

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018



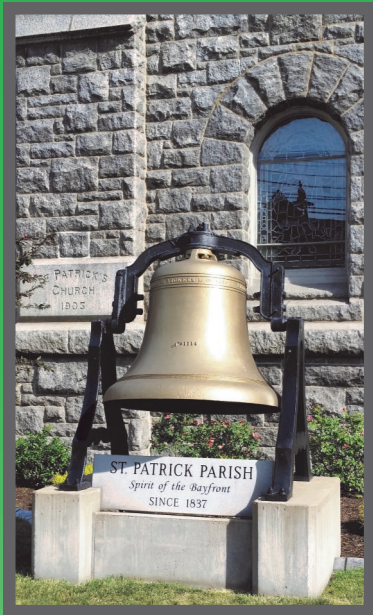
Saint Patrick Parish

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:

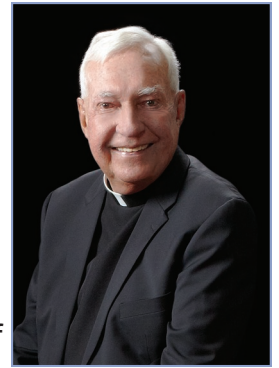
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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. After depicting the destruction of God's enemies in the previous chapter, Isaiah now delivers a message of consolation. Suffering and setback will be followed by salvation as Isaiah presents a vision of Jerusalem restored. The rejoicing of the people will be reflected in healing the deaf and lame. The prophet announces the transformation of our reality that seems tired and resistant to change: light to blind eyes, renewed energy to the worn out, athletic forces to lame legs, sound to deaf ears and songs from the mute.

The Letter of James is found only in the Catholic bible; none of the Protestant versions include it. Today James is insisting on practice of the faith; faith simply has no meaning if it is not put into practice. Incidents had arisen in the early Christian communities that prompted this topic: discrimination of persons on the basis of social rank. Such distinctions are not compatible with the life of faith. Both Jewish law and the Gospel condemn such discrimination. James recalls the church's predilection for the poor. The Christian community has no room for favoritism based on status or wealth.

Throughout the gospel, Jesus generally moves in a region where people believe in one God. He and the disciples travel through Galilee, curing the sick and expelling demons. But on one occasion, recounted today, Jesus travels to a region that is deaf to the gospel, the northern region of Tyre, passing through Sidon and through the Decapolis, regions that abound in idolatry. It is in this hostile region that Jesus meets the deaf and the dumb. Salvation in Jesus makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak—an allusion to Isaiah's message in the first reading. The acclamation of the crowd shows that they recognize the fulfillment of what was expected of the Messiah. This is the third time that Mark records Jesus telling people not to tell anyone about a healing. The first was a leper, then the resuscitation of a little

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

girl, and now the deaf-mute. The fourth time will be the healing of the blind man. The silence he imposes is a reminder that his mission is to be understood not on the basis of miracles, but in the light of his passion, death and resurrection. Two obstacles to discipleship are the inability to listen and to speak. Grace makes us ready to hear and understand the gospel, and Jesus empowers us to testify to the message by word and action.

A new option for IRA owners that are 70 1/2 and required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA. The new change is called a QCD or Qualified Charitable Distribution. The new change permits IRA owners to make charitable distributions and not have to pay income tax on the RMD on their federal tax return. If you are a high-income individual with more than \$250,000 of AGI, you would get the full tax reduction at your highest tax bracket on the RMD plus, you could save 3.8% medicare tax on interest, dividends, capital gains or rents and royalties. Talk to your accountant for a fuller explanation.

Next weekend's second collection will be the annual Catholic Education collection. Fifty percent of the collection remains in the parish to provide funds for Religious Ed and to help us pay our assessment for Catholic schools which is \$84,000 this year. The half that goes to the diocese helps fund the educational endowment in the Catholic Foundation.

