

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2017



Rainbow over
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

130 East 4th Street
Erie, PA 16507

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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 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Imprisoned, mocked, abandoned, Jeremiah's prophetic mission has resulted in intense suffering and persecution. Who is to blame? Jeremiah says God is. The Word of the Lord that should have been a source of strength for Jeremiah, has instead brought reproach and derision all day long. Today's reading is Jeremiah's sixth lament and they depict him on the edge of despair. He will even curse the day he was born. In the context of such lamenting, Jeremiah's declaration that "the Lord is with me," and his jubilant "sing to the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor" express an extraordinary mood shift. Such sharp shifts are very common among the OT prophets.

To illustrate God's grace, Paul sets up a contrast between Adam and Christ, between sin and grace. As he develops his argument, Paul uses complicated sentences and logic. He presents Adam as a "type" of Christ. A "type" in the OT is most often seen as a positive foreshadowing that is brought to fullness or perfection in the NT, particularly in Christ. In this passage, however, Adam is a negative foreshadowing. Paul uses the Greek word *Anthropos*, which in these terrible translations we work with, is translated "man," but it actually means the "human person." Beginning with Adam, sin and death spread throughout the world. Paul says sin entered through one *anthropos* Adam, but from another *anthropos*, Christ, we receive something so much greater.

Jesus continues to instruct the twelve. He has already told them he is sending them out as sheep among wolves, that they will endure extreme persecution. He is telling them—and us—that we are to speak in the light what Jesus proclaimed in darkness, to proclaim from the rooftops what was a mere whisper. Three times he tells them not to be afraid. He reminds them that they are to expect persecution; they are not above the Master. He tells them not to fear those who can kill the body but not the soul.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

A recent report on the ordination class of 2017 shows that 590 men were ordained priests in the United States this year. (That compares to 1,594 being ordained in 1965). The average age of the newly ordained is 34 for diocesan priests and 36 for religious order priests. While the Hispanic presence in the American church continues to grow in leaps and bounds, only 14% of those ordained this year are Hispanic. In many areas of the country, the Hispanic Catholics outnumber Anglo Catholics but vocations to priesthood have not kept pace. And, interestingly, 48% of the newly ordained this year said that they were discouraged from considering priesthood by one or more persons. The majority said friends and classmates discouraged them the most, but that family members also discouraged them. Thirteen percent said their mother discouraged them and eleven percent said their father did.

We will close the fiscal year later this week with the end of June. Once all of the data is compiled, I'll publish a spiritual and financial report so that you can see where everything stands. I'm happy to tell you that with the end of this fiscal year, we are completely debt free. You may recall that we borrowed \$780,000 from the diocese when we did the restoration of the church in 2012. Bids for that work came in almost \$200,000 above our budget but the committee voted to proceed with the thinking that we could pay that off and that we would repay the diocese in 5 years. Fortunately, we have been able to stick to that timetable and everything is now completely paid off.

One of the most rewarding realities in our 2016/17 Spiritual Report is a comparison of the number of baptisms to the number of deaths. The baptisms way outpace the deaths; a reality that in many of our parishes today is just the opposite—more people are dying than are being baptized. At St. Patrick's, almost 70% of our funerals are non-parishioners. Someone was baptized and married here, etc. and the family calls asking that their parent be buried here. In addition, a large number of people are dying today who do not belong to a parish and call for a funeral here.

Another reality of funerals today is that many families delay a funeral for a week or more and/or many of them schedule a funeral on Saturday so

it is more convenient for people. You may recall that Parish Council enacted a policy that we do not schedule non-parishioner funerals more than three days out because what happens is we might get a non-parishioner funeral scheduled for a day (and it was scheduled a couple of weeks ago) and then a parishioner dies and we can not schedule them.

Now that we think (and hope and pray) that we have found the cause of the water leak on the east wall of the church, they are going to go up to make sure that the plaster is dry. If that is the case, we will get some paint from Conrad Schmitt & Co. (the company who did the restoration) and then repair the damaged area. If you have joined the parish in recent years and do not remember the condition of the church before the restoration, you can go into the southeast tower room (the handicapped entrance) and see what the entire church looked like. We purposely left that area unrestored so people could see.

The St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 13,538 pounds of food during the month of May. The cost to the parish was \$352.12. We served 566 families which included 315 elderly and 729 children.

Congratulations to Robert & Mildred Biebel who today are celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary.

Murphy applied for a fork lift operator job at an Irish firm in Dublin. A Norwegian applied for the same job and since both applicants had similar qualifications, they were asked to take a test and led to a quiet room with no interruptions. When the results were in, both men had scored 19 out of 20. The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thank you for coming to the interview, but we've decided to give the job to the Norwegian." Murphy was very upset and asked, "Why would you do that? We both got 19 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish surely I should get the job. The manager replied, We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you got wrong." "And how would one incorrect answer be better than another?" asked the bewildered Murphy. The manager replied, "It's simple. On question number 7 the Norwegian wrote down, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.'"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 7,868.11
Online Giving	<u>1,569.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,437.41

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 108,091.43
Paid to date	\$ 82,556.43
# of Pledges	239

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 were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Dominic Masenas, John V. Rewers** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Nancy Jackson** from Francis Sokolowski
- ♦ **Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wenstran & Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vitron** from Robert & Roberta Vitron
- ♦ **Ashworth family** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ **Brett Kenny** from Joseph & Kimberly Bohrer
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Kathy Stablein** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Rita Lopus** from Bill & Patty Jackson

Also donations from:

Robert & Carolyn Schenker, Kraig Sweeney, Robery & Mildred Biebel, Christa Blose, and Mary Ellen Demyanovich

**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
William J. Rennie
from wife & family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Patty Dailey

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, July 2, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Forrest Mischler, Charla Leemhuis

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

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

A Family Perspective—

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."



