

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 16, 2017**



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**

130 East 4th Street  
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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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah gives us a picture of a God who is central to creation. He builds a picture for us: the waters sent from God return to the heavens from whence they came. Of all the things he could have said about the effects of rain and snow, he chose those that lead to food production: earth that is fertile and fruitful, seed spread by the sower that sprouts forth and is used for bread. As the heavenly waters are essential for the nourishment of land and people, the Word that goes forth from the mouth of God is essential for feeding our minds and hearts. This brief reading gives us a God who controls the rain and snow and may seem distant, but the God who speaks in an intimate presence is speaking to all of us.

Paul's reflection in today's second reading is filled with hope and confidence in the midst of suffering, something that each person experiences in a unique, individual way. For Paul, creation itself shares in suffering and has from the beginning. It also has a response to that suffering: it waits with eager expectation to be set free from the present slavery and pain. Paul considers present suffering, no matter how difficult or serious, as miniscule in comparison with future glory. Because of what lies ahead, we wait with eager longing. Eager expectation, hope, waiting. Each of these responses is a way of looking to the future as better than the present. The image of labor pains expresses this well. The groaning and pain of giving birth will be transformed to wondrous joy when the child is born.

Parables are intended to get individuals to apply the message to themselves. That is why Jesus concluded his parable with the admonition, "whoever has ears ought to hear." Rather than pointing fingers at others, the parable should prod us to ask what kind of soil we provide for the seed. Jesus makes it clear that those who are attentive and open with both eyes and ears will understand and be converted. Those who have



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

closed their eyes and ears will not understand and will be confused. Because his disciples have seen and heard, Jesus pronounces them blessed: the blessing is "knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom."

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 8th, which is Erie Gives Day. The Erie Community Foundation started this project a few years ago by making a substantial donation to a pool of money and then securing additional funds from GE and other local businesses. Non profits who generate revenue in Erie Gives Day then get to share in that pool of money. In other words, every dollar contributed becomes something like \$1.25. In the past, you have been very generous to the parish on this day, and I'm hoping you will continue to do that.

The median age of an American Catholic priest was 35 in 1970. Today it is 63!! In 1970, there were 37,272 diocesan priests in the USA. Today there are 25,760. And while all of that is happening, the Catholic population has risen from 47.9 million in 1970 to 67.7 million today.

The neighboring Diocese of Pittsburgh predicts that they will have 112 active priests in 2025, down from 210 today. The Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa predicts it will have only 31 active priests in 2025. That is only 8 years away. A recent study shows that 95% of American dioceses allow their priests to retire at age 70 (in Erie it is 75). But the study also shows that a growing number of priests are remaining in active ministry past the age of retirement. The Diocese of Syracuse, NY has 12 active priests who are over the age of 80!

Last week I outlined the first diocesan recommendation for stage three of our Pastoral Planning, that faith formation is a lifelong process. The second recommendation is "Vision." Under this recommendation, we are reminded that we have to capture the hearts as well as the minds of those we are forming in the faith. Religious education is but one art of faith formation. They will remain a vital part of ministry, but now be considered as part of an overall and expanded faith formation effort. Parishes are asked to focus on worship, service and community as major parts of lifelong faith formation. Another question that is

raised in each of these recommendations is "how can diocesan offices help achieve these goals."

The third recommendation has to do with parish leadership. This means that every parish should be able to call on the help of a trained professional. These individuals will be trained to coordinate, promote and assist in parish ministries to all age groups. While religious education programs will remain an important part of parish life, they will be seen as part of a much broader visions of life-long faith formation. As part of this recommendation, those involved in religious education, for example, will need to be professionally trained and certified. The document notes that collaboration among parishes is widely encouraged, Can every parish afford a trained professional or can a group of parishes work together to support one? We will also need to develop funding sources that utilize existing funding sources as well as consideration of new sources.

The fourth recommendation centers on diocesan leadership. This means that the diocese will develop and provide diocesan standards for the selection, hiring, training and supervision of professionals in faith formation.

The fifth recommendation centers on the role of the family. Under this area, parishes must seek to involve parents in all aspects of their child's faith formation. We also have to recognize diverse family structures in our parishes and schools. We have to recognize the need for flexibility in our efforts, remembering that a one-size-fits-all approach will not work. The recommendation points out the need to bend and adapt when necessary.

Congratulations to parishioner Sally Kohler whose son, Matt, was promoted to Vice Admiral. Matt is Commander of Naval Information Forces with 74 smaller commands under him and is in charge of intelligence for the Navy. The 33 year Navy veteran is also the brother of Becky Johnson, co-chair of our Irish Festival.

