

Pentecost Sunday  
June 4, 2017



St. Patrick Church  
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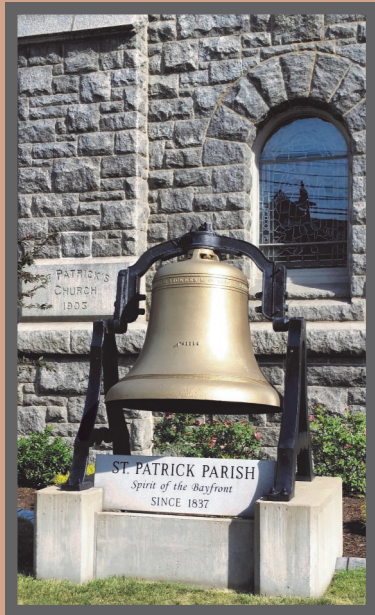
Saint Patrick Parish

*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



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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 Feast of Pentecost and we have different readings for Saturday Vigil and Sunday, but let me focus on the Sunday readings.

The opening verses of the Pentecost account introduce an important motif of this feast: fullness. Pentecost is fulfilled; a noise filled the entire house; all were filled with the Holy Spirit. Luke describes this fullness with graphic imagery, depicting noise like a strong driving wind; visible tongues as if on fire. The imagery is strongly reminiscent of God's manifestation at Sinai, where God descended on the mountain in fire and with great noise. After describing the event, LK shifts focus to the participants again emphasizing fullness. The disciples were all together and every nation under heaven is gathered in Jerusalem. Pentecost was a major Jewish feast, drawing people from far away to celebrate in Jerusalem. Amazingly, after the Spirit descends upon them, the disciples can speak in the various tongues so that everyone can understand them.

Different, different, same, same. As Paul repeated these words in the context of ministry in the Corinthian church, he develops further the unity-in-diversity theme we saw in the first reading. He is addressing a community beset with factions, incorrect belief and immoral behavior. In the face of these problems, Paul teaches them about unity, faith and right living. There are different gifts; but there is one faith.

The Risen Jesus and the Spirit are not limited by the ordinary categories of time and space. Thus the locked doors do not prevent Jesus from joining the gathering of his faithful disciples. Standing in their midst, he gives them the gifts they will need to fulfill the mission he passes on to them. The first gift is peace. Much more than the absence of war or conflict, peace is a blessing of health, wholeness, harmony and everything good. Along with peace.



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

Jesus gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very power and presence of God that Jesus breathes into them. His gifts transform the disciples from fear into rejoicing, and he instructs them that forgiveness is the abiding gift of the Risen Jesus to all.

Ledell Lee, 51, was one of several men executed by the State of Arkansas in late April, despite calls from the state's Catholic bishops to abolish the death penalty. On the night he was to be executed, Lee declined his last meal and, instead, opted to receive Communion as his last meal on earth.

The Brookings Institute has released a new study which shows that while the American economy has been recovering from the Great Recession for nearly eight years, adding jobs with wages rising, a troubling trend has emerged. In 2015, 14.6% of Americans lived in poverty, compared to 12.4% who did in 2009. Not only has poverty increased, but the likelihood of living in an extremely poor, economically distressed neighborhood has also gone up. In 2009, 11.7% of people living below the poverty line resided in neighborhoods where at least 40% of residents were poor. By 2015, that share increased to 14.1%. And the number of such poverty concentrated neighborhoods rose from 1,900 in 2009 to 2,700 in 2015.

During the month of June, parish teams will come together to begin the next stage of Pastoral Planning: Faith Formation. The question to be addressed is how do we pass on our faith to our children. It's obvious we're not doing a very good job at it right now, and the challenge is to re-think how we do Religious Education, Confirmation, preparation for marriage, preparation for the baptism of a child, etc. Our first meeting will be on June 13 at Our Lady of Peace. We begin with a light supper at 5 PM and then a 6-8 PM meeting. If anyone is interested in being part of the St. Patrick team for this, please contact me, and I'll be happy to include you.

Fortunately, pastoral planning is going to be an ongoing reality now in our diocese. For too many years, we reacted to problems rather than plan for the challenges with ways that can counter and deal with them for the good of everyone. We

began, as you know, with the reconfiguration of parishes, reducing the number of diocesan parishes from 121 to 97. That reconfiguration will also continue, and now we move into the next stage with an in depth look at faith formation.

