

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019



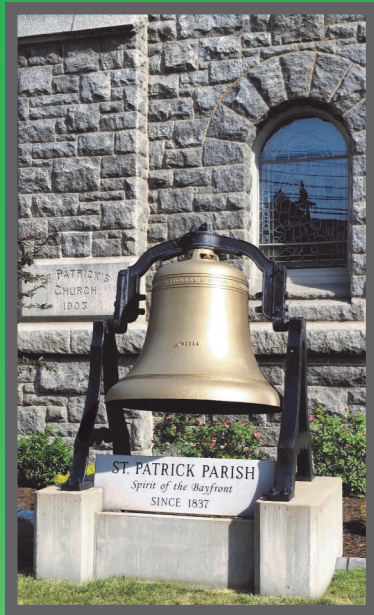
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

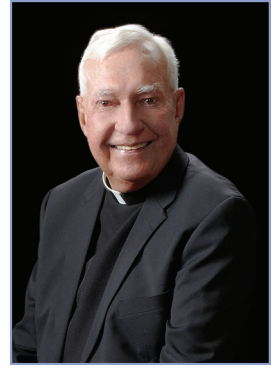
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah prophesied in the seventh century B.C. when the Babylonian Empire was on the rise. At the time of today's prophecy, King Zedekiah reigned in Jerusalem, placed on the throne by Babylon. Zedekiah, however, defied Babylon, leading to a year and a half siege of Jerusalem. Jeremiah announced, "This city shall certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon; he shall capture it." His prophecy conflicted with the military strategies of the princes, who brought their accusations against him to Zedekiah. Fearful and weak, Zedekiah gives in to the demands of the princes. He gave them free reign, saying of Jeremiah, "He is in your power." Though they originally intended to put him to death, they decided to throw him into a muddy cistern, intending to make him a humiliating spectacle. Finally the king relents and rescues the prophet. Zedekiah's instability and weakness reflects the instability and weakness of the nation itself. Standing before them, the prophet continues to fulfill his role God had given him, "To root up and to tear down, to destroy and demolish, to build and to plant.

After reviewing the people of faith from the Jewish tradition, the author of Hebrews moves to the present. These people of faith encourage all of us telling us the surest way to reach what lies before us is to keep our eyes on the ultimate goal, Jesus himself. Having completed the race, Jesus is the perfect model of faith and endurance. Though not burdened by sin, he took upon himself the burden of the cross. He knew the joy that awaited him at the end of the race

Fire is a multifaceted symbol in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. A pillar of fire symbolized the divine presence that accompanied Israel through the desert, but another kind of fire was envisioned when Israel worshipped the golden calf and the Lord warned that his wrath may burn hot against them and consume them. When Jesus says he came to cast fire upon the earth,

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

more than one symbolic meaning may be inferred. He may be longing for the fire of the Holy Spirit to be ignited in his disciples, and also be longing for the fire that refines and purifies the people. Jesus talks of baptism, but not about water; it is the immersion into his passion and death. His passing from death to life will set the fire blazing, the fire that purifies and separates and destroys.

We have purchased some missalettes for children. They are in the vestibule. If children find them helpful and we need more, we'll get them.

A new document, circulated among the world's bishops, calls for an end to the seminary system as we have known it. "Priests for too long have been trained in remote and enclosed seminaries," the report argues. "If, however, candidates for ordination study in universities and theological centers with others who are preparing for ministry, the shared learning is likely to contribute to a healthy future for ministry in the church, a future in which collaboration and co-responsibility are typical." In addition to its emphasis on collaborative leadership, the document calls for an end to the culture of clericalism which it admonishes for "forgetting that the visibility and sacramentality of the church belong to all people of God, not only to the few chosen and enlightened." The report finds the enclosed "settings of the seminary, often insulated from the everyday world of families, budgeting, commuting and even grocery shopping and laundry, can isolate seminarians." The report specifically calls for an acknowledgment of the contributions that women make to the church. The paper states "there can be no future for the church which women have not had a pivotal hand in shaping."

On Sunday, October 6, we will host a 4 PM Anointing Service in church. It is not a Mass (the elderly and sick do not need to sit through a long Mass), but is a relatively brief service. There will be several priests here to anoint people. The elderly, people who have a chronic illness, those suffering from or even recovering from cancer or a heart attack, etc. should attend and receive the sacrament. Up until Vatican II, this sacrament had deteriorated into "The Last Rites" and was only given at the time of death. When it was

instituted, it was intended as a sacrament of healing for those who are ill. I've seen some remarkable results from this sacrament, and I would urge you to consider attending. If you have an elderly family member, perhaps you would consider bringing them to the service.

We recently dedicated the monument to immigrants in the east garden of St. Patrick's Church. The Irish Cultural Society erected this Celtic cross, benches and meditation area as a monument to the immigrants who settled in this First Ward. They were Irish, Polish, German, Russian, Italian, etc. and they were the people who shaped Erie and gave us what we have today. It is fitting that such a monument be erected at a time when immigrants are being singled out as criminals, when immigrant families are being torn apart, when our elected officials can't sit down together and come up with a viable plan to protect our borders and, at the same time, allow refugees, etc. to enter America.

At the dedication, a parishioner came forward and offered to pay for the installation of an in-ground sprinkler system in that area similar to what we have on the rest of the church grounds. As that happened, another parishioner came forward and offered to pay the expenses of digging a trench across the east parking lot to get water into that area. I—we—are blessed with the generosity of the people here.

