

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 21, 2019



The Organ at  
St. Patrick Church

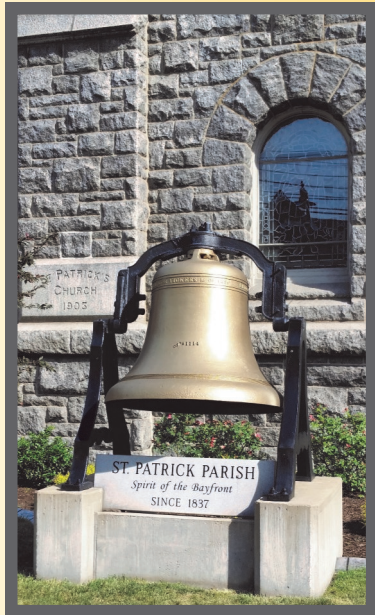
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The opening sentence in the first reading tells us that the Lord appeared to Abraham, although Abraham does not know the identity of his three visitors. Our knowing that the Lord is present in disguise creates a sense of mystery. Is only one of the visitors the Lord in human form, with two attendants? Or are the three so closely united that in addressing one of them, Abraham is addressing all three? Such questions have intrigued both Jewish and Christian scholars, leading to a variety of explanations. One Christian understanding sees the three as representatives of the Trinity. The story itself leaves the question unanswered. The narrative instead focuses on the beginning of God's promise that Abraham would be the father of a multitude. When Abraham invites the visitors to share a "little food," what they offer is an extravagant feast. Then Sarah is told, that despite her old age, she would give birth. The divine promise will be fulfilled.

Our second reading begins with a paradox: Paul rejoices in his sufferings. As he writes the letter, Paul is in prison. Paul is telling them that it is "for your sake," and "on behalf of his body, which is the church," Paul is participating in Christ's own suffering as a minister of the gospel. Such participation in Christ's own suffering is cause for Paul's joy. Even if Paul's present reality, as well as that of the community, entails suffering, Christ's dwelling in them is a gift now as well as a pledge for future glory, as they are being perfected.

The story of the two sisters Martha and Mary is often understood as contrasting the contemplative and active lifestyles. Jesus admonishes Martha, as he had done to the other disciples, lest she center her attention on the wrong things. She is anxious about many things, while her sister is attentive to only one: Jesus himself. Martha's anxiousness brings to mind Jesus' parable about a seed falling among thorns, symbolic of people choked by the anxieties of life. The seed, is the



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

Word of God that disciples should embrace with open hearts. Later in this same gospel, Jesus tells his followers not to worry about what they are to say in their defense, for the Holy Spirit will teach them. Like Mary, instead, they need to listen to God's spirit.

Congratulations to parishioner Jamie Stewart whose company, Mega Media Factory, was awarded a bronze trophy at the 40th annual Telly Awards ceremony in California recently. His company was honored out of over 12,000 entries from video and the TV world. He won the award for the work he has done in providing the sound from the Erie Philharmonic.

Congratulations also to parishioner Barbara Brairton who was recently honored by Mercyhurst Prep School with their distinguished Laker Legend award.

We are presently exploring some options to provide a better venue for storing all of the items for the Irish Festival. They are presently stored in the rectory garage, but with the truck going in and out all day long, particularly in the winter, that area is getting to be very damp. That is not good for many of the items we use with the festival. We need to find a better place to store things. Over the past several years we have been purchasing some kitchen equipment each year so that eventually we don't have to rent those. As that continues to grow, it takes up more and more space. Right now, everything just gets dumped in the rectory garage and when festival time comes, everyone is digging through things trying to find what they need. We need a more orderly manner to store things so that each booth chairperson can know where to go and find their items.

The parish originally owned all of the parking lots that now face East Third Street and Holland St. They were sold in the 1990s to keep the parish running as it was not generating enough income for operating expenses. How I wish we had some of that property now. I constantly try to make a point with the diocese that when a parish cannot meet its operating budget and cannot pay the assessments to the diocese, the diocese should immediately send in a team to evaluate the problem. Is the parish to the point where it needs to

close? Is the problem with the pastor and the parish needs a change of leadership. As it continues to stand, we just stand idly by and allow a parish to go downhill, when we should be taking a much more aggressive approach to resolving the problem. The problem with our Catholic structure is that one man (the pastor) can make or break an entire parish. Also, one man (the bishop) can make or break an entire diocese. We need to rethink this policy. We have so many talented people in our parishes that we should be more willing to allow them a role in making the parish more efficient and more able to serve people.

