

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 30, 2019



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St. Patrick Church

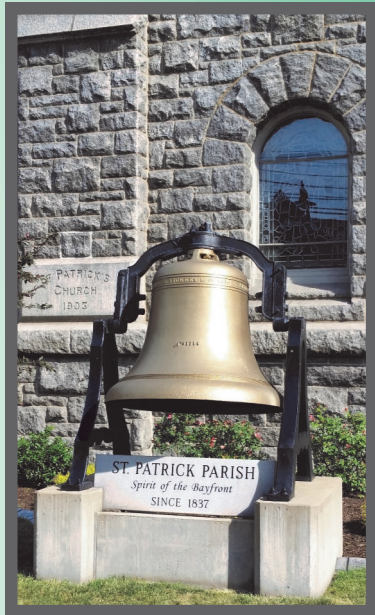
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prophet Elijah is often remembered for his miraculous deeds, his bold confrontation with the prophets of Baal and his departure in a fiery chariot. Some remarkably ordinary deeds, however, also proved to be important, including his call of Elisha recounted in today's reading. After the Lord commands Elijah to anoint Elisha to succeed him, Elijah comes upon the young man while he is out plowing with twelve yoke of oxen. Such an ordinary setting for God's call of Israel's leaders is frequent in the Bible. Moses was tending sheep, Gideon was thrashing wheat and Samuel was sleeping. Today we see nothing dramatic, no burning bush, no mysterious voice in the night. Elijah says nothing, but simply throws his cloak over Elisha, perhaps a symbol of covering Elisha with the same authority and power of Elijah himself. Elisha clearly understood God was calling him but then he slaughters all his oxen and feeds his people, leaving behind all his family, his work and his wealth.

The freedom that Christians experience, according to Paul, is rooted in Christ's action. It does not come about because of human energy, but because Christ himself has set us free through his saving death and resurrection. In today's passage, Paul develops how we are to live with God-given freedom. The "yoke of slavery" to which Paul refers is strict Torah observance, specifically circumcision. Others insisted on the necessity of it for Gentiles, but Paul says that salvation does not come from adherence to the Torah but through Christ. He also makes clear that freedom is not the same as license. Living in freedom means living in the Spirit, not in the flesh. Echoing Jesus, Paul sums up the whole new law as "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The first verse in today's gospel from Mark marks the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. He has called his disciples, preached the good news, healed people and now he sets his eye on going



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

to Jerusalem. Jesus could have bypassed Samaria, knowing he would not be welcome. John and James suggest calling down fire upon them, not an unusual response in that day. Jesus rebukes the two brothers. Refusing a violent response to their rejection, he simply continues to Jerusalem. He then goes on to teach about what it means to be a disciple. Discipleship takes precedence over family and obligations.

This week we will end the 2018/19 fiscal year for the parish. Once we are able to put together a financial statement, I will publish it in the bulletin so that all of you are fully aware of our financial status.

The neighboring diocese of Pittsburgh announced this past week the first merger of parishes which will ultimately be a huge reconfiguring of the entire diocese. By the time the complete plan is implemented the present 188 parishes in the diocese will be consolidated into 58 new groupings. The parish grouping does not include plans for the closure of any church buildings. In this first merger, the five churches of Greene County will be combined into a single new parish, served by a pastoral team of two priests and two deacons. Seven parishes churches located in the New Castle area will become one parish and be served by four priests and two deacons. The five parishes of Beechview and Brookline will be merged into one new parish served by three priests and two deacons. In addition to the groupings, five downtown Pittsburgh parish buildings of historic and spiritual value will be designated as shrines.

I can tell you from the several years that I had both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's that each parish has its own personality and to squash that personality, as will necessarily happen in these types of mergers will most likely see significant numbers of people not continuing to go to Mass. Their identity is with their parish and their parish church, and the loss of that identity will affect many people.

The Diocese of Phoenix, AZ has 40 seminarians this year, the largest number in the history of the diocese and double the number from just eight years ago. In our own diocese, even with the

release of the devastating Grand Jury report, we have more men enrolled in our seminary than we have had in many years.

