

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017



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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:

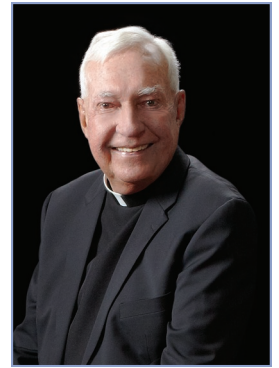
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. The brief condemnation of Shebna, a steward in charge of the royal palace of King Hezekiah, is actually the conclusion of a longer indictment against him which results in his being deposed and power shifted to Eliakim, son of the high priest Hilkiah. The rest of the reading focuses on his authority. We're told that the Lord will clothe him with robe and sash, symbols of divinely given authority further explained by three images. First, calling him "father" indicates a relationship that goes far beyond that of palace steward. Second, as keeper of the key of the House of David, Eliakim will have the power to allow or prohibit entrance into the palace; thus he has authority to decide who will have access to the king. The third image is that of a peg that securely fastens the tent. This image presents Eliakim as the one who will see to the safekeeping of those in his care.

Faced with the reality that most of his Jewish kindred have not accepted Jesus, Paul creates a solution to the problem. Drawing on the Old Testament as well as Hellenistic forms of rhetoric, Paul concludes that God's salvation will extend to everyone. Yet Paul realizes that his arguments can't answer all his questions; the mystery of God's saving plan is beyond human comprehension. He turns to Isaiah, the prophet most frequently quoted by New Testament authors, to reflect more and more deeply on the grandeur, the immensity of the knowledge of God. Having exhausted his capacity to provide a cogent explanation about God's plan of salvation, Paul shifts to give praise and glory to God.

Who is Jesus? Today, Jesus asks his disciples what other people are saying about him and he gets a variety of answers. When he asks them who they think he is, Peter speaks for the group. Although Peter's later words will indicate that he didn't understand the full meaning of his testimony, Jesus praises him. Making a word play on the nickname "Peter" (*petros*), Jesus declares him to

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

be the rock (*petra*) on which he will build his church. Remember that the first reading and the gospel are always connected. The connection here are the keys given Peter, just as they were given to Eliakim. Like Eliakim, Peter will act with authority; what he declares on earth will be affirmed in heaven. Cautioning them to tell no one who he is, people will only understand that when his passion, death and resurrection are complete.

The diocese begins a new era as our Catholic school students return to school this year. No longer are our schools under the auspices of a parish, but are part of a diocesan school system. This gets the schools out of the hands of pastors because we are not educators; and puts them in the hands of professional educators. A number of upgrades to facilities has been undertaken over the summer months, greater emphasis on the curriculum has been put in place, etc. As part of that renewal, Mother Teresa Academy will open in January in the former St. Peter's Cathedral Elementary School building. That Academy will educate up to 180 inner city students who are victims of poverty. Their tuition will be subsidized and they can begin the journey that hopefully will free them from poverty by gaining an education. Those same students will be eligible to attend one of our Catholic high schools again at greatly reduced tuition rates. The diocese has secured a large endowment for this project through the generosity of a number of individuals.

On Thursday, September 7, we will hold a 5:30 PM Anointing Service with the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. This relatively brief service is intended for the elderly, for anyone who faces health issues and for anyone who would like to receive the sacrament. There will be several priests here to administer the sacrament.

Everything is just about in place in anticipation of our September 15, 16 & 17 Irish Festival. All of the permits have been secured to close East Fourth Street in front of the church, etc. We also have new tents this year which should make things go more smoothly, and we've been fortunate in the number of businesses and organizations who have come forward to sponsor those tents. As always, we're still in need of volunteers, and perhaps you might consider helping this

year. Simply contact the parish office and tell them what type of volunteer work you would like to do and your availability and someone will contact you. Remember there are great discounts in the confessional for volunteers!!

Please remember that there is no longer a Catholic chaplain at UPMC Hamot. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call me prior to your going to the hospital, and I will be happy to administer the sacrament. In addition, if someone is admitted to Hamot through the Emergency Room I will have no way of knowing if you are a patient and want a visit. If you or a member of your family will be admitted to Hamot and you wish me to visit, please call the rectory. Otherwise I will have no way of knowing that you are there.

