

# Feast of Corpus Christi

## June 23, 2019



The Tabernacle and Chalice  
St. Patrick Church

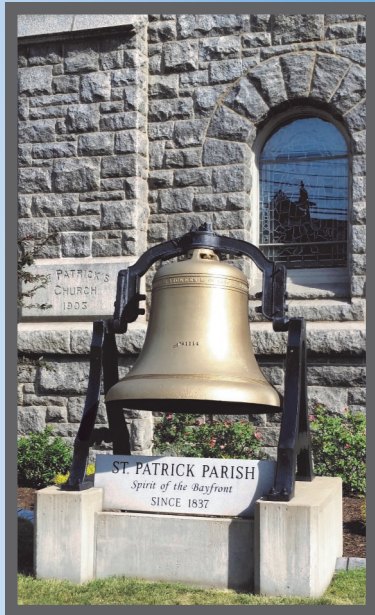
## Saint Patrick Parish

*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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Office Hours:

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 Corpus Christi (Latin for Body and Blood of Christ). The encounter between Abram and Melkisedek is brief and mysterious. Melkisedek is the high priest and serves the god, *El Elyon*, "God Most High." This is the chief God of the Canaanites as well as one of the many titles given to the God of the Hebrews. He blesses Abram. This is the first episode in Abram's story, and the Lord blessed him so abundantly that "all the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." (Gen 12:3) Abram's role in this short narrative is minor compared to Melchizedek's. His one action is to give him a tenth of everything, a tithe offering that is also an act of praise or blessing of God.

Paul is passing on a tradition that began the night that Jesus was handed over. This tradition was already known by the community in Corinth and they were celebrating the Eucharistic liturgy, although in a manner that showed all too clearly their factions and lack of care for one another. To counteract their divisive behavior, Paul retells the account of the origin of the Lord's Supper, which was always to be a source and sign of unity. Through their sharing in Jesus' body and blood, they are brought into communion with him and with one another. Paul explains further that because of their communion in the "one loaf" - the bread that is Christ himself—they are formed into one body. Our celebration of Corpus Christi rejoices in Christ's presence in the bread and wine, and his presence in ourselves, the body of Christ gathered in his name.

Luke's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish is the first of three narratives in his gospel that have a Eucharistic connotation. The Last Supper itself and the story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus share similar features that offer insights into the meaning of the shared meal. The evening setting, "when the day was drawing to a close," besides being the ordinary time for the main meal, connects the three accounts,

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

creating a solemn atmosphere as they long for Jesus to remain with them. Jesus always teaches before sharing the meal. Besides the similarities, the distinctiveness of today's account suggests additional meaning. It foreshadows the Last Supper even as it hints about the lasting significance for the church. Coupled with his teaching, Jesus heals those in need, pointing to the healing effects of the Eucharist.

Our Finance Council met recently to approve the budget for the 2019/20 fiscal year which begins July 1. That budget shows a surplus for next year of slightly more than \$60,000 which again reflects your ongoing generosity in supporting the parish. I can't tell you my gratitude. You certainly make my work easy.

We also had to make some adjustments to the monies we have invested in the Catholic Foundation and known as the St. Patrick Endowment. We had to more clearly define the purpose of that Endowment to be solely for the maintenance and upkeep of St. Patrick's Church. We do not want future pastors using that money for operating expenses. It is their responsibility to raise the money for operating expenses; we want this money to be solely for the maintenance of the church. At some point, the church is going to need a new roof and that will be several hundred thousand dollars. Here is the money to do that.

We also had to vote to include a dissolution statement should, at some point, St. Patrick Church no longer exist. The Finance Council voted that, should that happen, any monies in the St. Patrick Endowment will become the sole property of St. Peter's Cathedral.