On the other hand, a second diocese in France, the Diocese of Bordeaux, closed their seminary because they have no candidates studying for priesthood. Only half of the seminaries in France have more than 20 students enrolled. Catholicism is rapidly disappearing across Europe. A continent that was 95% Christian as recently as 30 years ago is now roughly 10 percent.

Congratulations to parishioners and former (and future) chairs of our Irish Festival Gary and Becky Johnson who were recently honored by the Niagara League with their highest honor in recognition of all that they have done to support and promote the Brig Niagara and the Niagara League. Gary and Becky were the first major supporters of the project and have continued to be active supporters.

Our Food Pantry served 467 families during May by distributing 14,850 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$338.96. Once again, I did not have to take any parish money to pay these bills because of your ongoing generosity and support of this project.

Every Friday night Boudreaux would fire up his grill and cook a big, juicy steak. But all of his neighbors were Catholic and this would kill them during Lent. It got so bad that they couldn't take it anymore and went and talked to their priest. The priest payed Boudreaux a visit and suggested that he become a Catholic. After months of RCIA, he was finally ready to become Catholic. During the Easter Vigil Mass, the priest poured holy water over him and baptized him "in the name of the Father, and of the son and of the Holy Spirit." Then the priest said to Boudreaux, "You were born a Baptist and raised a Baptist; but now you are a Catholic. His neighbors were greatly relieved until the following Lent. On the first Friday of Lent, the wonderful aroma of grilled steak filled the neighborhood. The priest was called. As he walked into Boudreaux's back yard preparing to scold him, he stopped dead in his tracks. There stood Boudreaux, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted, "You was born a cow, you was raised a cow, but now you is a fish."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,213.00
Online Giving	<u>2,057.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,270.30

Catholic Services Appeal 2019	\$ 87,561.00
Pledged	\$ 115,446.00
Paid	\$ 92,186.00

*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 by **The Irish Cultural Society.**

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Mary Corbett** from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
- ♦ **Al, Edward & Howard Gehringer, Al & Mike Gehringer** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **Christine McNerney, Anthony & Angeline Di-Andrea** from Janice Cole
- ♦ **Elizabeth & Dan Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from Davis Korn
- ♦ **John C. Jackson** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Rich Miller** from Lynne Miller
- ♦ **Norma Jean & Bernard Clement** from Debra Morrow
- ♦ **Mildred Skelly Shoff** from Dorothy Rennie
- ♦ **Nick & Jaci Iavarone** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Michael Schloss** from Dotty Schloss & family
- ♦ **Sr. Pascal** from Joseph & Lucy Walach

Also donations from:

Barbara Abbott, Victoria Abbott, Maggie Bahm,  
Jim & Wendy Bahm, Mary Ellen Demyanovich,  
Phil & Judy Kelly and Dave & Julie Sanner

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

A donation was made to the **Saint Patrick Foundation Fund** in honor of **Margaret Zattosky's 90th Birthday** from: Gerry, Mike Zattosky, Mary & Patrick Kelly, Teresa & Raymond Dailey, Stephen & Nancy Zattosky, Deborah & Robert Loganchuk & Amy Zattosky



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Pudge Williams**  
Frank & Mary Therese Riley*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 6, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Carol Habas, Wendy Sadlier, Kay Mannino,  
Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

**CUP:** Jay Habas, Phyllis Marchinetti

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Nancy Andrzejewski,  
Barb Fischer, Pattie Marchant

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

**Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Michele Wheaton, Mary Williams,  
Erin Wachter, Megan Gilmore, Kathleen Pae

**CUP:** Colleen Welch, Candy Bukowski

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: ———

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,  
Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

## 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.



## Additional Father's Day Memorial

From Deborah Musolff

IMO Charles J. Hagmann

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**July 1** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN WISNIESKI (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

**July 2** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY  
(FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

**July 3** *Wednesday, Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

**July 4** *Thursday, Independence Day*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 5** *Friday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 6** *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JOSEPH V. DEANGELO (MARILYN KENDALL)

