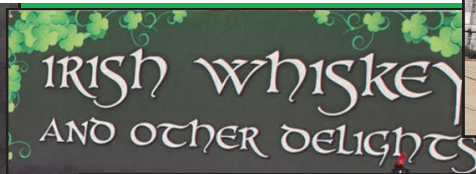
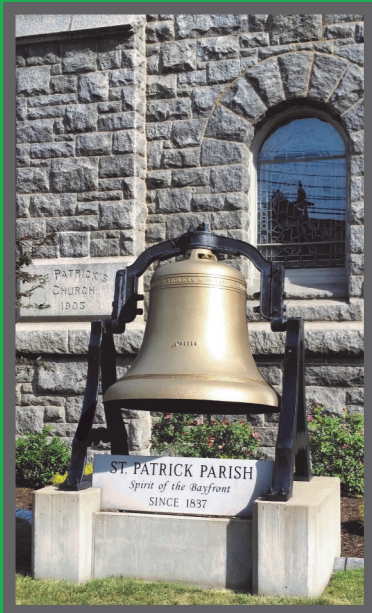


Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017



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:

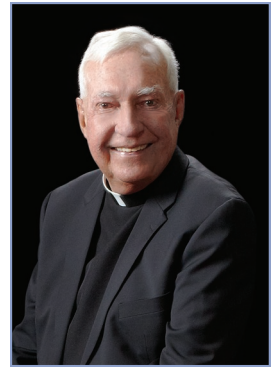
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Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

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 Book of Sirach is part of Israel's Wisdom literature and addresses the question, "How do I live wisely?" In today's passage, he considers anger, vengeance and forgiveness and God's response to them. Sirach's insights on vengeance and forgiveness have a twofold application. First, he exhorts people to let go of anger and any desire of retaliation, to always be ready to reconcile. Second, he emphasizes each person's need for forgiveness. Certainly we hope for human forgiveness, but Sirach focuses on divine forgiveness. The Lord will heal those who forgive their neighbor.

Our brief second reading has Paul quoting from an early hymn "Live for oneself....die for oneself....live for the Lord....die for the Lord." The poem from which he quotes also has a baptismal ring, a reminder that in baptism each believer dies and rises to new life in Christ. Once baptized, we no longer belong to ourselves, but to Christ, and are members of his body. Our attitudes, way of thinking, our relationships, and behaviors are patterned on Christ's own. Belonging to him must also mean belonging to one another. Remember that infant baptism would not emerge for several more centuries; people were baptized as adults only.

Jesus' teaching to Peter in today's gospel continues his long discourse on church life. Peter's initiating question flows naturally from Jesus' instruction on the process of forgiveness that we heard in last Sunday's gospel. Now Peter asks just how far forgiveness extends. When Peter suggests forgiving as many as seven times, he apparently thinks he is being magnanimous. Most Jewish teachers of the day taught that we have to forgive three times, so Peter goes beyond that. Jesus must have shocked Peter and the disciples with his command that we offer an almost impossible offer of forgiveness. Jesus concludes his teaching on forgiveness with the familiar parable of the king forgiving an excessive amount to a slave

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

who then refuses a much smaller debt. The parable concludes with the king calling back the unforgiving servant and punishing him for his lack of mercy.

The second collection today is the collection for Catholic education. Half of the collection is sent to the diocese to be used for scholarships for students to attend Catholic schools. The other half remains in the parish to apply toward our costs for Catholic education.

Things are a little chaotic this weekend with the Irish Festival in full swing, but it's also fun. Isn't it great to see all of these people downtown? Once again we're grateful to Erie Insurance for the use of their parking lots without which we could never have moved the festival to the church grounds.

Cardinal Reinard Marx, Archbishop of Munich, Germany, announced recently that, rather than closing and consolidating parishes, he will allow lay people to lead parishes where there is no priest. He told his Diocesan Council that he does not believe in clustering parishes and closing others; but that the church needs local parishes. He does not have enough priests to staff all of them and is turning that responsibility over to lay people.

Bishop Persico met with all of the priests of Erie County recently to discuss providing spiritual coverage for UPMC Hamot. It was decided that we will on be on a rotation schedule and each of us will take a 24 hour shift to be available at the hospital for emergencies. In addition, we are all asking our parishioners to notify us if they are going to be a patient there in case you want to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or a visit while you are in the hospital.