St. Martin's Center does more to help the poor in Erie than perhaps any other organization in town. I'm happy to tell you that some of our parishioners volunteer there. They just released a report on the impact they have had in the past year. In that year, 124 people received budget and credit counseling; 107 adults and senior citizen received clothing; 1,230 homeless people were served through the Bishops Breakfast Program; 2,186 were served through their food pantry; 286 children received quality education through St. Martin Early Learning Center. This allowed parents to go to work, provide for their family and boost the economy. And, 66 first time homebuyers received pre-purchase or pre-closing counseling and 72 people received foreclosure assistant that resolved or prevented mortgage delinquency.

The report also shows that 86% of expenses go to programs, 13 percent to administration and 1 percent to fundraising.

In church one Sunday morning, a preacher said, "Anyone with special needs who wants to be prayed over please come forward to the front of the altar." With that, Leroy got in line and when it was his turn, the preacher asked, "Leroy, what do you want to pray about for you?" Leroy replied, "I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher put one finger of one hand on Leroy's ear and placed his other hand on top of Leroy's head and then prayed and prayed and prayed. He prayed a blue streak for Leroy and the whole congregation joined in with great enthusiasm. After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands and ask, "Leroy, how is your hearing how?" Leroy answered, "I don't know. It ain't until Thursday."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,824.75
Online Giving	<u>1,652.20</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,476.95

*Thank you for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Kristy Spanks Newlin**  
from Fred & Phyllis Marchinetti*

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:

- ♦ **Jim Lanahan** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Mary Tellers** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich
- ♦ **James Milewski, Phil Milewski** from David Duska & Anastasia Lachica
- ♦ **Joseph R. Kormosh, Helen Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Robert Lindenberger** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Charles & Jeanne Hagmann** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Hank Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Our Dads, Chet & Ralph** from John & Barbara Reitingar
- ♦ **Joseph Volen & Adlin D. Strimel** from Adlin & Erin Strimel
- ♦ **Margaret Davis** from John & Rosemary Yokoff

Also donations from:

Richard & Margaret Bonniger, Ed Chizewick, Ann Downing, Bill & Patty Gloekler, John Godish, Charla Leemhuis, Jodie Laughlin, Jay & Carol Habas, Kathleen Horan, Lawrence & Nancy Fatica, Ken & Jan Gervasi, and Kay Mannino,

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

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Carol Habas, Roseann Brown, Vickie Lampe

**CUP:** Jay Habas, Diane McCarthy

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Pat Tellers

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

**Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Chris Sanner, Christopher SoFranko

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

**Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Ryan Palm**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ryan Palm, Ed Smith, Tim Scully, Mary Kearney, Dario Cipriani

**CUP:** Kathleen Pae, Erin Wachter

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Randy Pristello, David 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 treated with respect and confidentiality.



## Jewelry/Purse Raffle Basket



**Featuring designer purses and jewelry**

Tickets will be sold at all Masses  
this weekend for the  
raffle basket that benefits

St. Patrick Church, Erie Irish Festival

**Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each**

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**July 20** *Saturday, Vigil: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS  
(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

**July 21** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JEWELL & DON GUNTER (JOYCE GUNTER)  
10:30 AM ROSEMARIE BIHLER (HONARD FAMILY)

**July 22** *Monday, Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:00 AM JOHN WISNIEWSKI (PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

**July 23** *Tuesday, Saint Bridget, Religious*

8:00 AM WILLIAM DOUGHERTY  
(FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

**July 24** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN "SCOTTY" CAMPBELL  
(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)

**July 25** *Thursday, Saint James*

8:00 AM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

**July 26** *Friday, Saints Joachim and Anne,  
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 27** *Saturday, Vigil: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM THOMAS COOK, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
(BOB LAFARO)

**July 28** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK  
10:30 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**07/20** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/23** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**07/24** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**07/27** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



## Save the Date

Don't Forget to Support  
**St. Patrick Church!!**

There are **TWO** ways donors can make gifts for **Erie Gives** this year. In addition to online giving on **Tuesday, August 13**, the Foundation will now accept checks on Monday, August 12.

### **Check Donation Details:**

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation.
- All check donations must be accompanied by a **Check Donation Form** ([www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org) to download form)
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 12.

### **Online Donation Details:**

On Tuesday, August 13, visit [www.ErieGives.org](http://www.ErieGives.org)  
Donate \$25 or more to your favorite nonprofit(s) using your debit or credit card.

## 54 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

## THE SPONSORS WHO WALK AMONG US.



This weekend you will find the Program Sponsorship Form in your bulletin. With only 54 days left until the 2019 Erie Irish Festival, Susan Sullivan, Program Sponsorship Chairperson, is kicking her sponsorship drive into high gear. So we thought we'd talk a little about the type of people who sponsor and what it means to be a sponsor.