Next weekend will be a bit hectic around here as our annual Irish Festival will be underway. I ask that you be patient with the interruptions but the Festival brings thousands of people into our neighborhood.

I also hope you will attend and support the festival, and even more important, volunteer to help us. This festival has grown in leaps and bounds since we moved it downtown and we need all the help we can get. It is so nice to see so many people in downtown Erie, and also to hear the oohs and aahs of people as they see the interior of St. Patrick's Church for the first time. I'm amazed at how many people never knew we had such a beautiful building in Erie and one of the advantages of having the festival here is that we

can showcase the building. We have a number of volunteers who, under the direction of Ken Daub, explain the church to visitors. We're hoping that enough of the pipe organ is put together that Mark Alloway will be able to play it for people to hear.

While there has been a sharp decline in religion in the United States, with mainline Protestant churches seeing the greatest drop in the past 15 years, there is amazing growth in Catholic parishes in the southeast. Studies indicate that the growth is coming from a boom in the Hispanic population and the southern migration of Catholic retirees and families from the Northeast. St. Gregory Catholic Church in Bluffton, SC is a clear example of what is happening. The congregation grew by 70 percent in just ten years and now claims 10,000 registered families. Hispanics made up about 40 percent of the church in the United States with an especially large representation of young people and young adults. Fifty percent of Catholics ages 14 to 29 are Hispanic and 55 percent of Catholics under the age of 14 are Hispanic. Seminarians in these southern dioceses are now required to be fluent in both English and Spanish.

A new study on young people and religion in Europe reveals that 12 out of the 21 European countries, plus Israel, reveals that most young people say they have no religion. The figure rises to 91 percent in the Czech Republic. In France, for example, 64 percent of young people declared themselves to be without a religion compared with 23 percent who said they were Catholic and ten percent who were Muslim. The figures are highest in the former Communist countries.

A pirate is talking with the new cabin boy. "How did you lose your leg?" asks the boy. "We was sailing the high seas when a squall blows up and knocks me into the sea," says the pirate. "That's when the shark got my leg." "And how did you lose your hand?" asks the boy. "We was out collecting fresh water from a stream when a crocodile bit it off," said the pirate. "And how did you lose your eye?" asked the boy. "I was on deck one evening when a seagull pooped in my face," says the pirate. "Are you telling me you were blinded by seagull crap?" asks the boy. "No," replies the pirate, "you see it was my first day with me new hook."



Saint Patrick News



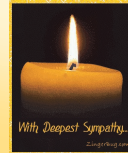
Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for September 2, 2018 will be published in the September 16, 2018 bulletin.

Thank You!

Catholic Education Collection—

Next weekend is the 2018 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.



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Mark Bukowski** who recently passed away.

Welcome New Parishioners

Lawrence & Judy Jobes

Maura Jobes

Joseph & Lucy Walach

Daniel & Tara Zack

Michael & LaVaughn Buchanan

Dale & Amy Nichilo

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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Rob Vitron** from Bobbie Vitron.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Tom Cook** from Candy Bukowski
- ♦ **James Aquino** from Marci Honard
- ♦ **Thomas F. Costello & I. Allan McCreadie** from Charles & Deborah McCreadie
- ♦ **Mary A. Pontoriero** from William & Carolyn McQuaide
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Ray Sullivan** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Donations also made by:

Joseph & Prudence Artello, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Donald & Patricia Gehrlein, James & Linda Gehrlein, Mark & Annette Rennie and Mark & Barbara Sargent

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino, Roseanne Brown*

CUP: *Anne Scutella, Steve Scutella*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *needed*

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joe Schneider*

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

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Ryan Palm, Kathleen Pae, Michele Wheaton*

CUP: *Ed Smith, Patty Jackson*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *needed*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,*

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.



