

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018



Shrine of the
Sacred Heart
St. Patrick Church
Garden

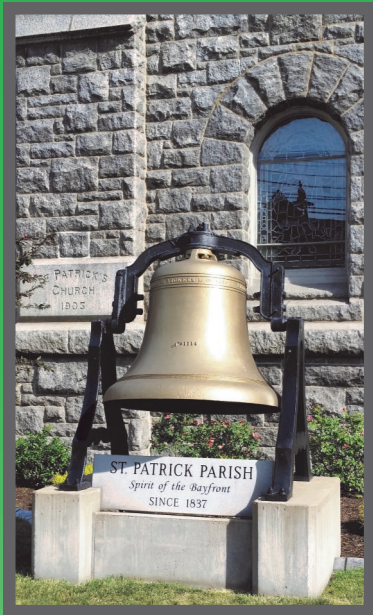
Saint Patrick Parish

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Was Amaziah offering friendly advice to Amos or was he ordering Amos out of the country? His use of the term "visionary" may be demeaning, but nothing else in his language leads one to conclude that he was hostile to the prophet. What is clear is that his authority over the Bethel sanctuary gave him the right to forbid Amos to prophesy there. By profession, Amos is an animal herdsman and specialist in the maturation of the "sycamore" fruit (similar to a fig), but God commissioned him to prophesy to Israel. In the performance of his profession God sent Amos to prophesy in the sanctuary; in the end, Amaziah offended God by resisting Amos.

In Greek letter-writing the greeting was usually followed by a thanksgiving and a wish for the health of the recipient. Paul's letters have lengthened the thanksgiving to address the faith of the reader, and in it the apostle anticipates themes of the letter. In the present blessing Paul praises "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" - such praise being the appropriate response to benefits the Father confers. Paul weaves the function of Christ as heavenly mediator into the praise of God as benefactor. A series of clauses spells out the promise of salvation. God blessed us in Christ and destined us for adoption in him; redemption is through Christ's blood, knowledge of God's will united all things in Christ' we are destined to praise God in Christ and through the preaching of the gospel, Gentiles ("you") are included in this inheritance. That he "chose us" includes Christians along with Israel and places us in the same boat as Jesus' first disciples. Christ's exaltation in the heavens provides the foundation for bringing all of creation into unity under Christ as head..

The mission of the Twelve consists of their exercise of authority in word and power as representatives of Jesus. Why are they sent in pairs? With less than two the virtue of charity would not be

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

needed. If two persons respect each other and tolerate one another's weaknesses of body and spirit; if they are faithful to their promises and collaborate; if they make the effort to understand and listen to each other; if they pardon each other when it is necessary, then they are practicing what they preach, which amounts to a formidable witness to Christian values.

The number of seminarians has fallen world wide in what the Vatican calls a "crisis of vocations." Between 2012 and 2016, the number of men in seminary training for the priesthood fell by nearly 4,000 to 116,160. The decline has been most significant in Europe and North America while in Africa numbers have increased with Uganda, Cameroon, Tanzania and Madagascar have seen a 66% increase in seminarians. Africa also has the fastest growing Catholic population. It rose from 185 million in 2010 to 2228 million in 2016.

A new study reveals that the number of Christians who don't go to church in Western Europe outnumbers those who do go. While 71 percent of the young people identified as Christian, only 22 percent attend church at least monthly. While sixty eight percent of young American Christians report religion is very important to them, only 14 percent of Western European youth do.

The parish is grateful to the late Rose Marie Schriefer for a generous bequest to the parish from her estate. Her bequest has been added to the St. Patrick Foundation, which exists solely for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of St. Patrick's Church.

Have you ever considered a bequest to the parish in your estate planning? This hundred and fifteen year old building takes constant maintenance and upkeep, and a gift in any amount can make a significant difference. You can leave an outright bequest to the parish and even designate what you want it used for, you can name the parish as beneficiary in an insurance policy, etc. It's a lasting and fitting way to be an ongoing part of St. Patrick Parish.

A new study reveals that one fourth of American children do not live with their father. This rate has increased from ten percent in 1960 to today's

very high rate. The increase is driven by two main causes: more incarceration and less marriage. The ratio does not effect all children equally, the study notes. It varies from 57% for African American children to 28 percent for Hispanic children and 16 percent for non-Hispanic children. The average father living with his children spends 30 hours a month with them, which children not living with their father only get about 4 hours per month with him. The marriage rate has declined from about 86% in 1960 to slightly over 60 percent in 2000. The study concludes that the only way we will reduce the number of children living without a father is to head-on address the decline in marriage and the high level of incarceration, particularly among African American men. Divorce also plays a major role in this factor.

The company which is making our new church doors tell me that we can expect them no later than the middle of September. We've changed the style of the doors rather dramatically, but for practical purposes. The new doors will be all glass. The cost to replicate the present doors was prohibitive; and this is not only much more affordable but more practical. Also, the present doors are nine feet high, and we are transitioning to a standard seven foot door with a glass transom over the top of each one. The vestibule can be dark, and these new doors will flood it with light.

Because of the weather, we've been delayed a long time in putting the new roof on the Food Pantry, but that work is now underway. You may recall that the Erie Community Foundation gave us a grant to pay for all of this work. In the past they gave us a grant for a new floor in the pantry and a grant for new freezers. We're very fortunate to have this organization in Erie.

