

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017



Mary's Altar  
St. Patrick Church

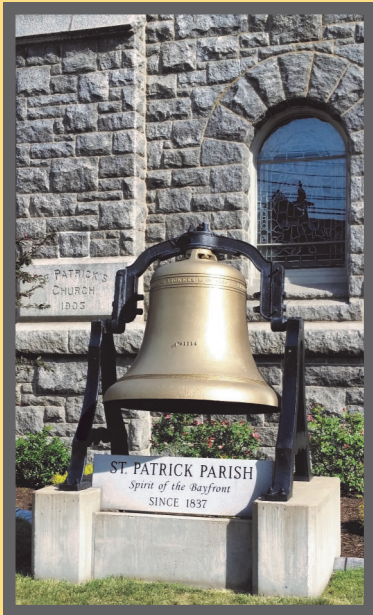
## Saint Patrick Parish

*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**

130 East 4th Street  
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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

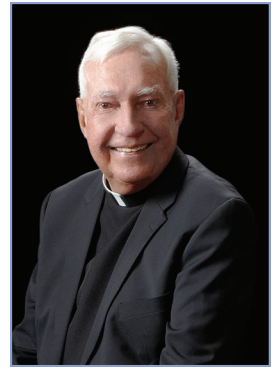
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. Our earlier readings from Acts show Luke's purpose: to show the mission of Jesus continuing through the work of the early church, first among the Jews and then Gentiles. However, as the church grew, conflicts arose. In today's first reading we find the church not yet distinct from Judaism. Jesus' followers were considered as one of several Jewish sects of the time. In today's passage, Hellenists were Jews who spoke only Greek, while Hebrews spoke Aramaic. Today the Greek speaking Jews protest that their widows were often ignored when it came to caring for the needy. The Twelve are focusing their efforts on proclaiming the Good News and do not want to get involved in resolving conflicts. As such, they call for new leaders among the Hellenists who can solve these problems. The Hellenists agree and choose seven men, among them Stephen, who will later become the first martyr for the faith.

Peter addressed Christians who are living in an environment hostile to their way of life. The author repeatedly reminds his readers of the grace and call of Baptism, urging them to follow Christ, even in the face of rejection and suffering. He reminds them that Christ, too, was rejected and suffered. Resorting to the Old Testament, the author reminds them that they are the new Israel.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the gospel reading recounted the Risen Christ's bestowal of the Spirit upon his disciples. Today we recall Jesus' promise at the Last Supper to do so, an assurance only dimly grasped at the time. Now, his disciples more fully understand what Jesus was saying. In the fourth gospel, the Last Supper is marked by several very lengthy discourses by Jesus and today's reading is the beginning of them. He is assuring them that he will return and take them to himself, something they do not yet understand. John alone among the disciples uses the term "Paraclete" to describe the Holy Spirit. The Greek root of this word means "one who stands

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

at the side of.”

Celebrant of the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's this weekend is Father Tom Fialkowski, retired pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish. Many of you know Father Fialkowski from the years he taught and was swim coach at Cathedral Prep. A group of us are in Spain.

Today is Mother's Day and I want to wish all of our mothers and grandmothers a blessed and happy day. Today's bulletin contains a listing of mothers, living and deceased, whom you wish remembered in our Masses this weekend.

In 2015, North America had 53.6 seminarians per one million Catholics, trailing behind Europe with 65.0 seminarians per million Catholics. This is in comparison to Asia's 245.7 and Africa's 130.6 seminarians per million Catholics. Between 2010 and 2015, the number of seminarians from Africa increased by 7.7%. In Europe, the number decreased by 9.7%.

On Friday and Saturday, June 16 & 17, the Mission of Mercy will provide free dental care at no cost to individuals who are unable to afford dental care. Treatment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and it is expected that several hundred individuals will be attending this year's event. You do not preregister, but plan to wait a lengthy period of time. Children are welcome, and the number of patients is limited to 1,000 per day. Once that number has been registered, no additional patients can be seen. The event will be held at the Gannon University Recreation and Wellness Center, 130 West Fourth St.

