

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 6, 2018



Harp Stained Glass Window  
photo by Tom Golab  
St. Patrick Church

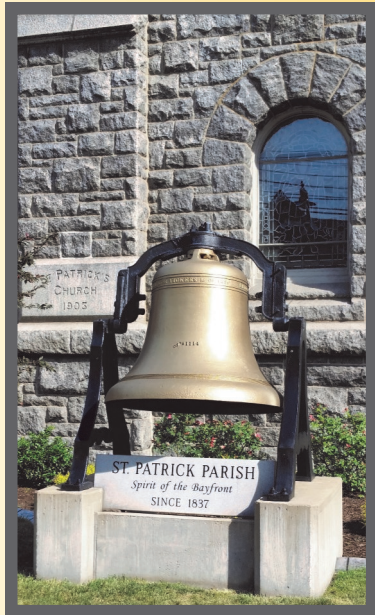
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. The story of the Roman centurion Cornelius begins with a vision that leads him to a meeting with Peter. Peter also has a strange vision of unclean animals that he is told to eat. As a faithful Jew, this goes against everything he believes. Then he is invited to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile, somewhere a Jew would never go. Then Peter realizes the meaning of the dream. Cornelius recounts his vision to Peter who then says, "I see that God shows no partiality." Peter comes to realize that anyone who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. Our reading illustrates two conversions: Cornelius to Christ and Peter's to openness to Gentiles. Even as Peter is speaking the Holy Spirit falls upon all who are listening, confirming that Gentiles are to be included in the community.

Our reading from I John today is one of the most beautiful poems in all of the New Testament. The word "love" is repeated in various forms, creating a rhythmic cadence and resonance, beginning with the address to the community as "beloved." Closely associated with love is another repetition: "God," the source and goal of life and love. We are told that the love of God and the life that God gives through Christ are both a present reality and one still awaited in fullness.

Today's gospel is a continuation of Jesus' teaching on the vine and branches heard last Sunday. Both segments are from Jesus' last discourse to his disciples in which he prepared them for his coming suffering and death. Before he leaves them he wants them to understand how he has loved them, and how they are to love one another. The love of the Father for Jesus, and the love of Jesus for his friends, illustrates for them how they are to love one another.

A group of over 300 young Catholics gathered recently at the Vatican for a week-long preparation for next year's Synod on Young People. Pope Francis asked them to "shout" what they



*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

they believe and what they want. And they gave him an earful. They told the pope and the cardinals they want a more transparent and authentic church, where women play a greater leadership role and where obeying "unreachable" moral standards isn't the price of admission. They warned that "excessive moralism" is driving people away and that out-of-touch church bureaucrats need to accompany their flock with humility and transparency. "We, the young church, ask that our leaders speak in practical terms about subjects such as homosexuality and gender issues, about which young people are already freely discussing," they said. They concluded that the church often comes off as too severe and its excessive moralism often sends the faithful looking elsewhere for peace and spiritual fulfillment. "We need a church that is welcoming and merciful, which appreciates its roots and patrimony and which loves everyone, even those who are not following the perceived standards," they said.

The views of these young people will become part of the working document that will guide discussions at the upcoming October Synod of Bishops. On four separate occasions in the 16 page document, the participants demanded greater and equal roles for women in the church, calling for "real discussion and open-mindedness" about ways to promote the dignity of women. "Some young women feel that there is a lack of leading female role models within the church, and they too wish to give their intellectual and professional gifts to the church," they said.

The document is brutally honest in places. It notes that young people are leaving the church in droves, in part because they have experienced "indifference, judgment and rejection" by the institution. Church leaders, they say, are too focused on administration than community, and use words like "vocation" and "discernment" that young people don't understand. But, mostly, they said, the church needs to admit that it is human and makes mistakes, and that its mentors aren't perfect people but forgiven sinners. The pope may not have realized that when he invites young people to shout out their needs, they're going to take him at his word. The real test of all of this will come when the bishops and cardinals gather next October to discuss the issues these young

people have raised.

Work will begin on the Men's Room in church on May 16 and be finished June 8. During that time, use the restroom behind the altar. Enter through the weekday chapel and go into the corridor behind the altar.

More than 150,000 people were received into the U. S. Catholic Church at Easter.

If you haven't yet contributed to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal, would you consider doing so? We are each assessed a set amount and any money raised over that remains in the parish. Our assessment this year is \$84,000 and, as you can see in the Financial Report in today's bulletin, we have already surpassed that goal. Everything that is now raised will remain here in the parish, and we have designated that money to be used this year toward the cost of replacing the tiles in the vestibule and back of the church. Some of you are unable to participate in this appeal; and that is perfectly fine; others are able to.