If you belong to another parish and attend a Mass here and put an envelope from that parish in our collection, we do not keep that money. Instead, we send those envelopes to the parish whose name is on them.

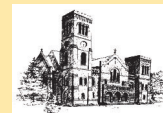
We are in the process of compiling our 2016/17 Spiritual and Financial report for the diocese. Once it is complete, I'll publish it in a future bulletin so that you can have that information. Meanwhile, we continue to show very healthy numbers. This past year, for example, we had 52 baptisms and only 10 deaths. That is the opposite of most of our parishes today. We had an additional 21 funerals but none of them were parishioners.

Another interesting statistic is that 50% of our funerals this past year were cremations. That number is consistent with what funeral directors tell me is the ratio in the city of Erie at the present time. Twenty-five years ago, it was a rare, very rare, occasion when we had a cremation and now it is much more common.

A young man was playing golf with a senior citizen. Just as the older man was about ready for his tee shot, he noticed a funeral procession approaching on the highway. He took off his hat, put it over his heart, and stood silently and watched the procession go by until it disappeared. The younger man said, "That's really nice of you. Do you always do that when a funeral goes by?" "No," said the senior citizen, "not usually, but I was married to that woman for over forty years."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,549.11
Online Giving	<u>1,674.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,223.41

Thank you for your generosity!

*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
John J. McCarthy, Sr.
Patty & Michael Dailey*



Welcome New Parishioners

*Domenick & Janette Brasile
Emily Meyer
Thomas & Sharon Yelkovich
Frank & Angela Potter
Jeffrey & Michelle Lawson
Kathy & Doug Anderson
Jeff Lee & Brenna Burkhardt
Donald & Maureen Culhane
Jim & Wendy Bahm
Maggie Bahm
William & Sharon Wagner
Matt & Amy Williams
John & Carla Donovan
Ned Smith*

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Dorothy & Francis Crofton** from Marian & Mario D'Aurora

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Teresa Callaghan** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Jane Ward Carney** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Robert McCarthy** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **David Mattingly** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Clarence & Lucille Peterson** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **McGraw & Lynch families** from Dan & Mary Lee Lynch
- ♦ **Sam & Cecilia Tuttolomondo** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Jaci Iavarone** from Mark & Annette Rennie

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, John & Cynthia Purvis and Adlin & Erin Strimel

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, September 3, 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, September 3, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Charla Leemhuis, Colleen Welch

CUP: Kathleen Pae, Patty Jackson

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, **1 NEEDED**

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

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.





19 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE!

Thanks to Linda Pfeffer and her gallant crew of ticket salespersons, or associates as we like to call them, parishioners will be able to purchase their Festival tickets the weekend before the festival after each mass. THAT'S NEXT WEEKEND, PEOPLE!

Linda will have tickets available on September 9 and 10 after each mass for advance purchase, so you can show up at the Festival and go straight to your favorite food or beverage booth and grab a hot one or a cold one. As always, tickets are \$1.00 each and the Festival runs on tickets—all food and beverages require tickets, so be sure to grab plenty—they get some for your friends or buy some to scalp on the street and make a few bucks.

We'll have the food and beer menus printed in the bulletin next week and we'll have signs outlining prices. Although we love cash, we'll have a credit card machine as well.

Just a note, Fish and Chips dinners will be available Friday night only for \$9.00 just as they were last year, but they will have their own tickets so it will be first come first served at the Festival. Get there early for that. It's awesome.

KRIEGEL'S KOUPLLES.

Kriegel's Kouples has been a great success, close to 30 couples are taking part and we've raised enough money to pay for all the magic we need! Thanks to all of you who are participating. We'll see you in church on Wednesday, August 30, at 5:30. Don't forget to bring your nosebag.

DOTTY'S HOMEMADE IRISH CREAM.

