

The Most Holy Trinity

June 11, 2017



The Holy Trinity
Stained Glass Window
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 the Holy Trinity and our first reading tells of the encounter between Moses and God. The Israelites had rejected God and worshipped false idols causing Moses to break the stone tablets, annulling the covenant between God and Israel. Now, with a new set of tablets, Moses meets God to restore the broken covenant. The encounter with God is mysterious, enshrouded in a cloud. When God somehow “appears,” there is still something hidden. Then, from the cloud, God reveals his name—Yahweh. He then continues to reveal what the name means: the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, filled with kindness and fidelity.

The three verses of our second reading are the final words of Paul to the community at Corinth, a community that needed more than one letter to address their multiple wrong beliefs and immoral behavior. After addressing all of these things, Paul signs off with words of exhortation and blessing. First, he urges the Corinthians to rejoice noting that, if they live according to Paul’s advice, they will experience joy. He has been addressing their lack of unity, and is telling them that, if they take his exhortations to heart, they can expect God’s own peace to reign among them. He concludes with the earliest revelation of the Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit.

Our gospel, from John, is part of the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee who came to Jesus at night. For John, darkness and night imply the dim understanding that Nicodemus had of Jesus and his mission. Jesus’ teaching is intended to bring light, both to Nicodemus and to all who hear his words. For John, the audience is the entire world which God loves so immensely that he did not spare even his own Son. Each person has the opportunity to accept God’s gift. Although God’s intent in sending Jesus is eternal life for all, some people choose not to accept Jesus, and by their decision bring condemnation on themselves. God sent his only Son that

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

all might have eternal life, but a life that doesn't need to wait for death; a life that begins now when we accept Jesus.

After replacing a great deal of mortar in the high chimney on the church, workers began exploring the area on the east wall of the church where we have had some water damage. They discovered a covering behind a downspout that, when they opened it, discovered that there was nothing behind it. However, everything inside was covered in moss which means that water was getting in the area. They filled the area and then sealed the cover. Hopefully this is the cause of that damage, and we can now proceed to repair the inside wall which is peeling. In addition, they replaced some mortar in that area and put a sealant on the east wall to further keep water from seeping in. The workers also told me that the damage to the chimney was much more serious than they had originally thought. There were some bricks up high on the chimney that were just sitting there with no mortar holding them in place. Between the costs to repair the chimney and the work on the east wall, we spent almost \$50,000.

The condition of that chimney has allowed water to seep into the Food Pantry. We have repaired and replaced walls in there for the last several years, and hopefully this work will now correct that problem.

A group of representatives from the parish, along with myself, will represent us at a general meeting of the Erie parishes on Tuesday evening at Our Lady of Peace as we enter the third stage of Pastoral Planning for the diocese. We first looked at parish restructuring, then at schools and now we begin to tackle perhaps the most important of all areas: faith formation. The question to be answered is "How do we pass on our faith to our children, and how do we grow in that faith?" At the Tuesday evening session, the diocese will present the draft of a plan for a new approach to religious education. Representatives from the parishes will then discuss it, perhaps suggest changes, etc. and then a second draft will be presented before a final decision is made. I'm grateful to several parishioners who have volunteered to help be part of this process so that we can better serve our children.

The representatives will also be asked to take a look at the administration of sacraments: First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. One area that seems to be a concern of many parents is the age at which we administer the sacrament of Confirmation. We presently give the sacrament to students in their junior year of high school, a time when they are particularly busy with school, sports, perhaps a part-time job, and exploring college options. Some dioceses give the sacrament on the day of First Communion; others to students in 6th, 7th or 8th grades.

After we finish this stage of Pastoral Planning, we will move to the next stage which is vocations. The final stage of Pastoral Planning will be a study of the various ministries in our parishes, asking the question, "How can we better minister to everyone, the young, the old, the marginalized, etc.?" With the rapidly declining number of active priests, this final area will be most important because to operate a parish in the future is going to require much more participation and leadership from lay people. Here, for example, with the retirement of Sister Marie this past year, lay people have now taken over the ministries that she did: baptismal preparation, etc.