The French president is in his office when the phone rings. "Hello, Mr. Sarkozy," a heavily accented voice said. The is Paddy down at the Harp Pub in County Clare, Ireland. I am ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring war on you." "Well, Paddy," replied Sarkozy, "how big is your army?" "Right now," says Paddy, "there is meself, me cousin Sean, me next door neighbor Seamus, and the Darts Team from the pub. That makes eleven." "I must tell you I have 100,000 men in my command," says the president. "Begorra," says Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back." The next day Paddy calls again and says the war is still on. "We've got some infantry equipment." "And what would that be?" asks the president. "We have two combines, a bulldozer and Murphy's farm tractor." Sarkozy sighs and says, "Paddy, I have 6,000 tanks and 5,000 armoured personnel carriers and I've increased my army to 200,000 men." "Sweet mother," says Paddy, "I'll have to get back to you." The next morning, Paddy calls again, "Top o' the morning, Mr. Sarkozy, I'm sorry to inform you that we've called off the war." "Really," says the president, "I'm sorry to hear that. Why the sudden change of mind?" "Well," says Paddy, "we had a long chat over a few pints of Guinness, and we decided there is no way we can feed 200,000 prisoners."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,242.00
Online Giving	<u>1,657.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,899.30
Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 90,695.00
Total Paid	\$ 65,580.00
Total Families	207

*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:

- ♦ **Paul Dahlkemper, Sr. & Jr.** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Carl L. Carlotti** from Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Fessler
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janosky, Ronnie Chesko and Harry Miller** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini and Quentin Orlando** from Q. Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Mary Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Larry V. Smith** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Phyllis Peterson Ahlberg** from Richard & Mary Beth Wachter
- ♦ **Tom Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **Thomas Klaus** from Therese Zamboldi

Also donations from:

Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Bill & Mary Flanagan,  
Joe & Heather Kimball, Julie & Dave Sanner,  
Robert & Carolyn Schenker and Kraig Sweeney

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

## **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.



Let us *Welcome*

**Thomas Charles Sokolowski**

child of

Clint & Mary Sokolowski

who will be baptized

after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday  
and

**Sawyer Grace Lyon**

child of

Jeff & Brittany Lyon

who will be baptized

after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday

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We also *Welcomed*

**Maisie Anne Yelkovich**

child of

Matthew & Shannon Yelkovich

who was baptized

after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

on Sunday, April 29, 2018

## **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kay Mannino, Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

**CUP:** Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

Greeters: Jane Carney, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

**Sunday, May 13, 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, May 13, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ryan Palm, Charla Leemhuis, Mary Williams

**CUP:** Cyndi Pristello, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**May 5** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM ROBERT H. WEISENFLUH  
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

**May 6** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM TOM COOK (COLLEEN & LARRY HAMMON)  
10:30 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV.  
(SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY)

**May 7** *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

**May 8** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 9** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 10** *Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord*

12:00 PM MASS

**May 11** *Friday, Easter Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 12** *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM MARY ANN DISANTI (SANDRA STYN)

**May 13** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO  
"FOR THE PARISIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"  
10:30 AM MARGARET "PEGGY" BOGARDUS  
(JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

### **Public welcome to healing Mass**



The Son of God Prayer Group in Erie invites everyone to a healing Mass on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at *Holy Rosary Church*, 2701 East Ave., Erie, with Father Richard Toohey, Father Kyle Seyler and Deacon Jerry Peterson. Music will be provided by St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to provide time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall, which will be presented at the offertory procession. For more information, call Pat at 814-823-3968.

### **Benedictine Sisters offer mid-life retreat**

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie are offering their Mid-Life/Life-Long Retreat for personal and spiritual growth May 18-20 at *Mount Saint Benedict Monastery*, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. This retreat for adults is designed for those seeking to refocus in the midst of life's changes. For more information or to register, contact Sister Rosanne Loneck, OSB, at 814-899-0614 or at [srrosanne@mtstbenedict.org](mailto:srrosanne@mtstbenedict.org). The retreat will be offered again Sept. 7-9.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**05/05** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**05/08** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**05/09** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**05/12** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



**Mother's Day carnations** provided by **People for Life** will be available after all Masses next weekend. Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. Your donation of \$1 per carnation will help support pro-life educational programs and activities right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.

A special thank you to the Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick who will be hosting the carnation sale at all Masses on Mother's Day weekend.



**Jean and Michael Malthaner** from *Sacred Heart Parish* along with **Almi and Shawn Clerkin, Kate and Patrick Thiem, and Bob Martin** will present a concert at *Sacred Heart* on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the church auditorium (26th and Liberty). This is a fundraiser for the church choir as well as a benefit for these seven singers who will be representing Erie in our sister city Dungarvan, Ireland in July. There they will be performing their award-winning production *The Glorious Ones* for which they received state and regional first-place prizes and were selected as one of the top three ensembles in the nation at the national festival in Minnesota.

The cost of the concert is only \$10.00 and will include refreshments. Please make plans to support this wonderful event that will provide funds to update the microphones and equipment for the Sacred Heart church choir. Tickets will be sold at the door and you can call 814-838-3760 for more information.



### **MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.**

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to [saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://saintpatrickparisherie.org) Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "You Tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.



*Bridal Couple Dinners  
Spring 2018*







## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

### Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**