Bishop Persico also asked us to discuss having outdoor weddings. The Bishops of Pennsylvania are meeting soon and will discuss the issue, and Bishop Persico wanted our opinion on it. Only one diocese in Pennsylvania—Harrisburg—allows outdoor weddings. My observation of the discussion among the Erie County priests was that the priests are divided right down the middle with about half of them in favor and the other half not in favor of it.

Heritage Pipe Organ Co. of West Valley, NY is the company who will rebuild our pipe organ. They recently completely rebuilt the pipe organ at St. Mark's Seminary, and the staff there couldn't be more pleased with the results. We have recently secured a copy of the original order to the Felgemaker Organ Works of Buffalo who built the original pipe organ in 1906. There are 2,500 pipes made of wood, zinc, tin and lead. The pipes range in length from a few inches to sixteen feet. Over the years alterations were made to the original pipe organ, and in this restoration we are taking it back to the original. Not all of those alterations have been beneficial.

We have to get a lift into the church to get the new console up into the balcony as well as bring pipes down and then back up. That will necessitate our temporarily removing a few pews in the back of church while the work is being done.

Bishop Persico recently hosted a day-long event for teachers, administration and staff of the new Catholic school system. Also invited to participate were all of the Erie pastors. I sat at a table with teachers from Blessed Sacrament school and I have to tell you, their enthusiasm and excitement about all of this is contagious. What a great group of teachers who are so incredibly dedicated to their jobs. Our Catholic schools are going to be better than they've ever been.

I'm often saying what a great neighbor Erie Insurance is, but let me give you a specific example. When they started digging up the south side of East Fourth St. to lay fiber optic cable throughout their entire campus, they met with me to explain the project and to tell me who to contact if we had a funeral, etc. so that they did not disrupt. In the course of their doing that work, I had three funerals. I called them and each time, the workmen stopped working for that hour or so until the funeral was gone. Great neighbors.

St. Peter is at the pearly gates greeting newcomers when a group of people from Wall Street arrive. St. Peter has never seen anyone from Wall Street at the gates before, so he goes to ask God what to do. God tells him, "Go let them in." A few minutes later St. Peter returns and tells God, "They're gone." God asks, "Who, the people from Wall Street?" "No," says St. Peter, "the pearly gates."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 9/3/17 \$ 7,879.00
Online Giving 1,722.30
Total Income \$ 9,601.30

Offertory Collection 9/10/17 \$ 9,429.50
Online Giving 1,419.30
Total Income \$10,848.80

Hurricane Harvey Relief \$ 8,007.00

Thank you for your generosity!

September 16-17, 2017 – This weekend all parishes in the Diocese of Erie will be taking up a special collection in support of Catholic Education. Please be sure to give. Your generosity makes a difference. **Half of the money given by St. Patrick parishioners will remain in our parish to assist with our educational programs.** Please remember in your prayers all who are involved in educational ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Carol Habas, Ann Scutella

CUP: Jay Habas, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney, Ryan Palm

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey

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:

- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
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Special Thank You!!!

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HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

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.



Looking for resources for you family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie

Family website at:

<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 18 *Monday, Weekday*

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

Sept. 19 *Tuesday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM JIM SPIECE (MIKE & CHERYL STEPHANY)

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

8:00 AM BROTHER WILLIAM GARVEY

(KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, OIL CITY)

Sept. 21 *Thursday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 22 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 23 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)

Sept. 24 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MILDRED KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.

(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

10:30 AM JOHN MCGRAW (JIM & DOLORES GARVEY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/16 11:00 AM-11:00 PM IRISH FESTIVAL

09/16 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/17 11:00 AM-5:00 PM IRISH FESTIVAL

09/17 1:00 PM Rel. Ed K - 6 Holy Rosary

09/19 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/20 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/23 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Please remember your parish catechists in your prayers, and pray for the students of our faith formation program. Your parish catechists are: **Juliette Morales, Barbara Nealon**. Please also thank them when you see them. They are instrumental in passing on our faith to our children.

A Family Perspective—

Unable to forgive another means we are holding on to a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

FESTIVAL FEVER IN FULL FLOWER



You got it, we know you did— Festival Fever! How about that band Friday night, Corned Beef and Curry? We hope you found your socks after they got knocked off.