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space. "Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up Guinness and go to Mass every Sunday." Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the Irishman says, "Never mind, I found one."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection: 07/02/17 \$ 11,738.00  
 Online Giving 1,677.30  
 Total Income \$ 13,415.30

Offertory Collection: 07/09/17 \$ 9,235.00  
 Online Giving 1,334.30  
 Total Income \$ 10,569.30

## Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment \$ 74,000.00  
 Pledges to Date \$ 115,771.43  
 Paid to date \$ 90,731.43

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Save the Date!!!

**Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 8th!**  
 Don't Forget to Support  
**St. Patrick Church**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Carol Habas*

**CUP:** *Jay Habas, Chris Sanner*

**Greeters:** *Mary Anne Ashworth, 1 NEEDED*

**Altar Servers:** *NEEDED*

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

**Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Nick Straub*

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

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

**Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch, Ed Smith*

**CUP:** *Mary Williams, Ed Brown*

**Greeters:** *NEEDED*

**Altar Servers:** *Ryan Jubulis, Ryan Fetzner*

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

**Offertory Counters:** *Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary Williams*

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:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey and Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Tom & Rita Byrne** from Corrine Cassa
- ♦ **Paul & Norma Causgrove and Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Maureen Fitzgibbon** from Dr. and Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **George Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ♦ **Bob Jandt** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **The Vets** from Virginia & Karl Kelm

Also donations from:

Ken & Alice Daub, William & Patricia Gloekler, Jay & Carol Habas, Joanne Homicz, Kathleen Horan, Steven & Kelly Karns, Phil & Judy Kelly, Mark & Annette Rennie, Phil & Denise Rewers, and Mark & Barbara Sargent

## Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD & HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

*The Food Pantry in need of diapers, sizes 4 & 5.*

*They can be dropped off at all Masses and left in the vestibule. Thank you !!!*



## A Family Perspective—

The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “went out of the house” so He could connect with the people he loved. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate the people you love.



## 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.





**61 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**  
**"I WILL ARISE AND GO NOW, AND GO TO**  
**INNISFREE"—BUT ONLY IF I BOUGHT A**  
**RAFFLE TICKET.**

Poets have glorified it, patriots have died for it, tenors sing its praises—and there's a reason why. When we think of Ireland sometimes we run to the clichés—the rowdy pubs of Temple Bar, the beautiful green eyed girls with fiery red hair and tempers to match, the lilting brogue and the friendly smile of the local shopkeeper—and to be sure, that's all there. But there's more, so much more. If you've been, you know. If you haven't, you need to know. And the only way to know, is to go, and go deep—off the beaten path, along the warren of hedge-row fringed back roads, through those impossibly green fields rimmed with white stone walls, to that little village over the rickety bridge that doesn't even seem to be on the map, where everyone turns and smiles when you walk into the dark little pub for directions, and where you find yourself, still sitting, four hours later, chatting like a local, over a pint, with your new Irish friends. Well that's the trip that we are raffling off this year at the Festival.

This year's trip is truly special—an opportunity to get lost and found at the same time: It's a self-guided, self-driven tour that includes a car, bed and breakfast accommodations at any of 800 fantastic B&Bs, heavy on the second B with full Irish breakfasts, guide books to help you navigate (but plan to get lost, it's more fun!), and discount vouchers for attractions. The tour is provided by CIE Tours International, one of the most experienced and trusted travel companies around. And St. Pats picks up the airfare. Six nights, two people, heaven on earth—and yours perhaps for the price of a raffle ticket. Can we guarantee you will win? No. But we can guarantee you won't if you don't have a ticket.

This week, each family in the parish has been sent 12 raffle tickets to sell (or buy—hey, no one says you can't buy your own raffle tickets). They are 3 for \$10. If every family sells (or buys) their 12 tickets, we'll have \$32,000. And it's easy: once you sell (or buy, we're okay with you buying them), fill out the stubs, stick them in the envelope provided, along with the cash or check, and mail them or, even easier, drop them in the collection basket at any mass. If you can't sell all of your tickets, please drop them back in the collection basket so others can try to sell them (But don't do that, sell them, or buy them).

Last year you sold raffle tickets—man, did you sell raffle tickets! Twice as many as the year before—twice as many! Ten thousand dollars worth just by parishioners! You are awesome, give yourselves a pat on the back. And by the way, a parishioner sold the winning ticket last year—actually bought the winning ticket for their son—from the tickets mailed to them! And, it was the most successful raffle ever! Because of you! (And Kathleen and Eileen, our fantastic raffle chair-twins—give them a big hand!)

