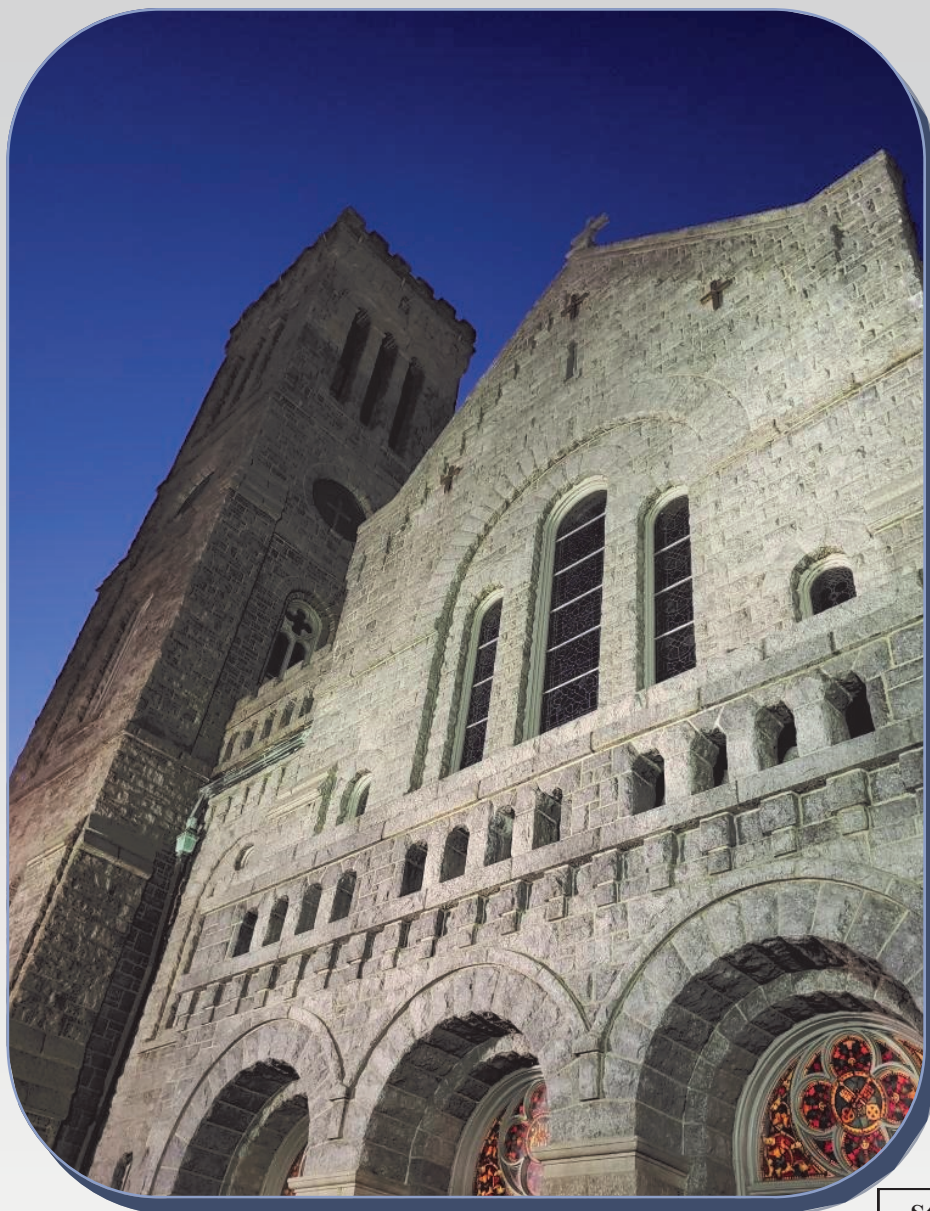


Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2019



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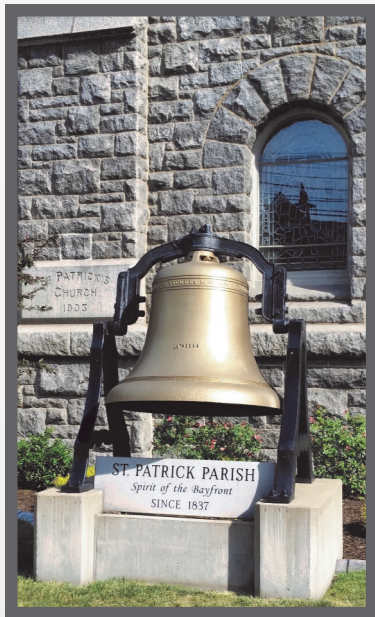
Saint Patrick Parish