And that Fish Fry, we hope you didn't miss that. And are you still chuckling from comedian Sean Finnerty and tapping your feet from the John Byrne Band? And Bangerzz and the dancers and Celtic Creek?

How'd your kids (or your grandkids) like the Leprechaun Village? They loved it right? The caricature—that's a keeper! And the magic, wasn't that magical? The arts and crafts, the face painting. They loved it all, including the Mc and Cheese with hot dogs. And the Leprechaun Tracks Ice Cream, wasn't that a treat?

And it ain't over yet, folks!

So, its Sunday, take a left out of church, linger a bit in the vendor village (fall's come early, grab yourself an official long-sleeve Erie Irish Festival/Erie Go Bragh T Shirt), then head into the dining hall tent for some great Sunday fare—Shepherd's pie, or Irish Stew, or both. Grab a bloody Mary, grab a seat, listen to some fantastic Irish traditional acoustic music right in the dining hall! We've saved the tradition for last, because Sunday is a day of tradition in Ireland, church, friends, family, food, no work, a pint, and those fantastic Irish songs, the one's your great grandfather whistled when he was a young man walking from Castle-maine to Cloonmore to visit a pretty young lass who ended up becoming your great grandmother (after a suitable engagement and the reading of the banns).

Sunday, we've got Mo Chairde and food and fun and spirits (its chilly, get an Irish coffee—it'll warm your spirit as well as your body) all in the dining hall tent for a traditional acoustic lunch. So get in there. But wait until mass is over. Then we've got a reprise of Dublin native John Byrne and his band in the stage tent. Then we pull a name and someone goes to Ireland! Then call in sick tomorrow so you can recover from your bout of Festival Fever.

(But if your tastes run in another direction and you can't possibly miss that Steeler or Bills game, head to the Sports Bar—we've got your game and we'll give you a buck off our Irish Red Ale and you can chow down on our great pub grub—a Reuben or Rachel, a Corned Beef Dog, or our fantastic Leprechaun Nuggets ©. Kickoff at 1:00.)

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

KRIEDEL'S KOUPLLES

August 30, 2017



KRIEDEL'S KOUPLLES

VOW RENEWAL AUGUST 30, 5:30
Meet in the church, reception to follow.
Cocktails and light finger food.

Thanks to everyone who participated—we have 26 couples, married by Father Kriegel who donated one dollar for every year of marriage. We're using that money to pay for the musician at the 2017 Erie Irish Festival.

To all of our participants, we'll see you in St. Patrick's on Wednesday, August 30, at 5:30, we'll renew our vows, then have a cocktail for two.

WE'RE MARRIED



KRIEDEL'S KOUPLLES

IT'S A WONDERFUL DAY



23rd Annual Rosary March, October 8th—



The 23rd annual Rosary March marking Fatima's 100-year anniversary is October 8, at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie, PA

Bishop Persico will give the homily and pray the rosary. Those unable to march, the rosary will be recited in the Cathedral while the march is taking place. This event is sponsored by World Apostolate of Fatima.

For more information call: John Walsh, 868-1100

Registration is open for Family Fest '17

This year's Family Fest will be held Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico will officiate at Mass. The cost for the day is \$10 per person or \$40 for a family. The fee covers all speakers, materials and lunch. Find more information and register now at

www.CatholicFamilyFest.com.

St. John the Baptist & Holy Rosary Catholic Church invite you to attend the **Parish Mission**. The **Parish Mission** is an opportunity for people of all ages to ignite their faith and to be lifted up and energized in the love of God!

September 24-27, 2017 from 7-8:30 PM
Presenter: Rev. Michael P Sullivan from Villanova, PA

St. John the Baptist, 509 East 26th St.
Sunday, 9/24, Monday, 9/25

Holy Rosary, 2701 East Ave.
Tuesday, 9/26, Wednesday, 9/27

Each evening has a different focus;

Sunday: "Do you know what you've received?"

Monday: "The Healing Love of Jesus"

Tuesday: "We are a Community of Believers"

Wednesday: "God calls - Our response?"

Refreshments after each session

All are welcome!

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Saint Patrick Parish

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