Next Sunday is Father's Day and our bulletin will include an insert listing the names of fathers and grandfathers, both living and deceased, whom you wish remembered in Masses that weekend.

Speaking of Masses, St. Patrick's is almost out of Mass intentions! I never thought I would see such a day, but it's happening. You will notice several times on the listing of Mass intentions in the bulletin is merely the word "Mass." That is because there is no particular intention for that day. In the past, when someone died, people gave Mass cards; today, families often request contributions to a particular charity and so we see a sharp decline in Mass intentions. This is happening throughout the diocese.

Oh boy, am I happy to see you," said four year old Johnny at the sight of his grandmother, his mother's mother. "Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us," he said. The grandmother's curiosity aroused, she asked, "What trick is that?" "I heard him tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit," he replied.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection: 05/28/17 \$ 8,320.00
 Online Giving 1,642.30
 Total Income \$ 9,962.30

Offertory Collection: 06/04/17 \$ 8,784.00
 Online Giving 1,657.30
 Total Income \$ 10,441.13

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment \$ 74,000.00
 Pledges to Date \$ 107,411.43
 Paid to date \$ 80,871.43
 # of Pledges 237
 % of families 26.33%

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Frank & Nancy Sturgeon
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Vic Sciarrino** from Stan & Roselle Walkiewicz

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan, Ken & Alice Daub, Stephen & Julie Davis, Kathleen Horan, Phil & Judy Kelly and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

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
Michael Cummings
 from wife, Donna*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Chris Sanner*

CUP: *Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *Emilio & Gemma Filippi*

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

Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Joe Schneider, Lisa Straub*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub, 1 NEEDED*

Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith, Charla Leemhuis*

CUP: *Ed Brown, Forrest Mischler*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

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

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers*

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

Talk to your children about never, for any reason, agreeing to meet someone face to face that they met online. This could potentially be very dangerous. You simply just don't know who you are talking to online. Over the course of two years, one social media site removed 90,000 known registered sex offenders off its website. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>





97 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

DEAR 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS,

If you are mature (not old), like us, you remember Perry Como singing “Letters, we get letters...” on his TV show before reading some to the audience. Well, we get letters too and we’d like to answer a couple here.

Dear 2017 Erie Irish Festival Chair Persons, I love the great music and entertainment you provide (all for free!) but I can’t help but wonder, how come you don’t actually have any performers who are actually from Ireland? Sincerely, Richard Feder, Ft. Lee, N.J.

Dear Mr. Feder, funny you should ask. This year, in addition to some of our great local talent and some of our great regional talent, we’ve invited the John Byrne Band. John Byrne is a Dublin native who does both killer traditional Irish music and Irish pub music, and his own unique compositions. He has an original album out called *After the Wake*, and a couple of great Irish music albums—*The Immigrant and the Orphan* and *Celtic Folk*. The John Byrne Band has played to sold-out audiences at World Café Live and all over Ireland and a good hunk of America too. The band is coming to us from their adopted home in Philadelphia to headline our Saturday night show.

And, as if that isn’t enough, Mr. Feder, we’ve secured one of the hottest young comedians around, Sean Finnerty from Longford, Ireland. Sean will bring his charming accent and unique and hilarious perspective on American life and growing up in Ireland to our festival stage. Sean is a must see and a don’t miss for every lover of Irish humor.

Dear Erie Irish Festival 2017 Chairpersons, Last year, I had to stand in line for a long time on Friday night to get that fantastic food you guys serve—I mean that Fish and Chips! Over the top, winner, winner, fish fry dinner! And the corned beef? Fahgedaboutit. And don’t get me wrong, the food is worth the wait, but is there anything you can do to speed things up so I can get that great Irish chow faster? Sincerely, Richard Feder, Ft. Lee, N.J.

