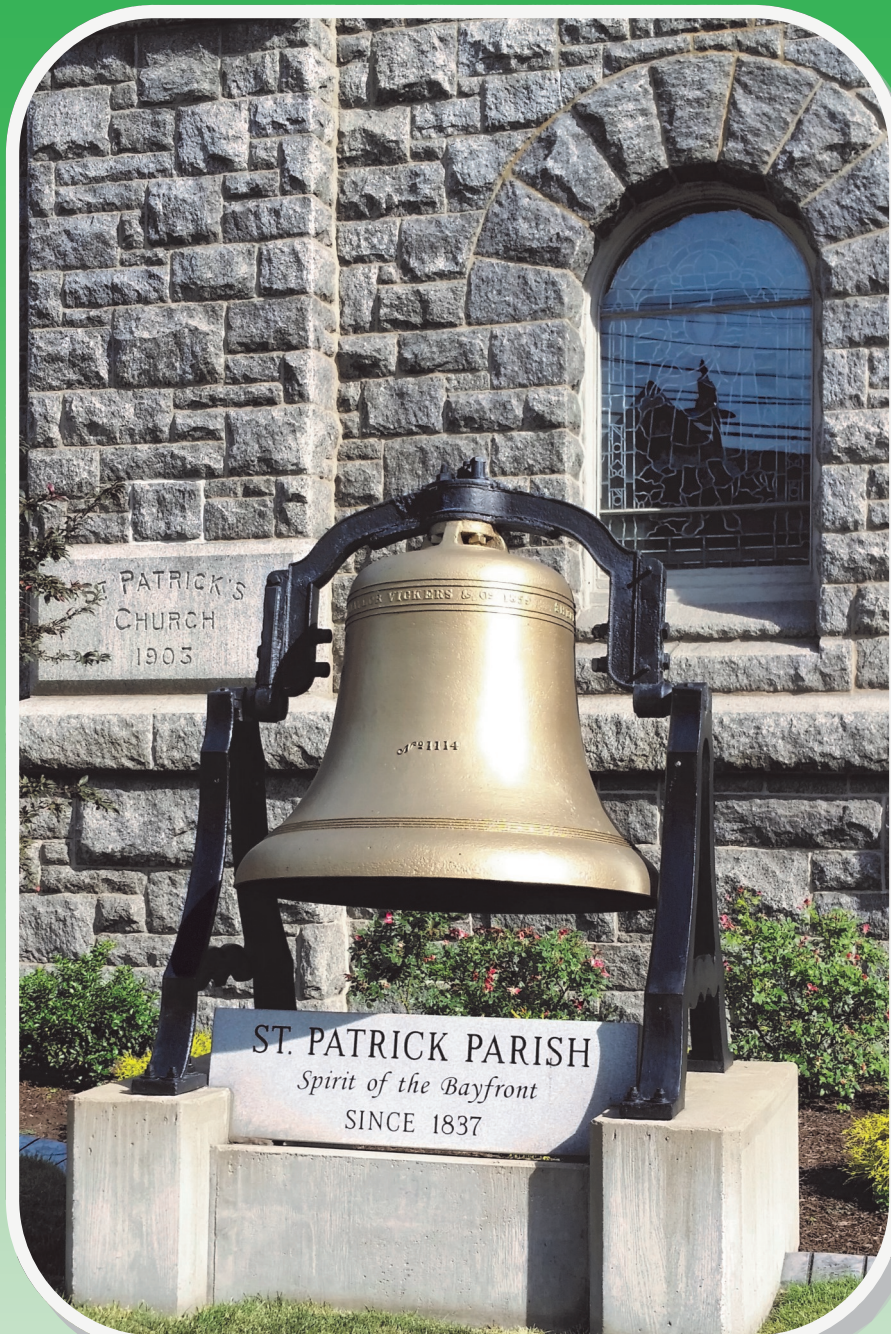


**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 3, 2017**



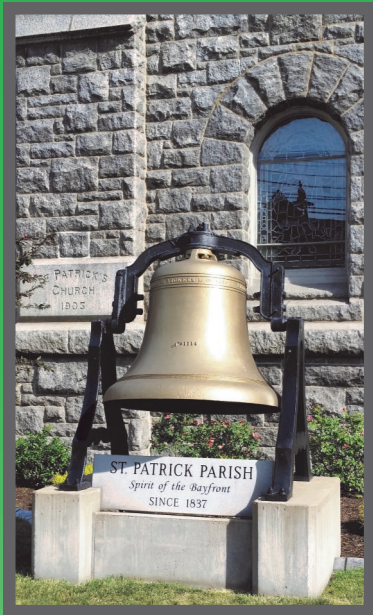
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jeremiah is an unwilling prophet to an unwilling audience. Today we hear him angry and filled with self-pity. As he shouts his lament before God he sees his life as a living example of the destruction he was called to preach. Jeremiah blames God and as angry as he is, he still can't stop being a prophet. The power of God's word overwhelms him; it is like fire burning within him, imprisoned in his very bones. Today's reading is only a brief portion of one of the six laments among Jeremiah's prophecies. As accusing as he is, it is significant that he continues to address all of his pain for God alone is the only one who can understand the depth of his grief and the only one who can rebuild prophet and people.

Today's brief passage from Romans is addressed to both Jews and Gentiles. Paul is signaling that their way of life is a response to God's mercy. The behavior that he is urging on them will guide them in living in accordance with the mercy that God has showered on them. He is telling them that their entire life must be a sacrifice to God. Paul says that their minds must be transformed so that they no longer conform to the limited way of thinking of this age. This transformation will enable them to discern God's will. More than simply a new understanding, this renewal of their minds is a participation in the newness of all creation in Christ.

After Simon Peter had identified Jesus as Messiah, Jesus begins to teach his disciples what kind of Messiah he is. They had expected the Messiah to give them power and a privileged place and, instead, he speaks to them of suffering and death. While most Jews of their time believed in a resurrection on the last day, they would have been totally confused at the notion of Jesus rising before the final conquering of evil. Peter, who had answered the question, "Who do you say that I am?" now expresses the concern in all of their minds. Peter is rebuking Jesus for thinking



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

