

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019



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St. Patrick Church

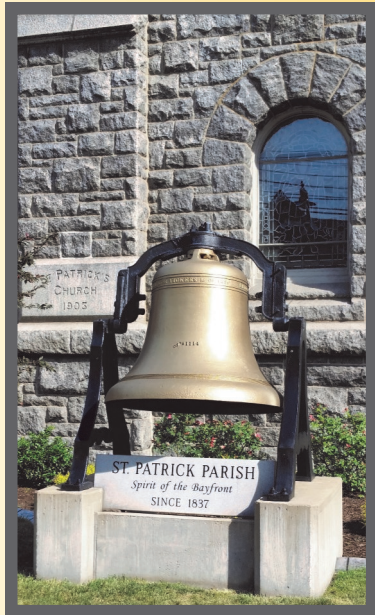
Saint Patrick Parish

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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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. The travels of Paul and Barnabas recounted in Acts bring their first missionary journey to completion. They preach first to Jews and then turn to Gentiles making numerous disciples, a term used in Acts to those who are baptized. After establishing churches, Paul and Barnabas appoint leaders to care for the communities. The act of designating leaders was likely performed with a ritual of laying on of hands, seen elsewhere in Acts as a sign of conferring power, grace of the Holy Spirit. The appointed leaders, called elders, are comparable to Jewish officials who administered, advised and set synagogue policies. As they complete the journey and return to Antioch, they report on their journey and most importantly, the news of God's grace opening to the Gentiles. They are admitted without undergoing circumcision, the first major controversy in the church, addressed by the Council of Jerusalem in the chapter immediately following today's reading.

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth." Thus begins the final vision in the Revelation of John. Writing to a persecuted church, John uses images intended to give the people hope and confidence in God's ultimate victory. What the visionary calls "the former heaven and the former earth" is the world in which John's audience is living. The old will give way to a new order in which all uncertainty and suffering of the present are no more. Everything that causes suffering will be destroyed. The sea, the symbolic place of chaos and danger in the Hebrew tradition, is no more; death, mourning and pain will also pass away. A new Jerusalem, coming down from heaven, will replace the former earthly city.

As soon as Judas leaves the supper with Jesus and his disciples, the long awaited hour of Jesus' passing from this world to the Father is set in motion. Jesus uses the word "glorification" five times in two verses, emphatically pointing to the deepest meaning of the coming hour. Having focused

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

on his glorification and that of his father, Jesus then turned his attention to his disciples. Addressing them as "my children," Jesus displays a tender bond of affection as he prepares them for the coming hour. He then proceeds to give them clear instructions on how they are to live in his absence. Jesus is about to express his love from the cross and notes that such self-giving love is to be the pattern of their own love. Their love, like his, gives glory to the Father.

Our maintenance men have been plastering and repainting the east entrance hall to the church. When they got to one of the walls and started sanding, not only did the paint come off, but the entire plaster wall collapsed. It seems there must have been some type of water damage in there over the years, so they started from scratch to completely re-plaster the wall and then paint it. It seems every time we get into some type of work we encounter a much worse scenario than we anticipated; but the buildings are a hundred years old and nothing lasts forever. At the cathedral, they are in the midst of a 4 year project to remove and replace every square inch of the plaster. It is so bad that paint won't even stick to it.

In addition, we are going to remove the tables that have been in that hallway and build a cabinet to hold missalettes and bulletins. This should make that entrance way a lot cleaner.

The parish office is closed on Fridays. Most of our parishes now operate on a four-day week.

Once the weather breaks we are going to do some asphalt work on the parking lot behind the rectory as well as replace the entrance apron to the driveway on Fourth Street. That entrance is deteriorating. The Finance Council wants me to widen the driveway coming into the parking lot behind the rectory, but it's really impossible. We can't go west because we don't own the property and we can't come east because we would have to replace the sprinkler system along the driveway and we run into the rectory itself. We had widened it by 18 inches last year.

We're grateful to ECGRA (Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority) for a grant of \$4,181.40 to help with our Irish Festival. That Authority

distributes an enormous amount of money to non-profits in the county.

Eric Albright, chair of the 2019 Irish Festival, along with Gary and Becky Johnson have already begun meeting and planning things for the September event. The music acts are already committed and under contract, the same is true with Calamari's who do the food. We have a couple of new chairs for committees this year. Dave and Sue Taccone have both chaired a committee for more years than we can count. Dave is stepping down as chair of the Beer Booth and that booth is going to be co-chaired by Ed Smith and Vin Halupczynski. Sue has chaired the Dessert Booth and they are currently looking for a volunteer to chair that both. I'm hoping that, as we get closer to the date, more of you will volunteer to help. Since moving the festival down to the church, the crowds keep growing each year. As a result, we need more and more volunteers.

During the month of April, our Food Pantry served 562 families for a total of 1,799 individuals. We distributed 17,920 pounds of food at a cost of \$515.80 to the parish. Once again, I did not have to take any money from our operating budget to cover these costs because of your ongoing generous support of the Food Pantry. And remember that God smiles in a special way on those who care for his poor and needy.

Our maintenance people are starting to work on the large sunporch on the rectory. Over the years that has just become a dumping ground for a little bit of everything. Everything is coming out, the floor is going to be painted and then we are putting some wicker furniture in there.

The Irish Cultural Society recently erected a monument to the immigrants who formed and shaped Erie as we know it today. The monument is on the east side of church and very attractive. There are paving stones available for your name.