Kids are quick!! Teacher: "Why are you late?" Student: "Class started before I got here." Teacher: Johnnie, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?" Student: "No ma'am, it's the same dog." Teacher: Glenn, why do you always get so dirty? Glenn: "Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are." Teacher: Joe, how do you spell 'crocodile?" Joe: "KROKODIAL." Teacher, "No, that's wrong." Joe: "Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it." Teacher: "Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago." Winnie: "Me."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 7/1/18	\$ 10,569.25
Online Giving	<u>1,782.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 12,351.55

Offertory Collection 7/8/18	\$ 8,908.00
Online Giving	<u>1,387.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,295.30

Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$109,235.00
Total Paid	\$ 90,700.00
Total Families	251

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us **Welcome**
Adelaide Anne Weisenfluh
child of
Mark & Chelsey (Nagle) Weisenfluh
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns for
Patti Massing
from family*

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 to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Msgr. William Biebel** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Tom Peterson** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Nora Smith** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Clarence & Lucille Peterson** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Oreste & Luigina Pasquale** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale
- ♦ **Lena Biancosino** from David St. George

Donations also made by:

Mary Anne Ashworth, Mark & Eileen Behringer,
Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz, Joe Kormosh,
Kay Mannino and Gary & Mary McMahon

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel, Kay Mannino

CUP: Jay Habas, Tom Golab

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joseph Schneider

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

Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Forrest Mischler, Tim Scully

CUP: Mary Williams, Patty Jackson

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

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

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



LITURGY INTENTIONS

July 14 Saturday, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM JOAN GLOEKLER

(BILL & KATHY MASEK FAMILY)

July 15 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ALICE CARLOTTI (TIM & LOU ALWARD)

10:30 AM HENRY WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

July 16 Monday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 AM TOM COOK (BOB LAFARO)

July 17 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

July 18 Wednesday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

July 19 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM MASS

July 20 Friday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 21 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS

(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

July 22 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ROSMARIE BIHLER (HONARD FAMILY)

10:30 AM MARGARET "PEGGY" BOGARDUS

(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

07/14 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/17 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

07/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/21 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

The Irish Cultural Society of Erie County

is erecting a monument in the garden on the east side of St. Patrick Church in honor of our Irish Immigrant culture.

We invite all parishioners to celebrate their own heritage. Donor's names will be inscribed in the cobblestone which will encircle the Celtic cross.

If interested in sponsoring a cobblestone, please call Donna (453-5978), Eileen (866-1096) or Kathleen (864-0375).



A Family Perspective—

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?



61 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

RAIN AND HOW TO PREVENT IT.

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. Last year we asked for your prayers and you must have prayed up a storm (pun intended) because we had the most beautiful weekend ever for the Festival. Close to 10,000 people showed up and everyone had a great time. So let's do it again. Here's how 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 those urchins that back in your day kids were a lot tougher and didn't fret over a little rain. Tell them to buck up, they ain't gonna melt.

Last year we noted that 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 14—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. We can always use more whiskey. In fact, don't bury it yourself. Drop one off at the gift shop and we'll bury it for you.

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. Pat's. (So donate heavily between now and the festival and St. Teresa may smile upon us again.) 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.

But hey, rain or shine, we'll be at the Festival having a great time and hoping to see you. And just in case our efforts fall short, we put up tents.

Festival chairman, Eric Albright, can be reached at soapinerie@netzero.net. Let him know if you have any ideas, want to help, or are looking to lessen your bank account balance through intercessory donation.

Silent Walk for Peace scheduled July 17

Benedictines for Peace in Erie will hold a Silent Walk for Peace on July 17 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Perry Monument, Presque Isle State Park. The natural beauty of Presque Isle will remind participants of the need for peace in the midst of suffering and war. A Silent Peace Walk also is scheduled Aug. 30 from 7 to 7:30 p.m., beginning at 345 E. 9th St., Erie. The August event will be preceded by a 6 p.m. cookout.

The **Redemptorist Fathers of the Baltimore Province** will conduct the 99th Annual Solemn Novena to Good St. Ann beginning on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at **St. Ann's Church**, 10th and East Avenue in Erie, PA. Services will be held each day at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm. Novena Services will include Holy Mass, Novena Prayers, and Homily. Confessions will follow all services. Father Kevin MacDonald will conduct the year's novena. All are welcome and invited to attend.

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Joy Ministries to host outdoor music/praise event

Joy Ministries of the Diocese of Erie is hosting "Music on the Hill," an evening of music and praise, at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, July 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. All are welcome; bring lawn chairs and blankets. Enjoy various praise band music. Joy Ministries is an outreach to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, contact Michele Inter, director of Disabilities Ministries, at 814-824-1257 or at minter@ErieRCD.org.



Cathedral celebrates anniversary, offers free tours—

The public is welcome to participate Aug. 4-5 in free tours of St. Peter Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, located at W. 10th and Sassafras streets in Erie. The tours will be given following the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 4, as well as after the 6:30, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Aug. 5. Refreshments will be provided. The special weekend commemorates the 125th anniversary of St. Peter Cathedral, which was dedicated Aug. 2, 1893. The people of the diocese are invited to learn about the history of the cathedral, which was designed shortly after the Civil War. For more information, contact Sheila Grove at 814-450-7932.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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

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stpats@neo.rr.com

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

All Sponsorship Forms must be received by **August 10, 2018**.