

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017



St. Patrick Church
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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. God speaks directly to Ezekiel, "You, son of man." As a son of man, the prophet is a weak human being who shares in human suffering. Along with the other Jews, he is exiled to Babylon and is in his own place of humiliation, Ezekiel preaches his dramatic, often disturbing message. He also serves as a mediator between God and the people, and is in some way a representative of the whole nation. In today's passage, God reaffirms his prophetic call and assigns him the role of watchman. A sentinel looks out over the city and warns people of impending danger, whether from inside or outside the city walls. Today he must pass on the warning that comes from God. If he fails to warn them, Ezekiel himself will be responsible for their death. He is not responsible, however, if they refuse to heed his message. The people are asked to listen, repent and receive God's blessing.

In last Sunday's reading from Romans, Paul tells the people to offer their entire lives in sacrifice. He continues that today by giving specific examples of behavior that flow from a sacrificial life and he summarizes it in one word: love. Both Jesus and Paul cite Leviticus 19:18 regarding loving our neighbor as ourselves. The great Rabbi Hillel (70 AD) had a similar insight: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor: that is the whole Torah, while the rest is commentary on it. Love is the essence of the Law and of life in Christ.

Today's gospel is taken from Jesus' discourse on the Church as he explains a means of reconciling when one member of the community has sinned against another. The three-step process that Jesus recommends has roots in Judaism. In the Torah, reproving a fellow Israelite is a sign of love and keeps resentment from growing between them. If such a correction is unsuccessful, bringing in one or two witnesses is the next step, keeping the division as private as possible. This shows respect for the erring person and keeps

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the disagreement from spreading throughout the community. Only if these efforts fail is the whole group brought in.

The parish is grateful to the late Isabelle Weber for a bequest in her estate of \$10,000 to St. Patrick's Parish. The bequest states that the principal cannot be spent but must be invested and we can use any proceeds. One thousand dollars of the bequest must go for Masses and the remaining \$9,000 invested. Finance Council voted to place the money in our account with the Catholic Foundation.

UPMC Hamot no longer has a Catholic chaplain, so if you are going to that hospital for serious medical reasons, please contact me and I will be more than happy to give you the sacrament of the sick. If you would like me to visit you while you are in the hospital, please call the parish office and let us know that you or a family member is a patient there and I will be happy to visit. The same is true if someone would like to be anointed and receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Several of you have asked to be kept informed if we have a trip coming up. May 8-19, 2018 we are doing a trip to Italy which includes 2 days in Rome, 3 days in Sorrento and 5 days in Sicily. Air, hotels, transportation, etc. included. A complete itinerary and costs involved are available through the rectory office.

Next weekend will be chaos around here, but a lot of fun chaos with our annual Irish Festival. East Fourth Street will be partially blocked off in front of the church as will the east parking lots. I hope you'll stop down and take advantage of the event. A lot of hard work has gone into it, and I hope you'll support it. We can still use additional volunteers — in any category. Just call the parish office and we'll be glad to accommodate you. We also need some docents to be in church during the hours that the church is open. There is a cheat sheet for you with all of the information about the church so that you can share it with visitors. Each year I'm amazed at the number of people who go into the building and have never seen it before and had no idea there was such a beautiful building in Erie. Our hats go off to Gary and Becky Johnson for chairing the festival again

this year.

During the month of July, our Food Pantry served 412 families including 220 children and 20 elderly people. The total cost to the parish was \$566.63, all of which has been covered by your generous support of the Food Pantry.

A recent report reveals that Iceland has only two Downs syndrome children. Why? Because starting in 2002, that country instituted a test for pregnant mothers which will determine if a child is to be born with Downs syndrome. And one hundred percent of babies diagnosed with Downs syndrome prenatally are aborted.

A friend of mine is downsizing and has a beautiful 13' x 20' oriental carpet which will not fit in his new condo. The rectory dining room is 15' x 23', and he has graciously donated the carpet to the rectory for use in that room. If you're in the rectory sometime, please stop in the dining room and see it. It is an absolutely beautiful carpet.

On the first day God created the dog and said, "Sit all day and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this I will give you a life span of 20 years." The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." And God saw that it was good. On the second day, he created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks and make them laugh and for this I'll give you a 20 year life span." "That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did." And God saw that it was good. On the third day, God created the cow and said "Go into the field all day, suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to the farmer and for this I will give you sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life, how about twenty years and I'll give you back the other forty." And God saw that it was good. On the fourth day, God created humans and said, "'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life and I'll give you twenty years." But the human said, "Only twenty? The others gave you back 80 years, why can't I have those?" "Okay," said God. And that is why for the first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next 40, we slave in support of our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren and for the last ten years, we sit on the porch and bark at everyone.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines, the Offertory Collection for September 3rd and September 10th will be published in the September 17th bulletin.