A special congratulations to all of the graduates in the parish, and a prayer for those who are entering the job market, that they be successful in finding a career that will sustain them and be meaningful.

During the month of March, our Food Pantry distributed 13,303 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$209. We served 472 families which included 88 elderly people and 273 children. Your generosity makes this outreach possible.

The 2017 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place Sunday, August 13, at 2 PM at St. Jude the Apostle Church. Couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or 60+ years of marriage this year are invited to attend. During the ceremony, couples will affirm their wedding vows and receive a scroll signed by Bishop Persico. Reservations are required and can be made by going to [www.erieRCD.org.anniv.htm](http://www.erieRCD.org.anniv.htm).

St. Patrick parishioner Jim Stevenson, regional president of PNC Bank, recently made a gift of \$41,000 to the diocese to provide 70 scholarships for students to attend diocesan elementary schools. PNC Bank made the contribution to the diocesan STAR Foundation through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program. In 2016, the bank contributed \$100,000 to diocesan schools.

An elderly man lay dying in his bed when suddenly the smell of his favorite chocolate chip cookies wafted up the stairs. With what little strength he could muster, he lifted himself from bed and slowly made his way out of the bedroom. With even greater effort, he gripped the railing and practically crawled down the stairs. Finally, staring into the kitchen, he felt he was in heaven as literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies were on the kitchen table. Mustering his last strength, he edged toward the table and his aged and withered hand trembled as it reached for a cookie. Suddenly, his wife slapped his hand with a spatula and said, "Don't touch those, they're for the funeral luncheon."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines, the offertory for May 28, 2017 will be published in the June 11, 2017 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 **Kathy Alessi**.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Mary Lou Scottino, Edward & Mary Koster, Sister Leonie Shanley, Sister Phyllis McCracken, Robert & Roberta Yaklich, James & Madelyn Wissenbach, Greg Martin, Tom & Paula Nasci, and Marilyn Reiser
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney, Paul & Norma Causgrove, and Dan Carroll** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **James Chuzie** from Thomas & Laurene Peterman
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- ♦ **Our Mothers, Cecelia Vitron & Marjorie Wenstran** from Robert & Roberta Vitron
- ♦ **Doris & Nick Blaga** from Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

Also donations from:

Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Phil & Judy Kelly and Charla Leemhuis

Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD & HARBORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

## Welcome New Parishioners

*David Hinman & Pamela Enders*

*Kelli Rossman*

*Joseph & Nancy Schneider*

*Robert DiPlacido & Jacqueline Masek*

*Amanda Iadeluca*

*John & Elizabeth Iadeluca*

*Robert Lazarevic*

*Rick & Kathy Potosnak*

*Terese Weston*

*Don & Wendy Williams*

*Ron Deniziak*

*Mary Atzert*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Bill Power*

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

**HOST:** *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Kay Mannino*

**CUP:** *Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz*

*Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh*

*Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack*

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

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 8:00 am**

*Lector: Nick Straub*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,*

*Nancy Andrzejewski*

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

**Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Karyn Polaski*

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

**HOST:** *Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae,*

*Forrest Mischler*

**CUP:** *Patty Jackson, Mary Williams*

*Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner*

*Altar Servers: NEEDED*

*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.



If anyone knows of a friend or family member living in a nursing facility, assisted living center or a shut-in that would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish office at 454-8085.





## 104 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

### THE THIRD MOST POPULAR SAINT IN IRELAND

Everybody knows St. Patrick. A lot of people know St. Brigid. Not as many know St. Columba, or, if they do, they think he's the patron saint of TV detectives (that's actually St. Columbo). But Columba is one of the big three of Irish Saints, known as the "Apostle to the Picts." His feast day is this coming Friday, June 9. Here, briefly, is his story.

Columba was born in Donegal in 521 A.D., around 70 years after the death of St. Patrick, when Christianity was much more established in Ireland proper. He was the great-great-grandson of a famous Irish king named Niall of the Nine Hostages, whose story is probably much more interesting, but not particularly germane. Columba's name comes from the Irish "Colm Cille," or "church dove," (He may have been named after Jonah, which also means "dove" in Hebrew.)

When St. Columba misbehaved, he could never tell his mother he was led astray by evil companions—virtually all of his friends were saints! As a youngster, he was tutored by St. Crunathan, then went off to school to study with St. Finnian and then St. Mobhi, and then he hung out with St. Canice, St. Comgall, and St. Ciaran at a monastery near Dublin. He nevertheless managed to cause a couple of wars, one as a result of an argument with his old teacher, St. Finnian, over a book of psalms, another over a violation of the old law of sanctuary—where a fugitive under the protection of a priest may not be arrested. A lot of people died in those battles and the church was about to excommunicate him when another of his Saint friends, St. Brendan of Birr, spoke up for him and had his sentence commuted to exile.