Perhaps you might consider remembering the St. Patrick Endowment in your estate planning. Both of these buildings are over a hundred years old and are going to require constant ongoing maintenance. I think I mentioned that, as soon as we finished restoring the rectory, a pipe burst on the third floor and we had water coming through the ceiling in the first floor living room. The walls are all now patched up and painted, but it's only a matter of time until another pipe bursts somewhere. As a consequence, there are always expenses with these buildings and your ongoing

support can make all of that happen. You can mention the Endowment in your will or you can name it as beneficiary of an insurance policy.

Gary Johnson was reviewing last year's festival final reports in anticipation of this year's, and last year we had more than 10,000 people attend and we went through 1,200 pounds of corn beef. I'm not going to publish how many kegs of beer we went through! We have replaced several chairpersons for the festival, and I'm thrilled that so many people have stepped forward and volunteered to chair various committees. As you are well aware, the festival continues to grow every year. We have new chairs this year for the Beer Booth, Dessert Booth, the Kitchen and Volunteers. We are still looking for a chair for the Tear-down Committee. As a consequence we need more and more volunteers each year.

I recently stopped at the Russian Festival at our neighboring Church of the Nativity, and Friday night was mobbed. You could hardly move. Five years ago, that festival drew only a handful of people. These ethnic festivals are unique to Erie and reflect our immigrant ancestry and highlight what each of these groups of people brought to the community. We're blessed to have them. We now have an Irish Festival, Polish, Russian, Italian, Greek and German.

In a convent in Ireland, the 99 year old Mother Superior lay quietly dying. The nuns had gathered around her bed, laying garlands of flowers around her and trying to make her last journey comfortable. They wanted to give her warm milk, but she declined. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering that a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at the Mother Superior's bed, they lifted her head gently and held the glass to her lips. The very frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader. "Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us." She raised herself up very slowly in the bed on one elbow, looked at them and said, "Don't sell that cow."





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,517.00
Online Giving	<u>1,662.20</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,179.20
Catholic Services Appeal 2019	\$ 87,561.00
Pledged	\$ 114,346.00
Paid	\$ 90,716.00

*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

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of the **Nemergut & Winiarczyk families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **Robert Musolff for his Birthday** from Richard & Sharon Furiesz
- ♦ **Helen Kormosh, Joseph Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Ann Gambatese** from Tim & Sheila Mack
- ♦ **Christine Murphy, Norman Murphy, Ruth Janowski, Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Gail Masenas Orbanek** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Ray & Olive Blair** from Barbara Rothman

Also donations from:

Tom & Linda Anderson, Maggie Bahm, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Kay Mannino, Deborah Musolff, Dave & Julie Sanner, Derek & Emily Sieber and Laith Wardi & Dr. Carla Orlando

**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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Nancy Jackson**  
from family*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Bill Power, Barbara Brairton, Ray Fiorelli,  
Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

**CUP:** Diane McCarthy, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

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

**Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Chris Sanner**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Chris Sanner,  
Bill Gloekler, Patty Gloekler**

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

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

Lector: **Ed Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ed Smith, Mary Williams, Michele Wheaton,  
Dario Cipriani, Dotty Schloss

**CUP:** Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Mary Kearney, Mary Williams,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers**



## Wedding Banns of Marriage

**Matthew Wachter & Angela Phillips**  
**Nicholas Francis & Hallie Johnson**  
**Cameron Twarek & Allison Downey**  
**Patrick Murawski & Sarah Hansen**

There are a limited number of cobblestones still available for purchase and engraving around the Celtic Monument east of the church. If interested, please contact Donna (453-5978), Eileen (866-1096) or Kathleen (864-0375).



