

The Nativity of John the Baptist
June 24, 2018



Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
photo by Tom Golab

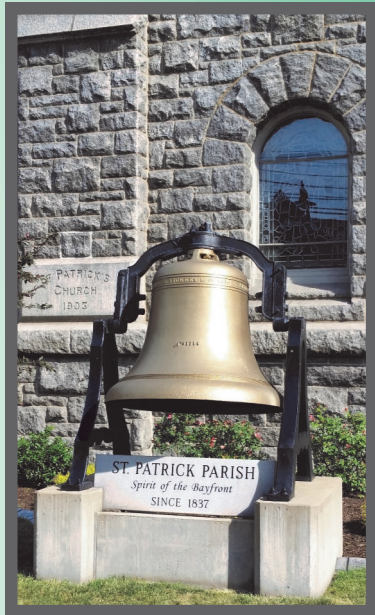
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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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 we celebrate a feast that we normally do not do unless it falls on a Sunday. We observe the birth of John the Baptist. In this second of the four “servant of the Lord” oracles in Isaiah, the speaker describes how the Lord called him from the womb, as Jeremiah was called. Language used to describe God’s relationship to Israel is applied to the individual servant who, in this section of Isaiah, can be identified with the whole people of Israel. Up to this point, God has called and empowered the servant but despite that commission, the servant feels that he has labored in vain. In the face of this discouragement, God clarifies his role and identity. “It is too little,” he says, “for you to be my servant, I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

Our second reading is part of one of Paul’s several speeches to Jews in which he proclaims that the way of Jesus is the logical development of pharisaic Judaism; Jesus, the Savior, is the descendant of King David. John the Baptist has a special role in God’s plan of salvation: he ushers in the era of the Messiah, and the promised kingdom is realized within a repentant Israel. John vehemently denies that he is the Messiah; when speaking of Jesus, he states that he is not even worthy to be his servant, “to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

At John’s birth, Elizabeth’s neighbors rejoice with her and on the eighth day, the child is incorporated into the people of Israel. There is great parallel between John and Jesus. The birth of John is a prelude to the Messiah’s birth; one child announces the presence of another. The boy’s name, John (*the Lord has shown favor,*) foreshadows another name, that of Jesus (*the Lord saves.*) John’s mission anticipates and inaugurates Jesus’ mission. It is not that the first is characterized by penance and the second by messianic joy. Luke presents a single purpose in two phases, God’s plan, two chapters of the same

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

history. Just as early morning darkness makes way for dawn, the precursor opens the path for the Messiah's coming. It is necessary for the darkness to diminish so the day may increase. Ever since the last of the prophets (Malachi) - 400 years earlier, the prophets had been speechless. Nine months before the events of this reading, the angel announced these events to the father, Zechariah, in the temple. His tongue was then tied until he wrote the name of the child.

Someone dropped off a 1968 Erie Diocesan Seminary Directory. At that time, we had 83 seminarians in their final four years of theology studies (my ordination class of 1970 had 12 of us). In addition, we had 106 seminarians in high school and college for a total of 189 young men studying for priesthood in our diocese. Today we have 8. It's a rather sobering realization.

At some point we are going to have to replace the three sets of doors at the main entrance to the church. They are sagging, are getting more and more difficult to secure for safety and the sills have deteriorated over the years. Every time we turn around, it is something else, but we have to remember that those doors are 115 years old and I can only tell you how much I sag at 75 let alone if I were 115!

I had put in the bulletin several weeks ago that the replacement of the tiles in the vestibule and the back of church is going to cost in excess of \$50,000. A couple in the parish had previously given me a check for \$10,000 to help toward that cost. Last week I had an e-mail from another parishioner who said they would also give \$10,000 toward the cost. You are incredibly generous people. I am very fortunate to be assigned here.

We have selected the tile that we are going to use and it is almost identical to what is there now. In this entire restoration of the church we have tried to be faithful to what was originally here rather than undertaking a renovation of things. Of course, we made a major change with enlarging the sanctuary, but with the changes in the liturgy that came with Vatican II and the use of a second altar rather than the old high altar, we needed a great deal more room in the sanctuary. That necessitated the removal of 4 rows of pews and the

addition of the circular center section.

While the pipe organ has been out and the balcony closed, we have been having a real problem with people finding enough seating in church for some of the Masses, particularly Saturday evening 5 PM Mass. Since this work began and the balcony is closed we've had people standing at that Mass every week. I apologize but we had to close the balcony because of the work going on up there. Once that is finished, we will carpet the balcony and then open it up again. We can seat up to 85 people in the balcony.

The pipe organ is being reassembled and should be up and running in a matter of weeks. This has been a massive undertaking and thanks to the generosity of Morgan and Kathy Jacox we have been able to do this. The original pipe organ of over 3,000 pipes cost \$2,135 when it was purchased in 1903. The restoration cost \$432,000!!!

We have to replace a large section of sidewalk on Holland Street. If you use the east parking lot beside the church and exit on to Holland Street you can readily see that large sections of that walk are completely deteriorated and becoming more and more dangerous.

Our Food Pantry served 480 families in May by distributing 12,899 pounds of food. The cost to the parish was \$747.58, all of which is covered by your ongoing generous donations to the Food Pantry.

I mentioned needing to replace the entry doors to the church as well as the door at the handicap ramp. I've met with a couple of different companies who are bidding on the work. The present doors are 9 feet high and a standard door is 7 feet high. If we go with a standard door and a glass transom above it, we will save thousands of dollars. The handicap access is two 30" doors which do not meet code. They must be 32" to accommodate a wheelchair. We're going to put in one 40" door and two side panels of glass to replace the two doors that are now there.