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked, 'No refills'."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,493.00
Online Giving	<u>1,527.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,020.30
Catholic Services Appeal 2019	\$ 87,561.00
Pledged	\$ 99,721.00
Paid	\$ 70,751.00

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 **Irish Cultural Society**

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **George Ashworth family** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **David Mattingly** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Edward Snyder, Brian Snyder, Linda Winkelman** from Pamela Konieczcko
- ♦ **Helen Kormosh, Joseph R. Kormosh**, from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Anthony & Veda Savelli** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Josephine Polaski** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **K Wright** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Jim & Wendy Bahm, Maggie Bahm, Robert Biebel, Kathleen Horan, Phil & Judy Kelly, James Malone and Jack & Kathy Watts

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Joe DeAngelo
from Bob & Diane Boeh*

Welcome New Parishioners

*William Motsch & Dr. Cynthia Weibel
Jared Schaaf
Randy & Caron Colish
Conor Marr & Charlotte Marr deVries
John & Rosemary Yokoff
Joseph J. Bloomstine
Joe & Colleen Selleny
Robert & Keely Doyle II
Peter & Jerilyn Pascale
Michael & Mary Bova
Don Lazan
Rick & Barb Sienerth
Jason Smith & Monica Riggles-Smith*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Barbara Brairton, Carol Habas, Jay Habas*

CUP: *Shirley Winschel, Patty Dailey*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, 1 NEEDED*

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

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Christopher Sofranko*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies*

Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Williams, Kathleen Pae, Luke Gilmore, Candy Bukowski, Colleen Welch*

CUP: *Cyndi Pristello, Ryan Palm*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Pau Balczun*

LITURGY INTENTIONS

May 18 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE)

May 19 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM ROBERT MINIGER (JIM & MELANIE GILLESPIE)
 10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (BOB LAFARO)

May 20 *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM MARIAN SONTHEIMER HARTMAN
 (BILL & MARY FLANAGAN)

May 21 *Tuesday, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*
 8:00 AM DR. FOREST MISCHLER
 (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

May 22 *Wednesday, Sister Rita of Cascia, Religious*
 8:00 AM MASS

May 23 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (CARLOW FAMILY)

May 24 *Friday, Easter Weekday*
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

May 25 *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 5:00 PM ROBERT MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (DIANE MCCARTHY & FAMILY)

May 26 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM SEAN SULLIVAN JOHNSON &
 THERESA CARNEY JOHNSON
 (RICHARD J. JOHNSON FAMILY)
 10:30 AM RUTH GRAY, WEDDING ANNIV. (TOM GRAY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory

05/18 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
05/21 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR
05/22 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
05/25 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
05/27 Church & Office Closed—Memorial Day

Additional Mother's Day Memorials

Received from...

Betty Gama

IMO Marie Weber

Gerry & Fred Vickey

IMO Kathryn, Julia & Nancy Vickey, Stella & Ann Valahovic, Mothers who do not have anyone to pray for them



WANTED

DESSERT BAR—CHAIRPERSON

The 2019 Erie Irish Festival is in need of a parishioner to step up and chair the Dessert Booth. No experience necessary, just a desire to do your fair share to help make the festival spectacular once again.

Contact Eric Albright, soapinerie@netzero.net

117 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



WANTED VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

It takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a parish to raise a festival. We have our volunteer system down to a science and just need someone to oversee it. Here's how it works:

- ⇒ Around June or so, check with the chair people of the individual festival booths and areas to figure out what their volunteer needs are.
- ⇒ Put want ads and notices in the bulletin to get the word out. Have the volunteer pledge cards printed with the areas in need of volunteers. (The Parish Office staff will help with all of this.)
- ⇒ Get the volunteer pledge cards displayed in the church vestibule, take them in when completed, and sort them by area preference. Deliver the cards (this can be done electronically) to the individual area chairpersons for scheduling—each chairperson is responsible for their own scheduling, so you don't have to contact the volunteers yourself.
- ⇒ Check for emailed volunteer offers—we will have this as an area on our website with emails forwarded to you. Get those to the right booth or area chair.
- ⇒ Have a St. Patrick's Irish Red Ale at the festival to thank yourself for:
 - a. Stepping up and volunteering to handle this task.
 - b. A job very well done.

If you are interested, please contact Festival Chairman, Eric Albright at soapinerie@netzero.net or at 814-881-2367.

If you are not interested, you should be. Shame on you for letting someone else take this great job.

Join the Silent Walk for Peace

Benedictines for Peace in Erie will hold May's Silent Walk for Peace May 22 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Emmaus Grove: The Erie Urban Farm School, 218 E. 11th St., Erie. The walk will begin in the garden and continue in silence, single-file, around the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House and Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry before returning to the garden.

Multi-media journalist needed

The Office of Communications of the Diocese of Erie is hiring a full-time multi-media journalist, who will be responsible for planning, prioritizing and packaging materials for distribution through all digital and social media platforms, as well as print. For the full position profile and directions on how to apply, go to

<https://www.ErieRCD.org/employment.html>.

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank Parishioner
Ed Smith—Attorney

305 West 6th Street

Erie, PA 16507

814-452-6800

for advertising in the parish bulletin

Senior, Caregiver fair/lunch offered at three parishes—

Three Erie parishes are presenting a senior and caregiver fair and lunch in June. Experts will offer ways to get personal affairs in order. There also will be health and fitness assessments, presentations about finances, will, funeral planning, medication management and full home care. The fairs will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, followed by lunch.

DETAILS:

June 7: St. Jude

June 11: St. George

June 12: Blessed Sacrament

Registration at 9:30, event starts at 9:45-12p.m.

Participating Organizations:

- * Millcreek Community Hospital
- * YMCA
- * PNC Wealth Management
- * Quinn Law Firm
- * Brugger Funeral Home
- * Senior Helpers
- * Kloecker Funeral Home

Donation \$20

Tickets can be purchased at the rectory offices of any of the three parishes.

For more information please visit

www.stgeorgeerie.org

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

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Community
Service Day at
St. Patrick Church by
Villa Maria Academy
students

