

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017



The Sanctuary Dome
St. Patrick Church
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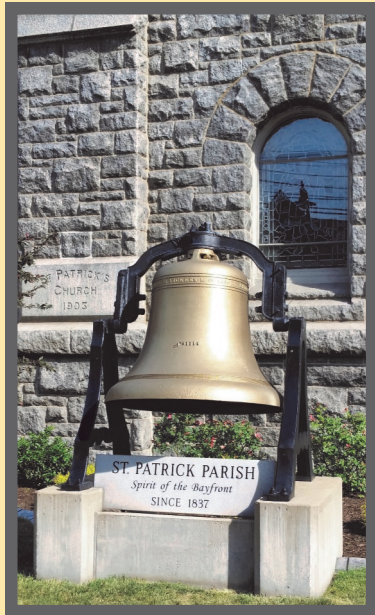
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

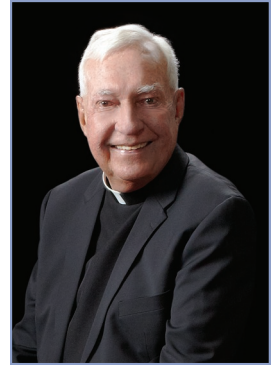
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Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration. The Book of Daniel is named for the hero Daniel who had a special gift of wisdom. Beginning with chapter 7, from which we read today, the book presents a series of Daniel's visions. These visions belong to the "apocalyptic" genre, a type of vivid, dramatic narrative written during times of persecution. Daniel's visions were composed in the second century BC when Jews were being forced to adopt Greek culture and religious practice. They were intended to comfort the Jews, strengthen them in their faith and assure them that justice will triumph in the end. In today's vision, an enthroned figure, the ancient one, with dazzling white clothing is worshipped by thousands. In verses omitted today, we see a court of judgment in which terrible beasts who have exercised power over the world are condemned and removed from power. Our reading picks up when a new figure arrives on the scene, "one like the Son of Man." Later Christians would here see a prophecy of God entrusting the world to his Son.

All three readings today point to Christ as the one sent by the Father. Today's reading from Peter's letter (though it was written by later followers of Peter) takes up this theme with the same purpose as the Book of Daniel: to encourage his audience to hold fast to their faith.

Our gospel today was also read on the second Sunday of Lent and is intended to strengthen the faith of the disciples. Prior to today's reading, Jesus had presented major points of his teaching on a mountain, a setting that recalls God's gift of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Matthew is portraying Jesus as the true interpreter of the Law of Moses. In the Transfiguration, he shows Jesus as the one who fulfills the Law and the Prophets, symbolized by the figures of Moses, the Lawgiver, and Elijah, prominent among the prophets of Israel. While these figures appear with Jesus, they quickly fade into the background as Jesus is revealed to be divine.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Tuesday is Erie Gives Day, an Erie Community Foundation sponsored event that attempts to raise money for non-profit organizations, such as St. Patrick's Parish. Thanks to the generosity of several Erie businesses such as GE and Erie Insurance, a pool of money has been set aside which will be shared with the non-profits. Depending on the amount of money raised, each non-profit then gets a share of that pool. As a result, every dollar you donate becomes something like \$1.25 or whatever the ratio is. I'm hoping you will consider a donation to the parish on Tuesday.

Anne Causgrove coordinates baptisms in the parish. As part of her volunteer work, she holds a class for parents having a first child baptized here. She asked me to remind expectant parents that they do not have to wait until the baby is born to attend the class. They can do so during their pregnancy. They simply have to call the office and Anne will get in touch with them. After the birth of the baby, they can then set a date for the baptism.

A group of women in the parish would like to offer providing an evening meal for new parents. Once a new mother comes home from the hospital, they would deliver a nutrition friendly meal for the first several nights to help the new parents in adjusting to having a new baby in the house. If you are about to give birth and would like to take advantage of this offer, please call the parish office (454-8085) and someone will contact you.

The parish is going to offer an Anointing Service in early September. Many of you will recall the old Last Rites, a ritual which evolved in the Middle Ages and is not rooted in our sacramental system. The original sacrament was the Sacrament for the Sick, and it is to be administered to the elderly, anyone with a serious health issue, etc. During the Anointing Service, we will anoint everyone. There will be several priests here to help with the anointing. I would encourage anyone who is elderly or has any type of a health problem to take advantage of this sacrament.

Each of the parish Pastoral Planning Teams met recently with the diocesan team to hear an outline of the goals for Faith Formation. We were then asked to return to our parishes and make

recommendations to be considered by the next gathering of the parishes. Our team made a recommendation concerning Confirmation training. We asked the question, "Why does it have to be parish based?" Which led them to recommend that students attending Catholic high schools receive their Confirmation training in school and then have the option of being confirmed at whatever parish they want. The recommendation for students in Religious Ed classes was that they attend a class once a month, accompanied by at least one parent. They then take work home with them to be done throughout the rest of the month in concert with a parent. The idea is that both the student and the parent can benefit in faith formation by doing it this way. It also gives students a choice in the hope that it will enable them to take greater ownership of the program and the sacrament. Once the diocese gathers the input from all of the parish teams, we will have another meeting at which we will all discuss what has been put forth by the individual parishes.