Someone asked me recently what the church's policy is on cremation. First of all, the presence of the body at a Mass of Christian Burial is highly valued. Therefore, it is preferable that cremation take place after the Mass of Christian Burial. When it is necessary to cremate the body before the Mass of Christian Burial, the cremated remains may be present at the Mass. In this case, the rubrics of the Order of Christian Funerals, as modified for use with cremated remains, are to be used. Mass celebrated with cremated remains present is called a Mass of Christian Burial, not a Memorial Mass. And, finally, the cremated

remains are to be given proper burial. They are not to be scattered, placed in the lake, etc. I think one of the Erie funeral directors told me recently that over 50% of funerals now involve cremation. When I was in Palm Springs for ten years, I only had one in ground burial. Over 99 percent of burials there were cremation. The biggest problem we faced was that people did not bury the cremains. Many kept them in their home or scattered them up on the mountain, etc. Some funeral directors even sold jewelry which would hold some of the cremains. All of those become a violation of the body of the deceased.

A few weeks ago we had new windows installed in the rectory dining room (that window is so large that the cost of that window alone was almost \$6,000.) There are two small pantries off the rectory kitchen with windows on the west wall and those were also replaced. And, finally, we replaced 4 north wall windows on the third floor. I have just ordered two very small windows for the back first floor stairway, and 6 more windows on the north wall of the second floor to be installed later this summer. So far we have replaced 65 of the 101 windows in the house. There are some we are not going to replace either because that section of the house is closed off or, in the case of the rectory living room, two walls face an enclosed porch and there are 3 windows there we are not replacing. This leaves us with less than 20 windows yet to replace.

Our maintenance men are working with the people from Kidder-Wachter Architects to get the new boiler installed in the rectory. You may recall our bids for a new boiler ran around \$30,000, but parishioner Chip Wachter and his partner Jeff Kidder donated a two year old boiler that is in a building which they own and have just sold. Now that the weather has broken, a team of plumbers are going to remove our present rectory boiler, and replace it with the one from their building. This saves us an enormous expense.

A sobbing Mrs. Murphy approached Father O'Grady after Mass and he asked, "Mary, what's bothering you?" "Oh Father," she replied, "I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night." "That's awful," said Father O'Grady, "Did he have any last requests?" "Oh, he did, Father," she replied. "He said, 'Please Mary, put down the damn gun.'"





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory Collection:     | \$ 6,331.00     |
| Online Giving             | <u>1,549.30</u> |
| Total Income              | \$ 7,880.30     |
| Good Shepherd Sunday      | \$ 3,130.00     |
| Catholic Services Appeal: |                 |
| Assessment                | \$ 74,000.00    |
| Pledges to Date           | \$101,253.43    |
| Paid to date              | \$ 71,521.43    |
| # of Pledges              | 218             |
| % of families             | 24%             |

*Thank you all for your generous pledges!*

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

- ◆ **Mary M. McMahon** from Maggie McMahon Collins
- ◆ **Matthew Niebauer (12 years)** from Ken & Alice Daub
- ◆ **Rita Caton** from Tracy Hess
- ◆ **Mary Novotny** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ◆ **Jane Klempay** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ **Mark Borowy** from Yvonne Gersims
- ◆ **Carol Heintz** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wheeler & Pam & Gary Suminski
- ◆ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick

Also donations from:

Amy Babinsack, Jay & Carol Habas, Joe & Heather Kimball, Tim & Mary Margaret Mackey, Richard & Mary Beth Wachter, and Mr. & Mrs. William Gloekler

Special Thank You!!!  
to **PANERA BREAD & HARBORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

### 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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Becky Coleman Hennessy**  
from Annie Carlotti Candela*

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Chris Sanner*  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
HOST: *Kathy Sertz, Chris Sanner, Shirley Winschel*  
CUP: *Carolyn Power, Bill Power*  
Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*  
Altar Servers: *Emilio & Gemma Filippi*  
Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz*

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Nick Straub*  
Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Joe Schneider*  
Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub*

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
HOST: *Michele Wheaton, Ryan Palm, Charla Leemhuis*  
CUP: *Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully*  
Greeters: *Charla Leemhuis, 1 NEEDED*  
Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*  
Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti*  
Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mark Borowy who passed away last week. Many of you know that familiar face leading the way at the St. Patrick's Day Parade and kicking off the Erie Irish Festival as St. Patrick.





