

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2017



Statue in East Garden
St. Patrick Church

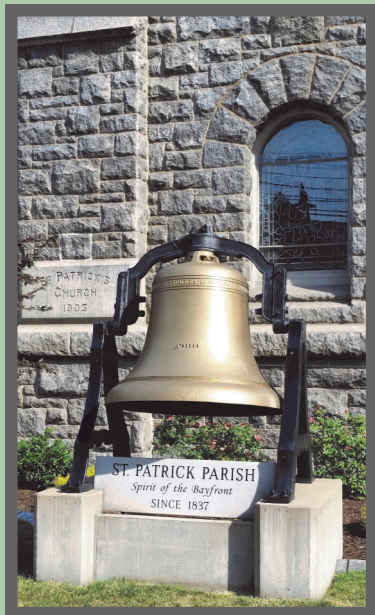
Saint Patrick Parish

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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 is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Zechariah is one of the last of the Hebrew prophets, writing in the year 520 BC, the time of restoration after the Babylonian Exile. The second part of the book, chapters 9-14, was probably written at a later date when the earlier hopes of rebuilding the Temple and renewing the land were still not realized. It announces an ideal though distant future promised by God. Today's reading is one of the clearest visions of such a hopeful future. The prophet depicts God speaking directly to Jerusalem, twice describing her as "daughter." They are promised a king who will be just and who will lead them out of exile and slavery. And, importantly, he will come in humility, riding the foal of an ass, a sign that he comes in peace, not as a military commander. Both Rabbinic Judaism and Christianity have seen in these verses a reference to the Messiah, with the Gospel writers depicting them as fulfilled in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of his passion.

Paul uses "spirit" in two ways in this reading. In the first sense, spirit refers to a person living in right relationship and communion with God. Living in the spirit contrasts with living in the flesh, a life alienated from God, earthbound, rather than oriented to the things of heaven. The second way Paul uses "Spirit" is to refer to God's own Spirit. He writes about that Spirit in a variety of ways: Spirit of God, Spirit of "Christ, Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead." The word "spirit" (peunma) in fact means "breath," that which gives life. The same life-giving Spirit who raised Christ from the dead will give life to us as well.

In the gospel, Jesus gives thanks to his Father for the revelation given to little ones, those who are receptive as opposed to those who are closed because they feel they are wise. He addresses two groups who are the "little ones:" his own disciples and those who are burdened. His reference to "rest," is of an eternal Sabbath spent

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

in God's presence. He indicates clearly that this rest is not only for them after death, but a gift in the present time. It is a joyful refreshment in the midst of the burdens of life, and is a secure communion with God, God's people and creation.

We're having some rather major work done on the garage behind the rectory. Like the other buildings, that building is a hundred years old. A careful review of it shows that there is very little mortar left between the bricks—the same problem we encountered several years ago with the rectory. In addition, because of that, the headers over the windows are sinking just enough to crack the glass blocks and to throw the building off center so that the overhead doors are not working as they should. The same company who did the work on the chimney behind the church and the east wall of the church is completing this work. But again, it's another \$20,000 in ongoing maintenance. I'm just grateful that we have the resources to be able to maintain these buildings.

We're now complete with the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, and I can't begin to thank you enough for your generosity. You may recall that our assessment was \$74,000 and any monies we generate above that remain in the parish. To date, we have received \$111,000 in pledges and \$84,000 in payments. That is incredible. I can't thank you enough for your help in supporting the charitable works of the diocese and in helping the parish. I think it's also worth noting that all of this money was raised without ever once mentioning money from the pulpit or the altar. That itself is amazing.

As I mentioned in an earlier bulletin, most of this excess money from this year's appeal is going to cover the costs of maintaining our buildings. Just this year alone, we have spent \$41,000 on the church chimney, \$8,000 on the east wall of the church and \$20,000 on the rectory garage. It's a temptation to forgo some of this maintenance but that's not going to happen.

We're also continuing to replace windows in the rectory. We have some additional windows on order now and, when installed, we will have replaced 74 of the 101 windows in the house!! No two of those windows are the same size!!!!

A group of parishioners joined me for the recent Pastoral Planning session at Our Lady of Peace. We have completed stages 1 and 2, the reconfiguration of parishes and the restructuring of our schools and now we begin stage 3: Faith Formation. The draft document recommends five areas that parishes need to begin to address in earnest. The first recommendation is "Faith Formation is a lifelong process." We must recognize that a vision limited only to forming elementary and high school students is not sufficient. We are called to shift the culture of the diocese to view faith formation as a life-long process and it must encompass all age groups. Further, we need to shift the culture of parish life to be more attuned to the needs of every age group. As part of this vision, we are asked to focus on ministry to our youth, young adults, the married, widowed, retired, homebound, etc. And, finally, there was extended discussion on how parishes need to welcome all people, particularly the marginalized. In the past, for example, we made divorced and remarried Catholics feel like second class Catholics and we can no longer do that. The archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Tobin, recently hosted a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral for gay and lesbian Catholics and extended the welcome of the entire diocese to them. Each parish is asked to consider if we welcome everyone. I'll continue with the other recommendations next week.

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning, a fine spring day in his new west Texas parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the police station. "Good morning, this is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?" answered the police. "And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?" Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun. "Well, now, Father," he said, "It was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites." There was dead silence on the phone for a long moment and finally Father O'Malley replied, "Aye, 'tis certainly true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines, the offertory for July 2, 2017 will be published in the July 16, 2017 bulletin.



