

Feast of Pentecost
May 20, 2018



St. Patrick Church

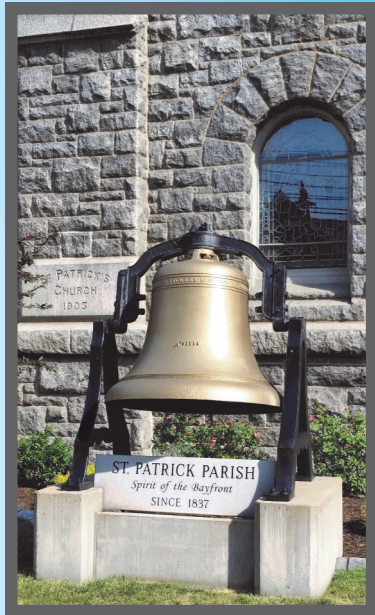
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Feast of Pentecost. This feast is a major one in the Jewish calendar, taking place fifty days after Passover. Luke's description of the coming of the Holy Spirit draws a very clear link between the Christian Pentecost and God coming to Moses on the mountain. We're told that today the apostles experienced a strong wind and tongues as of fire. Wind, both in the Hebrew and Greek traditions, is associated with spirit or breath. The noise of a gust of wind heralds God's new intervention in salvation history. "Tongues as of fire" recalls Exodus 19:18 where fire symbolizes God's presence on Mt. Sinai as he formed a covenant with Israel. In today's text, the Holy spirit prepares the apostles to proclaim the new covenant. Suddenly the scene shifts to the street outside the house where a large crowd has gathered. They are identified as coming from towns throughout the Roman Empire to signify the universality of this new covenant. Some hear only babble while others hear the apostles speaking clearly, each in their own language. It is a reversal of the confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul insists that the various gifts (in Greek, *charisma*, meaning "gift of grace.") and services can be traced to the same spirit, the same Lord and God. No single gift is prominent in and of itself and a person cannot play one gift against others. Every gift is also a form of service or ministry. He also emphasizes that no one can boast of having a *charisma*, because it is not private property or the result of personal achievement. The gifts are given for community benefit—the common good. Paul uses the metaphor of the body to explain Christ's relationship with believers. By baptism, all believers, despite the variety of ethnic or social origin, are integrated into one body.

In the gospel, Jesus appears on the evening of the first day of the new creation, the day he rose from the dead. The disciples receive the new spirit by Christ breathing on them, a gift that

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recalls Genesis 2:7, when God breathed life into the first human. Just as Adam's life came from God, so now the disciples' new spiritual life comes from God's Son

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Tom Fialkowski, retired pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and longtime faculty member at Cathedral Prep. A group of us are in southern Italy and Sicily and will return very late today.

Church of England congregations at one of three churches are singing along to taped recordings due to a chronic shortage of organists in the country. Most churches report having a working pipe organ but those with the skills to play them "are a dying breed," according to a recent report. Fifty percent of organists are 70 or older and only four percent are under the age of 30. "Most churches have an organ and most of them are in working order so it really is just down to a lack of players," said study author Richard Hubbard. Our organist, Mark Alloway, tells me that a similar crisis is about to hit American churches because very few people are studying to be organists.

The Diocese of Saint-Jerome, north of Montreal, is suggesting closing 33 of its 55 churches in early June. About 40 places of worship have been shuttered every year on average in the province since 2011. "We are not managers of old buildings," said Father Martin Tremblay, vicar general of the diocese, noting that heating costs for one church alone stand at \$25,000 a year.

The Men's Room is closed for renovation. Use the one behind the altar. Enter via the weekday chapel and walk the corridor behind the altar.

In the past six years, the number of Christians in the Gaza Strip has plummeted from 4,500 to just under a thousand, due to the harsh conditions under which they are living, according to the pastor of the territory's sole Catholic church. Gazans "live like it's an open prison since we can't leave. We can't visit relatives, look for work, medicine or good hospitals on the outside," said Father Mario da Silva. The Gaza Strip is a 141 square mile area, part of Palestine, located to the west of Israel and home to 1.8 million persons. Since 2007, it has been ruled by the Islamist Hamas. Since

Hamas came to power, Israel and Egypt have conducted an economic blockade of the Gaza Strip, restricting the flow of persons and goods in an effort to limit rocket attacks on Israel launched from the territory. The priest says that inhabitants have only three hours of electricity a day and there is a shortage of water. Most Gazans are unemployed and those who do work only earn about \$150-200 a month.

In his new letter on holiness, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Be glad and rejoice), Pope Francis chastised those who would see abortion as a more important issue than migration. "Some Catholics consider immigration a secondary issue compared to the grave bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian." "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development but it should not supersede the defense of the poor or migrants. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection," he said. In reality, he is writing that single issue Catholicism is incorrect.

In writing about holiness, he writes that "Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humor." In another section he writes, "Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information of knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity." Elsewhere he writes, "The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice."

