

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018



The Sanctuary Dome
St. Patrick Church
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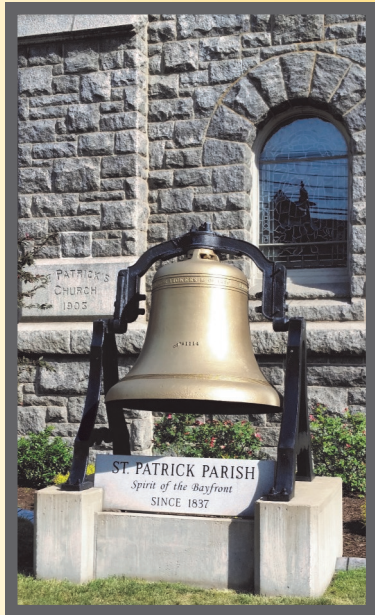
Saint Patrick Parish

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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MASS SCHEDULE:

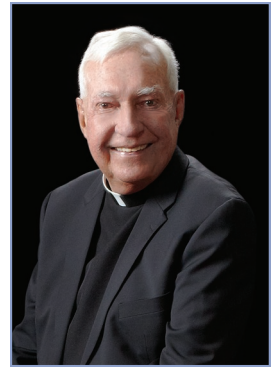
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the desert, the Israelites' habitual complaining that often precedes a miracle places in relief their lack of faith; in contrast, the author underlines God's attention to their needs. Sometimes he attends to their complaints; at other times he offers the opportunity to change their attitude. The manna is a proof of God's providence. The theologian is not interested in the natural explanation of the miracle; he recounts the episode with a view to what this narrative means for Israel, whose desert sojourn was the extraordinary period when God formed an alliance with his people and demonstrated fidelity and grace as he saved them from slavery. The traditions about the manna, the quail, and water in the wilderness are proof of God's loving care.

Paul contrasts the Ephesians' former existence with the new life they have in Christ, a life that requires every believer to strip off the old garments of vanity and sin and clothe themselves with the new person faithful to Christ. They must reject their former Gentile way of life that does not include God. He reminds them of their earlier instruction, urging them to return to the way "you learned Christ." Notice how he combines two images for conversion: changing clothing and renewal of mind. They must take off vice and put on Christ, thereby transforming the former self into the new.

Jesus dialogues with the crowd at Capernaum, and as usual, they misunderstand his meaning. In their previous encounter he had multiplied five barley loaves to feed over five thousand. Today when the crowd approaches, they ask, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" The address "rabbi" shows that they rallied around him as an outstanding teacher. But they were looking for another miracle that they might exploit for their own ends. He reminds them not to look for perishable food and they ask how to receive the special food of which he speaks. His answer is to "believe in

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the one he sent." Again, they say in order to have faith, they must see another sign. They recall the manna Moses gave their ancestors in the desert and ask for a similar miracle. Jesus responds that Moses did not provide the food from heaven, his Father gave it to them. Jesus again tries to get them to understand that he is the bread of life, but it all escapes their understanding.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Matt Wachter who was named recently as vice-president of finance and development for the Downtown Development Corp. That organization, headed by Erie attorney John Persinger, has raised over \$22 million in private funds for the restoration of an area bound by French St. to Peach Street and South Park Row to Second Street. Matt, in addition to his law degree, has a masters degree in tax law, extensive experience in federal Opportunity Zones and has worked with upstart businesses in Gannon University's Technology Incubator. He is an associate at the McDonald Illig Law Firm.

This is an exciting moment for Erie as a wide variety of initiatives are converging to bring new life and new birth to the city. We sit right in the middle of what is emerging as an exciting and reborn neighborhood and with French Street just steps away from us, we'll see the entire area be reborn.

The pastor of the Catholic parish in Bethlehem, place of the birth of Jesus, said that the number of Catholics in his parish is declining rapidly. In the past, 90% of the population of the city was Christian; today it is only 17%. Throughout the entire Middle East, the number of Christians has dropped incredibly. While they represented 20% of the population of the Middle East before the First World War, today they only make up 4%.

The whole of France only ordained 114 priests last year. Sixty percent of French dioceses will not have any ordinations this year. On the other hand, traditionalist communities that celebrate the pre-Vatican II Latin Mass, continue to foster priestly vocations at a rapid rate. Twenty percent of the new priests ordained in France last year were ordained for one of the Latin Mass communities.

Erie Gives is Tuesday, August 14. If you make a donation to the parish on that day we get to share in a larger pool of money donated by the Erie Community Foundation, GE, Erie Insurance, etc. I hope you would consider a gift that day. The same applies to all other non-profits in the city.

Work is still underway on the new roof on the Food Pantry. We've had trouble with that roof for years and thanks to a grant from the Erie Community Foundation, we will have a completely new roof. The contractor had to completely change the pitch of the roof as he said that was part of the problem. Over the past several years, the Erie Community Foundation has generously donated funds for a complete new floor in the Food Pantry, new freezers and refrigerators and now a new roof.

The area occupied presently by the Food Pantry was originally an apartment for the maintenance man and his family. In fact, his wife gave birth to two babies in the apartment making us perhaps the only church in the Diocese of Erie where babies were born. Maybe that's why we have so many babies today!!

