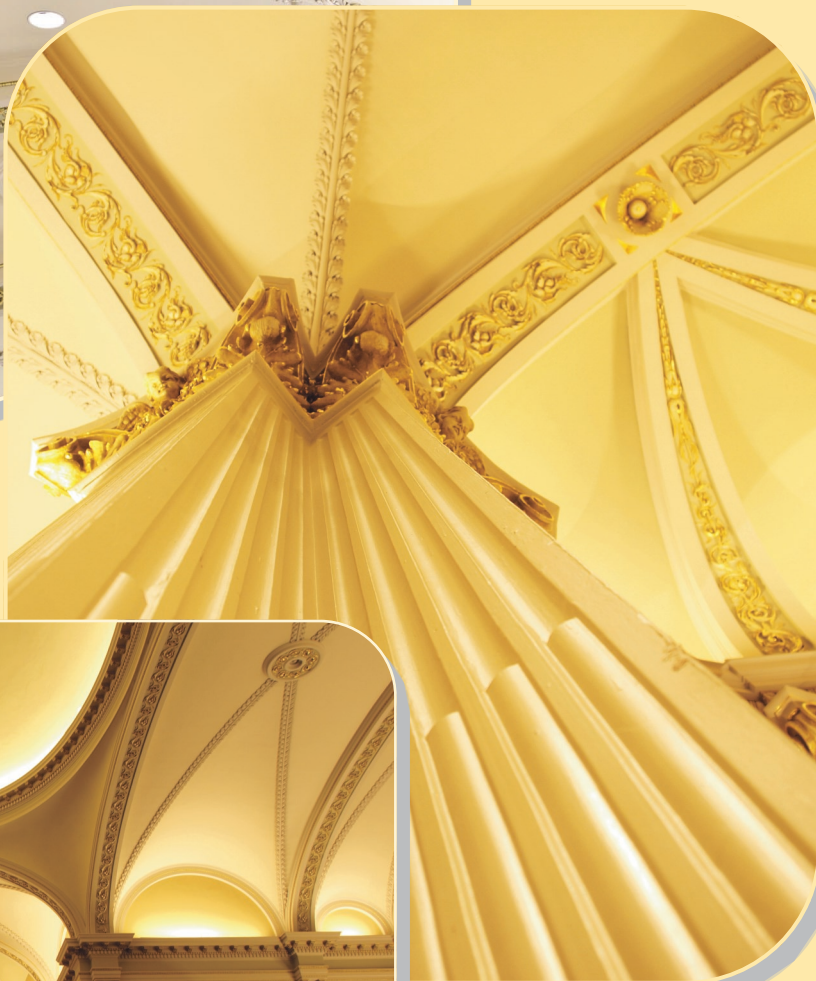


Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017



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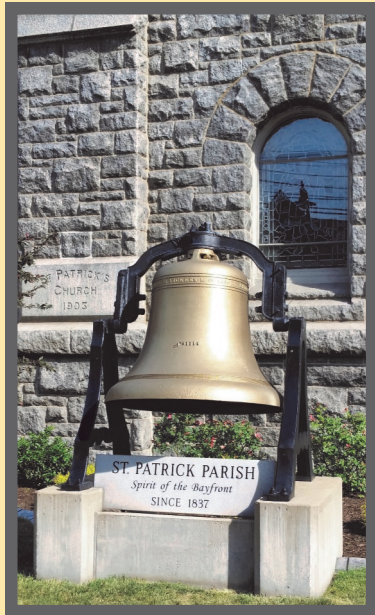
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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. We encounter King Solomon experiencing God appearing to him. As in other Old Testament visions, God takes the initiative and offers Solomon anything he requests. The king starts by recalling God's love for his father David and describes himself as "a mere youth." He goes on to speak of the great number of people he must govern and so he asks God for an understanding heart so that he will be able to govern justly, discerning between right and wrong. The one word that best describes that Solomon requests is "wisdom." That he seeks to rule with understanding and right judgment, rather than a long life, riches or the defeat of his enemies, is one sign that he already has a certain amount of wisdom. His humble stance before God is another sign of his wisdom. God rewards him with a heart so wise that neither before nor after him will anyone be equal in wisdom.

Today's second reading is the culmination of Paul's discourse in which he ponders suffering, weakness, and the presence of God's spirit in the midst of any travail we may experience. He points out that it is not necessarily that God will take away pain and suffering, but that God will bring good out of it. When Paul speaks of God as predestining, he is not talking about predestination, the notion that says that God decides for all eternity that some will be saved and others will be doomed. Paul here is speaking about the fact that God has a plan and the power to bring it to fulfillment. He notes that God calls everyone and conforms them to Jesus. Paul is not focusing on individuals but on the grand scheme, a predetermined plan to bring all things and all people together in Christ.

