

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019



Pub Grub

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IRISH CREAM
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IRISH WHISKEY
TASTING

**Stew, Soup
and Malarky**

All soups & stews are served with fresh
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IRISH DESSERTS

IRISH BAKE SALE



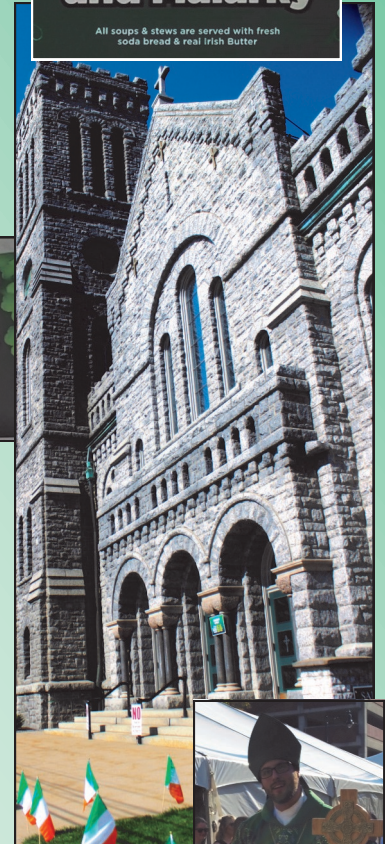
**Irish
Coffee
Frappe**

5 TICKETS

**LEPRECHAUN
NUGGETS**
Corned Beef and Swiss
wrapped in fresh Rye Nugget

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St. Patrick's
own signature
**GUINNESS
CHEESE
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Try it in Nachos, Burgers, Dogs or Fries!

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CHANCE**



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:

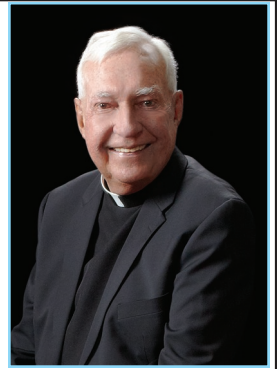
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The episode of the Israelites making a molten calf that they worship in the desert is the context for one of the most engaging dialogues in the Bible. Earlier God had spoken of the Israelites with compassion; but now, because of their idolatry, the Lord no longer identifies them as “my people;” now they belong to Moses. The Lord’s plan is for the divine wrath to blaze up against Israel to consume them. Then the Lord will make of Moses a great nation. Now it is Moses’ turn to speak and he does so boldly asking why the Lord would show wrath against “your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt.” Moses tells the Lord they are his people, not Moses’. The Lord listened to his plea and turned away from the threatened punishment. In spite of their infidelity, they are still his people.

Near the middle of the readings from 1 Timothy, Paul writes, “the grace of our Lord has been abundant. He reminds them of how blessed he has been by the Lord and that Jesus did not deal with Paul as his own sins merited. . Having formerly been a blasphemer, persecutor and arrogant man who acted in ignorance, Paul experienced the greatest of graces in being treated mercifully. He points out that Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners, uses Paul to display divine patience and mercy. Paul’s life, transformed by grace, is to be an example of the mercy that God offers to all sinners.

Jesus’ welcoming sinners and eating with them is a joyful proclamation of the good news, but the Pharisees regard such actions as shockingly scandalous. They don’t even refer to him by name but call him “this man.” Jesus then addresses them with parables that begin with “What man among you?” The Pharisees are to imagine themselves as participants in the parable. The first two are relatively brief; something is lost and searched for until it is found. The third is much longer, with well-drawn characters: the father,

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the elder son, and the younger son. Like the sheep and the coin, the younger son becomes the lost article. Jesus is comparing the Pharisees to the elder son who is unhappy about meals shared with sinners. And the response of the father is not to rebuke his older son, but to remind him that his is "my son," and that "everything I have is yours." Now is the time to celebrate the restoration to life, the finding of the lost. Jesus is neither rebuking or rejecting the Pharisees but through the parable invites them to join in the celebration.

