

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2017



St. Patrick Church
Summer 2017

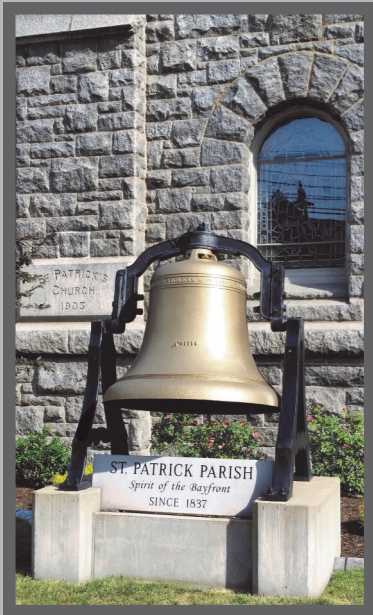
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading opens and closes with reference to Elisha, the prophetic successor to Elijah. Like Moses, Samuel, David and Elijah, he is given the designation "man of God." A man of God is one through whom God works. The story involves a woman who invites Elijah to a meal in her home as well as plans to build a room for him for whenever he passes through. It is interesting that it is the woman, and not her husband, who does the speaking; something unheard of in those days. And to her, Elijah makes the promise of a son to be born.

Paul is addressing a community of believers in Rome who have already been baptized. He uses the words "us" and "we" to make it clear that he is one with them in all that baptism implies. It is a pattern that Paul often uses. He frequently begins with an explanation of what the community believes, and follows with the implications for life that flow from that belief. Here he begins with the understanding that those baptized in Christ have been baptized into his death. The implication is that those who are baptized, having once died to sin are to be ever dead to sin and are to walk in the newness of life that comes from Jesus. As he continues beyond today's reading, he will provide specifics on how they are to live.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus gives five lengthy speeches. Today's gospel is the conclusion of the second of those discourses. He is teaching the Twelve the meaning of discipleship before sending them forth. He first tells them of the challenging demands of discipleship; then he announces rewards, not given to them, but to those who welcome them. He speaks of well-known relationships of father or mother, son or daughter, family bonds in which people belong to one another. As desirable as are these ties, Jesus is teaching that, in order to be worthy, the new family formed in him must take priority. In the third example, Jesus gives a clear description of a disciple as one who takes up his cross and follows

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Jesus. Those who take up the cross will find life, even as they lose it for his sake. Finally he reminds them that all who welcome them welcome Jesus himself and will be rewarded. We see the clear connection with the Shunemite woman in the first reading.

The parish office will be closed both Monday and Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of July.

In 1990, there were 34,000 diocesan priests in the United States. In 2014, there were 14,462. A new study also traces Mass attendance. While more than 100 million Americans have been baptized Catholic and 78 million identify as Catholic, only 18.7 million attend Mass on a weekly basis. Another 38 million attend about once a month. In 1965, 55 percent of Catholics attended Mass weekly. That was down to 41 percent in 1985 and 24 percent in 2010. In 1980, ten percent of the Catholic population were foreign born; by 2014 that number has risen to 25 percent. In the past 20 years, there have been barely 500 ordinations a year; meanwhile Catholic population has grown from 47 million in 1967 to 71 million today.

Several things are well underway in anticipation of our September 15, 16 & 17 Irish Festival. Chairs Gary and Becky Johnson have been meeting regularly with various committee chairs, etc. The committee for the Jewelry Booth has been working for months putting together an incredible display of donated jewelry and purses that will be available. A number of parishioners are already baking and freezing items that will be sold at the Bake Booth. Work is also underway on the sale of advertising for the program. We have already secured all of the permits from the city to close East Fourth Street for several days. And, finally, we have received a grant from the Erie County Gaming Authority to assist with the project.

Stephanie Packer lives in Orange, CA and cherishes every moment with her husband and four children. She is living with a terminal illness and says her goal is to "do everything I can to have one more second with my kids." When assisted suicide legislation was passed in California in 2016, Packer experienced the ultimate slap in the face: her insurance company denied the

coverage of critical chemotherapy treatment that her doctors say is crucial to her survival. The insurance company informed her, however, that they would cover the cost of end-of-life drugs for just \$1.20.

