

Feast of Pentecost  
June 9, 2019



St. Patrick Church

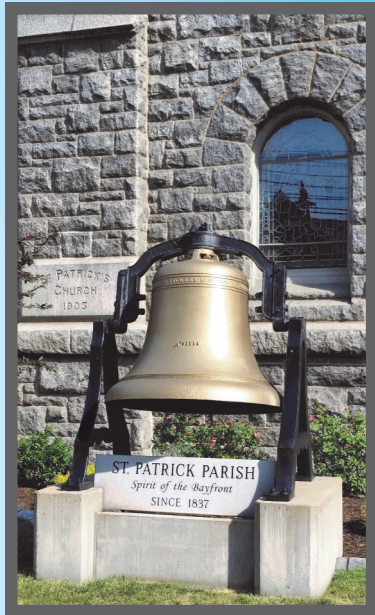
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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. Many of the events in the life of Jesus occur at major Jewish feasts, giving the feasts totally new meaning. The first reading from Acts occurs on one of the great pilgrimage feasts, Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. Described in Leviticus as a harvest festival, it later became a commemoration of Moses' reception of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. On that mountain, peals of thunder, lightning, a heavy cloud and the sound of trumpet blasts were signs of divine presence. At the festival celebrated by Christians, fire and the sound of rushing wind come from the heavens. The tongues at Pentecost are both visible and audible: the word *tongue* (glossa) refers first to the visible fiery tongue resting on each person, and then to the speech that is heard by the crowd. Like the theophany on Sinai, the one in Jerusalem manifests God's power and presence. The fire and trumpet blast on Sinai were momentary signs of God's presence, while the Spirit is an abiding, divine presence given "to you and your children and to all those far off."

The Corinthian community to which Paul writes was beset with serious divisions. Among the causes were jealousy and rivalry, divisive attitudes that Paul addresses throughout the letter. In today's reading we hear Paul's consternation at people's envy when one person's spiritual gift appears more important than another's. He admits that there are different gifts, different forms of service, but what his audience does not realize is that they all come from the same Spirit. He then shows that the diversity of gifts is just as necessary for the community as the different parts of the body are for an individual.

As Jesus bids farewell to his disciples he assures them that they will not be alone, that his Father will send the Spirit, one who will stand beside them as their counselor and support, especially in times of trial. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will remind the disciples of all that Jesus as told them. Thus, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit will



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

all make their dwelling place within each of his disciples.

Cardinal Thomas Tobin, archbishop of Newark, in an April 17th interview with NBC's Anne Thompson on the "Today Show," said that the language used by the catechism to describe homosexual acts is "very unfortunate." How can you welcome people that you call "intrinsically disordered?" asked Thompson. "Well, I don't call them intrinsically disordered," Tobin answered. "But isn't that the catechism of the Catholic Church," asked Thompson. "That is," said Tobin, "it's very unfortunate language. Lets hope that eventually that language is little less hurtful." Tobin said, "In too many parts of our church LGBT people have been made to feel unwelcome, excluded and even ashamed." He cited the book by Father James Martin, SJ, which has called for the church to amend the language with which it discusses homosexuality. "Father Martin's brave prophetic and inspiring book marks an essential step in inviting church leaders to minister with more compassion, and in reminding LGBT Catholics that they are as much a part of our church as any other Catholic."

Since 1971, Pennsylvania has closed more Catholic churches than any other state in the country. To date, 532 churches have been closed in the state, followed closely by New York State which has closed 500 churches in the same time period. The next highest state with church closures is Ohio with 171 having been closed. During that same time period, Pennsylvania lost 17% of it's Catholic population while states like North Carolina saw an increase of 922%; Georgia an increase of 858%; Nevada an increase of 635%. While churches are being closed in the northeast, the church cannot open parishes fast enough for the growing population in the South and West, which includes new generations of immigrants. Texas alone has added 293 new parishes in this time period and Florida 165.