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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Book of Sirach opens with a statement that underlines all of the instruction, advice and proverbs in the book: "All wisdom comes from the Lord." Today's reading is counsel given by a teacher to an adult student. The teacher is Jesus Ben Sira, who lived in the late third and early second century BC. He sought wisdom through prayer and study, and imparted it to his students both verbally and in writing. The virtue he promotes today is humility. Sirach encourages humility first because a humble person will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Rather than seeking things too sublime or beyond one's strength, the humble person listens to the wisdom transmitted through proverbs, and finds joy in wise teaching. The final verse today states that giving of alms will serve as atonement for sin. Both humility and almsgiving draw the wise person into right relationship with God.

The reading from Hebrews depicts two vivid and varied scenes embracing the past and present, earth and heaven, human and divine, with dramatic sights and sounds, and emotions ranging from dread to festivity. The first part of the reading recalls the event that took place long ago on Mt. Sinai, the place where God made his covenant with Israel. God's presence was experienced in the vision of fire, darkness and storm, and a voice so fearful that the people begged not to hear any further message. But now, says the author they have approached another mountain, Mount Zion, which is both an earthly and a heavenly dwelling of the living God. The fear of Sinai is transformed into a festal gathering at Zion. Moses was the mediator at Sinai; now Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant. Hebrews portrays Jesus as the great high priest who has offered his own blood in an offering more effective than the offerings of Abel.

The setting for today's gospel is at a meal at the home of a prominent Pharisee. While the guests are carefully watching Jesus, he is also watching

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

them, noticing how they are choosing for themselves the places of honor. Jesus has seen this before as they choose the best seats in the synagogue. In the first century, honor was highly valued, while shame and humility were to be avoided. Jesus turns the common perception around. By exercising humility, a person will be honored by being offered a higher place. Jesus then turns to the host and says that rather than inviting the wealthy who can give in return, the host should invite the poor who cannot repay. Jesus again turns around the values of the culture.

It's just two weeks to our Irish Festival. It's still not too late to volunteer to help. It's a great opportunity to meet and get to know other parishioners. I'm much more interested in that happening than I am in our raising great amounts of money. Over the past years the Festival has grown in leaps and bounds, hence the need for more and more volunteers. When we were at Rainbow Gardens we had less than 2,000 people for the entire weekend. Last year, we had 11,000!!! I hope you'll also be patient with the weekend Mass schedule. We suspend operations of the festival during the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass and do not start on Sunday until after the 10:30 Mass; but I admit it's a little hectic around here. But it's fun.

We are almost booked full for weddings for 2020. Part of the complication next year is that the cathedral will be closed for a year, and I have tried to accommodate as many of their parishioners as we can, but we're now at a point where we can't take anymore. I have to keep some Saturdays open in the event one of our own parishioners wants a wedding date. While most of our weddings take place on Saturdays, remember that we also have Friday evening weddings. I find those to be particularly nice. At a Saturday wedding, about 60% of guests come to church; at a Friday evening wedding, about 90% come to church because they can then go directly to the reception. With a time gap between the church service and the reception on Saturday, many guests simply ignore the church service.

A reminder also that our weddings here are a wedding service, and not a wedding Mass. I am simply unable to do a 10 AM funeral Mass on Saturday morning, a 2 PM wedding Mass and a

5 PM parish Mass. Since we instigated this policy this year, I have discovered that entire dioceses in the United States have this policy—weddings are all a wedding service and not a Mass. As we continue to have fewer and fewer priests available, I suspect that deacons will officiate at parish weddings, and so they will automatically be a wedding service and not a Mass. In the vast majority of cases where there is an interfaith marriage (one partner is Catholic, the other is not), those weddings are almost always a wedding service. If it is a Mass, one half of the church doesn't know what is going on, can't receive Communion, etc.

We recently had all of the carpets in church professionally cleaned, something we do about every three years. This time, however, we also contracted to have all of the cushions on the pews cleaned. They have been in place for seven years and some of them are certainly dirty.

I recently had a combined meeting of the Finance Council and the Parish Council to review a recommendation that we build a garage on the north end of our property. We need extra space to house the equipment for the Irish Festival. It is now stored in the rectory garage but is getting damp because of the truck going in and out all winter long. Right now we're exploring a number of different options.