Several parishioners joined me for a session of Pastoral Planning on June 13th at Our Lady of Peace. We have already undertaken the first two steps in that process: parish reconfiguration and Catholic elementary school changes. This third stage is perhaps the most crucial: faith formation. How do we strengthen our own faith and how do we hand it on to our children? I will explain and try to detail the outlines of the draft document that was presented. Most people had assumed that the age for Confirmation would be one of the major subjects addressed, but that was never brought up. Instead, we're looking at an entirely different approach to faith formation.

Erie Insurance met with me recently to inform me that they will be removing the sidewalk and trees on the south side of East Fourth Street so that they can dig a trench and funnel fiber optic cable lines through it. They are doing that throughout their campus. They assured me that everything will be completed and finished in time for our Irish Festival in mid-September. There may be a weekend or two where we will not be able to use their parking lot but instead have to use the one over where the Cauley Auditorium was. To give you an idea of what great neighbors Erie Insurance is, they told me that if we have a funeral, etc. and the noise is disruptive, I'm to call and they will not work that time period.

This is a true story. Last summer on Lake Isabel-la, located an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying, the puttied into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped in place, was the trailer.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 7,720.00
Online Giving	<u>1,614.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,334.30
Catholic Services Appeal:	
Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 110,591.43
Paid to date	\$ 85,761.43

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 **Kathy Alessi**.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Helen Wright** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Paul Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Ray Sullivan & Jack Wilson** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Howard Gehringer** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Lynne Long** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Lynch & Mangun families** from Anne Lynch

Also donations from:

Charles & Maria Agresti, Walz, Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey, Karen Euliano, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Kathleen Horan, and Joel Walz & Jill Balga-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.



Let Us **Welcome**
Delainey Colleen Gilmore
daughter of
Luke & Megan (Bomba) Gilmore
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 PM Liturgy on Saturday
and
Madelyn Rose Exley
daughter of
Jason & Jacqueline (Bacco) Exley
and
Arthur Jack Smith
son of
Brodie & Kelly (Schriefer) Smith
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Chris Sanner**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella

CUP: Kaleigh Hubert, Alex Vinesky

Greeters: **Bob & Diane Boeh**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

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

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Nancy Andrzejewski**

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

Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Brown**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae, Mary Kearney

CUP: Mary Williams, Ed Brown

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

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

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.





75 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE IRISH BRIGADE

Of course we know that Irish Immigrants played a major role in winning the American Revolution.

During the war, an English Major General who went back to testify in the House of Commons noted that “half the rebel Continental Army were from Ireland.” George Washington is said to have had 1,500 Irish officers and after the war another Englishman, Lord Mountjoy, told his Parliament that “America was lost by Irish emigrants.”

By the time the American Civil War broke out in 1861, the original 350,000 or so Irish immigrants who had come to colonial America, mostly Protestants from Ulster, had been joined by over 1,000,000 Irish Catholics fleeing the great famine, most of them settling in Northern cities. So when war was declared, they joined the Union Army in great numbers, which formed them into an ethnic-based Irish Brigade for a couple of good reasons. There were a whole lot of Irish and the Union needed their support and loyalty, and, perhaps more importantly, Lincoln wanted to send a message to the English to stay out of the war by suggesting that the Union would support an Irish rebellion if the English supported a Confederate one.

The first leader of the Irish Brigade, Colonel Michael Corcoran, was under court martial at the time for refusing to parade his troops during a visit to New York by the English Prince of Wales. The Union needed experienced officers, though, and the charges were dropped so that he could rush his men to the first battle of Bull Run, where he was wounded and captured by the rebels. Their second leader, General Thomas Francis Meagher, was sentenced to death in 1848 as a rebel in Ireland by the English, who then commuted his sentence to imprisonment in Australia. En route, Meagher escaped and made his way to San Francisco and then into the US Army. In fact, a good portion of the leadership of the Irish Brigade was composed of members of the Irish Republican and Fenian Brotherhoods who were “practicing” in the civil war to return to Ireland for the real fight against the English (Which many did, the result was the unsuccessful Irish uprising of 1867).