Dear Mr. Feder, Funny you should ask. We’re working on it. We’re looking to revamp the ordering process and the way the line flows and we’re adding an extra grill in the Sports Pub, so you can get your favorite sandwich, hot and fresh, without even going to the dining tent. In fact the Sports Pub will offer a variety of delicious Pub Grub including Leprechaun Nuggets (remember how good those were!), and Irish dogs—with our own Guinness beer cheese sauce, corned beef, and fresh chopped scallions, and Reubens and Rachels and Reuben Burgers (if you didn’t have a Reuben Burger you didn’t have nothing, my friend). So be prepared to spend less time eating more! And keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

Want to know how you or your company or organization can sponsor one of our great bands? Just ask. Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

June 10 Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

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

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

June 12 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

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

8:00 AM JONATHAN MILLER (MARILYN GARFIELD)

June 14 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM ROCCO & PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI (FAMILY)

June 15 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 16 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

June 17 Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 PM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

June 18 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)
10:30 AM BLESSED MOTHER’S OF OUR LADY’S
INTENTIONS (PARISHIONER)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

06/10 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
06/13 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
06/14 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
06/17 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

MARRIAGE MOMENTS—



Marriage is often made up of two “stiff-necked people.” (Exodus 34-9) What are you most stubborn about in your relationship? It’s natural to want to get one’s way. However, sometimes it’s better to give way as a sign of love.

A Family Perspective—

First Sunday after Pentecost/
Holy Trinity Sunday



As the Father “sent his son into the world” so parents send their children into the world “so that the world might be.” This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions which enable them to make a difference in the world. Fathering is an awesome responsibility and not for the weak or transient.

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 in 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.

**Fortnight for Freedom Resources—**

Each year, dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. This year's Fortnight for Freedom, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, will be celebrated June 21 to July 4. Please visit <http://www.ErieRCD.org/fortnight.htm> for more information and resources that can be used by individuals and/or parishes.

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 information can be found by visiting: www.yourmarriageisworthit.org

Religious Freedom Rallies to be held in Erie

Plan now to attend a Religious Freedom Rally in Erie. June 22, 1 p.m. outside the Federal Building, 7th and State Streets.

July 3rs, 1 p.m. outside the Federal Building. 7th and State Streets.

Openings for NOVA—

Openings remain for NOVA, scheduled for Saturday, June 24. NOVA is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register.

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 2-4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is: "The Journey of Grief." For more information call 814-824-1265 or email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit us at www.erieRCD.org/transitions.htm.

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 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. 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.

Diocesan Discipleship Summer Camp:

The Catholic Diocese of Erie is sponsoring Totus Tuus summer camp for middle school youth again this year. *Totus Tuus* is a Latin phrase meaning "totally thine." The camp is for young people who want a different but challenging experience this summer, and will help you strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Camp is July 16-July 19 and the cost is \$175. **Financial assistance is available!** Call the Diocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at 824-1219 or the Faith Formation office at 454-6322 for more information. You can also check it out online at: <http://www.onthevine.us/>.

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.

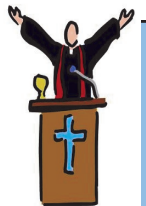


National Catholic Youth Conference:

The largest single gathering of Catholic young people in the US! Held in Indianapolis, November 16-18, it is a powerful experience of prayer, community and empowerment for high school teenagers. In 2013, more than 23,000 young people and chaperones attended. The Diocese of Erie is traveling together as a delegation. The cost is \$500 per person, and the Diocese has approved an endowment fund to bring the cost down to \$300 per person. There is also financial assistance available from the Faith Formation office. **The first deposit is due July 1.** So call for more information or to get a registration form. Chaperones are needed too! Call 454-6322 or check out the Diocese web page for more information: <http://www.onthevine.us/>

MSGR. KRIEGLER'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

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