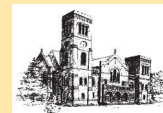
I noted in a recent bulletin that we have completed our 2017 Catholic Services Appeal with pledges of \$111,000. I'm happy to tell you that there have been additional pledges bringing that total amount to \$115,000. Your generosity is incredible and you make my work much easier. Of that amount, \$74,000 is owed the diocese, and the remaining \$41,000 remains in the parish.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry served 618 families during the month of June for a total of 1,521 people, 251 of whom were children and 188 of whom were elderly. We distributed 11,757 pounds of food at a cost of \$463.03. This year we have seen a drop in the number of families served from about 900 to roughly 650. It reflects people moving out of our designated area.

A church in a rural area of the South was badly in need of repairs and parishioners met to discuss what could be done to raise the necessary funds. One of the wealthiest—and stingiest—of the members rose and said he would give \$500, then sat down. Suddenly, a large chunk of plaster fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head. He jumped up, looking confused, and said, "Did I say \$500? I meant \$5,000!" Then he sat back down again. After a moment, a voice in the back of the church yelled out, "Hit him again, Lord."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection:	\$ 7,754.00
Online Giving	<u>1,394.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,148.30

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 115,346.43
Paid to date	\$ 92,011.43

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, August 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Ray Fiorelli*

CUP: *Ann Scutella & Steve Scutella*

Greeters: *Phil & Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Addie & Owen Babinsack*

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

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Joseph Schneider*

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

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani, Cyndi Pristello*

CUP: *Patty Jackson, Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

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

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 **Nemergut & Winiarczyk families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Jim & MaryAnn Mahoney and Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Barb Slomski** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **George Wiser and Joanne Wiser** from Ken & Alice Daub
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald

Also donations from:

Melissa Brasco & Frank Victor, Bill & Mary Flanagan, George & Kathleen Moylan, and Jill Blaga-Walz & Joel Walz

Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

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.



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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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
(AUDREY REIGEL)

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FAMILY)

Aug. 7 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 A M PAUL PASTORE, (KATHY SCHAUBLE PULLEN)

Aug. 8 *Tuesday, Saint Dominic, Priest*

8:00 AM DONALD WEISENFLUH
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

Aug. 9 *Wednesday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr*

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

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

8:00 AM BERNADINE ZDUNSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(MARY LOU & BOB MARACCI)

Aug. 11 *Friday, Saint Clare, Virgin*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 12 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV.
(LAWRENCE & JANICE KOSIN)

Aug. 13 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PAUL RENNIE (FAMILY)
10:30 AM BOB MCCARTHY (GARY & MARIE PETERSON)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

08/05 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/08 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/09 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/12 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Looking for resources for you family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm>

and discover why families always matter.



40 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

A LIMERICK

The limerick, a five line humorous or often bawdy poem in anapestic meter with a fixed rhyme pattern of AABBA, might have gotten its name from a song called "Won't You Come To Limerick," which may have been the basis of the poem's rhythmic pattern.

Here's a limerick.

Volunteer in the kitchen right now
You can help to serve great Irish chow
Please don't forget it
You know you'll regret it
If you miss that experience somehow.

Okay, not the greatest of limericks, but you get the point, right? Volunteer in the kitchen. Do it today. We need your help—to the tune of 12 people per shift, and 5 extra for Friday Night's Fantastic Fish and Chips dinner. It's fun, it's easy, and it smells good in there.

This year, Mary Wegelin, the Food Service Chairperson, is in a very interesting position. We feel confident that she could be canonized for her tireless and un-complaining years and years of devotion to the festival's kitchen, but she is lacking one criteria for sainthood—a miracle. Here's where you all come in. Mary's always saying it would be a miracle if she ever had enough volunteers in the kitchen! Make the miracle happen, folks, and we'll petition the Pope right after the festival ends. The world needs a patron saint of festival food.

Check the Volunteer Job Descriptions on the next 2 pages of the bulletin and go to the back of the church and fill out a pledge card. Or take a couple of cards with you and bring them back next week. We'll keep a slot open for you.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Email the future St. Mary directly at mmwegelin@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

SPORTS BAR FOOD 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.

FOOD SALES: We have openings for roving leprechaun nugget sales using a stadium-type warm box. Wander around the stage and bar areas offering nuggets for sale. "Hey, hot nuggets heyah!" Everyone's dream job! (2nd only to Zamboni Driver)

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.

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.

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 an interacting for a 4 hour shift. Smiling, always smiling!

ALL VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE 4 HOURS LONG.

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.

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.”

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
SPOUSE _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
CHILD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
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

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16 full service offices in Erie County
1-877-672-5678
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