

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019



The Coronation
of St. Patrick
Stained Glass Window
photo by
Tom Golab

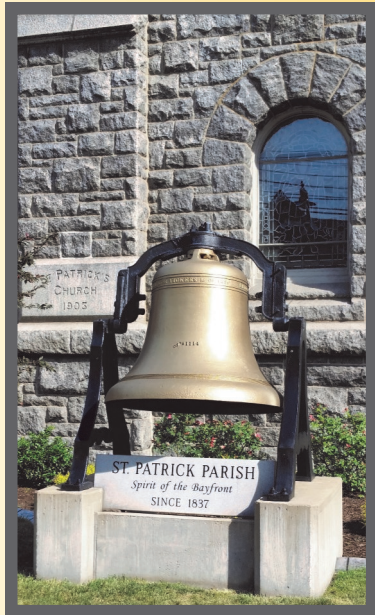
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Book of Wisdom, though written by an unknown author, presents its teachings as if the why King Solomon is speaking. Today's reading is from the prayer in which Solomon asks God, "Give me wisdom." He makes this request so that he can always know what God wants of him. After citing the problems of our trying to understand our world, he asks who can know God's counsel. The answer: only those to whom God has given wisdom through the Holy Spirit. This spirit, not yet understood as the Holy Spirit of Christian tradition, is at least a foreshadowing. This spirit guides the wise on their path.

While Paul was in prison, a runaway slave named Onesimus came to Paul. Fleeing his master leaves him subject to severe punishment. Paul writes to his master, Philemon, on Onesimus' behalf. Today's letter is the shortest book in the Scriptures. It appears that Paul had baptized Onesimus and portrays him as "my child." Paul is subtly urging Philomen to see Onesimus as Paul sees him: a beloved brother. While Paul may not be advocating the legal release of Onesimus, he certainly is pointing to the new relationship that they will have. At the conclusion of the letter, Paul says Philomen should welcome Onesimus as he would welcome Paul.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem, great crowds are traveling with him. In addition to his disciples, it appears the crowds include the curious, the sick eager for healing and opponents who listen in the hope of accusing him. Whatever their motives, Jesus explains the cost of following him. While the first requirement (renouncing family) seems harsh, Jesus is merely using a Semitic idiom, meaning that disciples should show an unwavering preference for Jesus above all others. The second requirement is to carry one's cross and follow Jesus. The two parables stress the necessity of being equipped to bring the project to completion. The third condition notes that a good

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

disciple chooses Jesus over human relationships, the possession of material goods and positions of honor and power.

Next weekend is our Irish Festival and it is a great opportunity to meet and get to know other parishioners. We have grown in the past ten years from 191 active families to over a thousand and so it's difficult to know everyone. By either volunteering or attending, you can get to know some of your fellow parishioners. And remember—it's not too late to volunteer. I know the weekend is a little hectic with the Masses, etc. and I appreciate your patience.

Continuing a trend, the Catholic Church in Germany saw a significant drop in membership this past year, losing 216,078 members. Protestant churches saw a similar drop with 220,000 members leaving in the same time period. Priestly ordinations have also plummeted. In 2005, 122 diocesan priests were ordained. Ten years later, just 58 men were ordained priests. Some 53% of the country's population remains either Catholic or Protestant with more than 20 million members. However, a study by the University of Freiburg predicted that membership in both churches will be cut in half by 2060, dropping from a combined total of 45 million currently to below 23 million in the next 40 years. German law collects an automatic income tax of up to 9% of church members. In 2017, the Church tax generated \$13.5 billion which was distributed to church groups in the country. Taxpayers have the option of opting out of the tax payment by notifying state authorities that they have left the religious group in which they enrolled. The once overwhelmingly Catholic Bavaria now sees Mass attendance at 11.5 percent. Out of its 27.4 million faithful in 1997, the German church has now lost more than six million in the space of ten years.

