

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017



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St. Patrick Church

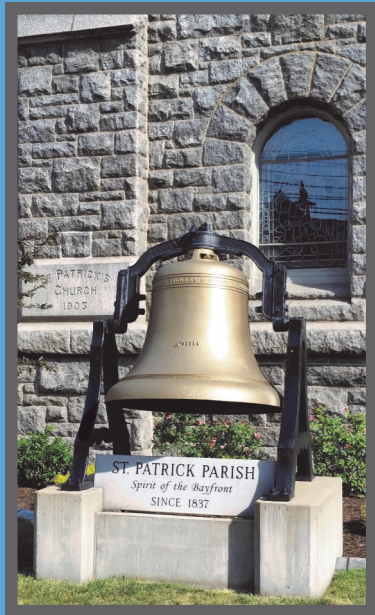
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

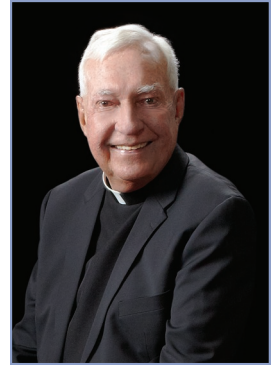
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the chapter preceding today's reading, Stephen was stoned to death as the first Christian martyr, and persecution of the church in Jerusalem begins. Philip, a Greek speaking believer, whom we meet today, determines to proclaim the gospel to Samaritans. Though some of their practices and beliefs differ from the Jews, they also held hopes for a Messiah. Like their Jewish counterparts, they respond to Philip's message when they see signs performed in Jesus' name. When the apostles in Jerusalem hear of this, they send Peter and John to assist Philip.

Our second reading presents a passage from a brief letter attributed to Peter. This letter addresses Christians suffering in various unspecified ways because of their faith in Jesus and encourages them to be faithful to their baptismal calling. While some persecution resulted in imprisonment and even death, most took more subtle forms such as mockery, shunning and economic restrictions. Peter instructs them to explain their beliefs but to do so in a gentle way showing respect for their persecutors. If one must suffer, it is far better to do so for good actions.

Today's gospel continues Jesus' farewell discourse at the supper before his Passion. In the previous chapter, Jesus washed the disciples feet, modelling the humble, selfless love he then commands them to imitate. In the lengthy farewell address that follows that washing, he speaks of his coming departure from this world, but assures them of his enduring presence in a different mode. He promises to send another Advocate, and John uses the Greek word *parakletos*, best understood as "one who stands beside." He is telling them that, after his death and resurrection, he will no longer be at his followers side in tangible, visible flesh, but rather in the Spirit, the Paraclete. Throughout the lengthy discourse, Jesus will refer frequently to his unique unity with God, a oneness that he now says will be available to

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

to those who believe in him.

In your prayers, please remember Emily Pinto, daughter of Jeff and Mary Beth Pinto (Mary Beth is a lector). Emily is a college student who is volunteering at a Jesuit Medical Mission in Peru. She e-mailed about a 25 year old woman whose husband made the 12 hour trek to the Clinic for his wife who was dying and how she helped him use a telephone to call relatives. It was the first time the man had used a phone. Subsequently he made the 12 hour journey home so his wife could die with their two sons and 5 year old daughter.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening Mass this weekend is Father Michael Polinek, Vocation Director for the diocese. Celebrant of the Sunday, 8 and 10:30 Mass will be Fr. Tom Fialkowski, retired pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish. A group of us are in Spain and will be home today.

Our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity will host their annual Russian Festival on Friday, May 26, from 4-9 PM, Saturday, May 27, from noon until 6 PM and Sunday, May 28, from noon until 9 PM. They will be serving a Russian breakfast on Sunday from 10 AM until noon for \$10. If you have never seen the interior of that church, please visit the festival and tour the building. It is one of the great religious icons of Erie.

I'm grateful to Mary Pat Schlaudecker and a crew of parishioners who care for the lawns around the church and rectory. Over the last several years, the appearance of those grounds has improved dramatically.

The *Dutch News* reported recently that there were 6,091 assisted deaths, representing 4% of all deaths in the Netherlands in 2016. The Dutch government announced recently that it planned to extend euthanasia to people who are not sick or dying but claim to have a "completed life." Among the deaths in 2016, one was identified as a dentist who assisted the suicide of his wife. Another was a woman in her 70s who was perfectly healthy, socially active, but decided she did not want to go on living without her husband and was euthanized. Euthanasia is currently legal in a number of countries, but is strongly opposed by

the church.