that way. Jesus replies that Peter is not the rock he had earlier called him, but an obstacle, a stumbling stone put in someone's way to cause them to trip. Jesus tells Peter to get "behind him;" that is, he must follow Jesus, taking up his cross and following him.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Please note that there is no Mass nor Communion Service.

162,093 Catholics left the Church in Germany during 2016. 28.5% of Germans are Catholic and the Catholic population stands at 23,582,000, down from 27,522,000 in 1996. In addition, 537 parishes closed in 2016. Over the past decade, over 3,000 parishes have closed with the number declining from 13,329 to 10,280. In addition, Mass attendance is at 10%, baptisms declined from 259,313 in 1996 to 171,531 in 2016, the number of First Communions declined from 291,317 in 1996 to 176,297 last year, weddings fell from 79,453 to 43,610 and the number of funerals declined from 286,772 to 243,323.

An article in the official Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano* argues that the "main obstacle" to the reform work of Pope Francis is resistance among Catholic bishops and priests. "The clergy is holding the people back," wrote the author, a priest theologian from Florence. He argues that most lay Catholics have embraced the pope's vision for the church, but the pope's plans for reform are held back by the opposition of "a good part of the clergy, at levels high and low." He attributes the resistance among clerics to an "old horizon, the horizon of habitual practices" and the "modest cultural level" of many priests. Many priests do not truly understand the nature of faith, he said.

Our Irish festival is just two weeks away, and we really need your help. Since moving the festival from Rainbow Gardens to the streets around the church, the festival has grown in leaps and bounds. It's wonderful to see all of these people downtown and even more so the number of people who have never seen the interior of St. Patrick's Church and had no idea there is such a beautiful building in Erie. Because of that growth, we are desperately in need of volunteers. There

are a number of positions for the festival itself as well as a need for people to be inside the church while it is open to answer questions and explain what things are. Each docent is given a sheet of information about the church to refer to. There are cards in the vestibule of the church for you to complete if you are willing and able to volunteer. Please consider helping us.