Moves by several German bishops have led to tensions with the Vatican, in particular to the reception of communion by Protestants who are married to Catholics (now established practice in several dioceses), along with the reception of the Eucharist by divorced and remarried Catholics. The German bishops have also committed themselves to a Synod with the Laity and say they will abide by its findings. Among the topics are the

ordination of women, priestly celibacy, etc.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Jason Mitchell, a member of the faculty at Gannon University and weekend assistant at the cathedral. A group of 44 of us are on a trip to Montreal and Quebec City and will return on Tuesday.

The U. S. Bishops' Conference have issued a statement condemning the divisive, hateful rhetoric that is floating in America today. "The tragic loss of life of 22 people...in El Paso demonstrates that hate-filled rhetoric and ideas can become the motivation for some to commit acts of violence," reads the statement. "The anti-immigration, anti-refugee, anti-Muslim, and anti-Semitic sentiments that have been publicly proclaimed in our society in recent years have incited hatred."

We have finished restoring the side porch on the rectory. Over the years that area became a dumping ground and was filled with everything under the sun. In the original house (built in 1915), it was an open porch. There were no windows until around 1950 when it was enclosed. We now have a new entrance to that porch which requires visitors to ring the doorbell. The office staff can then see who is at the door from their desk via a camera and can also speak to the visitor. They then can buzz the visitor in. This provides us with more convenience rather than the office staff having to get up to answer the door as well as added security.

A man was watching his wife who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she would like for the big day. "I'd like to be eight again," she said. On the morning of her birthday, he rose early, made her a big bowl of Coco Pops and then took her to Adventure World Theme Park. He put her on every ride in the park. Five hours later her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a happy meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn and a soda. Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed. He leaned over her with a big smile and asked, "Well, dear, what was it like being eight again?" Her eyes slowly opened and she said, "I meant my dress size, you idiot!" The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is going to get it wrong.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for August 31/September 1, 2019 will be reported in the September 14/15 bulletin.

Next weekend is the 2019 **Catholic Education Collection**. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

50% of the collection will remain in the parish to provide funds for parish religious education and faith formation activities.

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 Mathew Wachter in honor of **Harold & Jeanne Bender's 50th Wedding Anniversary**

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Edward & Ione McMillin** from James & Jamie Antoun
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Mark & Eileen Behringer
- ♦ **Bernie Graf, Jim & MaryAnn Mahoney, Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Patrick Chandley** from Don & Barb Chandley
- ♦ **Barb Coughlin** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich
- ♦ **Joe DeAngelo** from Jim & Kathy Sertz
- ♦ **Ray Sullivan** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Bess Brennan** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **John "Fuzzy" Firman** from John & Rosemary Yokoff

Also donations from:

Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Ellen Brown, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Geoffrey Gloekler, John Godish, Dennis & Danna Hartwig, Kathleen Horan, Kathleen MacMurphy, Arlene Piskor, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, Theresa Rotunda, and Tony & Jan Scicchitano

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Edward Angelotti
from Dave & Joan Heubel*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz,
Ray Fiorelli, James Salter

CUP: Kay Mannino, Vickie Lampe

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

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

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Dan Bergell

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

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

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Luke Gilmore

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Luke Gilmore, Kathleen Pae, Colleen Welch,
Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

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

A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish

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

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)

Sept. 9 *Monday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 10 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 11 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 12 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 13 *Friday, Saint John Chrysostom,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 14 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM OWEN PETER SEGARRA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(MINARCIK FAMILY)

Sept. 15 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (FAMILY)

5 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 THE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That's right, ordinary time is over! In 5 days
EXTRAORDINARY TIME begins.

But you'll still be in Ordinary Time if you're sitting home alone, and we'll miss you. It's only extraordinary if you attend. We designed the 2019 Erie Irish Festival specifically for YOU—it would be a shame if you missed it. So, if you don't come, you know everyone there will just be standing around waiting for you show up to get the party rolling.