Wherever there are four Irishmen, you'll find a fifth.A couple of Irish guys tried to write a song, but they couldn't get past the firsts two bars.What is Irish Alzheimer's? You forget everything but the grudges.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,353.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,562.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,915.30

Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$108,885.00
Total Paid	\$ 88,085.00
Total Families	250

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us *Welcome*
Grant Isaac Grennan

child of
Matthew & Jillian (Popadak) Grennan
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in memory of
William J. Rennie
from wife, Dorothy*

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 to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Mary Beth Reagan** from her sister, Patricia Heard
- ♦ **Linda Winkelman, Ed Snyder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Sr., Ruth Janoski, and Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Jeanne Hagmann** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Mmgr. Biebel** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Rein Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

Donations also made by:

Ray & Patti Fiorelli, James & Linda Gehrlein,
William & Patricia Gloekler, Karl & Virginia Kelm,
Ken & Patricia Marchant, Forrest & Shirley Mischler,
Carla Orlando, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski,
John & Cynthia Purvis and Mark & Annette Rennie

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

The Food Pantry is in need of packaged diapers—

*They can be dropped off at all
Masses and left in the vestibule or at
the Parish Office. Thank you !!!*



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 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kay Mannino

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Ryan Palm, Colleen Welch

CUP: Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae

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

Additional Father's Day Memorials:

From: Judy Emling

IMO: Jerry Emling

From: Chris, Angela and Girls

IMO: Charles Fatica, Angelo "PaPa" Engro

From: Schloss children

IMO: Michael Schloss



LITURGY INTENTIONS

June 23 *Saturday, Vigil: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

5:00 PM CHARLES TRUDNOWSKI (JIM & KATHY SERTZ)

June 24 *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

8:00 AM JIM AQUINO (HONARD FAMILY)

10:30 AM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(KOSIN FAMILY)

June 25 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM TOM COOK (BOB LAFARO)

June 26 *Tuesday, Weekday*

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

June 27 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ROBERT VITRON, WEDDING ANNIV.
(JAY & CAROL HABAS)

June 28 *Thursday, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

June 29 *Friday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

June 30 *Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM BOB MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIV.
(DIANE MCCARTHY)

July 1 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THOMAS KLAUS (FAMILY)

10:30 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIV.
(WIFE, MARY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

06/23 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/26 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

06/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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



Glory "Shamrock" Days! Another
St. Patrick School Alumni Get Together:
Friday, July 13th 2018 at the
Plymouth Tavern, 5:00 P.M. until ?

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 you talk to them 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. Communications is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Jewelry/Purse Raffle Basket

Tickets will be sold at all Masses the weekend of June 30-July 1 for the raffle basket benefitting

St. Patrick Church, Erie Irish Festival

Tickets are \$5.00 for 6 or \$1.00 each



BRING A BOTTLE TO CHURCH MULLIGAN EVENT

PS If you forgot your bottle of Irish Whiskey (again!) You may drop off whiskey throughout the year at the gift shop or the rectory. Be sure to attach you name so we can thank you.



Save the Date!!!

Erie Gives Day

Tuesday, August 14th!

Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church

2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies



The 2018 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. George in Erie and Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Ss. Cosmas and Damian in Punxsutawney. To register, please go online to <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814) 824-1250 or (800)374-3723 ext. 250.

DAYS OF PRAYER



The **Carmelite Monastery**, located at 510 East Gore Road, Erie, will host their 61st annual **Days of Prayer** beginning Wednesday, July 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. Ronan Murphy, Chaplain of the Carmel of Brooklyn, NY, will be the preacher. Mass each morning at 8:00 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 (Monday the 15th). 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.



St. Peter Cathedral Gala Raffle

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Winners
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"Anchored by
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Family"
Gala on
June 30, 2018



Abstract Floral
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Winners
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\$10 per Chance each pc.

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purchased ON-Line
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www.stpetercathedral.com,
after weekend masses at the
Cathedral, or by calling
Mary Therese at
814-452-6603



Constructed Cross
12" W x 17.25" H

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank **Northwest**
16 full service offices in Erie County
1-877-672-5678
for advertising in our parish bulletin.

Mission trip planned to Kentucky

All high school students in the Diocese of Erie are invited to participate in the annual Kentucky mission trip to Vanceburg, Ky., July 14-21. This mission trip was started in 1972. For more information or for an application, please contact Father Mike DeMartinis at mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com.

Attention St. Andrew School Alumni

Saint Andrew School 2018 Grand Reunion is planned for Saturday, August 4 from 3-8 p.m. at UPMC Park. All alumni and their families are invited. We will have individual class tables, Chinese auction, games, food, drink, cash bar, inflatable speed pitch, bounce house and slide for children.

Tickets may be purchased by:

- Calling the Erie Seawolves box office at 814-456-1300
- Purchasing online at the facebook link "Saint Andrews Reunion Group" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/15714622629214/>
- Visit the Seawolves box office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Adults: \$30 per person, Children: (Ages 9-14) \$15 per person; (Ages 4-8) \$10 per person; (Ages 3 and under) free.

Tickets must be purchased by July 27 at 5 p.m. EST. 2018 SAS Reunion T-shirt is available for \$12 per shirt (A portion will benefit St. Andrew Church). T-shirts must be purchased by July 9, 2018.

Questions: call 814-746-1389 or email Attorney-DeJohn@gmail.com

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



June 6, 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. As every year, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. This year the collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 30 – July 1.

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, including emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical and social facilities in developing nations.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See's charitable works through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie