

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 29, 2018



Wedding at Cana  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church

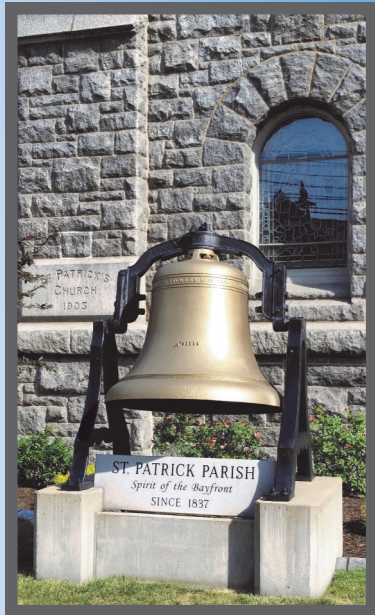
Saint Patrick Parish

*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**

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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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Despite the obvious discrepancy between supply and demand, Elisha gives the order to share the bread as he pronounces the oracle from God. From meager provisions comes a great meal, so one hundred hungry men eat their fill and still do not consume all twenty barley loaves. Such theological stories about hunger in the Old Testament encourage solidarity among people, show God's care for his creatures, and give a foretaste of Jesus' multiplication of loaves.

The author's exhortation often opens with the verb *parakaleo*, "I appeal" or "I beg you." After this entreaty comes a brief list of virtues, which then shifts to the main theme of the letter: the unity of the body of Christ. The exhortation to "live in a manner worthy of the call you have received" echoes the Jewish understanding of divine election (being chosen by God). Christians are no longer slaves of the law, the conviction that election leads to a new life remains. All of life becomes a response to the invitation to live for God. Then the apostle shifts to the specific focus of this section—unity. A "call" or vocation inevitably means cooperating with others, with all the difficulties, misunderstandings, hurt feelings, and irritation that entails. Paul gives the key to effective cooperation: humility and gentleness, patience and forbearance in love, enthusiasm to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the "bond of peace." Peace refers to the salvation that comes from God. Unity is a gift arising from the shared experience of the one Spirit; believers do not create it but we can destroy it.

The reference to "the one who is to come into the world" recalls Elijah, whose coming precedes that of the Messiah. John replaces the words said over bread and wine with the washing of the feet. Then the story shifts to the crowd on the mountain and the measly five barley loaves (recalling the Elisha story in our first reading) and the surplus food after Jesus feeds the five thousand.

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

Elsewhere in John's gospel he notes that this act is more than a miracle; it is a sign, a sacramental meal followed by Jesus' bread of life discourse about eating his flesh and drinking his blood—which makes this multiplication story Eucharistic.

Erie Gives is Tuesday, August 14. Any contribution you make to the parish that day gives us a chance to share in a large pool of money which the Erie Community Foundations has established. In the past several years, we have generated more income on this day than any other parish in the city. I'm hoping you'll continue with your generosity.

The diocese has an investment wing called the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. Parishes are encouraged to build up an endowment for the future and invest it in the Foundation. We've not been able to do much of that because every spare penny we have has gone into maintaining and preserving these buildings. I've ordered the new doors for the church which should be here by the end of August. The pipe organ is almost finished and once that is done we are going to replace the tile in the back of church and re-carpet the balcony. When those projects are complete, we should be done with both buildings. Both now have new air conditioning, new heating, all new wiring and plumbing, the exteriors have been pointed and painted, new sidewalks put in, new roof on the Food Pantry, the second floor of the rectory is finished and so we should be pretty much done with the buildings. Watch, the minute I say that, something else will break!!!

At any rate, my hope is to start building up an endowment for the parish, the income from which can be used for the ongoing maintenance of the church. To date, I've only been able to invest \$41,000 in the Catholic Foundation, but last week I was able to give them a check for \$50,000 to add to that which takes us to \$91,000 invested. I hope to be able now to add to that on a regular basis so that the future needs of the buildings will have the resources to care for them. My personal goal in this is to have \$500,000 in an endowment before I leave here. I've been taking \$5,000 a month and putting it into a restoration account and that's what we've been paying for all of this

work with. Now that we're coming to the completion of that work, I'm hoping that I can add that same amount each month to our endowment.

Have you ever considered helping with this endowment as you do your estate planning. Both of these buildings are over a hundred years old and will need extensive ongoing maintenance. A gift in your estate planning, however large or small, could make a great difference to the future of the parish. You can leave a gift for a designated purpose or for the endowment in general or you can name the parish as beneficiary to a life insurance policy. Please think about it—a remembrance in your estate planning can go a long way to continuing the presence of St. Patrick's Parish in the newly vibrant East Bayfront neighborhood.

Speaking of the renewal of this neighborhood, take a few minutes sometime and drive over to see the new apartment buildings that Erie Insurance just built at the corner of East Fifth Street and German. They look like stately manor houses and if you drive over East Fifth Street, you will see how they are clustered together to form a square between them. They are incredibly attractive buildings. Once again, Erie Insurance steps forward to improve this neighborhood. Their goal is to get professional people living in the area and that is already happening.

Major new building projects also continue in the neighborhood with Erie Insurance's new \$132 million dollar office complex at Fifth and French, the new bridge over East Sixth Street, the new hundred million Hamot Hospital building and the several hundred million Scott Enterprises project on the East Bayfront. We also have a new restaurant on the East Bayfront with the addition of a floating restaurant in the east lagoon. Lots of exciting things happening in the neighborhood.

The new roof is finally on the Food Pantry. That work has been delayed time and time again because of the bad weather we've had this year, but it is now complete.

Some of us took our friend, an older woman, out to lunch to celebrate her birthday. When the waitress came to take our order, one of the women told her, "This is a special occasion. Elsie is 92 today." The waitress made seven instant enemies and one friend by asking, "Which one is Elsie?"



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,686.00
Online Giving	<u>1,630.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,316.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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:

### Restoration Fund

- ◆ In memory of **Mike Velec** from Yvonne Gersims

### Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Emory Lang** from Mary Atzert
- ◆ **The Gehringer family, Al, Edward, Howard, Agnes, Mary, Frances** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Donna DeSanti** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ **Norann Brugger** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich

Donations also made by:

John & Cynthia Purvis, Phil & Denise Rewers,  
Mark & Barbara Sargent, Mark & Annette Rennie,  
Barbara Rothman and Theresa Rotunda

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

## 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.



## 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).



Let us *Welcome*

**Nora Elizabeth Easter**

child of

Michael & Paige (Parisi) Easter  
who will be baptized  
after the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday  
&

**Cole Christopher Engler**

child of

Timothy & Caitlyn (Komora) Engler  
&

**Anya Larae Strimel**

child of

Adlin & Erin (Hevia) Strimel  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Angie Kontur**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel

**CUP:** Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: **Phil & Judy Kelly**

Altar Servers: **Ryan & Collin Hudson**

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

**Sunday, August 5, 2018 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, August 5, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Karyn Polaski**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Mary Williams, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

**CUP:** Mary Kearney, Patty Jackson

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello**

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

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



**Save the Date!!!**

**Erie Gives Day**

**Tuesday, August 14th!**

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

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**July 28** *Saturday, Vigil: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM SHEILA PATTERSON (BOB & DIANE BOEH)

**July 29** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TOM COOK, WEDDING ANNIV. (BOB LAFARO)

10:30 AM JACQUELINE TACCONE  
(PAUL & EILLEN BALCZUN)

**July 30** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR.  
(BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

**July 31** *Tuesday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

8:00 AM MASS

**Aug. 1** *Wednesday, Saint Alphonsus Liquori,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MASS

**Aug. 2** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI  
(VINNIE & ANN HALUPCZYNSKI)

**Aug. 3** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Aug. 4** *Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY)

**Aug. 5** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THOMAS PETERSON (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

10:30 AM THOMAS COOK  
(REV. DONALD BERDIS & SR. KEVIN BERDIS)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**07/28** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/29** 11:30 PM Festival Mtg. - PR

**07/31** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**08/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**08/04** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Dangers of Cell Phone Cameras:**

Cell phone cameras are a mixed blessing. Forget your camera? Whip out the cell phone, and your toddler's first step, friend's goofy mishap, or fender-bender is captured for posterity. But cell phones are also used in a sinister way—to silently take pictures of unsuspecting children, adolescents, and adults in compromising positions and without their consent. Plus, digital photos can be placed on the internet very quickly—within minutes of taking the photo—and distributed around the world. In fact, some web sites have been created for the sole purpose of posting photos taken surreptitiously with camera phones. Be aware of anyone using a cell phone in an awkward way, such as not holding it up to his or her ear or facing his or her mouth in a walkie-talkie style. Be especially cognizant of any suspicious cell phone use in areas where people could be in various stages of undress or where children are gathered. If you see someone using a cell phone in a way that appears suspicious, don't be afraid to ask what he or she is doing or to alert someone in a position of authority about your concerns. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



## **47 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL (ONLY 47). “LET GEORGE DO IT”**

Anyone over a certain age has probably used the expression, “Let George do it.” It means “let someone else worry about it or leave it for someone else to do” and it was all the rage in the United States back in the day, and especially in the 1940's and '50's when there was a popular radio program with that title. The radio show involved an enterprising young veteran, George Valentine, who, upon returning from the war, found himself unemployed. So he took out an ad in the newspaper:

*Do you have a crime  
that needs solving? Do  
you have a dog that  
needs walking? Do  
you have a wife that  
needs spanking?  
**Let George do it.**  
Danger's my stock-in-  
trade. If the job's too  
tough for you to handle,  
you've got a job for me.  
George Valentine.  
Write FULL Details*

The ad, grossly chauvinistic by nearly any standard, certainly shines a light on the state of feminism in the 1940's. The show was very popular, though, and no wives were actually harmed in its production. The expression predates the radio show, perhaps by hundreds of years. Many attribute it to the French

expression, “Laissez faire a Georges,” which refers to Cardinal Georges d'Amboise, prime minister to Louis XII, who was apparently adept at doing things ca. 1500.

Regardless of the origin, however, the phrase has no applicability to the 2018 Erie Irish Festival. So why mention it at all? Here's why.

George Valentine and George d'Amboise are long gone. Although there are, no doubt, many helpful fellows named George among the thousand families in our parish, not a single George among them will do it for us. We must do it for ourselves.

And the “it” of course is to volunteer at the Irish Festival. Our volunteer pledge drive begins this week. We ask all of you to put in a few hours of work fun. Its easy and it is a blast—ask anyone who volunteered last year. You'll be joining a great team and having a great time meeting and helping great people for a great cause.

Simply check the job fun descriptions in this bulletin, choose the one that best fits your particular skill set, and sign a pledge card. We'll be in touch to schedule your work fun.

Last year we didn't let George do it, we did it ourselves and filled every volunteer slot.

(And if your name is actually George, you are not off the hook—we need you too.)

Thanks. Gary Johnson, 2017 co-chair and 2018 volunteer.

Festival chairman, Eric Albright, can be reached at [soapinerie@netzero.net](mailto:soapinerie@netzero.net).

# VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

## SPORTS BAR

## T-SHIRT SALES

## BEVERAGE SALES

### Limited Opportunities

We need a few folks to help in these areas.

**SPORTS BAR:** Serve Pub Grub menu in sports bar. Fix hot dogs, nachos, and serve sandwiches and leprechaun nuggets.

**T-SHIRT SALES:** We have openings for sales associates to person the expanded official Erie Irish Festival T-Shirt Booth. Must be able to make change and tell people how good they look in our T-Shirts.

**BEVERAGE SALES:** We may have some limited opportunities to man the beer wagons. Must be able to learn quickly to pour a draft beer quickly.

**WE NEED EXTRA KITCHEN HELP FOR THE FRIDAY FISH AND CHIPS—YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME WILL BE TWICE AS VALUABLE IF YOU CHECK “The Kitchen!” and “Friday.”**

## TEAR-DOWN

Sunday after 5:00, help close up the festival. Requires lifting and carrying. Tear down and stack tables and chairs, help clean up and move equipment and supplies. May involve climbing a ladder.

## TICKET SALES

Selling tickets at either the entrance to the festival or the entrance to the dining room tent is a great way to meet people. Sales are done sitting down, so if you have a bad ankle, this might be the job for you. You will be handling cash and making change.

**ALL VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE 4 HOURS LONG.**

# VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

## KITCHEN WORKER

12 Needed per Shift

**No Cooking Required.**

**No Experience Necessary.**

Fill food orders—take the written form from the sales table and gather the menu items from the individual cooking and plating stations. Place on a tray and when the order is complete, pass the tray along to the person who will deliver it to the patrons.

Help with filling condiment containers as needed, call orders, take orders.

Working on your feet for a 4 hour shift with a great crew. Hat required or we can provide hairnet. Apron provided.

## DINING OR PUB TENT

### GREETER/BUS PERSON

Greet patrons in the dining room, help them fill out food order forms, guide them to dessert, bake sale, beer, wine, coffee, condiments stations or Leprechaun Village. Wander the dining room, ask patrons how they are enjoying their food. Clean tables and return any stray trays. Collect trash and empty trash cans.

**OR** Greet patrons in the pub tent, help folks find seats at the stage, police the area for trash, clean tables, return any trays to dining area, empty trash cans.

On your feet and interacting for a 4 hour shift. Smiling, always smiling!

## SET-UP

Active work-4 hours.

Set up tables, chairs, bars, equipment. Requires lifting and carrying. Climbing ladders may be required.

Set-up is Thursday and Friday during the day—9:00 to 5:00.

## JEWELRY &PURSE SALES

Help to sell all of the jewelry and purses that were donated by parishioners. All of the proceeds from this booth go to St. Patrick's.

This is a 4 hour shift working on your feet helping patrons find that perfect piece to set off their wardrobe.

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