You know how everyone says the best thing about Ireland is how friendly and welcoming everyone is? Well, for a few precious days only, you can find a little bit of Ireland between French and Holland, and everyone will be friendly and welcoming, and you'll feel just like you're in Ireland. Without the jet lag.

To all of our many, many new families: You joined the church, now join the church community. This is the one time each year when the whole parish, all of us—the Saturday mass-goers and the Sunday mass-goers, the people in the pews on the left and the people in the pews on the right (and those odd choir loft people) all show up in the same place at the same time for one big party! And we invite everyone else in the city to join us. Talk about community!

Enough said. So plan to arrive early and get a jump on the crowds—there will be crowds because this is the best festival in Erie! We'll see you Fryday (Fish and Chips Fryday!). And Saturday, and Sunday. Don't miss a minute. And bring the kids, and the old folks, and the middle aged folks, and, well, just bring everyone.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair. This year's festival is going to be amazing—we guarantee it.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/07 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/10 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/11 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/13-09/15 **Erie Irish Festival**

09/15 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspicions of child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese is also committed to the yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To read the policy and see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit

<https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>

Marriage Moments—

September 11 took most people by surprise (as did the recent shooting in Dayton and El Paso). You don't know the time or the place your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love.

Hi Friends & St. Pat's Parishioners!

I hope this message find you well! As you know, the annual Erie Irish Festival is quickly approaching- the weekend of September 13-15. We continue to make efforts to expand the offerings for children (toddlers through tweens) throughout the weekend. For the past several years, you have all helped to make "Leprechaun Village" very exciting for the children who visit the Festival- thank you!!

Once again, I am working to secure sponsors, entertainers/vendors & volunteers. As St. Pat's parishioners with children (and grandchildren), I am reaching out to you for some assistance. If you, your business, or someone you know might be interested in being a "Leprechaun Village" sponsor and/or volunteer, please let me know... we are most appreciative of any assistance. Sponsors will receive signage & verbal recognition throughout the Festival weekend, as well as acknowledgements on social media.

The entertainment secured to date includes:

◆ **Caricatures (\$350)**

Talented local artist, Bryan Toy, will create his famous caricatures for children & adults on Friday & Saturday evenings.

◆ **Irish Arts & Crafts (\$150)**

We will provide several, Irish-themed craft projects for children to create throughout the entire weekend.

◆ **Irish Selfie Station (\$150)**

The Leprechaun Village will supply Irish accessories & a selfie stick throughout the weekend for Festival-goers to take photos & post on social media.

◆ **Face Painting (\$375)**

Local artist, Connie Nelson will paint little faces on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

◆ **Glitter Tattoos (\$375)**

Miss Erin will be back to share her tattooing talents, with an Irish spin!

◆ **Magic Steve (\$500)**

Back by very popular demand, local balloon artist & magician, "Magic Steve" is scheduled to perform from 2-7PM on Saturday.

◆ **Sno-Cones (\$300)**

Something new this year (and hopefully I won't regret it!!), we have rented a sno-cone machine and will offer free sno-cones! We'll pass out "coupons" to anyone under 13 years old, while supplies last.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Also, if you have any suggestions of additional parishioners whom I should contact, please share them :)

I look forward to seeing you & your beautiful families at the Festival in a few weeks!

Many thanks,
Abby



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

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:

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 4th. **Saturday:** **Emerald Isle** will be playing music for an Irish Wake, **Celtic Moon** will reprise their Irish Polka Party, and at 7:00 we'll be treated to **One: The U2 Experience**, followed by the **Wild Geese**. **Sunday:** The **John Byrne Band** returns to do their incredible take on traditional Irish music followed by Erie's own, **Bangerzz**.

*And throughout the weekend, the **Rince Na Tiarna** and **Long's School of Irish Dance** dancers will beguile us with their footwork.*

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 or visit us on Facebook.*