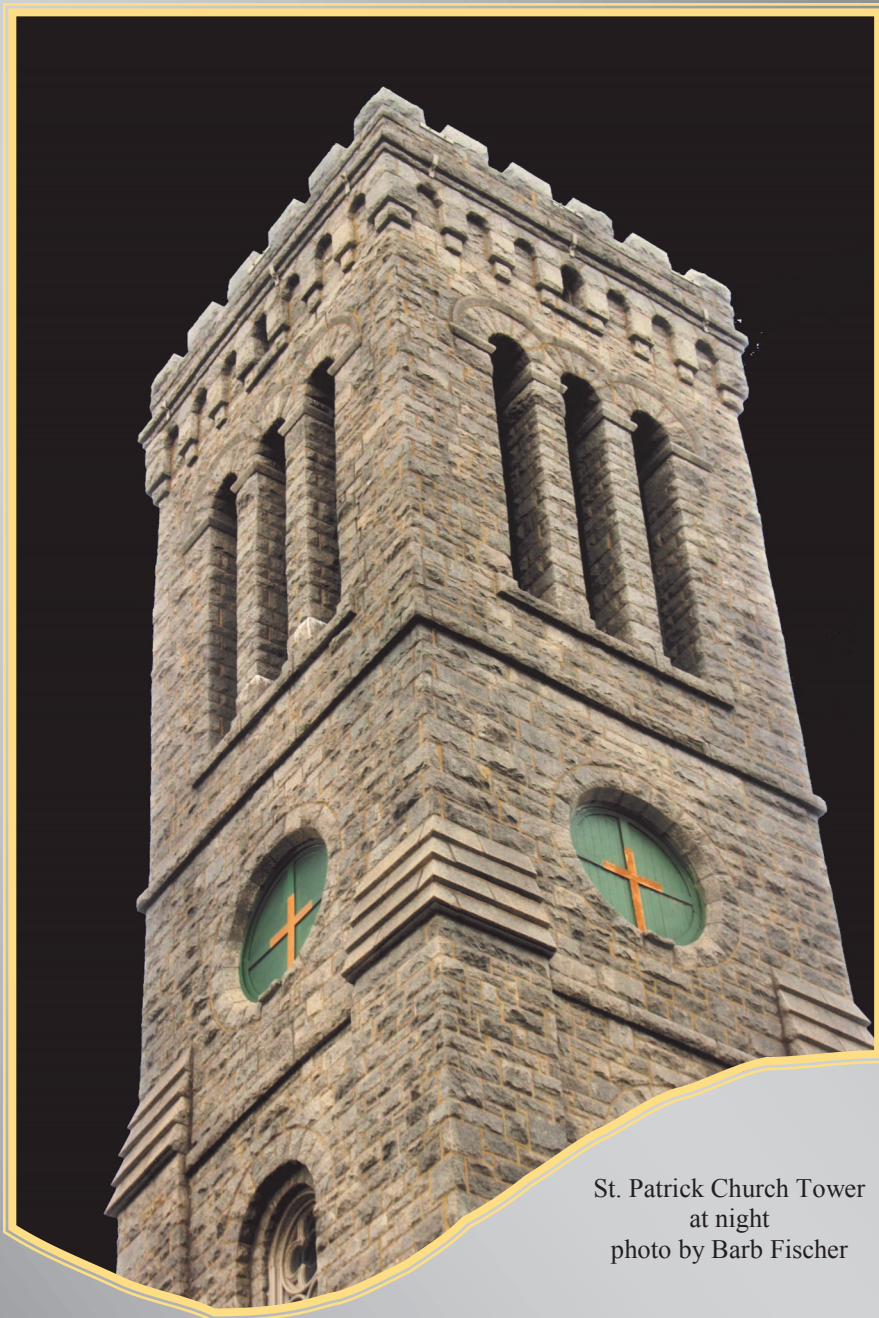


**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 25, 2019**



St. Patrick Church Tower  
at night  
photo by Barb Fischer

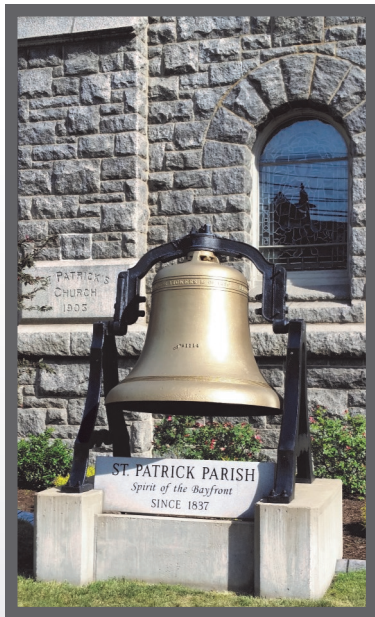
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837*

**Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM**

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### **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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The first reading, from the last chapter of Isaiah, presents a final prophecy depicting a grand transformation extended to all the nations. One startling revelation is the role given to all the nations. The nations are people, Gentiles, who are not of the tribes and family of Israel. The Lord will gather Gentiles of every language. The Lord affirms that, up until now, the nations have “not seen my glory.” In the future, God’s glory will be proclaimed among all people, reaching distant peoples who have never heard of God. The vision is of a vast army of people. Not only will the Gentiles bring back the dispersed people of Israel, but they will present them as an offering to the Lord. The Israelites will bring the usual offerings of grain, while the foreign nationals will bring the people of Israel themselves as an offering to God. The last line indicates that God will make priests and Levites from the Gentile nations, giving them a cultic role ordinarily reserved for the families of Israel.

The reading from Hebrews begins with a sharp reprimand, reminding them that they have forgotten the exhortation addressed to them as children. The exhortation combines a wisdom teaching from the Book of Proverbs (3:11) with Moses’ instruction found in Deuteronomy (8:5), followed by the advice that believers should endure their trials as discipline. The word connecting all three is “discipline,” the Greek word *paideia*, a term that refers to the rearing and education of a child that includes instruction in every sphere: intellectual, religious, social and physical. The *paideia* that aims to bring the child to maturity must include chastening and correcting, and sometimes punishment for misdeeds, as a parent would do to a beloved child. The audience are to consider themselves as adult children of the Lord. In the midst of suffering, they are to look to the Lord as the parent who is disciplining them.

While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, an unnamed person asks if only a few can be saved.

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

Jesus' answer is personal: "you" must strive to enter through the narrow gate. The verb could be translated "keep on striving," because entering through the narrow gate will entail a lifelong effort. The narrow gate, like the eye of the needle too small for the camel to pass through, highlights the difficulty of responding wholeheartedly to Christ and the demands of discipleship. The master of the house (Jesus) has arisen and locked the door, suggesting the final judgment. At that time, there will be no further opportunity to reform.

Pope Francis has appointed 23 new members of the Vatican Congregation for Consecrated Life, and breaking with 2,000 years of tradition, he appointed six women religious superior generals. One of the six is an American. Up until now, the members of the congregation were only cardinals and a few bishops. It may seem like a small move but this gives some of the Vatican cardinals and bishops serious digestive problems. They simply do not want to surrender their turf, most of all to women, but it's happening.

We continue to have water problems in front of the church entrance from the east parking lot. Water just seems to lay there. Initially it was because the blacktop was higher than the bottom of the door—it had been resurfaced so many times. So, we had that dug out and replaced at a lower level and graded. Nothing changed. Now we discover that there is no type of drainage in that area—the water has nowhere to go. I have just signed a contract to excavate and install a 4 inch drain from that area to the larger drain in that parking lot. Hopefully that will solve the problem. It's particularly dangerous in the winter when the water lays there and then freezes. That entrance is used not only for the weekend Masses but for our Tuesday Food Pantry.

All of the carpeting in the church as well as the cushions on the pews are being professionally cleaned. We've done the carpeting before but not the cushions. Those were put in place in 2012 when we did the major restoration and so are in need of a good cleaning. Do any of you remember the orange cushions which used to be on the pews? Could never figure that one out! Someone had to be color blind to select those!

