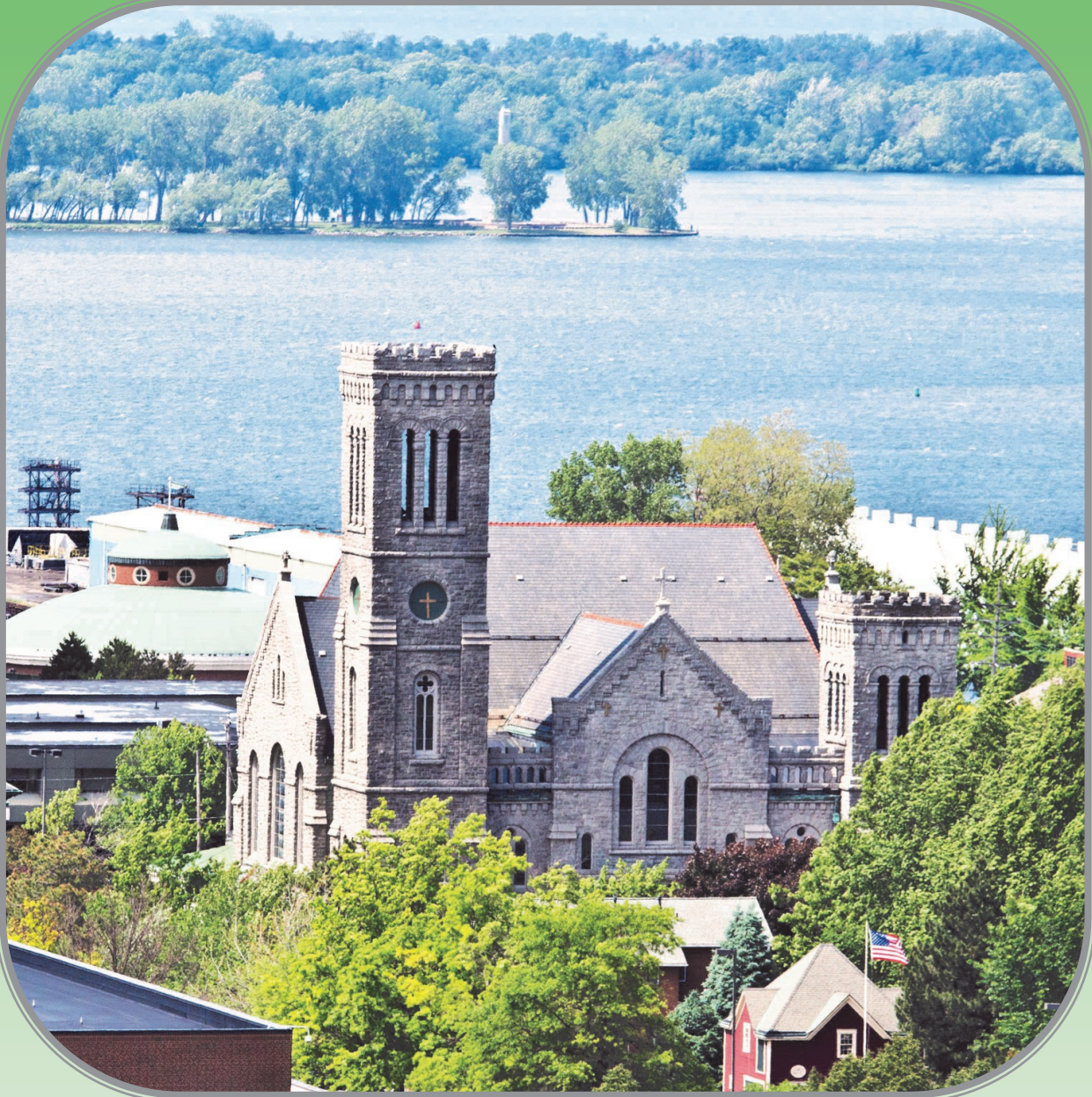


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017



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**

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. An ancient Latin saying, "*lex orandi, lex credenda*" (the law of prayer is the law of belief) means that the way we pray expresses what we believe about God, about ourselves and about the world. Today's reading from Wisdom is a notable example of a prayer addressed to the Lord that conveys what the Jewish people believed about God and how they were called to live in accordance with that belief. The prayer, like Wisdom literature in general, combines ways of thinking, believing, living, and teaching those who hear how to be faithful to the God in whom they believe. The prayer begins with a restatement of the fundamental belief that there is only one God who cares for all people. This God who cares is also the God who judges; the God who is compassionate is also the God who can condemn. God's actions in creation and history have taught people how they are to pattern their own lives. Like God, people who are just must also be kind, and the human exercise of power must be tempered with leniency. This prayer shows that the way of praying is the way of believing and the way of living that belief.

Paul tells us that praying is not always easy and we need the help of God's spirit. Our human weakness limits us. The verb Paul uses for "help" is found only one other time in the New Testament when Martha asks that her sister Mary help her with household tasks. The verb means to share the responsibility of the task, to take part in the action with the other, not to take it over, but to join in it. As Martha wanted Mary's help, we likewise want the assistance of God's Spirit working within us as we pray.