A Family Perspective—

Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 8 *Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM EDWARD ANGELOTTI (HEUBEL FAMILY)

Sept. 9 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PRO POULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONER'S OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM NANCY CRUNK (CORTES FAMILY)

Sept. 10 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

Sept. 11 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM EDWARD M. HEUBEL (DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

Sept. 12 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM TOM COOK (BOB LAFARO)

Sept. 13 *Thursday, Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JENNY SERAFINI (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

Sept. 14 *Friday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 15 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM RUTH GRAY (FAMILY)

Sept. 16 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM BILLY ALEX (TERRY AMON)

10:30 AM THOMAS PETERSON (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/11 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

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

09/14-09/16 Erie Irish Festival—St.P

The Irish Cultural Society of Erie County

is erecting a monument in the garden on the east side of St. Patrick Church in honor of all immigrants from Erie county.



We invite all parishioners to celebrate their own heritage. Donor's names will be inscribed in the cobblestone which will encircle the Celtic cross.

If interested in sponsoring a cobblestone, please contact Donna (453-5978), Eileen (866-1096) or Kathleen (864-0375).



**Erie Irish Festival
Vacation for 2 to Ireland**
Raffle Tickets will be sold in the back of
the Church at Masses this weekend

\$5 each or 3 for \$10



5 DAYS TO THE 2018 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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 2018 Erie Irish Festival especially for **YOU** (Yes, you, don't look around that pew, we're talking to 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 Ireland on 4th Street 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. Or driving on the wrong side of the road.

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, the middle folks (and even 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. We'll see you Fryday (Fish and Chips Fryday!). And Saturday, and Sunday. Don't miss a minute. It's going to be incredible, but only if you are there.

Gary Johnson. I wouldn't miss this for the world. This year's festival is going to be amazing—we guarantee it.



Neighborhood Art House to host fundraising event

The children of the Neighborhood Art House, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, welcome the public to the 2018 "Taste of the Arts" event at 201 E. 10th St., Erie, **Sept. 11** at 5 p.m. All proceeds fund the after-school and summer arts programs for inner-city youth. For more details and to register, visit www.neighborhoodarthouse.org/.



Learn about the Alpha program at Sacred Heart Church

Explore and/or deepen your understanding of the Christian faith by attending "Taste of Alpha" at Sacred Heart Church, 816 W. 26th St., Erie, on **Sept. 11** at 6:15 p.m. Alpha typically includes a dinner and discussion in a relaxed and friendly setting. There is no cost, no pressure and no one will call you if you choose not to continue with Alpha. To find out more, check the Sacred Heart website at www.sacredhearterie.org. To register, contact Sister Ricarda Vincent, SSJ, at rvincenterie@gmail.com or at 814-456-6256.

ECSS to hold All-American Classic Auto Show

Save the date for the Erie Catholic School System's All-American Classic Auto Show **Sept. 29** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. This event is sponsored by GTS Classic Motors, with proceeds benefiting the Erie Catholic Education Fund that supports families that need tuition assistance. More information and sponsorship and donation opportunities can be found at www.eriecatholic.org/advancement/all-american-classic-auto-show.



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MSGR. KRIEGL'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** 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

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
SPOUSE _____	BIRTHDATE: _____
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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 14, 5:00 to 11:00
Saturday, September 15, 11:00 to 11:00
Sunday, September 16, 11:00 to 5:00

Great Entertainment

Erie's First and Only Irish Polka Party
with *Celtic Moon*

Plus Irish Pierogi and Irish Vodka—Saturday Only

Pittsburgh's Hottest Irish Band Returns

Corned Beef and Curry for 2 shows!

Ohio Trad Band *Ballinloch*

Perennial Pub Favorites *County Mayo*

And so much more!

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.

Friday Night Only Harp Battered Fish and Chips with Fresh Local Sweet Corn!

Sports Bar

Catch all of your favorite games while enjoying our great pub grub!
Sunday watch the Steelers, Browns, and Bills on our big screens and
get \$1.00 off our Irish Red or Bayfront Blonde Ale.

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.