St. Martin's Center does more to care for the poor and the needy than any other organization in the city. Several of our parishioners volunteer there, and I would encourage others of you to consider doing the same. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary of serving the poor with an evening at the Bayfront Convention Center including a cocktail hour and dinner. Tickets are \$75 per person and cover the cocktail hour and the dinner.

Our Irish Festival is up and running this weekend and I apologize for any inconvenience. All the inconvenience is worth seeing this many people gather in downtown Erie. Last year we had slightly less than 11,000 people attend, and we hope to break that record this year. I'm especially grateful for the leadership of chair Eric Albright and his assistants, Gary and Becky Johnson, who will become chairs next year. We also have a number of new committee chairs this year, and again I'm grateful that a number of newer parishioners and younger people stepped forward to take over those positions.

Again, I'm amazed at the number of people who visit the church and had no idea that this magnificent building is in downtown Erie. A number of volunteers serve as docents and answer questions people might have about the building. Mark Alloway also does intermittent music on the pipe organ.

As I tell the chairs each year, my priority with the festival is not to make money; my priority is to build community: to get all of us to know one another better so that the good work of this parish will continue long after I'm gone.

Church attendance in Anglican churches in England has fallen so dramatically, that leaders are resorting to very strange efforts to entice people into the churches. Inside Norwich Cathedral, a colorful, 55 foot-tall slide has been positioned. For 2 pounds, people can climb to the top of the tower and slide down. Rochester Cathedral in southeastern England has installed a nine-hole mini-golf course inside the church's medieval nave. Strange way to get people inside the churches!!!!

During the month of July, our Food Pantry served 541 families. We distributed 16,992 pounds of food at a cost of \$492.58. Once again, I did not have to use parish funds for this because of your on-going generosity in supporting the Food Pantry. Know that God smiles on us when we care for his poor and he also manages to forget some of our failures.

The side porch on the rectory has become a dumping ground over the years. Everything just gets dumped in there, so we decided to clean it up. When we did we discovered that the floor was rotted and needed to be replaced. The new floor is very nice. Then we discovered that all of the windows are rotted. You try to open them and they start to fall apart. That was an open porch until around 1950 when it was enclosed, and so the windows are almost 70 years old. So now they are being replaced. With hundred year old buildings, one thing always leads to another.

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were fascinated with everything, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked, "What is it, Father?" The father responded, "Son, I've never seen anything like it." While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed an old lady in a wheelchair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of light with numbers above the walls light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24 year old woman stepped out. The father said to his son, "Son, go get your mother."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 9/1/19 \$ 9,263.00
 Online Giving 2,232.30
 Total Income \$ 11,495.30

Offertory Collection 9/8/19 \$ 6,408.92

* Online Giving will be reported
 in the September 22nd bulletin

Thank you for your generosity!

Today is the 2019 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program and say yes to lifelong faith formation opportunities. Half of what you give will remain at St. Patrick Parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or online at www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html.

Thank you!

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 by Kathy Alessi.

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Michael P. Drobish** from Victoria Abbott
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Dolores Hedderick** from Dan & Mary Bergell
- ♦ **Theresa Callaghan, Frances Gehringer** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **Cecil Ortalano** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Jeanne M. Costa, SSJA** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Joseph R. Kormosh, Helen Kormosh** from Joe Kormosh
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ **Richard Miller** from James & Mary Rutkowski

Also donations from:

Robert Biebel, Ken & Alice Daub, Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore, Betty Gama, James & Linda Gehrlein, and Kay Mannino,

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Barbara A. Mellow
 Anniversary of Birth
 from Terry & Janine Sliker*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Bill Power

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Barbara Brairton, Alex Hubert, Kaleigh Hubert

CUP: Patty Dailey, Phyllis Marchinetti

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

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

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Lisa Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,

Nancy Andrzejewski, Barb Fischer

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

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Erin Wachter, Tim Scully, Candy Bukowski, Dotty Schloss

CUP: Ryan Palm, Megan Gilmore

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

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—

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 16 *Monday, Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs*