The Irish Brigade was known for its famous battle cry, “Vaugh a Ballaugh!,” from the Irish “*fág an bealach*,” which means “Clear the Way!” It is also known for extreme bravery—no less than Confederate General Robert E. Lee dubbed one of their regiments “The Fighting 69th” when he met them on the battlefield. The Irish Brigade, perhaps as a result of their bravery, suffered appalling losses throughout the war, losing all but 256 of 1,600 men in one battle alone.

The Irish Brigade was disbanded after the war, but its tradition is carried on by the Fighting 69th New York National Guard unit, which distinguished itself again in World War I and became the subject of a 1940 movie, aptly titled “The Fighting 69th”, starring two great Irish Americans, Jimmy Cagney and Pat O’Brien. Although the Irish influence was diminished, the regiment served in the Pacific in World War II and was responsible for securing “Route Irish” in the Bagdad suburbs in 2004. Parts of the unit have also served in Afghanistan.

The 2017 Erie Irish Festival is a great way to celebrate Irish American patriotism. Come and raise a glass to the heroes of the Irish Brigade and the Fighting 69th. Vaugh a Ballaugh!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
- July 3 Monday, Saint Thomas, Apostle**
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 4 Tuesday, Weekday, Independence Day**
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 5 Wednesday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**
8:00 AM CYNTHIA R. MCLAUGHLIN
(MARGE PATRIZIA & CAROL GEHRLEIN)
- July 6 Thursday, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr**
8:00 AM MARGARET MOORE
(MICHELE, MAUREEN, & BILL)
- July 7 Friday, Weekday**
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 8 Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM VIC & LIL LADUE
(EITHNE & PATRICK MURPHY)
- July 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM HENRY WEISENFLUH
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)
10:30 AM LUKE PURVIS
(SALLY KOHLER & JUDY ALSTADT)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 07/01** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 07/03-07/04** Office Closed - 4th of July Holiday
- 07/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 07/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 07/08** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:



Parents should consider having internet accounts in their name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords and using blocking and/or filtering devices.

Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is pure gift which we are expected to share especially to the “lowly ones.” What has been freely given needs to be shared freely. No strings attached.



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** on 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.

Mercy Hilltop Center presents**Hilltop Hop**

The Mercy Hilltop Center, 444 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, will hold its Hilltop Hop July 13 from noon to 3 p.m. The event will feature 1950s- and '60s-

themed fun, with a lunch followed by dancing and a musical performance featuring Jim Moore as Elvis Presley. Register in advance by calling the Mercy Hilltop Center at 814-824-2214. Tickets are \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. Everyone is encouraged to bring memorabilia, including photos, and to wear school colors or dress from the 1950s and 1960s.

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.

**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.

The Diocese of Erie Supports the Take Me to Worship Campaign in 2017—

The Diocese of Erie is very excited about the opportunity to participate in the Take Me to Worship campaign that is being promoted to Erie County this summer and fall, August 15—October 30, 2017. Data from this campaign has shown that when children participate in regular, weekly, organized religion, they are less likely to be involved in violence, drug and alcohol use, and committing suicide. Let's take our families to Mass regularly! To find out more and to get involved, please visit www.takemetoworship.org or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or familylife@eriercd.org.

CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE—

DIVORCED? The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week group begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.-8:00p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. (NEW LOCATION) Cost \$15 per person includes "Personal Survival Guide" and all material for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call the Family Life Office, 814-824-1250, email familylife@eriercd.org, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register

Got questions about life?

Save the date for the Alpha series, a 10-part interactive program on the basics of the Christian faith, beginning Sept. 7 from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Sacred Heart Parish, 816 W. 26th St., Erie. Father Raniero Cantalamessa, official preacher of the papal household, says the Alpha course "accomplishes an incredible task in making people interested in faith and in making faith relevant to the modern person." To learn more about Alpha, go to www.Alphausa.org/Catholic. For more details about the schedule or for other questions on the series, contact Sister Ricarda Vincent, SSJ, at rvincent@velocity.net or at 814-456-6256.

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



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/>

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

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