On Thursday evening at 5:30 we will hold an Anointing Service in church. This is not a Mass, but a brief service which will open and close with a hymn, consist of a reading, general intercessions and individual anointing of people. There will be 5 priests here to anoint everyone: Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Msgr. Tom McSweeney, Fr. Tom Fialkowski, Father Michael DeMartinis and myself. The service will be over in a half hour. It is intended for elderly, for people who have health problems, etc. I hope you would consider participating in the service and take advantage of receiving this healing sacrament.

Take Me to Worship is an Erie County campaign to encourage regular, weekly participation in religious institutions. The data behind this initiative states that regular religious participation helps in many categories for children such as less violence, less drug and alcohol use, and less chance of suicide. From August 15 through October 30, there will be widespread publicity for this undertaking. In addition to the yard sign in front of the church, there are car decals near the bulletins in the back of church if anyone would like one.

A cab driver picked up a nun and she noticed that he kept looking at her in the rear view mirror. "Sister," he said, "I would like to ask a question but I don't want to embarrass you." "My child," she replied, "when you've been a nun as long as I have and as old as I am, nothing can embarrass me." "Well," he replied, "I've always dreamed of kissing a nun." "That can be done only if you're single and you're Catholic," she replied. "I am," he said. Sister said, "Pull into the next alley and we'll see." She gave him a kiss that would have blown anyone out of the block. As they started to drive, she noticed that the driver was crying. "Why are you crying?" asked the nun. "Forgive me sister, but I lied to you. I'm Jewish and I'm married," he said. "That's ok," said sister. "My name is Kevin and I'm on my way to a costume party."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,893.00
Online Giving	<u>1,359.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,252.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
Sean Sullivan Johnson and  
Theresa Carney Johnson  
from Richard Johnson 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:

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

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ♦ **George Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ♦ **Richard "Rick" Schenker** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Rob Vitron** from Dave & Karen Mead

**A donation made for all family and friends fighting health issues** from Steve & Ann Marie Scutella

**Special Thank You!!!  
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## 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](http://www.takemetoworship.org) or contact the Family Life Office with additional questions at 814-824-1261 or [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org).



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Bridgette Elizabeth Cromwell**  
daughter of  
Timothy & Meghan (Glassmacher) Cromwell  
who will be baptized  
after the 5:00 PM Liturgy

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, Saturday 9, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel

**CUP:** Kaleigh Hubert, Alex Vinesky

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

**Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds  
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

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

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello,  
Forrest Mischler

**CUP:** Dario Cipriani, Ed Brown

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

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.



*take me to*  
**worship**



12 DAYS TO THE 2017

## ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

Abby Lechner has been working very, very hard. As you know, she's in charge of the wee folk in the Leprechaun Village and herding leprechauns can be as difficult as herding cats, and just as noisy. Here's what she's done:

First, she found the pot of gold! She raised over \$3,000 in sponsorships, so all of her inspired children's activities are absolutely free of charge to absolutely all of the children who attend. Brava, Abby!

Then, she put together an incredible schedule of activities that are sure to delight even the most difficult to please leprechauns. An Irish Dress Up Selfie Station, Irish Arts and Crafts, Irish Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos, Instructions in Irish Dancing, Strolling Magicians, a Caricaturist, and an Irish Pinata. And it's all free of charge in the Leprechaun Village in the Holland Street side of the Dining Tent. Makes you wish you were a kid again!

But not quite, because if you were a kid again, you couldn't sample all of the wonderful Irish offerings in our Pub Tent, sponsored this year by PSB Industries. We got your Guinness, we got your Harp, your Smithwicks, our Irish Red Ale (only here, folks, no where else), your Jameson & Tullamore & Teachers & more, your incredibly smooth homemade Irish Cream, your rich and steamy Irish Coffee, and for those of you who are untempted by all of this, we have a variety of tasty wines as well.

And our Sports Bar, sponsored again by the good folks at U Pick 6, will have that great pub grub menu—this year with their own dedicated Reuben/Rachel maker. So while you're watching the Fighting Irish, you can sup on a fresh, hot, delicious Reuben, or a Guinness Beer Cheese Dog with Corned Beef!