**July 7** *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN SLOWIKOWSKI  
(ANN & ANNETTE STAROCCI)

10:30 AM MYRON JONES (MARLENE JONES)

## 75 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



### IT TAKES A PARISH.

We have around 1,000 families and individuals in our parish now. One thousand! All coming together each week to worship, learn, share. All leaving each week, thanks to the positive teachings of our good Monsignor, feeling better about ourselves. And every week, Father Kriegel says, "Let us offer each other a sign of peace." And then we all shake the hands of the people around us, smile, and offer them wishes of peace.

But do you actually know who they are, the men and women and the kids, whose hand you're shaking? I do. They're really nice people. All of them. You'd really like them if you got to know them. And they'd really like you. And here's a great way to get to know them—volunteer at the Erie Irish Festival—let's work together on a great festival, let's laugh together, and enjoy getting to know each other, and feel really good about ourselves. Then, the next time you say it, you can say "Peace be with you, Ray, or Joe, or Kay, or Mary," because you'll know their names, and they'll know yours. And Saint Patrick's won't just be a place you come for 45 minutes once a week—it'll be a community that you are an active and important part of. All of a sudden, you'll forget about how quick you can get out of the parking lot, and you'll stop and chat with all of your new friends.

And if you think this is a ploy to get you to work at the festival, it is. But it's also the truth. We need you. You. Pretty soon we'll be putting out the volunteer pledge cards. We need volunteers for every area, pouring beer, serving food, selling tee shirts, making ice cream sodas, keeping the tables clean, and on and on. It takes a parish to put on the best festival in Erie—it takes all of us. And that includes you most of all. Because in the end it's not about whether we make money, it's about whether we support each other as a community. Are we going to be 1,000 strangers sitting in pews once a week, or 1,000 friends supporting our community?

See you at the festival.

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**07/02** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**07/03** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**07/04** Church & Office CLOSED - 4th of July

**07/06** 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.**

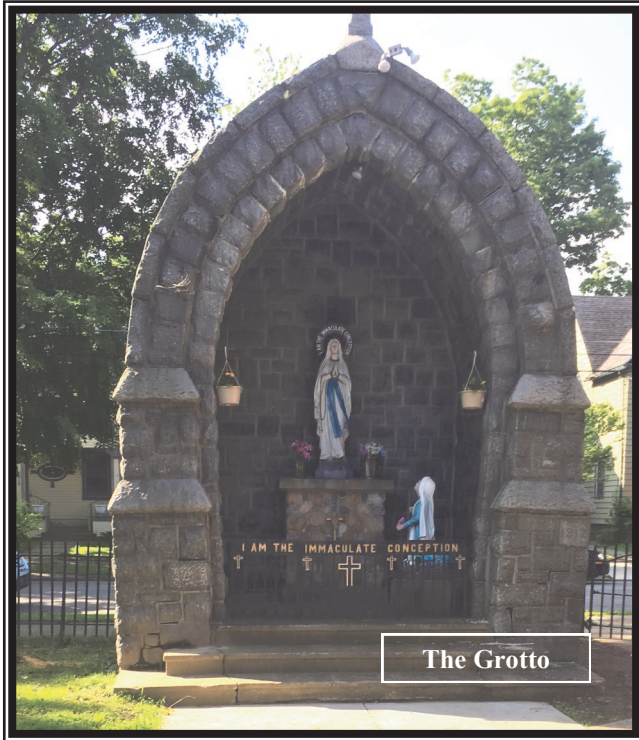
**at Sacred Heart Parish, Erie.**

To register, please go online to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office 814-828-1265 or 800-374-3723 ext. 265.

### A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel reminds us once we set our "hand to the plow" of parenting and marriage, "we cannot look back." This is what commitment means: to say 'yes' to the choice to give up other choices, and 'yes' to the promise to be faithful to an unknown future with our spouse.