Jesus invites us to consider the meaning of the Kingdom of Heaven by using three simple parables. The first, the one who sows seed and one who sows weeds, is the only parable in the gospels that Jesus interprets for his disciples. The sower is Jesus himself, the enemy who sows weeds is the devil. It is important to understand

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

that both wheat and weeds grow together and only at the final judgment will the righteous and the evil be separated. We can easily see that very mixture in the church itself where we experience both healthy, vigorous wheat, and unhealthy, destructive weeds growing and struggling and striving. We can further see both in our very selves with both wheat and weeds present in our hearts, our thoughts and our actions.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 8th, Erie Gives Day. Any contribution you make to the parish that day shares in a several hundred thousand dollar pool of money that has been contributed by various Erie businesses and organizations. The last two years, St. Patrick's has generated more revenue on that day than any other parish in the city.

A new study by the Barna group looks at people who are churchd (attended church within the last seven days), unchurched (not attended in the last six months) and de-churched (do not attend.) The study shows that the most unchurched cities in America are San Francisco with 60% unchurched, Reno, NV with 59% and Boston/Springfield/Holyoke, MA with 57% unchurched. Also high on the list of those cities were Albany (51%), Philadelphia, Denver and Los Angeles (47%). Both Boston and Philadelphia were once the strongest church attending Catholic cities in the nation, but both were hit very hard by the sex abuse scandal. The most churchd cities in the US were Chattanooga, TN and Salt Lake City (59%) and Augusta, GA at 57%.

I have been sharing with you the broad recommendations of the Faith Formation Task Force which are (1) Faith Formation is a lifelong process; (2) We have to incorporate a vision which takes us beyond present structures; (3) Parish leadership has to provide trained professional people for Religious Education, etc.; (4) Diocesan leadership has to develop and provide Diocesan standards for the training of professionals in faith formation; (5) the role of the family must include parents in all aspects of their child's faith formation while we recognize the diverse family structures in our parishes and schools. This stage also notes that one-size-fits-all approach will no longer work; and (6) Lay ministry.

That final recommendation on lay ministry notes that we will need to train lay people to assume leadership positions in various ministries in collaboration with their pastors. It further notes that we have to encourage training and development for anyone involved in ministry. And, finally, it asked that we encourage collaboration for every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by a local parish. This, too, may require some restructuring of funds or new investment.

Today is our annual Mission Appeal. Each Catholic parish is required to host a missionary once a year for two reasons: to broaden our understanding of the missionary work of the church and to lend our prayer and financial support. Our guest this weekend is Father Bill Christy, a Pittsburgh priest who will speak to us about the missionary work in the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania. Fr. Christy is a native Pennsylvanian whose mother is from Erie. As a Spiritan missionary he served 15 years in the Arusha Archdiocese. The Archdiocese covers 26,000 square miles, an area the size of South Carolina.

In 1970, there was one priest for every 800 Catholics in the United States. Today, that number has more than doubled, with one priest for every 1,800 Catholics. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the largest in the United States, with a Catholic population of over 4 million, has one priest for every 3,833 Catholics.

Work is finishing up on the rectory garages. Most of the mortar between the bricks was gone and there were just general repairs needed to the building. Again, it's over a hundred years old and has its share of problems. Hopefully, it is now up to par. This summer we've spent \$41,000 on the chimney at the church, \$8,000 repairing and sealing the east wall of the church and \$20,000 on the garages. That is in addition to replacing several more windows at a cost of \$16,000. With what windows we have replaced, there are only 16 left to be done. The rectory has 101 windows, and no two are the same size!!!

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which mean, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. I almost feel like a hybrid.



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 8,181.37
Online Giving	<u>1,519.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,700.67
National Needs	\$ 553.00
Catholic Services Appeal:	
Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 116,971.43
Paid to date	\$ 90,886.43

*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 29, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Ray Fiorelli, Kaleigh Hubert, Alex Vinesky*

**CUP:** *Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joe Schneider*

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

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

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully, Cyndi Pristello*

**CUP:** *Kathleen Pae, Ryan Palm*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

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

- ◆ In honor of **Our 70th Wedding Anniversary from Robert & Mildred Biebel**

Donations were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Jess Morrell** from John Godish
- ◆ **Joe Gausman** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ◆ **Lynch & Morgan families** from Anne Lynch
- ◆ **Terry Lynch** from Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch
- ◆ **Carol Heintz** from Marilyn Bryce McCoy
- ◆ **Kay Mehalko & Jennifer Eaton** from Dr. & Mrs. Mischler
- ◆ **John Brooke Little** from Tim & Anne-Marie Welsh
- ◆ **Tom Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Mark & Eileen Behringer, Mary Ellen Demyanovich,  
Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Kathleen Pae, Nick Straub,  
Robert & Carolyn Schenker and  
Mark & Susan Sullivan

**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 !!!*



## 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.

## 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.







## 54 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

### WHAT A FOOL BELIEVES

We have an otherwise intelligent cousin, Tony Scialdone, who believes that the Doobie Brother's song, "What a Fool Believes" is the greatest rock song of all time. In actual point of fact, what a fool believes is "What a Fool Believes" is the greatest rock song of all time. A wise man has the power to know that "Bell Bottom Blues" by Derek and the Dominoes is actually the greatest rock song of all time.