And wander into the dining tent, sponsored again by those great folks at OB/GYN Associates of Erie, and sample our great Irish-American Fusion menu.

And the entertainment we have lined up in our Mercyhurst University Stage Tent! It will blow you away. Your hands will be sore from clapping.

So bring some extra bucks to church next week, September 9 and 10, when we have our first ever advance ticket sale—buy them now and skip the lines at the festival.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckyjkj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckyjkj@neo.rr.com). You can never have enough tickets at the Erie Irish Festival.

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sept. 2** *Saturday, Vigil: 22<sup>nd</sup> 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)
- Sept. 4** *Monday, Labor Day*  
Office Closed  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sept. 5** *Tuesday, blessed Teresa of Calcutta*  
8:00 AM KATHY MASOLOTTE (TOM & LINDA MISH)
- Sept. 6** *Wednesday, Weekday*  
8:00 AM BERNADINE ZDUNSKI  
(BOB & MARY LOU MARACCI)
- Sept. 7** *Thursday, Weekday*  
8:00 AM CAROL JEAN PORTENIER (STEVE QUINN)
- Sept. 8** *Friday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sept. 9** *Saturday, Vigil: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00 PM EDWARD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)
- Sept. 10** *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary*  
8:00 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI  
(Q GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)  
10:30 AM MARY JUAN FEDORKO (SR. MARIE)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 09/02** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/04** **Labor Day—Church & Office Closed**
- 09/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 09/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 09/09** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/10** 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 - Holy Rosary  
1:00 PM Confirmation candidates, Parents and  
Sponsors - Holy Rosary

### **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.

**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.

# Saint Patrick Parish Financial Report

2016/17

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>INCOME</b>			
Offertory	472,413	425,000	47,413
Bequests	-	-	-
Special Gifts	39,913	5,000	34,913
Investment Income	7,733	2,000	5,733
Capital Fund Drive	140,371	120,000	20,371
Parish Activities	29,960	25,000	4,960
Other	10,007	14,000	(3,993)
CSA Surplus remaining in parish	43,915	55,000	(11,086)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>744,311</b>	<b>646,000</b>	<b>98,311</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries—clergy	33,420	36,080	(2,660)
Benefits—clergy	19,698	13,600	6,098
Salaries—employees	155,192	146,000	9,192
Benefits--employees	29,328	28,000	1,328
Rectory expense	8,481	7,500	981
Office expense	23,680	25,000	(1,320)
Altar, sanctuary, liturgical	17,686	15,000	2,686
Plant maintenance and repair	33,374	25,000	8,374
Utilities	42,169	35,000	7,169
Insurance and real estate taxes	31,148	31,000	148
Parish Activities	16,234	15,000	1,234
Diocesan Assessment	26,310	26,310	
Catholic School Assessment	59,994	59,994	
Religious Education Salaries	17,751	35,502	17,751
Religious Education—other	2,036	200	1,836
Other	6,800	2,500	4,300
Total Operating Expenses	523,301	501,686	21,615
Extraordinary repairs	91,253	-	91,253
Loan interest	3,217	6,000	(2,783)
Capital Expenditures	94,470	6,000	88,470
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>617,771</b>	<b>507,686</b>	<b>110,085</b>
Loan principal payments	170,000		(170,000)
<b>INCOME LESS PAID EXPENSES</b>	<b>126,540</b>	<b>138,314</b>	<b>( 11,774)</b>
<b>Ending financial status</b>	<b>199,107</b>		
<b>Beginning financial status</b>	<b>81,674</b>		
<b>FISCAL YEAR NET INCOME</b>	<b>117,433</b>		



## Saint Patrick Parish Spiritual Report

Average Yearly Offering per contributing households	\$784.00
Registered ACTIVE households	904
Baptisms	56
First Communions	10
Confirmations	26
Marriages	27
Anointing of the sick	21
Students enrolled in Religious Education classes	57
Eastside Religious Ed	6
Other parishes	51
Deaths	32
Parishioners	12
Non-parishioners	20
Cremations	16
Eucharistic Ministers	23
Music Ministry	16
Lectors	18
Ushers & Greeters	28
Altar Servers	6

## 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

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