Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

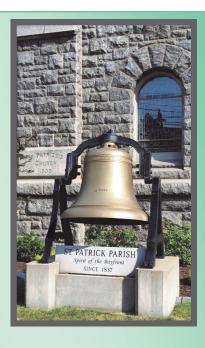


Saint Patrick Parish

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



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. Although today's prophecy could be applied to an individ-



ual, the "servant" named here was interpreted as the community of ancient Israel. The first section describes the sufferings endured in obedient docility—sufferings the servant has accepted without complaint. In the midst of this insult, the servant does not hide his face, even though the exposure subjected him to shame and spitting. In the midst of insult, the servant is confident of the Lord's help. The last part of the reading stressed the servant's fortitude: silent suffering is not a sign of cowardice. God strengthens him in the face of his tormenters. In the end only the servant will endure. Much later, Christians would read this prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus, silently enduring his passion and death.

Paul wrote that the person is not justified primarily by the works of the Law but by faith and adherence to Jesus. Here James writes that we are not justified by faith alone. Is there a contradiction? Paul refers to the detailed prescriptions of the law. He holds that a person has to fulfill more than outward observance. James' point is clear: ideological faith, insufficient in itself, must be translated into action. Needy people are not aided simply by the good wishes of others. Faith has to be put into action.

Jesus has given sight to a blind person. Now he will open the eyes of his disciples, a process that spans the following chapters on the road to Jerusalem. This episode when the disciples confess Jesus as Messiah, is the turning point in his ministry. Popular opinion holds him to be a prophet with a status like Elijah, the forerunner of the Messiah. But the disciples confess him as the Messiah. Toward the end of Old Testament times, the Messiah was expected to appear as a victorious figure with no hint of defeat or suffering. When Peter confronts Jesus, Jesus confronts the disciples with the paradox of discipleship: the one who undergoes humiliation is

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

exalted; the person who offers his or her life will be saved. Jesus instructs his disciples to embrace the cross, accept the challenge of selfgiving, and renounce the desire to preserve and enrich one's own experience. From this point on in Mark, Jesus will focus solely on the formation of the disciples.

This is the weekend that was!! A large number of our parishioners have been working for almost a year to prepare for these couple of days, and now it's here. It's wonderful to see so many people downtown enjoying our neighborhood. I'm also struck every year by the number of people who go into our church and are in awe at its beauty. They had no idea that such a building existed here in Erie.

It's a little chaotic coming and going from Masses this weekend, and I thank you for your patience.

I think the smartest thing we did was to move the festival from Rainbow Gardens to the streets surrounding the church. Everything is tented (have you ever seen tents as large as some of these?) and so we're protected from the weather. The event includes something for every age group. Abby Lechner's Children's Area is a huge hit. The baked goods booth gets larger and larger every year. What Patty Dailey and her group of volunteers have done with the jewelry booth is incredible. Everywhere you look there is something to do and enjoy. And, most of all, the festival is an opportunity for all of us to meet other parishioners, to get to know them and to become more a part of the parish.

Freezers all over the city, including the rectory, have been filled with baked goods as Mary Beth Wachter and her team have been baking for months in anticipation of the Baked Goods Booth. Last year they generated more revenue than they ever have, and like everything at the festival it continues to grow and grow. That's why we need so many volunteers. If you're interested in helping, please call the parish office.

This weekend's second collection is the annual Catholic Education collection. Half of the funds generated stay in the parish to help us with our \$84,000 assessment for Catholic education.

I'm grateful to Eric Albright for chairing the festival this year and next year. Gary and Becky Johnson, who chaired it the past two years, are also working closely with Eric, and I'm grateful for their generosity with their time and talent. I have always told the chairpersons that my primary goal with the festival is not making money, but getting parishioners to know one another, to work together, to become a real community. I see all of this in action every weekend as Masses ends. People stand around and talk to one another for a long time. In every other parish I've been stationed in, the minute Mass ends, people run for their cars.

We're replacing the sidewalk on Holland Street as that portion of the sidewalk has badly deteriorated over the years.

I look at all these parking lots that surround the church and originally belonged to the church but were sold to Hamot Hospital. How I wish we had them today as we could really use them. We are blessed that we can use the Erie Insurance parking lots on weekends. Without them, I don't know what we would do. We continue to grow and there is simply no where else to park.

The annual Spiritual and Financial reports for the fiscal year 2017/18 are complete and have been submitted to the diocese. I will publish both reports in the bulletin so that you can see the results. I can tell you that our offertory collection increased \$50,000 from last year. That is a significant increase, and I thank you for your generosity. On the spiritual side, we continue to register new families and are getting close to having a thousand families in the parish. Once again this past year, our baptisms were much larger than were our funerals. It is the opposite in way too many of our parishes today.

