

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 2, 2019



The Ascension  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
photo by  
Tom Golab

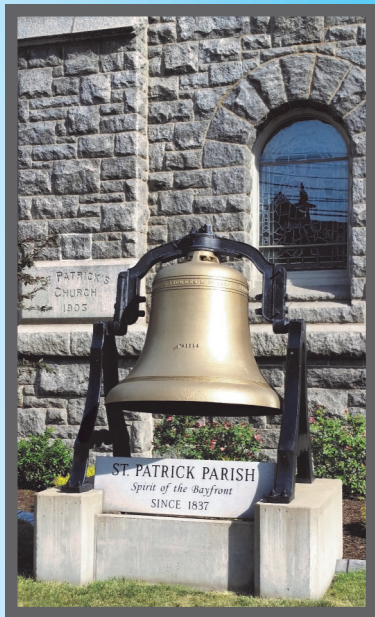
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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 Seventh Sunday of Easter. The account of the death of Stephen presents him as a true witness to Christ. Like Jesus, he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That Spirit had already inspired him to review the history of his Jewish audience, recounting the actions that show how they, like their ancestors, always opposed the Holy Spirit. Rather than focusing on their hostility, he sees Jesus, risen and ascended, standing at the right hand of God. Even more enraged when he cries out what he had seen, they cover their ears, rush upon him and begin to stone him. Those same people then laid their cloaks at the feet of Saul. This is the first mention of Saul, the former persecutor of Christians who will become the major figure in the second half of Acts. Finally, Stephen imitates Jesus when he asks him to receive his Spirit and secondly, when he asks his Father to forgive them: "Lord, do not hold this against them." He is the first martyr in the history of the church.

"Behold," this opening word urges us to give full attention to the proclamation that follows. While visions often come from heavenly messengers, this one is from Jesus himself. These are the last words of the bible and do not so much bring it to a conclusion as open up hope and eager anticipation for the future. By affirming himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Jesus affirms that his present embraces everything, past, present, future, heaven and earth. Jesus uses the "I am" statement, a favored way in John's gospel of announcing his identity

Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper is both a personal address to his Father and a summary of his teaching. This prayer is referred to as the "high priestly prayer," in which he speaks directly to his Father, giving the disciples the chance to hear the intimacy between them. He speaks as a priest who intercedes with God for the people. At the core of his petitions is his desire "that they may all be one," He is praying for a complete



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

unity visible to the world. He also prays that the love he shares with his Father may be in his disciples as well.

A special congratulations to all of our young people who graduate from high school or college this year. We recognize how hard you have worked to receive your degree and we wish you well and a life of happiness.

We work closely with the Erie United Methodist Alliance. They oversee the Homeless Shelter we help sponsor each year, move the cots from place to place, provide clean sheets and towels, etc. They have a very strong focus on helping the homeless and in the past year, have been able to move 14 people from being homeless into permanent homes. Each year they sponsor the Annual Refuge Golf Tournament. The event will be held this year on Monday, June 17. Over the course of its history, the tournament has raised more than \$160,000 to end homelessness for numerous families living at The Refuge. If you would like to participate, you can contact EUMA at 456-8073. They also sponsor a shoe drive collecting gently used or new shoes. People are asked to rubber-band them together and visit their website for the most convenient collection sites ([www.euma-erie.org](http://www.euma-erie.org)) or call their office at 456-8073.

Church membership has dropped considerably in the last two decades and the people who say they have no religion has increased, according to a new Gallup poll. The decline in membership appears especially pronounced among Catholics and young people. Nearly one in three millennials, defined as people born between 1980 and 2000, describe themselves as having no religion. Of the 68% who said they have a religious faith, only 57% attend church. In 2000, 76% of Catholics said they were members of a church. By 2016, this figure had dropped to 63%. The smallest decline were Protestants and Republicans. Hispanics and Democrats both dropped 23% from 71% to 48 percent, and Hispanics from 68 to 45.

Chairman of our Irish Festival, Eric Albright, along with Gary and Becky Johnson, are already working on committee chairs and have finalized that list. A couple of parishioners who have

served as chairs of committees for a long period of time, feel they want to step aside, and they are now searching for new chairs. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office and they will get you a job description. This year we will see a change in the chairs of the Beer Booth, the Dessert Booth and the Food. To date, those have all been filled, but we have other openings. Since moving the festival downtown, it is growing each year in leaps and bounds, necessitating the need for more and more volunteers. We also see large crowds of people going inside to see the church, many Erieites who never knew that such a beautiful building is in our midst.

Thank you for your generous response to the Catholic Services Appeal. This annual effort is the largest fundraiser for the diocese. As you recall, each of us are assessed a set amount, here at St. Patrick's this year it was \$88,000. Since we have passed that goal, anything we generate above and beyond that remains in the parish.

Congratulations to parishioner and usher Atty. Chuck Agresti who won the Chancellor of the Bar award from the Erie County Bar Association.

We discovered a rather large leak in the southwest tower room. Our maintenance men traced it to the roof and we've had a contractor come in to repair it. The roofs on both of the tower rooms are a flat mesh roof, and with Erie weather that's something that is looking for an opportunity to leak. Brides use that southwest tower room before their weddings, and a few years ago we cut a doorway through to the lady's rest room so bridal parties would have access to it. We've also just installed air-conditioning in that room.

An elderly couple just learned how to send text messages on their new mobile phones. The wife was a romantic type and a retired English teacher of the classics. The husband, a retired Navy chief, was more of a no-nonsense guy. One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text and wrote: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams; if you are laughing, send me your smile; if you are eating send me a bite; if you are drinking, send me a sip; if you are crying, send me your tears. I love you." The husband texted back to her: "On the toilet. Please advise."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for May 25/26 will be published in the June 8/9 bulletin.