**125 DAYS TO THE  
2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL  
MOMMY DEAREST.**

Although it may be a bit saccharine for our 21<sup>st</sup> century tastes, a hundred years ago the song, *Mother Machree*, was a number one Billboard hit in the United States. Like many of our favorite Irish songs, it isn't actually Irish at all—it was written for a 1911 Broadway play, *Barry of Ballymore*, that only ran for a total of 24 performances and is so forgotten that its often mis-cited as *Barry of Baltimore*. The premiere composers of Irish ballads in New York at the time, Ernest Ball, who's buried in his hometown of Cleveland, and Chauncey Olcott from Buffalo, wrote the music. The lyrics were written by a woman, Rida Johnson Young, who was from Baltimore (not Ballymore). Ball and Young teamed up again to write another number one hit, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* the following year, and Ball also co-wrote *Rose of Killarney* and *A Little Bit of Heaven*, among many, many others.

Although the play didn't go far, *Mother Machree* itself skyrocketed, in part because it was originally sung by THE original Irish Tenor, John McCormack. McCormack was born, one of 11 kids, in 1884 in County Westmeath in the geographical heart of Ireland and began his career, strangely enough, pretending to be Italian. He took to using the name, Giovanni Foli, in order to get jobs in Italian opera houses. By the 1910's, though, he had left Giovanni far behind and was one of the most famous singers in the world—akin today to Luciano Pavarotti—with a beguiling mix of classical and popular music. If McCormack sang it, it was sure to be a hit.

You may be a bit surprised to know that “machree” is not the mother's proper name, but an Irish word that means “dearest.” It comes from the Irish expression “cuisle mo chroidh,” or “cushlamachree,” literally “vein of my heart,” or figuratively, “sweetheart” or “dearest.” So *Mother Machree* is actually “mommy dearest.”

*“There's a spot in my heart which no colleen may own.  
There's a depth in my soul never sounded or known.  
There's a place in my memory, my life, that you fill. No  
other can take it, no one ever will. Sure, I love the dear  
silver that shines in your hair, and the brow that's all fur-  
rowed and wrinkled with care. I kiss the dear fingers, so  
toil-worn for me. Oh, God bless you and keep you, Mother  
Machree.”* And Happy Mother's Day.

Make your mother proud this year—volunteer at the festival. You can reach Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com).

PS. You can hear McCormack sing *Mother Machree* on YouTube—a remarkable acoustic recording—there were no electric microphones 106 years ago, so McCormack sang, with all the lung power he could muster, directly at a glass diaphragm connected to a horn connected to a needle that scratched his voice directly onto a shellac disk.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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)

**May 15 Monday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 16 Tuesday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 17 Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 18 Thursday, Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 19 Friday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 20 Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 PM MAUREEN & MICHAEL BYRNE  
(EITHNE & PATRICK MURPHY)

**May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM SEAN SULLIVAN JOHNSON &  
THERESA CARNEY JOHNSON  
(RICHARD J. JOHNSON FAMILY)

10:30 AM HELEN MILLER  
(BILL & KATHY MASEK & FAMILY)

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

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

**05/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**05/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**05/20** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**Welcome New Parishioners**

*Ronald & Brenda Bennett  
Corrine Cassa  
Ed Gunter  
Joyce Gunter  
Eugene & Louise Humenay  
Marty Tirak  
Brian & Gloria Zimmerman  
Danielle DiLuzio & Jonathan Panetta  
Caty Zona  
Sean Wiley  
Julie Hulick  
William & Ann Marie Bucceri  
Julie Chacona  
Donald & Barbara Chandley  
Callie A. English  
Robert & Sheryl Pennock  
Jeffrey & Lori Kaveney  
Matthew & Kimberly Yaw  
Gerald & Susie Dill  
Molly Dill*