As you are well aware, we are attempting to restore our hundred year old pipe organ and want to do that without a capital campaign. The Finance Committee is hoping that we can generate enough funds through the excess from the CSA each year to be able to undertake this project. We plan to do the restoration in stages over a 5 year period. We will use the organ for Christmas and then shut it down until Easter while they work on it. Then it will be functional for Easter and the wedding season. The entire project will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

If you ever want to see the workings of the pipe organ, ask our organist, Mark Alloway, and he will gladly show it to you. It's an incredible instrument. I had no idea so much was involved. He can also show you the wear and tear and why we have to undertake a restoration. The last major work on the pipe organ was done in the 1940s. We did some patch work when we restored the church, but that has been about it.

I've encountered a problem, however, with absolutely necessary repairs needed on the huge chimney at the back of the church and on the exterior of the east wall of the church. This work is going to be close to \$50,000, and I'm going to have to use the excess money from this year's CSA as well as other monies to fund this project. That chimney is literally falling down, and it has to be repaired. The faulty chimney is also causing water damage in the Food Pantry. You can see the damage from water seeping into the east wall of the church interior, and we want to get that stopped as soon as possible. Part of my job is to prioritize things, and it's not always the easiest position to be in; but I think we have to move in this direction for the time being. Hopefully, this will be the last "structural issue" for awhile, and we can then get to starting on the pipe organ.

Two Irishmen were working in the public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill in the hole. After awhile, an onlooker said, "Why do you dig a hold, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and said, "Well, I suppose it looks odd because we're normally a three-man crew. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 9,222.00
Online Giving	<u>1,354.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,576.30

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$102,756.43
Paid to date	\$ 73,161.43
# of Pledges	227
% of families	25.2%

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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Jessica Nicole Morrell** from John Godish
- ♦ **Emilio Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ **Dan Prichard** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **McGraw & Lynch families** from Dan & Mary Lee Lynch
- ♦ **Mark Borowy** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Frank Petrunger** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale
- ♦ **Jennifer Eaton** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

Also donations from:

Steven & Kelly Karns, Mark & Annette Rennie,
Mark & Susan Sullivan, Kraig Sweeney, and
Mark & Barbara Sargent

Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK 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
William J. Carney
from Jane Carney*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Patty Dailey

CUP: Steve & Ann Scutella

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Nancy Andrzejewski

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Cyndi Pristello,
Forrest Mischler

CUP: Mary Williams, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary Williams

MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

“If you love me...” (John 14:15) If you love me, you’ll clean the bathroom, watch the kids, make enough money to support us... The list can be endless - and so is love. What would your beloved love you to do for them today? It’s OK to ask. Mind reading not required.

A Family Perspective—

In today’s gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”



118 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE LITTLE KNOWN CONQUEST OF IRELAND BY AMERICANS IN THE 16TH CENTURY.

Everyone knows the story of the Spanish conquistadors who ravaged the Americas looking for the lost city of gold, and the story of the French and the English who conquered North America with a mixture of force and bribery. But very few people know the story of the humble Americans who, beginning in the 16th century, conquered not just Ireland, but all of Europe. These American immigrants took over most of the continent, established themselves in nearly every home, and are still there, playing a central part in every European's life. And the one time they failed, Ireland, and the continent, went into a panic and millions fled. So who are they, these powerful Americans?

Well, by now you may have guessed—they are potatoes--the humble tubers that were unknown to Europe until the Spanish conquistadors and explorers first brought them home from their travels in the new world in the late 1500's. From Spain the potato spread north like wildfire and within a short few years was being written about by Shakespeare—"Let the sky rain potatoes!"

But how did the potato become so firmly established in Ireland—to the point of causing the greatest disaster in her history when the crop failed in the 1840's? Well, popular cultural belief says it was the English explorers, Raleigh, or perhaps Drake, or perhaps Cavendish, who brought the potato on a return voyage from the new world, but that seems to be mostly hero-worship by the English and there's not much evidence to support it. But it could have been them.

On the other hand, some suspect the potato came straight from Spain. Early on, the Irish referred to the potato as "An Spáinneach" or "An Spáinneach Geal," which means the "white" or "kind-hearted" Spaniard. So many believe it came through the considerable trade Ireland had with Spain.

However it came, the potato was tailor made to be grown in Ireland. It thrives in a temperate climate with short autumn days and was soon the basis of the Irish diet. But what did the potato replace?