In exile, St. Columba's conscience got the better of him. He vowed to convert as many souls as had been killed in the battles he caused and, in 563, headed off to Scotland where he lived out his life converting the heathen Picts, the original tribes of that area. While there, he performed many miracles, not least of which was when he banished a horrible monster who had killed a Pict to the bottom of the River Ness (where some say "Nessie" remains to this day). He also once cast a demon out of a pail of spilled milk and restored the milk to the pail—which impressed his Irish followers quite a bit—they being so fond of milk. St. Columba was said to be a large, powerful man with a booming voice who could see the present and future at the same time and who had visits from angels.

St. Columba died in 597 and was buried at his abbey in Scotland, but, like many a saint, his remains were dug up and handed out to various and sundry churches. Half of him went to Ireland and the rest stayed in Scotland. Some of his remains are said to be interred with those of Sts. Patrick and Brigid at a church in County Down. He is the Patron Saint of Youngstown, Ohio (a full-time job).

While we cannot promise to cast the demons out and return your spilled Guinness to its cup, we can promise to sell you another one. But only if you come to the Festival and tell us Columba sent you.

Why not consider volunteering for the festival on St. Columba's feast day. Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com).

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**June 3** *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY (ANNIE & MARTY KAVERMAN)

**June 4** *Pentecost Sunday*

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

10:30 AM PATRICK DOYLE (CARLOW SISTERS)

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

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

**June 6** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARK BOROWY (SR. MARIE)

**June 7** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM CYNTHIA ROSE MCLAUGHLIN, ANNIV. 6/10  
(PETE & JOAN PETRUSO)

**June 8** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM RICHARD QUADRI (BOB & DIANE BOEH)

**June 9** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**June 10** *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*

5:00 PM MICHAEL SCHLOSS  
(SUSAN & DAVID WILLIAMS)

**June 11** *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 AM ROBERT WEISENFLUH (MARK WEISENFLUH)  
10:30 AM HUGH KEARNEY (FAMILY)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**06/03** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**06/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**06/10** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## Jewelry and Purse Raffle—



**featuring designer  
purses and jewelry**

Tickets will be sold at all  
Masses

Saturday, June 3 and  
Sunday, June 4.

Tickets are 6 for \$5 or  
\$1 each

All proceeds benefits  
St. Patrick Erie Irish Festival

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

(Pentecost) "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:4) What is one of your beloved's strengths? OK, so we all have different sacred strengths, BUT do you have the "same Spirit"? Unite yourselves in the spirit of Forgiveness. Is there anything you find difficult to forgive?

## A Family Perspective—Pentecost Sunday

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.





## SAINT PATRICK PARISH

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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, June 18, 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 17 & 18 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 9, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

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### Gannon to host free dental care clinic



Volunteers with MOM-n-PA Dental Missions, a clinic that provides free dental care to the underprivileged, will offer services June 16-17 at Gannon University's Recreation and Wellness Center, 130 W. 4th St., Erie. Doors open each day at 6 a.m. Treatment will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. No need to show medical/insurance cards or identification. To help volunteer for this event in any capacity, go to <http://www.mom-n-pa.com/> or call Gannon's Recreation and Wellness Center at 814-871-7770.

### Summer camps offered at Gannon University

Gannon University is Erie offers a summer camp for youth ages 6 to 18 on topics ranging from baseball to theater, criminal investigation to environmental health. Go to <http://camps.gannon.edu/> for more information.



### Couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage are invited to event

The 2017 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2017 will be held at two locations: St. Leo Magnus, Ridgway on August 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and St. Jude the Apostle, Erie on August 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Persico will preside at the Erie liturgy and Bishop Emeritus Trautman will preside in Ridgway. Liturgy will include presentation of scrolls to each anniversary couple. A light reception in the parish social hall will follow. Couples can register online at

<http://www.ErieRCD.org/anniv.htm>.

Hard-copy registration forms are to be mailed to: Family Life Office, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504; or faxed to 814-824-1264. For further questions, call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1250, or email [chess@ErieRCD.org](mailto:chess@ErieRCD.org).

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPOUSE _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
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CHILD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____

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