

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017



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



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MASS SCHEDULE:

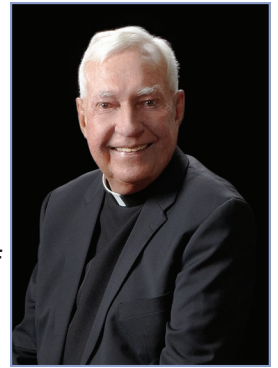
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

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Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and our first reading is the second half of Peter's sermon to fellow Jews in Jerusalem soon after Pentecost. We hear again a totally different Peter than the pre-resurrection Peter. Now we have a man who boldly proclaims that Jesus is Messiah despite the risk of angering both the Jewish leadership and Roman leaders. When the Jews ask him what they should do in response to his witness, he tells them, "repent," that is, to change the course of their lives and be baptized. Peter's reply indicates the core meanings the early church placed on baptism: conversion of heart, forgiveness and imparting of God's spirit. Luke notes that three thousand were baptized that day. This does not mean the numerical number of baptisms; in Jewish symbolism three and ten point to perfection or completion of the age of salvation.

The second reading for all the Sundays after Easter this year are taken from a letter attributed to Peter, though this work may have been written by a follower. It often draws upon passages, themes and characters from the Old Testament. Here, the author addresses Christians undergoing unnamed sufferings and urges them to imitate Christ, who embodies the Suffering Servant described by Isaiah.

Like the two preceding readings, today's gospel employs the Old Testament to interpret the meaning of Jesus. Here Jesus addresses his opponents who surely understand such allusions. This lengthy discourse focuses on the identity of Jesus and the choice presented to those who encounter him: to accept or reject him. John refers to Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and in the OT God is often portrayed as a shepherd. Ezekiel prophesied to the captive Jews in Babylon that their unfaithful kings, also called shepherds, would be replaced with a caring, healing shepherd. At night, shepherds would often herd their sheep into a makeshift area surrounded by stones and the shepherd would sleep in the gate

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

so none of them would escape. Jesus here describes himself as the gate. The shepherd's life could be threatened by a wild animal trying to get to the sheep, but with Jesus as gatekeeper, those who belong to him will find food and safety. Sheep cannot find food or water themselves; they can only respond to the shepherd's voice, and John says that we must listen to his voice.

Several contractors have looked at the leak on the east wall of the church and determined again that it is not the roof that is leaking, but it is the mortar. When we had the exterior of the church pointed and mortar replaced 7 years ago, they used a very bad batch of mortar and that has been giving us problems ever since. They are going up and replace the mortar on a large area of the east wall, and hopefully the water will stop seeping in. Then we need to go up and clean and repaint the area that is damaged.

They have also been looking at the large chimney on the back of the church. We're having the exact same problem there—bad mortar and it's all coming out. I've gotten bids and the work should get underway shortly. It's all part of dealing with hundred year old buildings. They require constant care and attention. I now have bids for this work and it's going to cost \$40,000; but it has to be done. The chimney is really in very bad condition, and we can't risk bricks coming down. In the afterlife, I'm going to be pastor of a brand new parish with brand new buildings!!

I hosted a group of young adults for drinks and dinner recently so that we could discuss how we can form a ministry to that age group. We had two people from the diocesan Young Adults Board join us, and the decision was made to join in with the diocesan Young Adults group rather than trying to re-invent the wheel ourselves. I offered to host a 6-8 PM Friday evening cocktail party for the group, and they are hoping to get 30 to 40 young adults to attend. At that gathering, they will present them with some other ideas for getting together, some spiritual opportunities as well as some volunteer opportunities.

I was ordained by Bishop Watson 47 years ago today. Where does time go? There were 12 new priests in my class; something unheard of today.

Catholics in the Diocese of Erie donated \$239,655 to the Good Shepherd collection this past year. This money is used to provide additional funding to the Priest Retirement Pension Plan which is very under-funded. It also provides funds for the operation of the Bishop Murphy Retirement Home for Priests and provides funds for some priests who face serious health issues and do not have the funds to pay for it. The expenses for the annual appeal last year were a meager \$287.65. In the past six years, this collection has raised \$1,592,534. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

I mentioned recently that the parish received a \$10,000 bequest. That money cannot be spent, but is part of the St. Patrick Foundation, which exists for the ongoing maintenance of the church. Have you ever thought of remembering your parish as you make plans for your estate? You can remember the parish with a specific bequest, or you can name the parish beneficiary of a life insurance policy. It is an ongoing challenge to maintain these hundred year old buildings, and a bequest can make a major difference.

A Jewish couple took a trip to Israel and the husband invited his mother-in-law to join them. Before they even got there she was complaining about everything from the long flight to the hotel accommodations, etc. For two weeks they visited every major site from the bible. They walked the path that Jesus walked from where he was born to the tomb where the stone was rolled away. On one of the last days, a cleaning person at the hotel where they were staying found the mother-in-law dead in her room of a heart attack. The manager informed them they could take care of arrangements and bury her for only \$200. If they decided to take her body back to the United States, the expense of preparing the body and the flight would cost about \$5,000. The husband said he would think about it and let him know the next day. The next day he told the hotel manager, "I've decided to take her back to the United States for \$5,000." "That's fine," said the manager, "but do you mind me asking why since we can do it here for just \$200." "Well, I've been thinking," said the husband. "In the two weeks we've been here all I've heard about was this man they crucified and buried and then three days later he arose from the grave. For \$4,800, I'm not willing to take that chance!"