First of all, if you're reading this bulletin, you've been sponsored—your Godparents accepted responsibility for your spiritual life (wow, that's a heavy burden, time to say thanks!) and when you were confirmed, your favorite uncle Louie or aunt Lois stood with a hand on your shoulder and took responsibility for offering you into the adulthood of the church. And maybe you are a sponsor, a Godparent or a confirmation sponsor? So, to begin with, we all have a history with sponsorship, and that makes it so much easier to get the idea of who is a sponsor and what it means. It means taking responsibility for something—helping it grow and become successful.

And that is what Susan, Father Kriegel, and the rest of us at the Erie Irish Festival are asking you to do—**today**. We are asking you to take responsibility—**today**—for helping the festival grow and be even more successful and more exciting than it was last year, or the year before, or the year before that.

There is a danger that comes with a successful church community like ours. With 1000 families in the parish it's too easy to look at the good folks next to you in the pew and assume they're the ones who will step up and take responsibility. They look like sponsors, right? So with all of these families, why should you step up? Well, in your heart you already know the answer. It's not their responsibility—it's yours. And if you all think George will do it, we've got news, George moved to a condo in Naples, Florida, and he's only sponsoring a rum and coke on his balcony.

And we know what you're thinking now that you have committed to yourself to do a program sponsorship. So what do I have to say in a Festival Program? Hey, take a ¼ page and say thanks to those Godparents who stood up for you—throw a picture in! Or celebrate your mom and dad's anniversary, or a birthday, or...well you get it—celebrate something. Or take the form into work and get your boss to take out an ad, or if you are a boss, take out an ad. Thousands of people will see that program and feel good about your company, or your special message, and about you because you stepped up and took responsibility. And best of all, you'll feel good about yourself.

And while you're at it, elbow those folks in the pew next to you and say, "I'm sponsoring, how about you?"

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



Attention ***Our Lady's Christian School*** alumni, parents, faculty and staff, past and present - we are in search of OLCS memorabilia for a historical exhibit that will be curated by current St. Jude students.

Items could be anything that illustrate day-to-day life at OLC, such as apparel, school projects, photos, commemorative objects and prizes, sacramental and religious education items, etc.

Items will be used for a temporary exhibit and will be returned to their owners. However, if you have an item that you are willing to donate to a time capsule, please let me know.

For more information, and if you have items you are willing to share, contact **Tiggy McLaughlin**, [tiggy.mclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:tiggy.mclaughlin@gmail.com). Thank you!

The ***St. James Annual Summer Festival*** will be held on **August 2, 3, and 4, 2019**, at 2602/2622 Buffalo



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

### **Class offered in guided movement, contemplative prayer**

"Restless Till You Rest in Him — Guided Movement and Contemplative Prayer" is a class offered in July and August for anyone age 12 and older. Learn how to use movement, music and prayer to bring calm to your mind and body and find the stillness that aids in experiencing God's peace, mercy and love. This class is free; no experience necessary. Just bring an exercise mat, water, and maybe a friend or two. Class will be led by Michelle Curtze, LPC, a certified fitness instructor. Music will be provided by cantor/pianist Christina Murnock. Classes are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- **Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m.** — Our Lady of Peace Parish gymnasium, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie
- **Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.** — St. Francis Xavier Parish gathering space, 8880 W. Main St., McKean. No RSVPs necessary. For information, call/text Christina at 814-882-1017 or email [murnockfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:murnockfarm@yahoo.com). Also, go to Facebook at [www.fb.me/RestlessTillYouRestInHim](http://www.fb.me/RestlessTillYouRestInHim).

### **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.

## **NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

### **Saint Patrick Parish**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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New Registration

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Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**

## ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corporate Entertainment Sponsor Full<br>Page Ad, Signage at Event | \$600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page   | \$275.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/2 Page  | \$175.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/4 Page  | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Card   | \$ 75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial or Friend  | \$ 25.00 |

Make your check payable to **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**. Send this form and check to:

Erie Irish Festival  
130 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16507

Please see the attached for specifications and sizes of advertisements. Please indicate if you are sending in new artwork or using a previous year's artwork for the advertisement.

- ☐ I am emailing new artwork to [stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpats@neo.rr.com)
- ☐ Please reuse last year's artwork for my advertisement

Any questions, contact **Program Chair Susan Sullivan at 881-4319**. All Sponsorship Forms must be received by **August 16, 2019**.