Today's parables are familiar to all of us and tell us of people finding treasures of great wealth. It's important to note that in some of the parables, the people are searching for a treasure; in one of them, it is an accidental discovery. The lesson: that the Kingdom of God breaks into the world

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

whether people are looking for it or not. An added aspect is the separation of the good and bad fish, symbolic of the division of the righteous and the evil at the end of the age. Like the seeds and weeds in last week's gospel, they remain together in the present age.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 8, which is Erie Gives Day. You may recall the Erie Community Foundation started this project by gathering a pool of money contributed by the Foundation and several Erie businesses. Any funds we generate for the parish that day get to share in these excess funds. In other words, every dollar contribution actually becomes a dollar and ten or fifteen cents.

I'm having a problem with weddings! For the last 8 years, I've tried to accommodate any non-parishioners who request a wedding here. In many cases, they tell me they went to their childhood church and were refused, etc. I'm happy that they are being married in the church and have always tried to accommodate them. The problem now is that we have grown so much as a parish, that a conflict arises when a parishioner wants a wedding date and it has been given to a non-parishioner. What I've decided to do for next year is hold several openings so that parishioners can still get a date. I've already had to turn away some non-parishioners and I regret doing that, but in fairness to our own people, I think we have to do this. St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Cathedral have more weddings than any other parishes in the diocese. One of our pastors was here recently to preside at a wedding and he told me that he has not had a wedding in his parish in the last two years, and his parish numbers over 600 families. The ten years I was in California, I didn't have one single wedding because everyone got married at the country club, etc. Unfortunately, we're now seeing the same trend emerging here as was there.

Congratulations to two of our parishioners who were named to Erie's 2017 "40 under 40" list, a listing of the top innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders, under the age of 40, who are shaping the future of Erie. Named are Jamey Stewart, owner of Mega Media Factor, a state-of-the-art media company. Jamey also serves on the board

of the Erie Philharmonic and is a classic pianist himself. He and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of six-month old Jacob. Also named is Matt Wachter. Matt is an attorney with MacDonald, Illig, Jones and Britton, LLP where he specializes in business transactions. He also serves as a youth mentor and is treasurer of the Erie County Bar Association. Matt holds two law degrees: a juris doctorate from Duquesne University and a masters of law from Villanova University. He is the son of Dick & Mary Beth Wachter, also parishioners.

A new report reveals that Australia's Catholic population is dropping dramatically and that the number of those who claim "no religion" is now the country's largest bloc. In the 2016 census, 29% of all Australians described themselves as having no religion. That number is double the figure for 2001 and dwarfs the tiny 0.8% first recorded in 1966. Over the same span of time since 1966, the Christian population has dropped from 88% to 52%. Nearly 50 years ago, Catholics numbered 28% of Australia's population; today they number 20%.

I have had several people request that we host an Anointing Service. The service is directed toward the elderly and people who are ill. During the service, we pray for God's healing, both physically and spiritually. A number of priests would be present to anoint individuals, some of whom we would come to their pew, others would come forward as they would for communion. We are looking at a evening in early September with the service scheduled for around 5:30 PM so that people don't have to come after dark. I'll post more information as we get closer to the date.

Sister Mary Louise was going out on her weekly calls to visit the sick. She ran out of gas a few blocks from the gas station, so she walked to the station only to find out that all of the gas cans were already out on loan. She went back to her car to try and find something that she could use to put some gas in. She had a bed pan that she always took with her on her weekly calls, and being creative, took that back to the gas station and filled it with gas. Returning to her car, she began to empty the gas into her tank. Two Baptists were sitting across the street observing everything, and one said to the other, "If that car starts, I'm becoming Catholic."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 8,894.75
Online Giving	<u>1,739.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,634.05

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 115,271.43
Paid to date	\$ 91,536.43

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Alfred J. Sokolowski
from wife & 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:

Restoration Fund

Donations made in memory of **Adele Bole** from Robert & Helen Collins, Gordzholadze family and Donna Haskins

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Dorothy Chessario** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Thomas Kaminski** from Nancy Kaminski
- ♦ **George & Ella May Moylan** from Dr. George & Kathleen Moylan
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Roy Craig** from Joseph & Nancy Schneider
- ♦ **John & Madeline Stephany** from Michael & Cheryl Stephany

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Let Us *Welcome*
Charlotte Dawn Bohrer
daughter of
Jacob & Jennifer (Kalivoda) Bohrer
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kay Mannino

CUP: Chris Sanner, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, August 6, 2017 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 6, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Karyn Polaski

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Charla Leemhuis,
Forrest Mischler

CUP: Kathleen Pae, Mary Williams

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,

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



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

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.