Last year, Dotty Schloss shared a couple of gallons of her famous homemade Irish Cream Liqueur with us—we sold it at the whiskey booth and it went like hotcakes, actually better, nobody asked for hotcakes at the whiskey booth. This year we have an entire booth dedicated to the sale of Dotty's Irish Cream. We'll have gallons and gallons of the stuff on hand and if you missed it last year, which you probably did, don't make that mistake again. It is the smoothest, creamiest, most delicious Irish Cream you will ever taste!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.
What the heck is a nosebag?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 26 *Saturday, Vigil: 21st in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM WANDA HABAS (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

Aug. 27 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY ROSELLA BURGOYNE
(DAUGHTER, MONICA ZABOROC)

10:30 AM JAMES KUBANEY
(DIANE MCCARTHY & FAMILY)

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

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

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

8:00 AM JOHN AND BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

Aug. 30 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ARLENE RECTENWALD
(FRAN & RON RECTENWALD)

Aug. 31 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 am MICHAEL BROSS, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (JIM SPIEGEL)

Sept. 1 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 2 *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MARY G. WALKER (WALKER FAMILY)

Sept. 3 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM IN HONOR OF ROBERT & MILDRED BIEBEL'S
70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

10:30 AM VICTOR BENOIT (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

08/26 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/29 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/30 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/02 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/04 OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—

Volunteers are needed as *Docents* in the Church and in the *Gift Shop* during the Irish Festival. If you are interested in either of these, please sign up in the Gift Shop.

Don't forget to turn in your Raffle tickets for the Trip to Ireland!!!

Faith Formation begins Sept 10! All students in grades 7 – Confirmation will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 10 at Holy Rosary school. Confirmation parents and sponsors (if known) must also attend a brief meeting that day. FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES K – 6 will begin on Sept. 17 at 1:00 p.m., also at Holy Rosary school. Please call 454-6322 for information, or if you have not yet registered.

August 27, 2017

Dear Parishioner—

As you know, we have been preparing for some time to restore our historic hundred year old pipe organ. The last work done on that instrument was in the early 1970 and it is desperately in need of repair.

Our Finance and Parish Councils met jointly and have awarded the contract for the restoration to Heritage Pipe Organs of West Valley, NY. They have just completed the restoration of the pipe organ at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, and our own organist, Mark Alloway, went to Buffalo and played that organ and was thrilled with the results of the restoration.

The cost of this project is \$432,000, and I am thrilled to tell you that we have an individual donor who is donating the entire cost of the project. Morgan and Kathy Jacox are restoring the pipe organ in memory of Morgan's parents, Eugene and Marjorie Jacox.

"Kathy and I are very pleased to be able to do this, and this gift is especially meaningful to us because it is directed to Monsignor Kriegel, a Johnsonburg native, where my parents also grew up and were married," said Morgan.

Work on the pipe organ will begin immediately after Christmas and will be completed in time for the wedding season in late May. There will naturally be some disruption in church as we have to remove several back pews and bring in a lift to get the console, etc. up into the balcony.

I can't tell you my own personal gratitude to Morgan and Kathy for this incredibly generous gift to St. Patrick's. I don't know how we would have been able to finance this project on our own; and thanks to their generosity it will all come to fruition. Bishop Persico will be here for the dedication of the restored pipe organ and a bronze plaque will identify the donors and his parents in whose memory this has been given.

Father Kriegel



featured in photo:
Mark Alloway, organist
Morgan & Kathy Jacox
Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel

Take Me to Worship comes to Our Diocese—

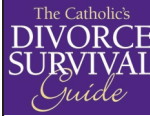
Parishioners, please be aware that the Diocese of Erie is in support of the Take Me to Worship Campaign that will be running in the community from August 15 -October 30, 2017. The Bishop believes that the data about the positive impact that regular, weekly participation at Mass has on children of all 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.

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.



CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE—



DIVORCED? The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide CDSG) 12-week group begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.-8:00p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. (NEW LOCATION) Cost \$15 per person includes "Personal Survival Guide" and all material for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call the Family Life Office, 814-824-1250, email familylife@eriercd.org, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information or to register.

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a dance—

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a dance on **Saturday, Sept 23, 2017** at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd, Harborcreek, PA . The dance is from 7 to 11 p.m. in the gym and features "The Groove" one of Erie's most popular bands. Complimentary beer and snacks will be provided. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For any additional information call 899-5342.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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

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Change of Address

Moving

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