8:00 AM HELEN LAROCCA, ANNIV. 9/17
(ANGIE KONTUR)

Sept. 17 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW (CARLOW FAMILY)

Sept. 18 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

Sept. 19 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 20 *Friday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and
Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 21 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JOSEPH & ROSE ALECCI (FAMILY)

Sept. 22 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM EUGENGE & CLARA KULIG
(JAY & CAROL HABAS)
10:30 AM MYRON JONES

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/14-09/15 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**

09/14 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/17 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/21 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

St. Pat's Small Group—

"Jim and Julie Fetzner, and their 3 children Owen, Ella, and James, are attempting to organize a **Small Group** for couples with school aged children. A **Small Group** is a group of people who get together a few times per month to enjoy each others company while discussing life and faith. **St. Pat's Small Group** is an opportunity to meet new people from the church, discuss faith and life, ups and downs, questions and answers, all without judgement. Jim and Julie will be holding an informational meet & greet for anyone that is interested on **October 10th from 6:30p to 7:30p** at the **Social Center of the Russian Orthodox Church** at [corner of East Front Street and German with plenty of parking]. Bring your children, as there is a large gym and play space. The purpose is to exchange contact information, discuss schedule options, and other ideas and questions about the Small Group. If you have any questions beforehand you can feel free to email Jim at jfetzner@ltcml.com. We look forward to meeting you."

Divorced? Know someone who is working through Divorce?

The twelve-week **Surviving Divorce** begins on **September 18** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. The program costs \$15 per participant and includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all programs materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Come try out and bring a friend. For more information or to register call Family Life office at 814-824-1265 or visit <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/>.

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@eriecd.org.**

Make plans to attend estate planning seminar

A seminar, titled "Estate Planning: Your Power of Attorney and the Catholic Church's Position on Healthcare Directives," will be held Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral's Synod Hall, W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. Speakers will include Father Michael Ferrick, Attorney Thomas Hoffman and Dr. Fred Mirarchi. Please RSVP by Sept. 19 by calling 814-453-6677.

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 for more information. Visit us at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/transitons.html>

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Climate event planned in Erie

Young people and adults — including members of various Catholic groups from the area — are invited to gather Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Perry Square, 601 State St., Erie, to draw attention to the climate crisis. This event comes three days before the United Nations Climate Summit in New York City. Among the growing list of co-sponsors of the local event are Our Lady of Mercy Social Justice Committee, Benedictines for Peace, Neighborhood Art House, Mercyhurst University and the Sisters of Mercy. Various speeches and activities during the day will focus on the need for political action to respond to the climate emergency.

Steak dinner planned at St. Andrew Parish

The St. Andrew Parish Knights of Columbus will host a Salisbury steak dinner Sept. 22 from noon to 5 p.m. at the parish gymnasium (Msgr. Gannon Auditorium), 1116 W. 7th St., Erie. Dinner also will include mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 5 to 12, and free to those under 5. Families pay just \$30. Proceeds benefit the "Service to One, and Service to All" projects of the St. Andrew Knights.

St. Stanislaus Parish— ANNUAL PARISH DAY:

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Parish Day on Sunday, **October 6, 2019 from 12:00 PM—5:00 PM, A delicious** "Polish Platter Dinner" will be served from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Cost for adults - \$11.00; Children (6-12) \$5.00; and children under 5 are FREE. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 East 13th Street.



There will be:

Special Awards ~ Fresh Baked Goods ~
Chinese Auction ~ Theme Baskets ~ Raffles
Children's games, fun for all ages!

A fun afternoon to get together with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Parish.

The Son of God Prayer Group in Erie is holding a healing Mass Oct. 8 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Participating clergy include Father Johnathan Schmolt, Father Jerry Priscaro and Deacon Jerry Peterson. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to allow time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall that will be presented at the offertory. Individual prayers for healing will follow Mass. For questions, call Pat Montefiori at 814-823-3968.

Advertiser of the Week:

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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.*