A theater usher notices a man stretched across three seats. He walks over and whispers, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The man moans but doesn't move. "Sir, if you don't move, I'll have to call the manager," says the usher. Again the man moans but stays put. The usher returns with the manager who asks him to move without success. Finally they call a cop. "All right, buddie," says the cop. "What's your name?" "Joe," mumbles the man. "Where you from, Joe?" asks the cop. The man whispers, "The balcony."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 9/2/18 \$ 11,317.00 Online Giving 1,710.30 Total Income \$ 13,027.30

Offertory Collection 9/9/18 \$ 9,134.17 Online Giving 1,417.30 Total Income \$ 10,551.47

Thank you for your generosity!

Today is the **2018 Catholic Education Collection!** Please support this important program, where half of what you give will remain at St. Patrick Parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs. Your support helps to make these lifelong faith formation ministries possible. 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

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- Michael Dailey from Janine Carch-Sliker, Jane Carney, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Bill & Mary Flanagan, William & Patricia Gloekler, Jim & Kathy Sertz Bobbie Vitron and Robert & Patricia Wheeler
- John & Marjorie DeBias from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- Carol & Debbi Donnelly from Patricia Donnelly
- **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn
- Luke from John & Cynthia Purvis
- Rich Miller from Bill & Patty Jackson, Ed & Jennifer Smith and Mark & Susan Sullivan
- Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko and **Harry Miller** from Patrick Murphy
- Margaret Stewart from Tom & Michele Ridge

Special Thank You!!! to Panera Bread & EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Forrest & Gertrude Shorts on their wedding anniversary from family

Ministry Schedule Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Bill Power Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: NEEDED

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,

Jim Sertz

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Chris Sanner,

Nancy Andrzejewski

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,

Mike Nies

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Tim Scully, Colleen Welch

CUP: Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: NEEDED Altar Servers: NEEDED

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,

Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams

Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Barb Miles

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.



MSGR. KRIEGEL'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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 17 *Monday, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 18 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 19 *Wednesday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr* 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 20 Thursday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 21 Friday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 22 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time* 5:00 PM JOHN L. FATICA, ANNIV. (JEANNE RAHILL)

Sept. 23 Twenty-Fifth 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

09/15-16 Erie Irish Festival

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

09/18 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/19 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/22 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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 in servicing 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

Families Always Matter—

Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter



website, www.ErieRCD.org/fam.htm, to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military, and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!

What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that lasts a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on **October 19th through 21st** in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@ErieRCD.org.

Also, you may register on line at www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html. Remember,

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."

Joy Ministries to host retreat

Joy Ministries will hold a retreat Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families/ caregivers. The event will be held at Camp Glinodo, 6270 E Lake Road, Erie. The retreat director is Father George Strohmeyer. For more information, contact Michele Inter, director for disability and deaf ministries, at 814-824-1257 or at minter@ErieRCD.org.

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).

A Family Perspective—

If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about "losing ourselves". If we try to be independent from others by "saving ourselves", we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank Fred Olds Pholography www.fredolds.com 814-392-2648

for advertising in our parish bulletin

ECSS to hold All-American Classic Auto Show

Save the date for the Erie Catholic School System's All-American Clas-

sic 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.

St. Stanislaus Parish— ANNUAL PARISH DAY:

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Parish Day on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 12:00 PM—5:00 PM, A delicious "Polish Platter Din-



ner" 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.

SACRED HEART FALL FEST October 7th 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Enjoy a fun day of food, fellowship and activities for all ages!

A varied menu will be offered featuring the famous Chiavetta's BBQ Half Chicken cooked on the premises.

The ever-popular Sacred Heart Theme Baskets Raffle will certainly be a highlight

A Grand Prize Drawing of \$5,000 with five additional \$500 prizes will be awarded in advance at the door.

Other Prizes include:

- 10 foot Lifetime Zenith Kayak with a Field and Stream Chute paddle
- 1st PRIZE—55" Samsung Curved LED 4K **Ultra HDTV**
- 2nd PRIZE—32" Samsung Smart HDTV
- Men's Golf Clubs and Women's Driverprofessionally hand crafted by Phil Temple

There will be a selection of beverages as well as games for children and adults.

For more information call 456-6256



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM Saint Patrick Parish

NAME:		PHONE:	
STREET:		CITY:	ZIP:
	E-MAIL:		
HEAD		BIRTHDATE:	_
SPOUSE		BIRTHDATE:	
CHILD		BIRTHDATE:	
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New Registration Want Envelopes Change of Address Moving

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory





Celebrating 181 Years of Irish Tradition

St. Patrick Church

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.

County Mayo

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.