I'm on the board of BEST, the Bayfront Eastside Task Force. We work in concert with Erie Insurance and UPMC Hamot to clean up the lower eastside neighborhood. When I first came here 10 years ago, this neighborhood was a mess. There were a number of derelict homes, trash was around, many people were not caring for their property, etc. BEST just issued a report which notes the accomplishments. We have cleared 55 blighted properties. That means a house that was beyond repair was demolished and the area cleared and planted with grass which is regularly maintained. In addition, we have built 22 new family homes, bought and renovated 15 rental properties, installed 35 high-resolution security cameras, installed urban gardens throughout the area and acquired grants and other help for individuals to repair and beautify their homes. A few years ago, Gannon University formed a similar partnership on the lower west side and it's beginning to improve. If you take a drive through the lower eastside, you can see what has been accomplished. Our original goal was French Street to Parade and south from the Bayfront to East Sixth Street. We have met those goals and are now moving further east by working on Wallace Street and the interconnecting cross streets. We're also getting a great mix of people moving into the area: Erie Insurance employees, UPMC Hamot employees as well as a number of lower income residents.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is reporting serious financial problems noting that since the Grand Jury report was released, Mass attendance has dropped 9% and offertory donations have declined 11%. Since 2012, Mass attendance in that diocese has declined by 30%. Bishop Zubik also warned that "more than a few" diocesan schools could close.

Some random thoughts: "My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine."....."God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer to her first question."....."I was taught always to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.".....Jay Leno once said, "With hurricanes, tornadoes, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,921.13
Online Giving	<u>1,962.30</u>
Total Income	\$10,883.43

*Thank you for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Ruth Gray**  
from Tom & 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:

### **Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry**

A donation was made by Richard & Erin Wachter *in honor of Harold & Jeanne Bender's 50th Wedding Anniversary*

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **Rich Miller** from John & Carolyn Bauman
- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben & Delainey
- ♦ **Mary Corbett**, from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
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- ♦ **Bernard & Florence Reske** from Michael & Paulanne Reske

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Victoria Abbott, Ann Downing, David Duska & Anastasia Lachica, Ken & Pattie Marchant, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, Mark & Annette Rennie, Derek & Emily Sieber, and Joseph & Lucy Walach

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



Let us *Welcome*

**Ava JoAnn & Lauren Grace Turley**  
children of

Dan & Renee (Wnek) Turley  
who will be baptized  
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday  
and

**Camden Paul & Colton Robert Pennock**  
children of

Blake & Amy (Langer) Pennock  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 31, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Kay Mannino, Wendy Sadlier, James Salter,  
Phyllis Marchinetti, Shirley Winschel*

**CUP:** *Kathy Sertz, Patty Dailey*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *---*

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

**Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Chris Sanner*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Chris Sanner,  
Nancy Andrzejewski, Barb Fischer*

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

**Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Christine Mitchell*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Mary Williams, Erin Wachter, Kathleen Pae,  
Luke Gilmore, 1 NEEDED*

**CUP:** *Colleen Welch, Dotty Schloss*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

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

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

## 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.



### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Aug. 24** *Saturday, Vigil: 21<sup>st</sup> 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)

**Aug. 26** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JACK CRAY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH, 8/23  
(BONNIE CRAY)

**Aug. 27** *Tuesday, Saint Monica*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

**Aug. 28** *Wednesday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM DOUG EISERT (DOUG & DARLEEN WILKINSON)

**Aug. 29** *Thursday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK

**Aug. 30** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Aug. 31** *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM RICH MILLER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(RICH MILLER FAMILY)

**Sept. 1** *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES AQUINO (HONARD FAMILY)  
10:30 AM MARY DISANTI (SANDRA STYN)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**08/27** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**08/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**08/31** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



## **Volunteers needed for Irish Festival**



### **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.

## **19 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**

### **Go n-éirí an bóthar leat.**



At the end of each mass here at St.

Pats, we sing a traditional Irish blessing.

The blessing comes down to us from many centuries ago—some attribute it to St. Patrick himself—and was, of course, originally “written” in Gaelic. The first line we sing, “May the road rise to meet you,” is actually a mistranslation (or perhaps poetic license) of the first line in Irish. “*Go n-éirí an bóthar lea*,” actually means, “May you succeed on the road.”