## *Mother's Day Memorials*



***Received from...***

***In Memory/Honor Of...***

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|--|--|
| <i>Mary Beth Abbott</i> .....                      | <i>IMO Thelma Dundon, Katie Abbott</i>                           |
| <i>Kathy Alessi</i> .....                          | <i>IMO Alice Horan</i>   |
| <i>Jeff &amp; Paul</i> .....                       | <i>IMO Alice Amon, Mikey Kadar, Ann Kennedy</i>                  |
| <i>Nancy Andrzejewski</i> .....                    | <i>IMO Jean Wisenski, Pearl Andrzejewski, Florence Dunn,</i>     |
| .....  | <i>Lillian Dunn, Hazel McCann</i>                                |
| <i>Gail Ardery</i> .....                           | <i>IMO Aurelia "Irish" Ardery</i>                                |
| <i>Chuck &amp; Carole Arnold</i> .....             | <i>IMO Helen Arnold</i>  |
| <i>Jeanne Baker</i> .....                          | <i>IMO Elizabeth Baker</i>                                       |
| <i>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Peter Barzyk</i> .....           | <i>IMO Julie Barzyk, Varina Taylor</i>                           |
| <i>Mickie &amp; John Becker</i> .....              | <i>IMO Grace Hoyt, Celia Becker, Creszencia Becker</i>           |
| <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Behringer</i> .....         | <i>IMO Mary Catherine Behringer, Nancy Kerner</i>                |
| <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Biebel</i> .....          | <i>IMO Mrs. Peter Biebel</i>                                     |
| <i>Tammy Birkmire</i> .....                        | <i>IMO Sandy Birkmire</i>  |
| <i>Ryan Carey &amp; Maureen Barber-Carey</i> ..... | <i>IMO Kaye Barber</i>   |
| <i>Jane Carney</i> .....                           | <i>IMO Jane Ward Carney, Elinor Froehlich</i>                    |
| .....  | <i>IHO Mary Pat Froehlich</i>                                    |
| <i>William J. Carney</i> .....                     | <i>IMO Jane M. Ward Carney, Margaret Sheehan Ward,</i>           |
| .....  | <i>Lillian Carney McDonald, Mary C. Gallagher</i>                |
| <i>Anne &amp; Paul Causgrove</i> .....             | <i>IMO Mary Ann Mahoney, Norma Causgrove</i>                     |
| .....  | <i>IHO Anne Causgrove</i>  |
| <i>Julie Cicero</i> .....                          | <i>IMO Antoinette Cicero, Mary Custer</i>                        |
| <i>Donna &amp; Dario Cipriani</i> .....            | <i>IHO Jean Sokolowski, Antonette Cipriani</i>                   |
| <i>Kevin &amp; Margaret Cohick</i> .....           | <i>IMO Marjorie DeBias</i>                                       |
| <i>Mary Ellen Dahlkemper</i> .....                 | <i>IMO Lois H. Dahlkemper</i>                                    |
| <i>Michael &amp; Patty Dailey</i> .....            | <i>IMO Josephine DeBello</i>                                     |
| <i>Mary Ellen Demyanovich</i> .....                | <i>IMO Betty Williams</i>  |
| <i>Ron Deniziak</i> .....                          | <i>IMO Juanita Deniziak</i>                                      |
| <i>Tera Deniziak &amp; Mike Wiertel</i> .....      | <i>IMO Arlene Deniziak</i>                                       |
| <i>The Donnelly Family</i> .....                   | <i>IMO Carol Donnelly</i>  |
| <i>Patricia Donnelly</i> .....                     | <i>IMO Carol Donnelly</i>  |
| <i>From her children</i> .....                     | <i>IMO Mary L. Duncan</i>  |
| <i>Molly &amp; Lincoln Elliott</i> .....           | <i>IHO Courtney Elliott</i>                                      |
| <i>Karen Euliano</i> .....                         | <i>IMO Cecilia Skodinski, Clarice Euliano</i>                    |
| <i>Ray &amp; Patti Fiorelli</i> .....              | <i>IMO Rose Fiorelli, Isabelle Maloney</i>                       |
| <i>Dr. JoAnne Finn</i> .....                       | <i>IMO Nellie Kozlowski</i>                                      |
| <i>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon</i> .....         | <i>IHO Joyce Perry, Maureen Fitzgibbon</i>                       |
| <i>Paul Francis</i> .....                          | <i>IMO Monica J. Francis, Kathryn Francis</i>                    |
| <i>Judy Freiwald</i> .....                         | <i>IMO Gertrude Shorts</i>                                       |
| <i>Marilyn Garfield</i> .....                      | <i>IMO Mary Uht, Nora Garfield</i>                               |
| .....  | <i>IHO Elizabeth Gensheimer, Regina Garfield, Emily Johnson,</i> |
| .....  | <i>Crystal Garfield</i>  |
| <i>Yvonne Gersims</i> .....                        | <i>IMO Kathryn Graham Miller</i>                                 |
| <i>Joe Giles</i> .....                             | <i>IMO Theresa Cabeloff, Mary Mead, Dolores Giles</i>            |
| <i>Matt &amp; Kelly Glass</i> .....                | <i>IHO Elaine Glass, Trudy Sellers</i>                           |
| <i>Catherine Good</i> .....                        | <i>IMO Kay Nedresky</i>  |
| <i>Carol &amp; Jay Habas</i> .....                 |  |
| <i>Wm. Bill Haggerty</i> .....                     | <i>IMO Marion Haggerty</i>                                       |