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:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Frances Gehringer, Teresa Callaghan, Dorothy Chessario** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **William J. Carney** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Robert Merski, Sr.** from Tom & Jan Clancey & Bob & Roberta Dilley
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Matthew Niebauer** from Ken & Alice Daub
- ♦ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Jim Fitzgibbon** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Helen Oncea** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Fallen Law Enforcement Officers** from Karl & Virginia Kelm

Also donations from:

Janice Cole, Nick & Terre DeSantis, Geoffrey Gloekler, Bill & Patty Gloekler, Jay & Carol Habas, Joanne Homicz, Kathleen Horan, Steven & Kelly Karns and Phil & Judy Kelly

**Special Thank You!!!  
to PANERA BREAD &  
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK**



Let us **Welcome**  
**Calvin Paul Sieber**  
child of  
Derek & Emily Sieber  
who will be baptized  
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Domenic DiSanto**  
from the Carlotti & Candela families*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Chris Sanner**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kathy Sertz, Chris Sanner, Diane McCarthy,

**CUP:** Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: **Phil & Judy Kelly**

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

**Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Dan Bergell**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Joseph Schneider,  
Barb Fischer, Pattie Marchant**

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

**Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Mary Duncan**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Cyndi Pristello, Luke Gilmore, Ryan Palm,  
Candy Bukowski, Michele Wheaton

**CUP:** Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales, Sara Pristello**

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

Offertory Counters: **Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,  
Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz**

## 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.



## Marriage Moments—

Ascension "Thursday" is often celebrated on the nearest Sunday. Let's not be picky about dates but find a way to "lift up" your beloved today—a compliment, a favor, or maybe just be silly and fly a kite together.

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**June 1** *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM WANDA HABAS (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

**June 2** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM JOHN SLOWIKOWSKI

(ANN & ANNETTE STAROCCI)

10:30 AM HELEN HODAS KIRSCH

(EILEEN & JIM MCLAUGHLIN)

**June 3** *Monday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM MARION BORKOWSKI, ANNIV.

(PAT ANTONOPLAS)

**June 4** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (SR. MARIE)

**June 5** *Wednesday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM RICHARD QUADRI (VIN & ANN HALUPCZYNSKI)

**June 6** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM TIM BOHEN (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

**June 7** *Friday, Easter Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**June 8** *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*

5:00 PM TYLER TOALE

(TOM TOALE & BARB GINGENBACH)

**June 9** *Pentecost Sunday*

8:00 AM CYNTHIA ROSE MCLAUGHLIN, ANNIV.

(LARRY & COLLEEN HAMMON)

10:30 AM CAROL VICARIO (JACK & LINDA PIANTA)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**06/01** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/04** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**06/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**06/08** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Listen to your children:** This summer, when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that your talk to them often about their experiences and the people they've met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit <https://www.eriercd.org/child-protection/>

## **103 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**



## **WANTED TEAR-DOWN COORDINATOR**

It's Sunday at 5:00. The last band has packed up and headed for their van, another lucky person has won a trip to Ireland, the last cookie has been sold at the bake sale, the last Guinness has been poured, the last bite of Reuben has been swallowed...well you get the idea...and now, everything we worked so hard to put up has to come down, go into boxes and tubs, and be put away for the 2020 Erie Irish Festival. The chairs and tables have to be folded and stacked. The signs have to be sorted and bagged. The table linens have to be folded and put away. It's a big job, and every year lots of people help and many hands make light work, but one person needs to be the coach and manager and coordinator and organize the "tear-down." That's what we're looking for—that special person who can organize all of the volunteers and the community service workers—Sunday at 5:00 and then Monday morning when we break down the stage and make sure everything gets back to where it belongs. Won't you consider being that special person?

If you've got the right stuff or just want to know more about the job, please contact Festival Chairman, Eric Albright at 814-881-2367 or [soapinerie@netzero.net](mailto:soapinerie@netzero.net) or let Father Kriegel know after mass.

**IN OTHER NEWS:** Dublin native and Philadelphia resident, John Byrne is bringing his band back to Erie this year! **The John Byrne Band** will be on a double bill Friday evening following **The Screaming Orphans** and then closing out the Festival on Sunday afternoon. You can check them out on some of their albums, *Immigrants and Orphans*, *After the Wake*, and *Celtic Folk*. John and his band are some of the most polished and talented musicians to ever play the festival and we are super excited to have gotten them for what will undoubtedly be the most fantastic week-end of entertainment to hit Erie in many a year. And it's all free and it's only here! Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair, [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com).





***The Relic of St. John Vianney  
(the Curé of Ars) to tour at  
St. Peter Cathedral on June 6<sup>th</sup>.***

The Diocese of Erie is privileged to host a significant relic, the heart of St. John Vianney, patron of priests.

Visit of the Relic of St. John Vianney Schedule:

VENERATION  
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Mass with Bishop Lawrence Persico  
7:00 PM

*Mass will be followed by a prayer hour for vocations*

*Regularly scheduled Masses  
At 6:30 AM and 12:10 PM*

**Wedding Anniversary Celebrations—**



The 2019 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held on **Sunday, August 25 at**

**2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Erie.**

To register, please go online to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office 814-828-1265 or 800-374-3723 ext. 265.

**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 am-12pm

**Participating Organizations:**

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

Donation \$20 with a \$15 discount for members of a faith community

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

For more information please visit [www.stgeorgeerie.org](http://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: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**



## SAINT PATRICK PARISH

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FAX: 814/459-8685

Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, June 16, 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 15 & 16 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 FRIDAY, June 7, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

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