The blessing contains three elements of nature—wind, sun, and rain—each with its own symbolism. The agrarian Irish, tied for centuries as they were to the land and climate, were fond of using the images of nature to explain God’s relationship with his people—the shamrock, for example, as a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

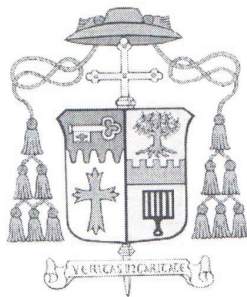
The wind in the blessing is said to be symbolic of the spirit of God which comes as a mighty wind at Pentecost, but may also symbolize a lack of obstacles on the journey of life. A road that rises to meet you and a wind at your back is easy travelling indeed. The sun is said to symbolize God’s mercy and the rain is God providing for us, both physically and spiritually.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about the blessing we sing, though, is the music itself. The music for the Irish Blessing was written by a Jewish Hungarian composer by the name of Denes Agay. Agay was born in 1911 and was a child musical prodigy, playing piano at the age of three. He earned a PhD in music and was the conductor of the Budapest Symphony Orchestra before World War II. In addition to piano sonatas and string quartets, Agay also composed for the movies and actually composed the background music for one of the most famous scenes in early cinema—Hedy Lamarr’s nude scene in the 1933 Czech film, *Ecstasy* (it’s okay if you never saw it—the movie was originally banned in the United States).

Agay emigrated to the US in 1939, became a US citizen, and served as a sergeant in the army during the war. Sadly, his parents were both killed by the Nazi’s at Auschwitz concentration camp. After the war, Agay had a long and illustrious musical career here, teaching, composing, and conducting—he was the musical director for the popular NBC radio show, *Guest Star*, which featured talent like Bing Crosby and Perry Como. Agay, who authored 96 books on music, died in 2007 at the age of 96.

May you succeed on the road, as well, then, especially the road to the 2019 Erie Irish Festival, where the sun will shine warm on our faces and the rain, we hope, will not fall softly on our tents, and the only wind will be coming out of a bagpipe.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair.



August 14, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One year ago today, I offered my first response to the release of the 40<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Statewide Grand Jury Report. The statement I made was offered directly to survivor/victims — those who had waited so long for the unthinkable experiences they had endured to be brought to light.

It was devastating for me, as the pastor of this diocese, to see the ugly details of what had happened within the church. I knew that survivor/victims, as well as all Catholics and the entire community, would need time to grapple with the report. Their deep pain, anger and grief was understandable.

My apology is only one step in the long and complex process of healing. I know words mean very little without action. The Diocese of Erie has taken many important steps in the last year, and will continue on this path.

I have released numerous statements about our efforts throughout the year. One of the most significant steps we took as a diocese was the creation of an Independent Survivors Reparation Fund for survivor/victims. To date, 52 survivor/victims have applied to the fund and 23 claims totaling \$3 million have been paid out. It is likely many survivor/victims have waited until this final week of the fund to file their claims. Once the last claims are brought to closure, I will make public a final report about the fund.

Some could be tempted to want to close this chapter of our history and move on, but that would be a disservice not only to survivor/victims, but also to the faithful who fill our pews every Sunday. As with any event that has had a broad impact on so many people, it must be remembered, in part, to ensure that the changes we make in the church and in our world are deep and lasting.

That is why I am once again calling for a day of prayer in the Diocese of Erie on the memorial of Our Mother of Sorrows, Sunday, Sept. 15. I am asking that pastors open the doors of all of their churches that day from 7 am to 7 pm. I invite people to visit a Catholic church and spend time in prayer in whatever way the Holy Spirit moves them. We need to pray for survivor/victims. We need to pray for the healing and purification of the church. We need to pray for the many good and holy priests who continue to serve faithfully. And we need to pray that our own faith be strengthened.

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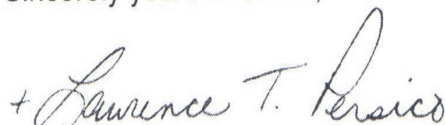


This year, I also am asking that parishes, either individually or in groups, promote opportunities for Eucharistic adoration with the special intentions of victim/survivors, the healing of the church, and the sanctification of the clergy.

I have been inspired and grateful that many Catholics have demonstrated true discipleship, witnessing to their faith in the past year. They have shown what it means to be charitable, to forgive and to live in hope. And they have understood how important this moment has been for survivor/victims.

It is clear that bringing about healing and rebuilding trust is the work we are being called to do as church. It will take time, patience and fidelity, but the Lord will provide the grace we need. With every confidence in that grace, I look forward to the work that needs to be accomplished during the second half of my tenure as bishop of the Diocese of Erie.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

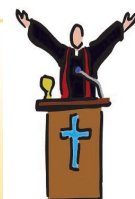


The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

**MSGR. KRIEDEL'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](http://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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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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