**Received from...****In Memory/Honor Of...**

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Patricia Heasley .....              | IMO Mildred Barber  |
| Joan & Dave Heubel .....            | IMO Mildred Heubel, Katheryn Angelotti                            |
| JoAnne Homicz .....                 | IMO Bea Foley Buchner   |
| Jennifer & Jeremy Infantino .....   | IMO Sally Infantino   |
| Jim & Jerry Infantino .....         | IMO Bertha Infantino  |
| John Jackson .....                  | IMO Eileen Jackson  |
| Gary & Becky Johnson .....          | IMO Josephine Johnson   |
| John & Michelle Johnson .....       | IMO Patricia Baughman   |
| Patrick & Mary Kearney .....        | IMO Patricia Trapp  |
| .....                               | IHO Margaret Kearney  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kelm, Jr. ....      | IMO Josephine Kelm, Genevieve Villella                            |
| Ann Kolodziejczak .....             | IMO Mary & Tessie Kolodziejczak, Marcella Majczyk,                |
| .....                               | Pat Majewski, Caroline Maloney, Shirley Polaski                   |
| .....                               | Smith, Jean & Joyce Hoyer, Marsha Wilson,                         |
| .....                               | Deceased Aunts of Kolodziejczak & Majczyk families                |
| .....                               | IHO Pattie, Cindy, Theresa, Nikole, April & Mary Lou              |
| .....                               | Kolodziejczak, Jen Polaski, Melissa Edgin,                        |
| .....                               | Roseann Ferritto, Marty Johnson, Living Aunts of Majczyk families |
| Pamela Konieczko .....              | IMO Kay Konieczko   |
| .....                               | IHO Marge Stewart, Nancy Snyder                                   |
| David Korn .....                    | IMO Elizabeth Korn  |
| Tom & Darlene Kozesky .....         | IMO Betty Weiland, Jennie Kozesky                                 |
| Barbara Krauchen-Thompson .....     | IMO Mildred Krauchen  |
| Mary Lee & Daniel Lynch .....       | IMO Rita McGraw, Julia K. Lynch                                   |
| Kathleen MacMurdy .....             | IMO Margaret MacMurdy   |
| Bill, Kathy, and Jackie Masek ..... | IMO Elizabeth Sonntag, Helen Shade, Anna Masek,                   |
| .....                               | Marie Sonntag, Louise McNulty, Marie McNulty                      |
| .....                               | IHO Kathleen S. Masek, Martha S. Masek                            |
| Barry & Debby Masterson .....       | IMO Pauline Riazzi, Frances Rose, Bette Masterson                 |
| Diane McCarthy & family .....       | IMO Verda R. Corcoran, Charlotte M. McCarthy                      |
| Tim & Sheila McCarthy .....         | IMO Phyllis Murphy  |
| Ryan & Shannon Reid McGinnis .....  | IMO Virginia L. McGinnis  |
| Rosemarie McMahan .....             | IMO Mrs. Dorothy McMahan  |
| Deb Musolff .....                   | IMO Jeanne Hagmann  |
| Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler .....   | IMO Helen Eaton, Winifred Mischler                                |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Nemergut .....      | IMO Edith Winiarczyk, Mary Nemergut                               |
| Mike & Lynn Nies .....              | IMO Trish Hardner   |
| .....                               | IHO Jane Nies   |
| Rosanna O'Neil .....                | IMO Giuliana & Melvin O'Neil                                      |
| Mr. & Mrs. Q. Gregory Orlando ..... | IMO Geraldine Ciacchini   |
| Pauline Osmer .....                 | IMO Emily Malinowski  |
| Theresa Paluh .....                 | IMO Victoria Bubrzyk  |
| Bob & Maria Parisi .....            | IMO Rose Parisi, Marie Whitehill                                  |
| Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale .....    | IMO Luigina Pasquale  |
| .....                               | IHO Jeanne Hunkle   |
| June Shrefler Pettys .....          | IMO Alice V. Shrefler   |
| Tom & Pat Pianta .....              | IMO Rita Lasko, Irene Pianta                                      |
| Mary Beth & Jeff Pinto Family ..... | IMO Catherine Louise Pfadt Barber, Joyce Pinto,                   |
| .....                               | Audrey Sieber   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski .....     | IMO Helen Wright, Josephine Polaski                               |