Here are some other things that a fool believes.

1. Volunteering at the Erie Irish Festival is work.
2. Going to festivals can be a real pain in the pew-warmer.
3. Festival Fever is a disease to be avoided at all costs.
4. You have to be a St. Patrick's parishioner to volunteer at the Erie Irish Festival.

Now, we all know that Father Kriegel don't preach to no fools in this here parish, so we know that you know that:

1. Volunteering is fun! We all get to do stuff we don't normally do and meet folks we don't normally meet and everyone is pulling together on the same rope in the same direction like a team.
2. Coming to the Erie Irish Festival is not only painless because of the ample free parking, free admission, free children's activities, and great free entertainment, it's more fun than a barrel of Irish monkeys. If you don't come, we'll miss you.
3. Festival Fever, though highly contagious, is not at all painful and will resolve itself by September 18 with only a short course of Irish Red Ale, Guinness, Shepard's Pie, Reuben's, and our proprietary Guinness Beer Cheese Sauce slathered on everything.
4. This is the **ERIE** Irish Festival and everyone and anyone can volunteer—we even have folks from Pittsburgh--and Ohio! Tell your friends to volunteer.
5. Gary and Becky's cousin, Tony Scialdone, doesn't know thing one about what makes a great rock song. "What a Fool Believes"—give us a break!

Next week we kick off our volunteer drive. We're counting on you.

But, if you can't volunteer, we're counting on you to come to the festival and have a great time.

And whether you volunteer or attend, or both, we're counting on you to make a new friend while you're there.

Because, hey, there ain't no fools in this house.

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). Becky says: Volunteer, attend, make a friend.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**July 24** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO "FOR ST. PATRICK PARISHIONERS"

**July 25** *Tuesday, Saint James, Apostle*

8:00 AM ALLISON CROSBY, ANNIV (TOM HORVATH)

**July 26** *Wednesday, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM MASS

**July 27** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

**July 28** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OF COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 29** *Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY

**July 30** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MASS

10:30 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR.

(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>07/22</b>	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
<b>07/23</b>	11:30 AM	Festival Chairperson meeting - PR
<b>07/25</b>	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
<b>07/26</b>	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
<b>07/29</b>	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).

**Fr. Bill Christy** will be preaching on behalf of the Archdiocese of Arusha, Tanzania for the Mission Co-operative Plan. Fr. Bill is a western Pennsylvania native. His mother is from Erie and his father from Tidououte. As a Spiritan missionary he served 15 years in Arusha Archdiocese; 2 years as seminarian and 13 as a priest. His ministry was primarily in First Evangelization with the Maasai people in North Central Tanzania. He was recalled to the US in 2004 and served at Duquesne University in Campus Ministry for 3 years before being sent to Australia to work in Aboriginal ministry. He ministered for 6 years in the Aboriginal reservations of Western Australia. Now having returned to Duquesne University he is again part of the Campus Ministry.

### ***The Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha***

The Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha is situated in the Northern part of Tanzania. According to the 2013 statistics, Arusha region alone, the population is 2,552,853. The number of Catholics is approximately 500,000. The rest belongs to other Christian denominations and two non-Christian religions, those who follow the traditional religion (traditionalists) and Muslims.

Arusha is the third largest town in Tanzania having a population of 282,712 inhabitants at the last census in 2002. Arusha is situated at the foot of Mount Meru and is an important centre of activity in Northern Tanzania. Some areas in the town are very overcrowded, with poor living conditions, housing and sanitation. Several projects are targeted towards street dwellers, street children and orphans.

The surrounding volcanic areas and savannas are inhabited by Maasai with a dominantly pastoralist lifestyle. The main source of wealth and income derives from cattle. Some agriculture has been introduced recently. The Arusha Archdiocese is the largest diocese in Tanzania and covers an area of 26,000 square miles, about the size of South Carolina.

**A pancake breakfast** (plain and blueberry cakes) will be held at St. Boniface Cafeteria on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The menu is cakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee. The benefit of the breakfast is the elevator fund at St. Boniface. Serving is from 8 to 12, carry out is available. The St. Boniface – Erie, K nights of Columbus thanks you for your support.



### ***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.**

### ***Looking for resources for you family?***



Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:  
<http://www.eriescd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter.

## 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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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

## Advertiser of the Week:

We thank & welcome **SAMURI** Kitchen+Sushi  
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[Samuraikitchenerie.com](http://Samuraikitchenerie.com)  
for advertising in our parish bulletin.