Well, mostly milk. Remember the corned beef story? How the Irish loved their cows too much to eat them? Prior to the introduction of the potato, the Irish had a predominantly milk based diet—cultured, curdled, aged, churned, soured, and even buried in bogs for a while, and often mixed with another Irish favorite, oats. That temperate climate so good for the potato is also what makes the Emerald Isle emerald—and that emerald color? It comes from the rich grasses that cows love to munch and turn into milk. And their love of milk continues.

To this day, in fact, Ireland is one of the largest per-capita consumers of butter. And it's a sure bet that any country that loves butter that much has virtually perfected it. And that's why, when you come to the Irish Festival, we'll give you 100% Irish made butter with our freshly baked Irish soda bread. And potatoes? Fresh chips with your fish, mashed on your shepherd's pie, fried and smothered with Guinness Beer Cheese Sauce and corned beef, or stewed in your Irish stew? You decide.

If you volunteer in the kitchen, you can be a part of serving these great Irish favorites. Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckyjkj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

May 22 *Monday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

May 23 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN (DENNIS GEHRLEIN)

May 24 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (FAMILY)

May 25 *Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord*

12:00 PM MASS

May 26 *Friday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

May 27 *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM BOB MCCARTHY
(MICHELE & JIM OVERDORF)

May 28 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV.
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

10:30 AM LUKE PURVIS (DAVID & SUE TACCONE)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

05/23 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/24 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

05/29 Office Closed—Memorial Day

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Instruct your children to never give out personal information online. This includes their address, telephone number, the name or location of their school, or their parents' names. They also need to be careful of any photos they might post. A simple picture of your daughter in a cheerleading uniform, standing in front of your house, could provide enough information for a stranger to physically locate her. Online predators have ways to innocently ask simple questions over a period of time that gives them enough information to know who children are and where they live. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out



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

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 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.erieRCD.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

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

St. Boniface School to hold reunion weekend

St. Boniface School in Erie is hosting its 160th Alumni Reunion Weekend June 3-4. Everyone is invited to attend the 5 p.m. alumni Mass on June 3 at the church, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, and the alumni adult dance in the parish center. The cost is \$10 per person and includes subs, refreshments, music and dancing. A Mass also will be celebrated June 4 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a dish for a tureen dinner for your entire family. Memorabilia items will be available for sale. For more details, contact Joni Biletnikoff Gross at Joni.Gross@va.gov.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel to celebrate final school event

Celebrate 55 years of Catholic education at a final school event at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, on June 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. Food will be available at reasonable prices; bring chairs and blankets. Enjoy a DJ, a bouncy house, a 50/50 raffle and fireworks. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym, there will be a silent auction on sports banners. Sport uniforms and trophies also will be on sale (cash or checks only).

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.



Our Lady of Mercy rummage sale scheduled in June—

The Our Lady of Mercy rummage sale is set for June 2-3 in the gym at Our Lady of Mercy, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Consider donating items to the sale by dropping off items to the gymnasium between May 27 and June 1. Items NOT accepted include furniture, large appliances, food items, televisions and computers. If you would like to help organize and sort, call Judy Mitcheltree at 814-899-2527.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



As Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of marriage and family, why not take this opportunity to enrich your marriage and family life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend?

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

Support Group for Huntington's Disease

A group of concerned people from all over Erie and Crawford counties meets at St. Boniface (9363 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA 16509) every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. to learn, share information and support each other in an informal setting. For more information call Art 814-454-8956 or Barbara 814-490-6288. Email: Art18189@gmail.com

2017 Great Lakes Hospice Support Groups—



Meetings are free of charge and open to the public, doors open at 5:00 pm; meeting starts promptly at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served, courtesy of Hamot Health Foundation, promptly from 5-5:30 pm the first of every month. Please RSVP by calling Cathy McKenzie at 814/877-6527 no later than the day before the scheduled meeting.

Scheduled meetings:

- June 1st (dinner), June 15th (snack)
- July 6th (dinner), July 20th (snack)
- August 3rd (dinner), August 17th (snack)
- September 7th (dinner), September 21st (snack)
- October 5th (dinner), October 19th (snack)
- November 2nd (dinner), November 16th (snack)

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.



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

PREPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Pre-registration is required. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or 800.374.3723 ext. 261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017.

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

Advertiser of the Week:

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Parties, Weddings, Friday Dinners 4-7PM
431 E 3rd St. 452-6146
for advertising in our parish bulletin.