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.





83 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE SPONSORS WHO WALK AMONG US.

This weekend you will find the Program Sponsorship Form in your bulletin. With only 83 days left until the 2017 Erie Irish Festival, Susan Sullivan, our new Program Sponsorship Chairperson, is kicking off her sponsorship drive. So we thought we'd talk a little about the type of people who sponsor and what it means to be a sponsor.

First of all, if you're reading this bulletin, you've been sponsored—your Godparents accepted responsibility for your spiritual life (wow, that's a heavy burden, time to say thanks!) and when you were confirmed, your favorite uncle Louie or aunt Lois stood with a hand on your shoulder and took responsibility for offering you into the adulthood of the church. And maybe you are a sponsor, a Godparent or a confirmation sponsor? So, to begin with, we all have a history with sponsorship, and that makes it so much easier to get the idea of who is a sponsor and what it means.

Because we are all sponsors or owe our sponsors and we all know what it means. It means taking responsibility for something—helping it grow and become successful.

And that is what Susan, Father Kriegel, and the rest of us at the Erie Irish Festival are asking you to do—today. We are asking you to take responsibility—today—for helping the festival grow and be even more successful and more exciting than it was last year, or the year before, or the year before that.

There is a danger that comes with a successful church community like ours. With 950+ families in the parish it's too easy to look at the good folks next to you in the pew and assume they're the ones who will step up and take responsibility. They look like sponsors, right! So with all of these families, why should you step up? Well, in your heart you already know the answer. It's not their responsibility—it's yours. And if you all think George will do it, we've got news, George moved to a condo in Naples, Florida, and he's only sponsoring a rum and coke on his balcony.

And we know what you're thinking now that you have committed to yourself to do a program sponsorship. So what do I have to say in a Festival Program? Hey, take a ¼ page and say thanks to those Godparents who stood up for you—throw a picture in! Or celebrate your mom and dad's anniversary, or a birthday, or...well you get it—celebrate something. Or take the form into work and get your boss to take out an ad, or if you are a boss, take out an ad. Thousands of people will see that program and feel good about your company, or your special message, and about you because you stepped up and took responsibility. And best of all, you'll feel good about yourself.

And while you're at it, elbow those folks in the pew next to you and say, "I'm sponsoring, how about you?"

We also have tent, activity, and entertainment sponsorships available. Just ask. Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or

LITURGY INTENTIONS

June 24 *Saturday, Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(AUDREY METZGAR)

June 25 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM ROSE SHAFER (BILL & BETTY FILIPKOWSKI)
10:30 AM KATHY MASOLOTTE (TOM & LINDA MISH)

June 26 *Monday, Weekday*

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

June 27 *Tuesday, Saint Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM KAREN NELSON & FAMILY (CHRISTINE)

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

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

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

8:00 AM BOB MCCARTHY (DIANE MCCARTHY & FAMILY)

June 30 *Friday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 1 *Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM BOB MCCARTHY (MR. & MRS. NORB FIGURSKI)

July 2 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM ROBERT MCCORMICK (ANNE MCCORMICK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

06/24 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/27 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

06/28 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/01 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/03 Office Closed—4th of July Holiday

07/04 Office Closed—4th of July Holiday

DAYS OF PRAYER—



DAYS OF PRAYER at the Carmelite Monastery, 510 East Gore Road, Erie, begin Tuesday, July 11th, and continue through Sunday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. James Campbell, pastor of Coudersport, PA (Erie Diocese) 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 of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Sunday the 16th). The Carmelite Nuns warmly invite all to pray with them during these grace-filled days in this year marking the centenary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corporate Entertainment | \$600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Back Cover | \$350.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page | \$275.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/2 Page | \$175.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/4 Page | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Patron | \$ 75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial or Friend | \$ 25.00 |

Make your check payable to **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**.

Send this form, your proposed advertisement and check to:

Erie Irish Festival
130 East 4th Street
Erie, PA 16507

Advertisements must be high resolution, grayscale or black and white in Word format. Ads cannot be in color.

Proposed Advertisement can be sent via e-mail to:

stpats@neo.rr.com

Any questions, contact **Program Chair Susan Sullivan at 881-4319**.

All Sponsorship Forms must be received by **August 1, 2017**.

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/>

**Blessed Sacrament Pre-School—
NEW for the 2017-2018 school year**

Two-year old preschool classes

Mornings: 2 days, 3 days and

Full day: 5 days

For more information and enrollment call the school office at 455-1387

**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/>.

Zabawa Festival needs volunteers—

Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the summer and be involved in one of the most well-attended events in the Diocese of Erie? Holy Trinity's Zabawa Festival needs help with serving food and other duties. Organizers are looking for 10 to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) for each shift. Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. High school students in need of service hours are welcome.



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

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