A Catholic-led study released this month claims Germany's Catholic and Protestant churches could lose half their members in the next 40 years amid changing demographics and as more adults abandon their faith. The study notes a significant drop in Baptisms and an aging population

which will bring this about. The outcome will leave both churches under severe financial strains and slashed budgets. The authors predict that their combined membership would plummet from 45 million to 34.8 million by 2035 and 22.7 million by 2060. The study calculates that inflation, rising maintenance costs and other factors would lead the two churches to require \$28 billion a year by 2026 whereas today the total budget is \$13.5 billion.

We had planned to carpet the Food Pantry, but the volunteers asked us not to put carpet down because they mop the area each week after the Food Pantry is finished. We've purchased some attractive wooden tiles which are waterproof and they are being installed. That area gets a great deal of traffic on Tuesday mornings with the Food Pantry. A conference room in the Food Pantry is also used for a weekly AA meeting as well as for meetings with the festival chairs, etc.

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Services Appeal. That appeal is the largest fundraiser for the diocese, and each parish is given assessment based on your last three years of income. This year's assessment is \$88,000.

Congratulations to parishioner and Eucharistic Minister Shirley Winschel who was recently elected to the Millcreek School Board. She will provide quality leadership.

A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership when the salesman had just sold the car they had been interested in to a beautiful leggy blonde in a mini-skirt. The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car 'til we raised the \$55,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$45,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was no way you could discount this model." The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and took a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, I didn't need any financing, and, sir, just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman. Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go," she said. I told you I would get the idiot to lower the price. See you later daddy AND Happy Father's Day."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	5/26/19	\$ 8,159.00
Online Giving		<u>1,782.30</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,941.30
<b>Offertory Collection</b>	6/2/19	\$ 11,241.50
Online Giving		<u>1,907.30</u>
Total Income		\$ 13,148.80
Catholic Services Appeal 2019		\$ 87,561.00
Pledged		\$ 103,446.00
Paid		\$ 77,826.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Robert William Doyle III**

child of

Robert & Keely (Weschler) Doyle  
and

**Layne Marie Strauss**

child of

Benjamin & Laureen (Doyle) Strauss  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday

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:

- ♦ **Ronald Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Susan Leingang** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **May, Dunn, Scicchitano, Orso families and Sean Colburn** from Tony & Jan Scicchitano
- ♦ **Msgr. Biebel** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Dorothy Detisch Batcho** from Bobbie Vitron
- ♦ **Ben & Marjorie Dzwilewski** from John & Rosemary Yolkoff

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Ken & Jan Gervasi, John Godish, Francis Hart and Ken & Pattie Marchant

**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.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Barbara Brairton*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Kay Mannino, Carol Habas, Dotty Schloss, Vickie Lampe, Wendy Sadlier*

**CUP:** *Jay Habas, Barbara Brairton*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

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

**Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Lisa Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella*

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

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

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Dario Cipriani, Megan Gilmore, Ed Smith, Tim Scully, Ryan Palm*

**CUP:** *Michele Wheaton, Patty Jackson*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *—*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, David Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey*

## A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel tells us God wants to be with us always and in all ways. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is yours.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**June 10** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ADELAIDE BRENNAN  
(MIKE & CHERYL STEPHANY)

**June 11** *Tuesday, Saint Barnabas, Apostle*

8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY  
(FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

**June 12** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MITCHELL MACK (FAMILY)

**June 13** *Thursday, Saint Anthony of Padua,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM BART A. DOWNING (JOYCE GUNTER)

**June 14** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**June 15** *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (FAMILY)

**June 16** *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 AM CAROL HOOD (NANCY HERZOG)  
10:30 AM RICHARD MILLER (DENA TAVINELLA-MILLER)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**06/11** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

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

**06/15** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**Land Of Peace** will be here on the weekend of **June 15 & 16, 2019** to ask for your blessing and for the help of the Christians in the Holy Land. Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization with the mission of helping and supporting Christian families in the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. When anyone purchases handmade arts that helps our mission and helps the Christians in the Holy Land. In 1920 the Christian population in the Holy Land was 18%; today it is less than 2%. With the parish support and the parishioner's generosity we are able to help our brothers and sisters to live in Jesus' land of birth.

**LAND OF PEACE'S GOAL IS TO BUILD A  
CHARITY HOSPITAL IN THE HOLY LAND**

**96 DAYS TO THE 2019**

**ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**

## **SOME THOUGHTS ON WHITSUN**



This weekend is Pentecost Sunday. In Ireland, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter, the Pentecost, is Whitsunday, Whit Sunday, or Whitsun, (originally White Sunday—perhaps in honor of the physical appearance of the holy ghost) and it's a very big deal, though mostly for reasons the Catholic Church does not condone.

In England, Whitsuntide, the week following Whit Sunday, is a time of great celebration, marked by fairs, parades, and folk dancing, with girls always dressed in white. It corresponds to an old pagan holiday celebrating the coming of summer and it's actually a national holiday—Whitsun Monday (now the Spring Bank Holiday).

Perhaps because Whitsuntide is so beloved in England, Irish folklore holds that it is a time of bad omens and evil portent. A child born at Whitsuntide is called a Cingciseach (from Cingcis—Irish for Pentecost), and is destined to become a murderer or to die a violent death. It is believed, however, that this "curse" can be removed if the Cingciseach murders something soon after birth, so a worm will be placed in the baby's hand and made to die there. Or, the baby can be passed through a hole in an earthen wall or similar structure in symbolic burial and rebirth. Any animal born at Whitsuntide is also destined to cause the death of someone—a Whitsuntide-born calf, for example, will certainly grow into a bull that will eventually gore someone to death. In order to obviate this, the baby animal is placed on the ground and covered with sod in a similar symbolic burial that will remove the animal's wickedness. Irish folklore also holds that people who are ill are more likely to die at Whitsuntide, so a clod of earth will be placed on their heads, another symbolic burial, to prevent their death.

Cuts or wounds received on Whitsun will not heal until the following year, so farmers refrain from tasks like sharpening tools or shearing sheep. In Ireland, water is especially dangerous at Whitsuntide and children are never allowed near lakes or rivers. And don't fall asleep during the day, give away salt, or paint your house on Whitsun! Very bad luck will follow.

Thus, it is for this reason that the 2019 Erie Irish Festival is held in September. So join us, free of any possibility of bad omens or evil portent, for what will be the biggest and best Erie Irish Festival ever held not at Whitsuntide.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair,  
[gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com).

Erie Irish Festival Chair Meeting  
Sunday, June 23, 2019 after the 10:30 AM Mass in  
the Pascal Room

**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 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)

**Transitions: A Monthly 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. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. This month's topic is: "Variables Affecting Potential Relationships." Call 814-824-1265 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) for more information. Visit us at:

<https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>

**Days of Prayer at the Carmelite Monastery**

The Carmelite Monastery, 510 E. Gore Rd., Erie, PA will host **Days of Prayer** beginning **Thursday, July 11–Tuesday, July 16th**, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Eleven priests of our diocese will each conduct one of the eleven services under the theme: Mary, Our Mother and What She Means to Me. (Our pastors' personal sharing of a common devotion).

Mass each morning at 8 a.m. will be offered for the intentions of all making the DAYS OF PRAYER. Services each evening at 7:30 p.m. consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. There are NO SERVICES the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Sunday, the 16th). The Rosary and divine Mercy Chaplet are offered daily at 7:15 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. The Carmelite Nuns warmly invite all to pray with them during these grace-filled days.

## 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**





## ***Bridal Couple Dinner Spring 2019***

~ Out of all the couples being married at St. Patrick's this year, only 4 couples were able to attend a bridal dinner. This was the smallest number I have ever had, and the first year that we only had one dinner. Usually we need two or three.~



~photos by Ann Halupczynski~