</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 9,428.30 |

Catholic Services Appeal:

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| Assessment | \$ 74,000.00 |
| Pledges to Date | \$ 87,941.43 |
| Paid to date | \$ 61,636.43 |
| # of Pledges | 184 |

Thank you for your generosity!



We *Congratulate and Welcome*
Papuri Magno who is making her First
Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass today.
Papuri recently made her First Penance
and has worked hard to prepare for this
important day.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz, Patty Dailey

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Joe Schneider

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kathleen Pae, Charla Leemhuis, Ed Smith

CUP: Tim Scully, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello,

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

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



Let Us *Welcome*
Adaline Marie Panetta
daughter of
Jonathan Panetta & Danielle DiLuzio
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

We continue to thank those who make special dona-
tions 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 **Mr. & Mrs. Edward Winiarczyk and Mr.
& Mrs. Steve Nemergut** from John & Irene
Nemergut.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Dr. John Roberts** from Dr. Thomas & Jill Fessler
- ♦ **Mitchell Hallet** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Myra Kelm**, sister of Karl & Virginnia Kelm
- ♦ **James L. McCarthy** from Mary McCarthy
- ♦ **Mark Glennon and Rosemarie Glennon** from Michael & Jill Levandowski
- ♦ **Velma & Bob Smith** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Jack & Dorothy McManus, Luigina & Otto Pasquale** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Carla Orlando and
Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz,

Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

Additional Easter Flower Memorials:

From... Thomas & Darlene Kozesky

IMO... Robert & Betty Weiland,
Walter & Jennie Kozesky,
Timothy Katchur, and
Paul Robert (Robbie) Popka

From... Gerry Valahovic

IMO... Mikrut, Vickey, Valahovic families,
Angelica Helsley, Mary Gusaniak, and
Haney & Cam Snider



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.





139 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

GET WITH THE PROGRAM, SUSAN!

Last year we introduced you to all of the great committee members who run all of the many facets of the Festival—the food, the drink, the raffle, etc. etc. Well, one of our folks has transferred from a successful career producing the Festival's beautiful, glossy Program book to running the sports bar full time. "Ski" Michalski is moving on, but not to worry, because another of our great parishioners has stepped up to take over.

Susan Sullivan was born and raised in Sharon, PA—as a Presbyterian. She put herself through Gannon working as a teller at the First National Bank of PA and, after graduating with her Business degree, worked her way up to a couple of different vice presidencies there. Then, as so often happens with really nice people, love and marriage and children intervened. Susan married Mark Sullivan and they had two boys, Andrew, who is now a Captain in the Army stationed in Germany, and Kyle, who is living on his own in Erie. Susan and Mark started attending St. Jude's 25 years ago and Father Kriegel welcomed Susan into the Catholic faith, blessed their marriage, and gave the kids their first sacraments. About 6 years ago, Mark and Susan followed Father K here to St. Pats, where you can find her at Sunday mass singing in the choir.

When the boys got a little older, Susan jumped back into the business world—financial systems consulting and working in the family business, Sullivan Supply. And, like so many of our chair people, she's had a pretty full plate of community service work—a member of the Millcreek and the Erie Day School Boards, treasurer for the Therapeutic Riding Equestrian Center, chairperson of the Barber Center Christmas Ball, plus an active fund-raiser and founder of the Ladies Only Luncheon there. When not helping others, she enjoys golf and tennis.

And, because all that wasn't enough, she's agreed to be in charge of program production for the Festival. This includes selling the advertisements and sponsorships, making sure every sponsor gets proper credit, and editing and publishing the Festival Program book. Susan is looking for volunteers to help with sponsorship and advertising sales—a few good men and women to cover the established sponsors and to help find new ones. If you are interested, please contact her at ssullivan@adssglobal.net. Or, just drop her an email to say thanks for stepping up.

When will you step up? You can reach Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

May 1 *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

May 2 *Tuesday, Saint Athanasius,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (VIKI WEBER)

May 3 *Wednesday, Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

8:00 AM MASS

May 4 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM STEPHEN & FRANCES MAGOC

(MICHELE WHEATON)

May 5 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

May 6 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM WANDA HABAS (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

May 7 *Forth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE

(DOROTHY & CINDY SNIDER)

10:30 AM BETTY MASEK (DON SONNTAG)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

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

05/02 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/03 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/06 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month:

A child's safety is an **adult's** job. Children are often taught how to keep themselves safe from sexual abuse – and that's important to learn – but that's no substitute for adult responsibility. We make sure out children wear seat belts, we keep poisons out of reach, we teach them to drive safely. When would we leave the job of preventing child sexual abuse solely to children and youth? To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



NEEDED:

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Generator
Volunteer Roofers
Tree Removal

RENOVATION EFFORT

711 GERMAN ST.

For more information or to
donate call Brett at

814-844-1193





April 5, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the establishment of the Diocese of Erie in 1853, we have been richly blessed with faithful and talented priests who have nourished our people with the Word and the Sacraments. Our people know and love their priests and rely on them for spiritual care.

Priesthood is a lifelong vocation, which is why so many retired priests in the Diocese continue to give of themselves in countless ways. These priests minister as long as they are physically able, essentially only retiring from the administrative duties associated with being a pastor. They provide valuable assistance to current pastors. They help out by celebrating daily or Sunday liturgies, ministering to the sick and homebound, visiting hospitals and providing spiritual counseling. Some travel throughout the Diocese to celebrate Mass when a brother priest needs to be away from his parish because of illness or family obligation or for vacation.

The annual second collection to serve the needs of retired diocesan priests will be taken up in all our parishes the weekend of Good Shepherd Sunday, May 6-7. Your generous donations to this collection this past year tell me that you love our priests and are grateful for their presence in your lives.

We currently have 47 retired priests, and the number of priests reaching retirement age will only continue to grow each year. I ask that you show your appreciation to our retired priests once again by giving generously to the Good Shepherd Collection at your parish the weekend of May 6-7. Please note: the collection taken in December is for retired consecrated men and women belonging to religious communities and is not to be confused with this collection.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, please pray for all our priests and for more young men willing to respond to the Lord's call to priesthood. In the name of our retired priests, I thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity to them 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



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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

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*Easter Sunday
St. Patrick Parish
photos by
Erin Fessler*









NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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| 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