The annual Catholic Education collection will take place as a second collection throughout the Erie Diocese on September 14 & 15. Half of the money raised remains in the local parish to support Religious Ed and ongoing adult education. Adult education is the next phase of our pastoral planning and we are already formulating some plans for that to happen in the parish, but I need funding to pull it off.

Some random thoughts: "My goal for 2019 was to lose 10 pounds—only 14 to go." "How to prepare Tofu: Throw it in the trash then grill some meat, chicken or fish." "A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it." "I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented—I forgot where I was going with this." "Just remember: once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed"





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

|                      |                 |
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| Offertory Collection | \$ 8,549.00     |
| Online Giving        | <u>1,367.30</u> |
| Total Income         | \$ 9,916.30     |

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Noah Seungwon Steadman**  
 child of  
 Harrison & Yoonhee (Suh) Steadman  
 and  
**Anthony James Sliker**  
 child of  
 Sean & Jovelyn (Catadman) Sliker  
 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

### A Special Intention from Kathy Fatica

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Anthony & Angeline DiAndrea, Christine McNerny** from Janice Cole
- ♦ **Karin Bergdahl** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **John G. Niebauer** from Ken & Alice Daub
- ♦ **Nancy Gallagher** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **All Shooting Victims** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Rich Miller** from Lynne Miller
- ♦ **Rickey Oligeri** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Luke Purvis** from John & Cindy Purvis
- ♦ **Mary Tellers** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Rose Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Robin Blair, Ray & Olive Blair** from Barbara Rothman
- ♦ **Clara Schenker** from Bob & Carolyn Schenker

Also donations from:

Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore,  
 James & Linda Gehrlein, Geoffrey Gloekler,  
 Bill & Patty Gloekler, Dennis & Marie Gritzer,  
 Ken & Jan Gervasi, Jay & Carol Habas, Francis Hart  
 and Pierre & Kathy McCormick

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

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Barbara Brairton*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Shirley Winschel, Barbara Brairton,  
 Wendy Sadlier, Roseanne Brown, Diane McCarthy*

**CUP:** *Alex Hubert, Kaleigh Hubert*

**Greeters:** **NEEDED**

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

### Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*

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

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

### Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Mary Williams, Megan Gilmore, Tim Scully,  
 Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani*

**CUP:** *Patty Jackson, Candy Bukowski*

**Greeters:** *needed*

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

**Offertory Counters:** *Mary Kearney, Mary Williams,  
 Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers*

## 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. 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)

**Sept. 2** *Monday, Labor Day*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 3** *Tuesday, Saint Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MARIE WITHROW (LUCAS FAMILY)

**Sept. 4** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 5** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 6** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM WALTER "CHUBBY" KUHL (KUHL GIRLS)

**Sept. 8** *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN SLOWIKOWSKI  
(ANN & ANNETTE STAROCCI)

10:30 AM MARY TELLERS (MARILYN REISER)

## 12 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL AND THAT'S NO MALARKEY.



After the 2012 Vice Presidential debates in which Joe Biden used "malarkey" to refer to Paul Ryan's answer to a question, it became one of the most looked-up words on the internet and one of Miriam-Webster's 2012 *Words of the Year*. "Malarkey" means nonsense—poppycock, baloney, hogwash, hooey, balderdash, bunkum, and so on. It is also a common Irish last name. So the origin would most certainly be Irish, but, like many popular slang expressions, no one knows for sure, and many lexicographers have vastly differing opinions. It does seem, however, that it is an American term, used here long before it became popular in Britain. And it seems to have been popularized here by an early twentieth century Irish-American cartoonist by the name of Tad Dorgan, who is credited as being the most influential creator of slang in the country. Among Dorgan's slang creations are "cat's meow," "for crying out loud," "drugstore cowboy," and many, many others. Interestingly, Dorgan only had two fingers on his right hand, the result of a childhood accident, and that led him to become a cartoonist as a kind of therapy.

But I digress. The point here is that the 2019 Erie Irish Festival will be the biggest and best yet and that is no malarkey.

**Here are some highlights:**

**Friday:** The hottest Irish band in the world, the **Screaming Orphans**, take the stage at 7:00, followed by the **John Byrne Band**. Our fantastic **Fish and Chips** will be on the menu only for Friday night—get here early and watch St. Pat parade down 4<sup>th</sup>.