Let Us *Welcome*
Quinn Michael Xander

son of
Kevin Xander & Anna Lynn McCloud
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 PM Liturgy on Saturday

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 **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Henry Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Joseph Barrett, John Joseph Zone** from Don & Mary Lou Zone

Also donations from:

Joseph & Prudence Artello, Dennis & Danna Hartwig,
Don & Karen Kalivoda, Joe & Heather Kimball and
Dave & Julie Sanner

Special Thank You!!!
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Beth Pinto**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Beth Pinto, Kay Mannino,
Shirley Winschel

CUP: Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

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

Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Mary Duncan**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani

CUP: Forrest Mischler, Patty Jackson

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

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.



Take Me to Worship comes to Our Diocese—

Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the Take Me to Worship Campaign that will be running in the community from August 15-October 30, 2017. The Bishop believes that the data about the positive impact that regular, weekly participation at Mass has on children of all ages is a good reason for our parishes in Erie County to jump aboard and promote this initiative. It is the hope of the diocese that more and more families will come back to their Catholic faith and /or bring about the conversion to Catholicism for those without a faith community. Please visit www.takemetoworship.org or contact the Family Life Office with additional questions at 814-824-1261 or familylife@eriercd.org.

Congratulations to Joe & Marjorie Podolsky
who celebrated their 60th
Wedding Anniversary on
June 29th.



A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel is about being missionaries. As Jesus accepted his mission, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in the exhausting and difficult vocation. Today Jesus calls us to himself when he invites us to "Come to me and I will give you rest."





68 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

RAIN

April showers may indeed bring May flowers, but who the heck cares in September? In September, at least for one weekend, we want no rain. So we did some research on preventing rain and found a few ways you can help.

When you hear kids doing the “Rain, rain, go away...” chant this summer, stop them—immediately—because that “some other day” the rain is supposed to come again on just might be the Saturday of the Festival. Tell the kids to buck up and get an umbrella.

Apparently, there are 4 types of prayers—Adoration, Gratitude, Confession, and Intercessory. Intercessory prayers are the ones in which you ask for something good on behalf of someone or something else—like the Erie Irish Festival. Now we’re not suggesting you give up the first three entirely, but we feel strongly that a short term concentration on Intercessory prayer would probably not hurt any of you much in the long run. And for heaven’s sake, don’t go confessing anything major on that weekend! You don’t want to be the cause of divine retribution rain, which is often accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Don’t get your car washed on September 15—everyone knows that brings immediate rain. And bring your umbrella to the Festival—everyone knows that prevents rain.

Another method we have heard of is to bury a bottle of whiskey in the yard a week before the event. If you try that particular approach, email us and let us know the location of the buried whiskey in case, God forbid, something happens to you and you are unable to retrieve it yourself.

And the Irish? Well in Ireland, when they don’t want it to rain, they put a statue of the Infant of Prague in the garden. The Infant of Prague is a statue of the Infant Jesus dressed in regal robes and holding an orb and is very popular in Ireland even though the original is in the Carmelite Church of Our Lady Victorious in Prague in the Czech Republic. Legend has it that the statue once belonged to St. Teresa of Avila, the same St. Teresa who’s statue watches over you every week in mass from the left of the altar and is the recipient of the collection basket here at St. Pats. The superstition is so strong in Ireland that even non-practicing Catholics and Protestants can be found with the Infant in their gardens before a wedding or other special event.

Fortunately for us, a wonderful parishioner with foresight donated a statue of the Infant of Prague to us last year, and, while we certainly can’t condone the superstitious use of holy objects, we cannot guarantee that when you come to the Festival (and you will come to the Festival) you will not see said statue in one of the rectory gardens. After all, this is the Erie Irish Festival and we must try to adhere to Irish traditions and beliefs.

But hey, rain or shine, we’ll be at the Festival having a great time and hoping to see you.

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

July 10 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

July 11 *Tuesday, Saint Benedict, Abbot*

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (PARISHIONER)

July 12 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ (FAMILY)

July 13 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM KAREN, DAVID, MIKE, MARY ANN & MARY

THERESE (BILL & BETTY FILIKOWSKI)

July 14 *Friday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 15 *Saturday, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

July 16 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PRO POPOLO

10:30 AM WILLIAM & MSGR. ROBERT SCHRIEFER

(DAVID & SUE TACCONE)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

07/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/11 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

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

07/15 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.



June 23, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Holy Father is constantly encouraging us to be merciful. At his Pentecost celebration this year, he said: "When we welcome and follow Jesus by means of the Gospel and sacraments, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, become merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful. Mercy is part of God's greatness, and missionary outreach to the nations is a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material." Today I am asking you to enter into this spirit of mercy and missionary outreach by considering a generous gift to the National Needs Collection.

This year the National Needs Collection will take place the weekend of July 15-16. This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal – supports, among other things, education for seminarians, which is a significant expense for poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection also supports training for lay ministry, Hispanic ministry, catechesis and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection – supports the work of the Church among the African American, Alaskan Native and American Native peoples in the United States.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 15-16. Your donation will help support vocations, religious education, basic pastoral care and catechesis for children and adults in the Church here in the United States. Your help does make a difference.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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



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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.

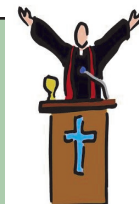
Diocesan Discipleship Summer Camp:

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/>.

**MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.**

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "You Tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.



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