Once construction of the present St. Patrick's Church was completed, there was a good amount of the granite stone left over. The Sisters of St. Joseph staffed St. Patrick's School from its opening in the 1860s until it closed in the early 1990s. They asked Father Peter Cauley if they could have the left over granite to build a grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes on the grounds of their then motherhouse at 8<sup>th</sup> and Liberty Sts. Father Cauley gave them the stone and in 1912 Patrick Lee, a stonecutter who was noted for the beautiful tombstones, etc. that he created, was asked by the sisters to build the grotto. The grotto was completed and blessed by Bishop John Fitzmaurice in June 1912. It remains today on the grounds of the former motherhouse, which is now occupied by apartments owned by HANDS.

### Transitions: A Monthly Peer Support Group—

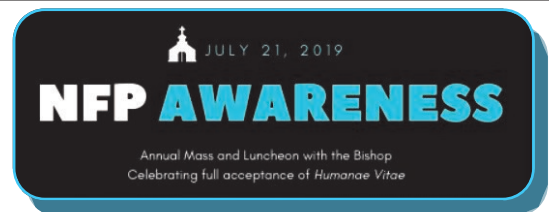
Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. This month's topic is: "Variables Affecting Potential Relationships." 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>

### 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.



On **Sunday, July 21**, join Bishop Lawrence Persico and faithful from around the diocese in celebrating God's plan for love and life during the **11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, PA**. A free, family-friendly luncheon will follow in the Mother Teresa Academy Cafeteria. Families from around the diocese have appreciated this annual opportunity to enjoy each other's company, build new friendships, and kick off national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week.



**MERCYHURST**  
**Preparatory School**

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Mercyhurst Preparatory School and the Alumni Association will host an

**All-Class Reunion** on August 2 and 3, 2019. The weekend includes a school tour, mass, luncheon, art show, alumni row on the bay, soccer games, and a Reunion Blast at the Bayfront Convention Center. RSVP for one or all activities at [www.mpslakers.com/reunionweekend](http://www.mpslakers.com/reunionweekend). Questions? Call Marcia at 824-2067 or email

### **Erie Catholic School System raffling Mustang**

The Erie Catholic School System is holding its premier fundraiser for the year: a raffle of a 1967 Ford Mustang 289 V8 Coupe. The car will be on display outside St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie, through September, when the drawing is held. Proceeds benefit the Erie Catholic Education Fund, which provides scholarships to families seeking financial assistance. Only 4,800 tickets will be sold for \$20 per ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.eriecatholic.org](http://www.eriecatholic.org), call 814-806-2423, email [advancement@eriecatholic.org](mailto:advancement@eriecatholic.org) or visit one of the six campuses of the system. The winner will be drawn Sept. 14 at the All-American Classic Car Show at St. Jude School and Parish, 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Erie.



## **Advertiser of the Week:**

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### **Grapevine Laundry & Linens**

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~Owner & Parishioner Mary Beth Graml~  
for advertising in our Parish bulletin

### **Job Openings in the DIOCESE OF ERIE Multi-Media Journalist**

We are looking for a talented, proactive, and energetic multi-media journalist to join our communications team. This person should have sharp news judgement, excellent technical skills, and the ability to work well independently. The person in this position also will lead our efforts to innovate and oversee social media for the diocese by collaborating with the communications staff and members of the diocesan administration.

The ideal candidate will be responsible for planning, prioritizing and packaging materials for distribution through all digital and social media platforms, as well as print. The candidate will be motivated, well-organized and will be able to gather information and create stories on a wide variety of platforms.

### **Administrative Assistant – Faith Formation (Part-Time)**

We are looking for an organized, dedicated, and energetic Administrative Assistant to join our faith formation team.

The part-time Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation will work collaboratively with all directors in Faith Formation. This person welcomes individuals as they enter the department or via telephone as they request information in a professional and friendly manner. The Administrative Assistant will have a working knowledge of the diocesan structure of all Faith Formation offices and programs.

For more information on these positions and to apply go to <https://www.ErieRCD.org/employment.html>

## **NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

### **Saint Patrick Parish**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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