**Received from...**

**In Memory/Honor Of...**

Dorothy Rennie..... *IMO Mildred, Rose*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske ..... *IMO Florence Reske, Rose Kulich*  
 Phil & Denise Rewers ..... *IMO Mary Masenas, Gail Masenas Orbanek,*  
 ..... *Joan Rewers*  
 Theresa Rotunda..... *IMO Frances Aloiz, Patricia Cuneo*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schenker ..... *IMO Mary Novotny, Clara Schenker*  
 Mary Pat Schlaudecker ..... *IMO Sara Carlow*  
 ..... *IHO Sara Schwister*  
 Ed & Jennifer Smith ..... *IMO Eleanor Smith*  
 ..... *IHO Marilyn Roeback*  
 Mrs. Frances Sokolowski ..... *IMO Frances Black*  
 Pauline Stevens..... *IMO Gladys Romanowicz, Karen Romanowicz,*  
 ..... *Theresa Pakiela, Paulina Dzikowski*  
 Marjorie Stewart ..... *IMO Mrs. Elnore Casey*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Straub ..... *IMO Marianne Straub, Margaret Ann Yaple*  
 Nick Straub ..... *IHO Lisa Straub*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sullivan..... *IMO Pat Wilson*  
 ..... *IHO Sally Sullivan*  
 Tim Torrey..... *IMO Mary Katherine Torrey*  
 Gerry Valahovic & Angela Helsley..... *IMO Julia Mikrut, Stella Valahovic, Kathryn Vickey,*  
 ..... *Nancy Vickey, Mary Vickey*  
 Frank & Carol Vona ..... *IMO Katheryn Angelotti, Mary Vona, Santa Vona,*  
 ..... *Josephine Felice*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Welch ..... *IMO Louise Spenik, Catherine T. Welch*  
 Robert & Patricia Wheeler..... *IMO Norma E. Causgrove, Mary Ann Wheeler*  
 ..... *IHO Betty Gama*  
 Beth & Jay White..... *IHO Paula Reske*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wier ..... *IMO Nina Messina, Kathryn Messina, Rose Wier*  
 Mike Wiertel ..... *IMO Joan Toombs*  
 Patty & Jerry Wolf ..... *IMO Helen Wolf, Sandy Chase*  
 ..... *IHO Dorothy Batcho*  
 Tom & Sharon Yelkovich..... *IMO Gertrude Shorts*  
 Nancy Yochim..... *IMO Lu Yochim*







April 27, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The **Collection for International Needs** provides us with opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.

This annual collection, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 20 and 21, is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. It offers a concrete way for us to help those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school and immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope, as well as those who are persecuted for their faith and those who wish to study for the priesthood, but do not have the means to do so. The collection gives us the means to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own, from Africa to the Middle East to Eastern Europe.

I ask you to please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on May 20-21. Just as importantly, please pray for our brothers and sisters in need. Be assured of my prayers for you, your families and your parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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## Pre-Election Get-Together - May 14



Holy Trinity Ushers' Society Guys & Gals Pre-Election Get-Together to Benefit Holy Trinity Parish, Sunday, May 14 from 4 –7 p.m. Introduction of Candidates will be held at 6 p.m.