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And throughout the weekend, the **Rince Na Tiarna** and **Long's School of Irish Dance** dancers will beguile us with their footwork, we'll be serving up our incredible Irish-American fusion menu, St. Patrick's Red Ale and Guinness, Harp, and Smithwicks, Dotty Schloss's Homemade Irish Cream, sweet and salty offerings from our dessert bar and our fabulous bake sale, Irish whiskey, and pub grub in our Sports Bar. Plus our fantastic jewelry and purse sale, our official T-shirt sale, and our great vendors.

Do not miss a moment of this year's festival. Free admission, free parking, no malarkey.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair. Actually, I can't really promise no malarkey—it is an Irish festival.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**08/31** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**09/02** **Church & Office CLOSED - Labor Day**  
**09/03** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**09/04** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**09/07** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



## Volunteers needed for Irish Festival



### Church Docents.

Anyone interested in showing off and sharing the magnificent beauty and history of St. Patrick Church during the festival.

Congratulations to three couples from St. Patrick Parish who participated in the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass recently at Sacred Heart with Bishop Persico presiding:

**Walter & Jacqueline Schmidt**  
(65 years)

**Gregory & Sharon Lampe**  
(50 years)

**Michael & Carol Picheco**  
(50 years)



### NFL great Mike McCoy to speak at Blessed Sacrament—

The Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council#278 will host a breakfast with Mike McCoy, an Erie native and retired NFL great on Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the parish cafeteria, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie. Mike McCoy will deliver a faith-based message of hope and encouragement. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at [www.Facebook.com/Council278](http://www.Facebook.com/Council278) at [Council278@yahoo.com](mailto:Council278@yahoo.com) or by calling the parish office at 814-454-0171

### 2019 Victorious Missionaries Annual Retreat

You are invited!! Come join the Victorious Missionaries on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Multipurpose Room, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm for ***We are Called!*** a day retreat led by Sr. Rosemary O'Brien SSJ. Fee for the retreat is \$10.00 payable at the time of the event. **Reservations need to be made by Thursday, September 5, 2019 to Michele Inter at 814-824-1257 or [minter@eriercd.org](mailto:minter@eriercd.org).**

### 2019 Faith, Light and JOY Ministries Retreat

Join us!! You are invited to join the Faith, Light and JOY Ministries on Saturday, September 28, 2109 at Presque Isle Pavilion #3(enclosed pavilion by Waterworks) 301 Peninsula Drive from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for ***Be attitudes*** - a day retreat led by Steve and Vicky Washek. Fee for the retreat is \$10.00 payable at the time of the event. **Reservations need to be made by Friday, September 20, 219 to Michele Inter at 824-824-1257 or [minter@eriercd.org](mailto:minter@eriercd.org).**

### Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call the Deaf and Disabilities Director at 814-824-1257 or email at [d&dministry@erieRCD.org](mailto:d&dministry@erieRCD.org) for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) under Catholic Disability Ministries

## Advertiser of the Week:

We Thank & Welcome  
**Reeves Plumbing & Heating**  
814-459-0004

For advertising in the Parish bulletin

### Transitions: A Monthly Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th from 2-4 p.m. This month's topic is: **"Stress and Relaxation Chair Exercise."** Call 814-824-1265 or email: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) for more information. Visit us at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitons.html>

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory



# 3 Great Days Fun & Food & Drink



**Friday, September 13, 5 pm - 10:30 pm**  
**Saturday, September 14, 11 am - 10:30 pm**  
**Sunday, September 15, 11 am to 4 pm**



## Entertainment Highlights:

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## Great Food

Our Famous Irish-American Fusion Menu anchored by our own Guinness Stout and Cheddar Sauce. Have some on Irish Mac and Cheese, Irish Nachos, or a Paddy Melt. Plus all of your Irish Favorites—Reubens, Irish Stew, Shepherd's Pie, Rachels and more.

## Sports Tent

Catch all of your favorite games while enjoying our great pub grub!  
Sunday watch the Steelers, Browns, and Bills on our big screens.

## Great Irish Beverages

**Guinness**, Harp, Smithwicks! Irish Whiskey and Our Own Homemade Irish Cream Liqueur! And **Erie Brewing Company's Irish Red Ale**, brewed especially for the Festival and only available here!

*Free Admission, Free Parking, Rain or Shine, enter at 4th and French, downtown.  
[www.erieirishfestival.com](http://www.erieirishfestival.com) or visit us on Facebook.*