A private girl's Catholic school recently faced a unique problem. A number of 12 year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine provided it was of a natural or neutral skin tone, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally, Sister Eustace, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained the problem they were causing. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, Sister asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,787.00
Online Giving	<u>1,797.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,584.30

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Robert Vitron
from Bobbie Vitron*

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 by
Kathy Alessi.*

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **Mildred Biebel** from Robert Biebel
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben & Delainey
- ♦ **William Alex, Robert Alex** from Tom & Linda Brunner
- ♦ **John Niebauer** from Janine Carch Sliker
- ♦ **Jane Ward Carney** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Joseph R. Kormosh, Helen Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Loretta T. Longo** from Oscar James Longo
- ♦ **Dorothy Palkovic** from Tim & Sheila Mack
- ♦ **Bob Sauers** from Pauline Osmer
- ♦ **Deceased members of the Jares & Picheo families** from Mike & Carol Picheo

Also donations from:

Tom & Linda Anderson, Jim & Wendy Bahm, Richard & Margaret Bonniger, Bill & Patty Gloekler, Kay Mannino, Paul & Deborah Manzi, Tony & Jan Scicchitano, Gloria Walker, John & Annette Widomski and Karl & Virginia Kelm

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



Let us *Welcome*
Charles Jack Zinna
child of
Matthew & Melissa (Cross) Zinna
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Barbara Brairton, Vicki Lampe, Roseanne Brown, Chris Sanner

CUP: Jay Habas, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Pat Tellers

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

Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Christopher Sofranko, Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, August 25, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Ed Smith, Ryan Palm, Kathleen Pae

CUP: Michele Wheaton, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: needed

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

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.



If you are disabled and cannot walk to receive communion, please help the Eucharistic Ministers by putting a white stole on the end of the pew, (The stoles are available in the vestibule on the bookshelf.) AND please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 17 *Saturday, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI (DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

Aug. 18 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DOROTHY COLONY

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER (BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

Aug. 19 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ARLENE D'AMICO (WEHAN FAMILY)

Aug. 20 *Tuesday, Saint Bernard, Abbott and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY

(FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

Aug. 21 *Wednesday, Saint Pius X, Pope*

8:00 AM ROBERT VITRON, ANNIV. (BOBBIE VITRON)

Aug. 22 *Thursday, The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM MILDRED DIONISIO (THE FAMILY)

Aug. 23 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 24 *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY, ANNIV.

(WIFE, PATTY & FAMILY)

Aug. 25 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM WILLIAM & NORENE MILLER

(HUBERT FAMILY)

10:30 AM EDWARD M. HEUBEL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

08/17 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/20 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/21 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/24 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Silent Peace Walk marks second year

Benedictines for Peace in Erie will hold a Silent Peace Walk **Aug. 21 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.** at the St. Benedict Child Development Center, 345 E. 9th St., Erie. Benedictines for Peace initiated monthly walks in response to the escalating tensions and divisiveness present in our country and our world. This year's walk will pass by many of the homes and ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie: St. Benedict Child Development Center, St. Benedict Education Center, St. Mary's A Space to Create, Inner City Neighborhood Art House, Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Pantry, Emmaus Kids Café, St. Benedict Community Center, Alliance for International Monasticism, Benetvision and Monasteries of the Heart. There will be a cookout beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the adjacent playground. Parking in the lot behind the building is limited. Parking along East 9th or 10th streets is preferred.

26 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



NOTHIN' SAYS LOVIN'....

I 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.

This week we are asking you to feed 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.

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 Maven, 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 SunMaid Currants. Remember that baking is love made edible, and love, as Shakespeare reminds us, is not love which alters when it alteration finds. Oh no, like a baking recipe, it is an ever fixed mark.

If you need additional guidance, check with Mary Beth Wachter, our baking chairperson. You can reach her at mbwachter@gmail.com.

Thanks. I'm looking forward to trying one of your delicious creations.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair. This is one idea of ours that is not half baked.

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 13, 14, and 15



BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED!!! FOR THE BAKE SALE

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

The *2019*
Erie Irish Festival needs
your help for the
BAKE SALE.

Feel free to bring your
baked goods in at anytime



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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!!!**

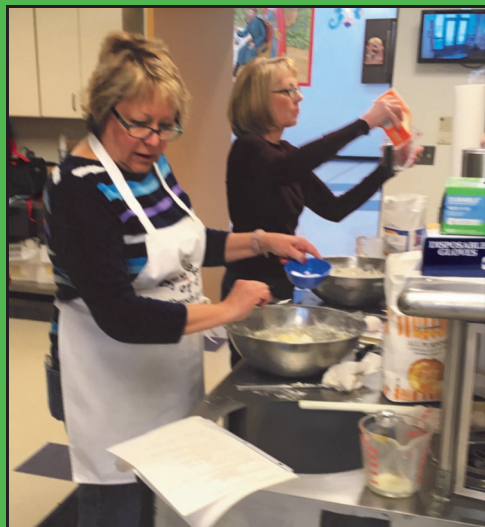


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Any questions??? Please call
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email: mbwachter@gmail.com



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**Mary Beth Wachter
and her Baking Buddies at the
Church of the Nativity**
~photos by Fr. Kriegel~