\$10 admission includes: Ox Roast, Sausage sandwiches, hot dogs, chicken wings and beverages. Must be 21 to attend. Holy Trinity Social Center, East 23rd and Reed Streets, Erie, PA.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas extends an invitation to enthusiastic Catholic women, at least 18 years of age, to join one of the oldest and largest Catholic women's organizations in the world. We do charitable works to help the quality of life for people in our community. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Arundel Room at St. Andrew's Church, 1116 West 7th Street at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Vitron, Membership Chairman at 814-838-7270 or email Mary E. May, Regent at [Focus11@neo.r.com](mailto:Focus11@neo.r.com)

## SSJs hold information night on associate program

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania will offer an informal information session for anyone interested in becoming an associate of the congregation. The session will be held May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road in Millcreek.

SSJ associates are Christian women and men who come together to share the nature and spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Associate candidates are required to complete a year of preparation and instruction about the charism, history, spirit and spirituality of the sisters before they are welcomed into the program and asked to make a non-vowed commitment, which is renewed annually. Associate membership is open to all Christian men and women, regardless of age, marital status or vocation. For more information, contact Linda Kuhn or Nancy Donnelly at 814-836-4134 or email [associates@ssjerie.org](mailto:associates@ssjerie.org)

## Renowned liturgical musicians to perform at Holy Cross



Renowned contemporary liturgical musicians—David Haas and Marty Haugen, along with guitarist Stephen Petrunak—will appear in a rare combined concert at Holy Cross Church, 7100 W. Ridge Road, Fairview, on May 19 at 7:30 p.m. The concert benefits the Holy Cross Music Ministry. The concert is dedicated to the life and ministry of the late Mark Kulyk, a longtime music leader at the parish. Tickets are \$15; children 12 and under are free. To reserve tickets, call the parish at 814-474-2605 or email [HCmusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:HCmusicministry@gmail.com). Seating is limited.

## 22nd Annual Catholic Charities Ball

Join us for **Lights, Camera, Action!**

The 22nd Annual Catholic Charities Ball to be held on May 20 at the Bayfront Convention Center. Enjoy two complimentary cocktails and delicious food stations before dancing the night away to the amazing music of **The Chosen Few**. Dan and Dawn Schaaf will be honored as this year's Helping Hands Award recipients.



Tickets are \$100 per person for this cocktail attire event. All proceeds benefit the agencies and affiliates of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. Please visit <http://www.eriecnd.org/charitiesball.htm> before May 15 for more information and to purchase your tickets.

## Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 2-4 p.m.. This month's topic is: "Instructions for a Bad Day." Visit our website at: [www.eriecnd.org/transitions.htm](http://www.eriecnd.org/transitions.htm)

Russian Orthodox **Church of the Nativity**  
Presents the 9th Annual

## TROIKA Russian Festival



Friday, May 26, 2017 - 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Saturday, May 27, 2017 - Noon to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, May 28, 2017 - Noon to 9 p.m.

Church of the Nativity Community Center  
109 German Street, Erie, PA 16507  
[www.churchofthenativity.net/troika](http://www.churchofthenativity.net/troika)

Russian Food \* Russian Breakfast on Sunday from  
10 a.m. until Noon \* Ice Bar \* Children's Area \*  
Free Admission and Free Parking

## Mother's Day Gift

With Mother's Day here, why not give your wife the special gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend.



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held June 23-25, 2017.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Registration and information can be found by visiting [www.yourmarriageisworthit.org](http://www.yourmarriageisworthit.org)

## St. Casimir Rosary Society plans card party

The St. Casimir Rosary Society in Erie will hold its Blossom Time Card Party on May 31 at 6 p.m. at the St. Casimir Social Hall, Hess Avenue and Atkins streets, Erie. There will be food, raffles, door prizes and a gift auction. The donation is \$7 per person.



## Summer Child Care—

Parents, if you are looking for summer child care the Blessed Sacrament Adventure Program is now accepting registrations for children preschool through sixth grade. The program begins on June 12th and ends on August 18th. Please contact the school office at 455-1387.



## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

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Change of Address

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