A seventeen year old came home with a Porsche, and his parents began to yell and scream. "Where did you get that car?" He calmly told them, "I bought it today." "With what money?" demanded his parents. "We know what a Porsche costs." "Well," said the boy, "this one cost \$15." The parents began to yell even louder. "Who would sell a car like that for \$15?" they asked. "It was the lady up the street. Don't know her name, they just moved in." She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for \$15. "She must be a child abuser. Who knows what she will do next," said the mother. "John, go up there and see what's going on." So the boy's father walked up the street and found her in the yard tending flowers. He introduced himself as the father of the boy who bought the Porsche and wanted to know why she did it. "Well," she said, "this morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip, but I learned from a friend he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary. Then he stole all his money and stranded him there. Well, he called me, without a dollar to his name, and asked me to sell his Porsche and send him the money. So that's exactly what I did."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,240.00
Online Giving	<u>1,592.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,832.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us *Welcome*
Emma Leona Hausmann
 child of
 Matthew & Jennifer (Lowther) Hausmann
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

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 in memory of the **Winiarczyk & Nemer gut families** by John & Irene Nemer gut.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Diana Chandley** from Don & Barb Chandley
- ♦ **Ed & Boris Kraus** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Debby & Carol Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Ruth Gray** from Tom Gray
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Forrest & Shirley Mischler
- ♦ **Kay & Hank Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Lorna Smith, Bobbi Sheldon, Betty Dahn** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **John Michael McGettigan** from Theresa Stout

Donations also made by:

Tom & Shirley Dugan, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Ken & Jan Gervasi, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz, Joanne Homicz, Phil & Judy Kelly, Joe & Heather Kimball, Deborah Musolff and Joel Blaga & Jill Balga-Walz

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Eric Show
 from the Candela family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Anne Scutella, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: *NEEDED*

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

Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Chris Sanner,
 Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Kathleen Pae,
 Michele Wheaton

CUP: Dario Cipriani, Colleen Welch

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: *NEEDED*

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
 Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
 Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey



*Our deepest sympathies to the family and
 friends of **Billy Alex and Mike Vehec** who
 recently passed away.*

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.



Save the Date!!!

Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 14th!
 Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Aug. 6 *Monday, The Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

Aug. 7 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

Aug. 8 *Wednesday, Saint Dominic, Priest*

8:00 AM MASS

Aug. 9 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BERNADINE ZDUNSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH, 8/10
(FAMILY)

Aug. 10 *Friday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 11 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS
(JUDY FREIWALD)

Aug. 12 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DOROTHY COLONY

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. (AUDREY METZGAR)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

08/07 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

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

08/11 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Volunteers needed for the Trinity Gift Shop—

The St. Patrick Trinity Gift Shop is looking for volunteers for the Saturday evening Mass time. For more information contact Alice Daub at 725-1802 or stop in the Gift Shop.

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 all immigrants from Erie county.

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 contact Donna (453-5978), Eileen (866-1096) or Kathleen (864-0375).

A table will be set up in the back of the church Saturday and Sunday August 4th & 5th with more information.



40 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

NOTHIN' SAYS LOVIN'....

We saw a poster once that was a drawing of a cupcake with a cherry on top and above the cupcake it said:

Baking is love made edible.

Is there anything truer? Because baking gratifies both the baker and the eater. It also gratifies anyone with a nose who happens to be around the kitchen. It's a task that requires attention to detail, a willingness to follow directions, and patience. It is, perhaps, the most selfless of endeavors that feeds the senses and the soul, because no one bakes one cookie. We bake dozens and we share them. Baking, like love, is all about giving. It's no coincidence that Jesus served bread at the last supper.

Our Bake Sale kick-off starts this week. We are asking you to feed the senses and soul by baking and giving—by donating your very best efforts to the Erie Irish Festival Bake Sale. You will find in the pages of this bulletin a full page outlining when, where, and how. You know why.

Last year you baked and baked and thank you so much for that! It was all so delicious! But, truth be told, and hey we're in church so truth is important, by Saturday afternoon of the festival, the baked goods started to run out. This year we need more. So if you baked last year, bake more, and if you didn't bake last year, bake this year.

Pick that one thing that you bake best (everyone loves your sticky buns) or pick that one thing you've never tried before (flourless chocolate torte with raspberry ganache), or make some Irish Soda Bread—we can always use that. If you need a soda bread recipe, Google "Ina Garten Soda Bread." Her recipe is really good, but Bake Sale Chairperson, Mary Beth Wachter, suggests you make two smaller loaves instead of one large loaf—same effort, twice the love. And don't be tempted to use raisins instead of currants—spring for the Sun Maid Currants. And scones, bake some scones. And everyone loves cookies, especially your cookies.

Thanks. Gary Johnson, 2018 Erie Irish Festival Volunteer (Won't you join me? Volunteer yourself! Fill out your pledge card and I'll see you there.)

Have ideas for the festival—even if they are half-baked you can share them with festival chairman, Eric Albright, who can be reached at soapinerie@netzero.net.

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 14, 15, and 16



BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED!!! FOR THE BAKE SALE

It's that time of year again to
put on your aprons and start
baking!!!

The *2018*
Erie Irish Festival needs
your help for the
BAKE SALE.

Feel free to bring your
baked goods in at anytime



2017 Erie Irish Festival
photo by
Fred Olds

Irish Sweet Treats!!!

BROWNIES, COOKIES
(chocolate chip, oatmeal, peanut
butter, layer), **CUPCAKES,**
CAKE POPS, NO-BAKES,
MUFFINS, SCONES, PIES and
of course
IRISH SODA BREAD, and
IRISH BROWN BREAD

Irish them up with a little green
sprinkle and sparkle!!!

Think **GREEN** and **IRISH!!!**



2017 Erie Irish Festival
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Any questions???

Please call
Mary Beth Wachter at 454-6140 or
email: mbwachter@gmail.com



Mary Beth Wachter
and her Baking Buddies at the
Church of the Nativity
~photos by Ann Halupcynski~