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**June 22** *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

5:00 PM WALTER "CHUBBY" KUHL (KUHL GIRLS)

**June 23** *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00 AM JIM CULLEN (MIKE & CHERYL STEPHANY)

10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (FAMILY)

**June 24** *Monday, The Nativity of Saint John Baptist*

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR JONATHAN PEREZ

**June 25** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ADAELAIDE WAGNER

(GREG & SHIRLEY MYERS)

**June 26** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN LOREI (VINNIE & ANN HALUPCZYNSKI)

**June 27** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ROB VITRON, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(WIFE, BOBBIE)

**June 28** *Friday, The Most Sacred Heart*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**June 29** *Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM WILLIAM J. RENNIE (DOROTHY RENNIE)

**June 30** *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (JANE CARNEY)

10:30 AM ROBERT MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

(DIANE MCCARTHY)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**06/22** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/23** 11:00 AM Irish Festival Chair Mtg. - PR

**06/25** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**06/26** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**06/29** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## 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.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or

contact the Marriage and Family Life Office

814-828-1265 or 800-374-3723 ext. 265.

## Marriage Moments—

"Give them some food." (Luke 9:13) As spouses we give our bodies to each other in joy and share each other's pain when sickness strikes. Taking care of each other's body is part of being married. Sometimes this means meeting physical needs like food and other times it's emotional comfort. Feed each other today.

## 82 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



## THE CLADDAGH

Wedding season is fast upon us and it might be a good time to visit some Irish wedding traditions, foremost of which is the Claddagh ring. If you're one of the only parishioners who's never seen a Claddagh, it is a ring made from two hands clasping a heart with a crown on it—usually made of gold. The two clasped hands symbolize faith, the heart, love, and the crown, loyalty. The ring takes its name from the town of Claddagh, a fishing village in Galway, where it originated. In Ireland, it is passed from mother to daughter and used as both an engagement ring, with the crowns facing the hand, and a wedding ring, with the crowns facing the finger-tips.

The concept is ancient—fidelity rings were first used in Roman times, but the modern Irish Claddagh only dates back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, when it is said that an Irishman named Richard Joyce, a silversmith, was taken hostage in the Caribbean by Algerian pirates and sold into slavery to a Moorish goldsmith who taught him to work gold. During his long 14 years as a slave, he is said to have fashioned the ring and, upon his release, brought it back to Galway where he gave it to his fiancé. They married and he became a very successful goldsmith. There are, however, other Claddagh rings which date from around the same time made by other jewelers, so the story, romantic though it is, may not actually account for the origin of the ring.

Where, you may ask, can I get a Claddagh ring?

Well, fortunately for you, there will be rings aplenty for sale in our Vendor Village at the 2019 Erie Irish Festival (which is fast approaching). You might try long-time festival friend and vendor of all things Irish, Tipperary West—they have a great selection. And to make room for the new Claddagh, you may want to donate your old ring to the jewelry sale booth—check with Jewelry Sale chairperson, Patty Dailey, or drop your donation off at the church gift shop.

And if you're getting married this season, here are a couple of helpful tips from the Irish: It is said to be a good omen if the sun shines on the bride on her wedding day and a bad omen if the first person to wish joy to the new bride after the ceremony is a woman. The Irish believe in insurance, and so, once the groom is in the church, the guests lock the doors to prevent any last-minute change of heart on his part.

See you at the festival.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair,

[gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com).



**Music on the Hill—**

Faith, Light and JOY Ministries present *“Music on the Hill”* on **Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 3:00 pm -7:00 pm** at St. Mark Catholic Center featuring the praise music of Selah from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie, Flight Path Praise Band and the chime choir from Friendship Ministry of St. Joseph/Bread of Life Parish in Erie. Bring your family, some snacks, your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the concert. Please use the entrance to St. Mark Catholic Center of East Gore Road to access the back-parking lot. Faith, Light and JOY offers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their family and friends an opportunity to grow in their faith. For more information please contact Michele Inter, Director of the Office for Disabilities and Deaf Ministries; [minter@eriercd.org](mailto:minter@eriercd.org) or 814-824-1257

**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.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>

**A Family Perspective—**

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing what little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough when shared.

**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.

**Advertiser of the Week:**

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### Saint Patrick Parish

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

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