Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2019



The Sanctuary Dome St. Patrick Church Photo by Art Becker

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



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Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The unknown author of the Book of Ecclesiastes probably com-



posed it around 300 BC. He writes in the name of King Solomon, thereby giving authority to his teaching. He identifies himself also as Qoheleth (Ecclesiastes in Greek), not a name but a designation of his occupation as a teacher. The opening words, "vanity of vanities," is at the heart of his preaching. He uses vanity almost 40 times in the book. Even if a person labors with wisdom. knowledge and skill, his days will end with his death, the only certainty. He goes on to say that since death is our ultimate destiny, make the best of the present day. Further, in order to live as happily as possible in the present, each person should fear the Lord. Far from being a cowering terror, fear of the Lord is a sense of awe and reverence before God.

As Paul continues his baptismal teaching in the Letter to the Colossians, he develops his teaching with a familiar pattern: a statement of the Church's faith, followed by how people are to live in light of the faith. In some sections, he develops a series of sharp contrasts: things above and things of the earth; life and death; old and new symbolized by the taking off and putting on of clothing. Since baptism entails taking off the old garments of sinful behavior and putting on the new ones, the discarded clothing must not be put on again. Rather, the new self with new garments is in a continuous process of being renewed in the very image of God. Remember that baptism was only administered to adults, not to children.

A variety of people approach Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem, often asking challenging questions. The man in today's scene does not ask a question, but makes a demand of Jesus. In Luke's gospel, wealth and poverty, rich people and poor people, are an important theme, suggesting that both were in Luke's community. Whereas those who are concerned with the things of God bring their questions to God, or

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

search tradition for insight, the man in today's parable only asks himself. Seemingly without need of time for deliberation, he tears down the inadequate barns and builds larger ones. Thinking that this will give him years of security, he is instead shown to be a fool. The treasure he builds for himself leaves him impoverished in what matters to God.

As I think many of you already know, there are two components missing in our pipe organ. One can be filled by using pipes from the organ at St. Andrew's. That organ has not been used in over 40 years, and we were able to purchase the needed pipes. Next they need to be moved to Organ Supply and restored and then installed in our pipe organ. The cost of restoring them is \$27,000 and the cost of installing them is an additional \$25,000. The other missing component is what our organist, Mark Alloway, calls the base. It is, according to Mark, what will give the organ that thunderous blast which you often hear on good pipe organs. Again, the cost of building those pipes is \$25,000 and an additional labor cost of \$25,000 to install them. Morgan and Kathy Jacox who have already donated \$510,000 to restore the pipe organ are now going to donate an additional \$106,000 to install these two missing components. Their generosity to St. Patrick's is beyond measure. Mark Alloway told both Morgan and I that, once these two components are installed, we will possess the finest pipe organ in the tri-state area.

This work on the pipe organ cannot be completed until 2020 as Organ Supply is already booked for the balance of this year.

During the month of June, our Food Pantry served 482 families. We distributed 10,978 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$587.98. Once again, I did not have to use any parish operating monies to pay this bill; it was completely covered thanks to your generous support of the Food Pantry.

A new Pew Report says that four out of ten Catholics not only say they went to Mass less often but that they have reduced giving to a parish or diocese due to reports of clergy sex abuse. Twenty-seven percent of Catholics say they have scaled back Mass attendance and the same amount say they have reduced the amount of money they donate to their parish in response to the recent reports of sexual abuse and misconduct.

Some of our pastors are telling me how difficult it is for them this year to meet their Catholic Services Appeal assessment. They say parishioners are returning the pledge cards with comments such as "I will not give to a church that covers up sex abuse," "When the church stops treating us like children I will donate," etc. I'm fortunate here in that you continue to donate, and I hope you know my gratitude. I feel sorry for some of my peers because they are good men caught in this mess. Some of these bishops have totally betrayed us. Chubbs Insurance recently cancelled the insurance policy with the Archdiocese of New York saying that they knew about this abuse, they covered it up, they lied-in fact, they committed fraud.

If you belong to another parish and happen to come to Mass here, please know that you are more than welcome anytime. If you put an envelope from that parish in the collection basket, you need to know the diocesan policy on that. That check does not go to St. Patrick's; we have to send it to your parish. We get so many of these that we generally only send them on about once every three months.

Congratulations to our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity who are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Father Pimen Simon, rector, and I work closely together to improve the neighborhood in which we live, and we often make use of their Parish Social Center. You'll recall we use that Center for a week of housing the homeless each February. The church is one of the most historic of Russian Orthodox churches and is an absolutely beautiful—in fact, breathtaking building—inside. It is one of the icons of Erie. We're blessed that this neighborhood houses two beautiful churches: ours and theirs.

The graveside service has just ended when there was a frightening clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning accompanied by even louder thunder. The widowed husband looked at the pastor and calmly said, "Well, she's there."



Saint Patrick News

Stewardship

Offertory Collection Online Giving Total Income \$ 8,480.00 <u>1,647.30</u> \$ 10,127.30

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- Mary Tellers from James & Jamie Antoun, Mary Anne Ashworth, The Book Bags Book Club, Catherine Good, Pierre & Kathy McCormick, Robert & Carolyn Schenker, Joseph & Bonnie Abramczyk, Wednesday Nautilus Lunch Bunch, Mike & Jan Gage, Elizabeth Lechner, William Lillis, Nancy Young, Ron & Emily Sertz and Vienna Cocuzzi
- James, Carol, & Debbi Donnelly from Patricia
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Also donations from:

Kathleen Horan, Abby Merryman, Arlene Piskor, Phil & Denise Rewers and Don & Mary Lou Zone

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

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.



IRISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKET PACKETS

Support the Irish festival by selling raffle tickets!

Don't forget to pick up your raffle ticket packets in the vestibule of the church after all Masses this weekend.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Alfred Sokolowski from family

Ministry Schedule Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm Lector: Chris Sanner Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: Chris Sanner, Vickie Lampe, Wendy Sadlier, Barbara Brairton, Phyllis Marchinetti CUP: Kay Mannino, Roseanne Brown Greeters: -Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 8:00 am Lector: Dan Bergell Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Joe Schneider, Bill Gloekler, Patty Gloecker Ushers: John Maloney, David Korn, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 10:30 am Lector: Ed Smith Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: Ed Smith, Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton, Kathleen Pae, Ryan Palm CUP: Dario Cipriani, Patty Jackson

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, David Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti

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

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments— Documentation for Safety:

All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before granted access to their children. To see what documentation and **training** is required in the diocese, visit

https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 3 Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY, WEDDING ANNIV. 7/29 (WIFE, PATTY) Aug. 4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI (VINNIE & ANN HALUPCZYNSKI) 10:30 AM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. (FAMILY) Aug. 5 Monday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major 8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK Aug. 6 Tuesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:00 AM ADELAIDE WAGNER (GREG & SHIRLEY MYERS) Aug. 7 Wednesday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest 8:00 AM MASS Aug. 8 Thursday, Saint Dominic, Priest 8:00 AM MASS Aug. 9 Friday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE Aug. 10 Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 11 8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER) 10:30 AM RICHARD MILLER, ANNIV. 8/12 (FRANK & MARY THERESE RILEY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory08/034:30 PMConfessions - St.P08/069:45 AMFood Pantry - PR08/0712:00 PMA.A. - PR08/114:30 PMConfessions - St.P



<u>Save the Date</u>

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 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 <u>www.ErieGives.org</u> Donate \$25 or more to your favorite nonprofit(s) using your debit or credit card.

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. 38th 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 <u>murnockfarm@yahoo.com</u>. Also, go to Facebook at <u>www.fb.me/RestlessTillYouRestInHim</u>.

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 <u>https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html</u> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office 814-828-1265 or 800-374-3723 ext. 265.

Erie Catholic School System raffling Mustang

The Erie Catholic School System is holding its premier fundraiser for the year: a raffle of a 1967 Ford Mustang 289 V8 Coupe.



The car will be on display outside St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie, through September, when the drawing is held. Proceeds benefit the Erie Catholic Education Fund, which provides scholarships to families seeking financial assistance. Only 4,800 tickets will be sold for \$20 per ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.eriecatholic.org, call 814-806-2423, email advancement@eriecatholic.org or visit one of the six campuses of the system. The winner will be drawn Sept. 14 at the **All-American Classic Car Show** at St. Jude School and Parish, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie.

Spaghetti dinner/car show scheduled at St. Boniface

Save the date for a spaghetti dinner and car show Aug. 10 at St. Boniface

Church, 9363 Wattsburg Road, Erie. Dinner will be served from 4 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A car cruise-in also will be featured. Cars will line up at 3 p.m. There is a \$5 admission fee for exhibitors; free for spectators. Vote for your favorite car. Rain or shine.



CASH BINGO

Benefits SBA Alumnae Association and St. Benedict Ministries: Child Development Center

POLISH FALCONS CLUB

Sunday, August 18th Doors open at Noon, BINGO starts at 1:00 p.m.

Kitchen and Bar will be open

ALL GAMES PLAYED FOR CASH! \$20.00 per pack and only \$5.00 for additional packs Instants and 50/50 games played as well!

Bowling with JOY Ministries-

Please join JOY Ministries for an evening of bowling, pizza, and friendship at Eastway Lanes, 4110 Buffalo Rd., Erie PA 16510 on Friday, August 23rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Price for the event is \$3.00 per person payable at the time of the event. Reservations need to be made by Tuesday, August 20th to Michele Inter at 814-824-1257 or minter@eriercd.org

ZABAWA—Holy Trinity's three day celebration of their Polish Heritage will be held



Friday, August 23rd 5 - 10 pm Saturday, August 24th Noon - 10 pm Sunday, August 25th Noon - 6:00 pm

On the Parish grounds at East 23rd & Reed Sts.

Festivities include authentic Polish Food, bakery items and beverages.

Polka bands from New Jersey, Connecticut, Baltimore, Greensburg and Erie will provide continuous entertainment.

Polka Mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm with Bishop Lawrence Persico. Polish Heritage Mass on Sunday at 11:00 am featuring traditional Polish hymns by the Holy Trinity Choir.

Drawing, games and a kids area. FREE admission. Church and festival grounds are handicapped accessible. Additional parking and free shuttle service from lot at East 34th & Ash Streets.

For more information call 814-456-0671 or holytrinityrc.org

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We thank BRUGGER Funeral Homes & Crematory, LLP Pine Avenue Branch 845 East 38th St. ~ 825-2500 Affordable Funeral Services~Preplanning On site Cremation Tribute Center Austin J. Brugger, Supervisor bruggerfuneralhomes.com For advertising in our parish bulletin

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Erie Irish Festival 130 East 4th Street Erie, PA 16507

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

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