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:

- ♦ **Robert Romecki** from Mr. & Mrs. David Stephany, Julie Cicero, Mary Jane Wierzchowski, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Morane, Mr. & Mrs. John Morane, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Morane, Susan Tibbits, James & Karan Bomba, John Hromyak, John & Deborah Hromyak, Thomas Moravek, Nancy Pace, Allen & Christine Starr, Joan Dramble, and Kevin & Tina Ford

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Joe & Heather Kimball, Christopher & Cynthia Mack, Pierre & Kathy McCormick and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

**Special Thank You!!!
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Catholic Education Collection—September 16-17

A message from Fr. Nicholas Rouch, Vicar for Education: *"Bishop Persico recently emphasized the value of lifelong formation in faith. After addressing parishes and schools in our pastoral planning process, it is now time to develop and encourage creative initiatives in faith formation. As we embark on a new school year, I hope you will renew your appreciation for all the ways our Church forms us in faith. This includes, of course, our children but also each of us on our own faith journey. We honor those who dedicate their time and talent as teachers and catechists. They help the Word of God come alive in the minds and hearts of children and adults. Next Sunday is our opportunity to support this work by contributing to the annual Catholic Education Collection. This collection funds many important educational and formation efforts in our parishes and Diocese. In fact, half of the collection stays in each parish to support local educational ministries. The other half supports the diocesan Education and Formation Endowments which have assisted almost every parish and school of the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity in the past and for prayerfully considering a generous contribution next weekend."*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Beth Pinto, Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

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

Sunday, September 17, 2017 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 17, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Charla Leemhuis, Tim Scully

CUP: Kathleen Pae, Colleen Welch

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.

The Food Pantry in need of diapers, sizes 4 & 5.

They can be dropped off at all Masses and left in the vestibule. Thank you !!!



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. 9 *Saturday, Vigil: 23rd 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)

Sept. 11 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ANNE DONNERLBERGER

(CHERYL, MIKE, & KERI STEPHANY)

Sept. 12 *Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 AM MASS

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

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

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

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

Sept. 15 *Friday, Our lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 16 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MARIAN J. TOTH (ROBERT & DIANE BOEH)

Sept. 17 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM HELEN LARocca, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM ROSE GORZYNSKI (FRAN & RON RECTENWALD)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/09	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
09/10	1:00 PM	Faith Formation 7 - 10—Holy Rosary
	1:00 PM	Confirmation Candidates, Parents and Sponsors - Holy Rosary
09/12	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
09/13	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
09/15-09/17		Erie Irish Festival
09/16	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
09/17	1:00 PM	Faith Formation K-6—Holy Rosary

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

If anyone knows of a friend or family member living in a nursing facility, assisted living center or a shut-in that would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish office at 454-8085



5 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
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 2017 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 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 city to join us. Talk about community!

Enough said. **Buy your tickets after mass today** and get a jump on the crowds—there will be crowds. And we'll see you Fryday (Fish and Chips Fryday!). And Saturday, and Sunday. Don't miss a minute.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. This year's festival is going to be amazing—we guarantee it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—

Volunteers are still 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.

3 Great Days Fun & Food & Drink



St. Patrick Church

Friday, September 15, 5:00 to 11:00
Saturday, September 16, 11:00 to 11:00
Sunday, September 17, 11:00 to 5:00



Great Entertainment

Pittsburgh's Hottest Irish Band, *Corned Beef and Curry* Return for 2 Shows.

Dublin Native, John Byrne and his Band.
Irish Comedian Sean Finnerty.

Acoustic Lunch with Mo Chairde,
Plus Erie's Own Bangerzz and Celtic Creek,
Irish Step Dancing and Magic.

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 new pub grub menu!

Sunday watch the Steelers or 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.



ADVANCED TICKET SALES

MENU ITEM PRICES



FOOD

Reuben or Rachel & Chips.....	9 Tickets
Grilled Swiss on rye with or w/o sauerkraut .	4 Tickets
Fries.....	2 Tickets
Guinness Beer Cheese (GBC) Fries.....	4 Tickets
Corned Beef & GBC Fries.....	6 Tickets
Irish Stew.....	5 Tickets
Potato Soup.....	3 Tickets
Shepherd's Pie.....	9 Tickets
Just Mac & Cheese.....	3 Tickets
With a Sliced Hot Dog.....	4 Tickets
With Corned Beef.....	6 Tickets
Paddy Melt.....	7 Tickets
Big Shillelagh Reuben Burger.....	12 Tickets
Hot Dog.....	2 Tickets
Corned Beef & Cheese Dog.....	5 Tickets
Leprechaun Nuggets.....	2 Tickets
Irish Nachos.....	3 Tickets
Corned Beef Nachos.....	5 Tickets

BEVERAGE PRICES

Guinness Stout.....	5 Tickets
Harp-Smithwicks-Guinness Blonde.....	4 Tickets
Black and Tan or Blacksmith.....	5 Tickets
Bud Lite.....	3 Tickets
St. Patrick's Irish Red or Bayfront Blonde....	5 Tickets
Soda.....	2 Tickets
Water.....	1 Ticket
Dotty's Homemade Irish Cream Liqueur.....	3 Tickets
Wine.....	3 Tickets
Irish Coffee.....	4 Tickets

DESSERTS

Homemade Bread Pudding.....	4 Tickets
Drunken Raisins.....	1 Ticket
Ice Cream Cone or Sundae.....	2 Tickets
Scoop of Ice Cream on anything.....	1 Ticket
Root Beer or Irish Float.....	2 Tickets
Popcorn.....	1 Ticket



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

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