47 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG.

Let us not be lazy dogs, but quick brown foxes.

Friends, there are less than two months left until the bagpipers come marching down East 4th to create a little bit of Ireland between French and Holland. It's time to start our volunteer drive.

This year we are handling volunteering a little bit differently. This year, you will fill out a pledge card (which may be found in the back of the church along with a pencil), pledging at least 4 hours of your time to the Festival and indicating on which days and in which areas you would like to help out. Then, you are going to put the card into the box marked "VOLUNTEER--DO IT NOW!" in the back of the church. Then, one of the friendly and helpful chairpersons of the festival will contact you to schedule your help.

"But how will I know for which jobs I would be best suited?" you may be already asking the person sitting next to you in the pew. Hopefully that person will say, "Because at the back of the church we also have job descriptions for each volunteer position we need to fill." For example:

WANTED: FESTIVAL KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS.

*Be a part of a fun and frolicsome group that is responsible for taking and filling orders in the fantastic festival kitchen. **No cooking required.** Fill printed order—pick up items from the various cook stations—Reubens, fries, stew, etc.--and place them on the tray for the caller to deliver. Occasionally help prepare condiments (fill little cups with 1000 island or butter). This is a working on your feet type job, bring your own hat (or wear one of our ugly hairnets), we'll provide an apron. This is where the real magic happens. Join us!*

Last year we were very short handed all over the festival, but especially in the kitchen. Some volunteers put in 12 hour days—and many weren't even parishioners. But you know, those folks have all pledged to return because they loved working at the festival so much. Don't let some of us do the work for all of us! Volunteer today! With 950 families in this parish, there is no earthly reason to be short of festival volunteers.

If you don't want to fill out a form, do what Gerry Custer did—he sent us an email. He travels a lot and he's never even been to the festival, let alone volunteered, but he cleared his schedule this year and here's what he said, "If I can be of service, I am willing. I can do any function—back stage, people service, bus boy, whatever." We've never met Gerry, but he's already one of our favorite parishioners. He's got Festival Fever. It's contagious.

And speaking of Festival Fever, special thanks go out to Mary Alice Doolin who sent us a fantastic article from the 1982 Erie Times-News on Irish toasts that we will share as soon as we have enough volunteers and can get back to normal articles. May she live to be 100 with one extra year to repent!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Email us, we'll sign you up.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

July 31 Monday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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

Aug. 1 Tuesday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM MASS

Aug. 2 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(ANN & VIN HALUPCZYNSKI)

Aug. 3 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM DEBBIE & CAROL DONNELLY, ANNIV.

(JAMES DONNELLY)

Aug. 4 Friday, Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 5 Saturday, Vigil: The Transfiguration of the Lord

5:00 PM JOHN & CAROLYN ANDRZEJEWSKI,

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 AM ARTHUR CASEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

07/29 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/01 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/02 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/05 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.

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.

**Sister Parish Day—**

The Erie Diocesan Mission Office is hosting its annual Sister Parish Day, on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 am –2:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 937 Bartlett Road in Harborcreek. All Sister Parishes in the Diocese of Erie are welcome to attend and enjoy a sharing of faith fellowship, experiences, new ideas and good food. Please contact the Mission Office at 814-824-1231 with your reservation. If you or your parish are interested in learning more about forming a sister parish relationship with a parish in Mexico, please contact Indira Suarez, Mission Director, at 814-824-1231, or by email at: isuares@erieRCD.org

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.takemetoworship.org or contact the Family Life Office with additional questions at 814-824-1261 or familylife@eriercd.org.

**Disabilities Ministries to
host bowling/pizza party**

The Disabilities Ministries Office of the Diocese of Erie invites anyone with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to a bowling and pizza party at Eastway Lanes, 4110 Buffalo Road, Erie, on Aug. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**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



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. For more details about the schedule or for other questions on the series, contact Sister Ricarda Vincent, SSJ, at rvincent@velocity.net or at 814-456-6256.

Looking for resources for you family?

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



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, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register.

Register for September retreat featuring Trappist monk—

St. George and Our Lady of Mercy parishes in Erie, and Mount St. Benedict Monastery are sponsoring "The Loving Search for God," a two-day retreat with Father William Meninger, a Trappist Monk from Snowmass, Colo. Father Meninger will discuss the three levels in the growth of the child of God. Meals are included. For more information or to register for the Sept. 15-16 retreat, go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/782>.



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 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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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