Two cowboys are riding across the prairie and they come across an Indian lying down with his ear on the ground. They got off their horses and ask him what he's doing. "He says, "Two wagons, four horses, two men, two women, one small child, a cow, two goats and a large brown dog." They say, "Wow, you can tell all of that just by listening to the ground?" "No," he says, "that's what ran over me an hour ago."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,902.53
Online Giving	<u>1,317.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,219.83

Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 102,525.00
Total Paid	\$ 78,485.00
Total Families	237

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:

The Restoration Fund

Donations were made in memory of **Thomas Cook** from:

Albion Volunteer Fire Dept., API Industries,
Karen Benneger, John & Julia Bongiovanni,
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- ♦ **Sandy Birkmire** from Tammy Birkmire
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Special Thank You!!!
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EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
John Krauchen, Sr., Anniversary
from Barbara Krauchen Thompson*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Charla Leemhuis,
Forrest Mischler

CUP: Mary Williams, Ed Smith

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

Additional Mother's Day Memorials

Received from...

James Donnelly

IMO Liz & Carol Donnelly

Rosemarie McMahon

IMO Mrs. Dorothy McMahon



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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

May 19 Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00 PM VIRGIL KERR (DAMMEYER FAMILY)

May 20 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY (FAMILY)

10:30 AM MARY MCCARTHY (YVONNE GERSIMS)

May 21 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM JIM AQUINO (HONARD FAMILY)

May 22 Tuesday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM TOM COOK (CRAIG HAMMON)

May 23 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM THOMAS J. TORREY

(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

May 24 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

May 25 Friday, Weekday

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

May 26 Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 PM ROBERT VITRON

(MR. & MRS. RALPH GARBER)

May 27 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM SEAN SULLIVAN JOHNSON &

THERESA CARNEY JOHNSON

(RICHARD J. JOHNSON & FAMILY)

10:30 AM BOB MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(DIANE MCCARTHY FAMILY)

Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Father Tom Fialkowski will celebrate Mass at 9 a.m. the third Saturday of each month in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 West Lake Road, Erie. Fellowship follows with coffee and homemade snacks.

May rosary prayed at mausoleum

To honor Mary in the month of May and to pray for the deceased, the rosary will be prayed May 26, beginning at 9 a.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace Mausoleum, 6000 Lake Pleasant Road, Erie.



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 20th 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

05/19 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/22 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/23 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/27 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse:

Child sexual abuse is a great deal more prevalent than many imagine. Some studies suggest that as many as one in six boys and one in four girls will be the victim of some form of sexual molestation before the age of 18. That means that, directly or indirectly, child sexual abuse will touch most of us during our lifetime. And although we would like to believe that most accusations are false, the facts tell us that children rarely lie about being molested. In fact, they rarely tell anyone at all. An adult study about the prevalence of sexual abuse found that 42% of the men and 33% of the women who were victimized as children never told anyone. (Source: Shannon Womak Doty, "Refresher from Protecting God's Children Program") To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Family Perspective -

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

Families Always Matter in the Diocese of Erie



Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!

Erie parish to host card party ♥♣♦♠

The St. Casimir Rosary Society of **St. Casimir Church**, 629 Hess Ave., Erie, is sponsoring its Blossom Time Card Party May 30 at 6 p.m. at the church social hall. There will be a luncheon, raffles, door prizes and a gift auction. A \$7 donation is requested to attend.

Russian Orthodox **Church of the Nativity** Presents the 10th Annual



TROIKA Russian Festival

Friday, June 1, 2018: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, June 2, 2018: Noon to 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3, 2018: Noon to 8 p.m.

Church of the Nativity Community Center
109 German Street, Erie, PA 16507
www.churchofthenativity.net/troika

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

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank and Welcome
El Amigo Mexican Grill
333 State St., Erie ~ 814-454-4600
for advertising in our parish bulletin

St. Boniface Summer Festival
Coleman Center, 9363 Wattsburg Rd., Erie PA 16509

Saturday, June 2 from 6 pm - 10 pm

Live music by

The Barefoot Fisherman and the Hodapp Family Band

Pennsylvania Craft Beer ~ Pulled Pork
Sausage Sandwiches ~ Hot Dogs

Sunday, June 3 from, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Traditional Family Style Chicken Dinner

Bake Sale ~ Basket Auction ~ Country Cupboard
Cash Prizes ~ Kids Games

A portion of the proceeds to benefit
St. Joseph Neighborhood Garden and
the Greene Township Playground Remodel

Scramble scheduled at Venango Valley Golf Course

Join the ninth annual **Holy Rosary (Erie)** Golf Scramble June 27 at Venango Valley Golf Course in Venango, Erie County. The cost is \$80 per person. The event is open to women and men over 21 years of age. Sign in at 11 a.m., enjoy lunch and be ready for the shotgun start at noon. A goodie bag will be provided for all players. There will be skill prizes, a skins game and raffle baskets. Dinner and more prizes will be at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ken Kendziora at 814-825-7375.



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** 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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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



St. Patrick Parish
130 East Fourth Street
Erie, PA 16507
814-454-8085

Dear Parishioner—

Sunday, June 17th, is Father's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful men who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your father has already gone to his eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling him of your love for him.

Our bulletin on June 16th & 17th will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased father or grandfather 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 MONDAY, JUNE 11th, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Msr. Henry Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From