If you are the lucky winner, and we're sure you will be, but you absolutely cannot make the trip to Ireland during 2018, you can opt to take a cash payout of \$3,000. Although we recommend that you do indeed arise and go to Innisfree, as W.B. Yeats did 125 years ago, we understand that three thousand bucks is a lot of money that could help do a lot of things. The choice is yours.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com). Did we mention you can actually buy your allotted raffle tickets and that we are perfectly fine with that? That's what last year's winner did!

## **LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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)

**July 17 Monday, Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 18 Tuesday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 19 Wednesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 20 Thursday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 21 Friday, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 22 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM JANEY KLEMPAY

(FRANK & NANCY STURGEON)

**July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM MARY ROSELLA BURGOYNE

(DAUGHTER, MONICA ZABORAC)

10:30 AM KATHLEEN STABLEIN (LINDA HAVRILLA)

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

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

**07/18** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**07/19** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**07/22** 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](mailto:chess@ErieRCD.org).



**Our Lady of Mercy to host street dance**

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, will host a street dance on July 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the church parking lot. All are wel-

come. BYOB and bring your own lawn chair, blanket and bug spray. Enjoy various activities, including corn hole.

**NFP Awareness Week set for July 23-29**

“It’s time to say *yes* to God’s plan for married love” is this year’s theme for Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 23 -29. Bishop Lawrence Persico designated this special week in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. NFP is a way of life that incorporates fertility awareness, responsible parenthood and self-mastery into married love. To learn more about this church teaching, pick up literature from your parish, attend a class, visit [www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm](http://www.ErieRCD.org/chastity.htm), or contact the Diocesan Chastity Education Office at 814-824-1259 or 1-800-374-3723, ext. 259.

Join Bishop Persico and families from around the diocese on Sunday, July 23 for Mass and a free luncheon to kick off NFP Awareness Week. Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. in St. Peter Cathedral, immediately followed by family-friendly luncheon in the Cathedral Center.

**Healing Mass scheduled at Holy Rosary Church**

Father David Poulson, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Cambridge Springs, will be the main presider at a healing Mass Aug. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Doors open at 6 p.m. so that those who attend may write their petitions before Mass. For more information, call Pat Montefiore at 814-823-3968.

**The *St. James Annual Summer Festival***

will be held on *August 4, 5 & 6, 2017*. Grounds open at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at Noon on Sunday. Festivities continue until 10 p.m. each night. On Friday an Authentic Italian Dinner featuring Chuck & Ginny's famous sauce begins at 5 p.m. Cost: Adults \$8/Children 12 & Under \$4. A full-course Turkey Dinner will be held on Sunday from Noon-6 p.m. Cost: Adults \$9/Children 6-12 \$6/Under 6 \$3. Join us for a Polka Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. DJ Ken Olowin plays all three nights. For additional information call 899-6178.

**St. Paul's Italian Festival—August 11, 12, and 13**

*Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption*

*Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday 1-10 p.m.; Sunday 12-8 p.m.*

453 W. 16th St., Erie. Daily activities include homemade foods, games, prizes, games of chance and children's activities, DJ Paul Yoculan will provide music during the festival. FREE trolley shuttle service from Erie Central Mall. Additional parking at 16th and Chestnut and St. Paul's Free Clinic.

**Friday**— 5 p.m. Liturgy followed by pasta fagioli dinner. Music by Daniel Cabanillas with Lindsey Vendetti from 6-10 p.m.

**Drawing for \$2,000 at 10 p.m.**

**Saturday**—Mass at 4:30 p.m. Music by the Cows from 2-5 p.m., and Music by The Italian Cousins from 6-10 p.m.

**Drawing for \$2,000 at 10 p.m.**

**Sunday**—Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Bishop Persico, followed by the procession of the Virgin Mary statue. Spaghetti dinner is from 12-6 p.m. Music by Kenny Gamble & Friends featuring Chuck Ventrello on Sax from 1:30-4:30 p.m., and Ruby Port from 5-8 p.m.

**Drawing for \$8,000 at 8 p.m.**

**MSGR. KRIEGL'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](http://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.

**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



**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.taketometoworship.org](http://www.taketometoworship.org) or contact the Family Life Office with additional questions at 814-824-1261 or [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto: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](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org), or visit [www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm](http://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](http://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](mailto:rvincent@velocity.net) or at 814-456-6256.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM  
Saint Patrick Parish**

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

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

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

HEAD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Change of Address

Moving

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814-452-6800  
for advertising in our parish bulletin.