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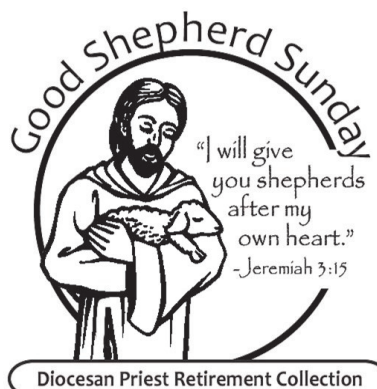
Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,689.00
Online Giving	<u>1,324.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,013.30

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 92,391.43
Paid to date	\$ 65,411.43
# of Pledges	200
% of families	22%

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 made in memory of:

- ♦ **Carol Heintz** from Mary Beth Abbott, Angie Kontur, Stan & Roselle Walkiewicz
- ♦ **Barb Slomski** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis
- ♦ **Jim Chuzie** from Tom & Laurene Peterman and Cheryl Tylkowski
- ♦ **Mary Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Amelia Thayer** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker

Also donations from:

Tammy Birkmire, Phil & Judy Kelly, Kathleen Horan, and Eugene & Kathleen Polaski

Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD & HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**



Let Us *Welcome*

Kinleigh Jean Shannon

daughter of

Andrew J. & Tarrah (Herman) Shannon
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Chris Sanner

CUP: Kaleigh Hubert, Alex Vinesky

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Lisa Straub

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,
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Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Mary Kearney,
Forrest Mischler

CUP: Ed Brown, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

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

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.





132 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

MUSINGS ON CORNED BEEF. (Reprinted from last year's bulletin by special request.)

You won't find corned beef and cabbage on the menu in most restaurants in Ireland. They don't eat it and they wonder why we think they do. Here's the story:

In ancient Ireland, cattle were kept not for meat, but for milk—they love their dairy products in Ireland. Milk was, in fact, the basis of the Irish diet before the introduction of the potato, so the only beef that was eaten came from old cows that could no longer produce milk (which, by the way, is the origin of Erie's famous Ox Roast). No, the Irish favor pork, which they call "the bacon." Back in the days before refrigeration, in order to preserve their pork, they would cure it and turn it into "ham," which made it dry. So to make it edible again, they would soak it in brine and eat it with a cheap and filling veggie--cabbage. The salt they used for the brine was large, like kernels of corn, so they called it "corned" bacon. "The bacon" is actually usually pork shoulder or butt. What we call "bacon" in the US, they call "rashers" in Ireland. They do eat ham, which they call "ham," but only if it comes from the leg. Got it?

Now, when the Irish started fleeing the famine in the 1840s—in 1847 alone 52,000 Irish immigrants came to New York City, which then had a population of only 372,000—and they went looking for "the bacon," they discovered that almost all of the butchers in their poor section of the city were Jewish—so no pork. Instead, because this was America where there were 5,000,000 head of cattle in Texas alone, they found an abundance of cheap beef—brisket being among the cheapest and with a consistency not unlike "the bacon." So the corned "bacon" and cabbage became corned beef and cabbage. And in Boston, which in that same year of 1847 saw 37,000 Irish Catholic immigrants flood into a city of 115,000 Protestants, there was a tradition of boiled dinners, like lobster, so the Irish there started boiling their corned beef with cabbage and potatoes and whatever else they could come up with—all in one pot.

Then, in New York, on St. Patrick's day, 19th century bars began to offer "free" corned beef and cabbage to the Irish laborers in the neighborhood. It was "free" to those who bought a drink or two (so basically everyone on St. Patrick's day). It became a thing. And today it's still a thing with the 33.3 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry.

And the Reuben Sandwich? Well, that was invented sometime in the 1920's either by a Lithuanian in Omaha with the first name "Reuben" or a German in New York with the last name "Reuben." But that's another story.

Our corned beef is made fresh for the Festival and it is GOOD! REAL GOOD! Try it at the Sports Bar on a hot dog with Guinness beer cheese sauce and fresh chopped scallions—it may change your life, or at least your outlook on the evening, especially if you wash it down with a Harp or a St. Pat's Irish Red.

Hungry? Wait until you see what else we're serving up at the Festival! Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

May 8 Monday, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM ROBERT WEISENFLUH (MARK WEISENFLUH)

May 9 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN, ANNIV. 5/13

(MARY STEWART)

May 10 Wednesday, Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 11 Thursday, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 12 Friday, Easter Weekday

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

May 13 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(RON & KATHY DOMBROWSKI)

May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM ELIZABETH SONNTAG (KATHY & BILL MASEK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

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

05/09 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/10 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/13 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



Msgr. Kriegel & Papuri Magno as she celebrated her First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30, 2017

*Bridal Couple Dinners
Spring 2017*





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

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