

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019



~Confirmation~
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
photo by Tom Golab

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Amos is often referred to as the “prophet of justice.” In the face of the blatant injustice of the wealthy and powerful in Israel, Amos urged, “let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream.” He prophesied for only one year, around 760 BC. He saw the harsh treatment of the poor while the wealthy—including kings, priests and other supposedly religious people—speared self-satisfied and complacent. Their injustice is equivalent to trampling the poor into the earth so completely that it destroys them. What makes their actions even more egregious is the pseudo-religious lifestyle of the wealthy. They seem to regard their participation in feasts and prayers as an indication that they are in a right relationship with God. But Amos announces the word of the Lord to them, “I hate, I spurn your feasts, I take no pleasure in your solemnities.” The final verse is a sharp and frightening warning: the Lord will not forget what these people have done.

Our second reading opens and closes with Paul urging that prayer be offered for everyone. Just as Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, Paul instructs Timothy how the community under his leadership should pray when they gather for worship. In first century settings, praying for kings and all in authority means praying for those who have power over the Christian community, who can threaten and persecute them. Praying for them has a two-fold purpose. First, it contributes to a quiet and tranquil life by publicly attesting that, far from opposing the emperor and others in government, Christians respect and pray for them. Second, the prayer stems from Jesus’ instruction: “Pray for those who persecute you.”

The parable about a household steward in today’s gospel follows the parable about the prodigal son. Those who listen attentively to the two parables will hear echoes of the son’s actions in those of the steward. Both son and steward act wrongfully to the one in authority over them.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

When their actions lead them to a dire situation, each thinks about how to survive. Instead of each of them being punished, they are welcomed and embraced. Jesus is not judging the steward's honesty or dishonest, but is comparing his resourcefulness to the lack of such daring on the part of his own disciples. The collections of sayings—which are only loosely connected to the parable—gather together various teachings about the proper use of wealth.

Well, we're back to normal after a hectic weekend of the Irish Festival, but what fun it was. We once again had perfect weather and crowds like we've never had before. This festival continues to grow each year, and it is so nice to see so many people in downtown Erie. Erie Insurance is kind enough to lend us their parking lots for parking as well as their security forces keeping an added eye on everything. Parish volunteers get a chance to meet and know one another a bit better, hence, we continue to build community here. I'm grateful especially to Eric Albright for his leadership this year and last year. He has brought about some great additions to the festival. We also had several new chairpersons this year and they all worked out perfect. A special thank you to all who supported the project and to all of you who volunteered. Without you, the festival could never happen.

Today's bulletin contains the 2018/19 annual Spiritual and Financial report. I hope you will review them and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. On the whole, we are an incredibly healthy parish. The most startling statistic is 52 baptisms and 16 deaths. Unfortunately, in many of our parishes those figures are reversed. We have now grown to a thousand families, and we are certainly in a solid financial position—thanks to your ongoing generosity.

We also continue to grow the St. Parish Endowment which exists solely for the upkeep and maintenance of the church. Those monies cannot be used for anything else.

A special thank you to all of you who supported St. Patrick's Parish in Erie Gives. You donated almost \$19,000 to the parish. I continue to be overwhelmed by your generosity.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Marlene Mosco who was recently named to the Board of the Catholic Foundation of NW Pennsylvania. We have several hundred thousand dollars invested in the Foundation as the St. Patrick Endowment for the maintenance of the church. The Foundation regularly makes grants to help with the retirement costs of clergy, to Catholic education, etc.

If someone in your family is elderly or ill, please feel free to call me to give them the Sacrament of the Sick. Vatican II did away with the medieval concept of "Last Rites," and restored the Sacrament of the Sick. I continue to get phone calls when a family member is on their death bed to go immediately and give them the sacrament. They should receive it either with old age or with a serious illness. We will have an Anointing Service in church in October to which the sick, elderly, etc. are invited to come. There will be several priests here to help administer the sacrament.

On Sunday, October 20, we will again have an organ concert in church on the restored Jacox Memorial Pipe Organ. The concert is open to the public at no cost. The two additional sections of pipes that are going to be installed in the organ will not be in place by that time. They are now at Organ Supply and being restored and will be put in our pipe organ in early 2020.

The young man had just graduated from Bible College and was called to pastor a church. He was so nervous his first Sunday he could hardly speak and so he asked a neighboring pastor how he could relax. The older minister said, "Next Sunday it may help if you put a little vodka in your water glass. After a few sips, everything should go smoothly. I will be there next Sunday to see how you do." The next Sunday, the young pastor preached up a storm. However after the service, the older pastor pulled him aside and offered this advice: "Next time, sip rather than gulp. There are 10 commandments, not 12. There are 12 disciples, not 10. The recommended grace before meals is not 'Rub-a-dub-dub, thanks for the grub. Yeah God.'" He continued, "And we do not refer to our Savior Jesus and his disciples as 'J C and the boys.'" "Lastly, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are never referred to as 'Big Daddy, Junior and the Spook.'" "



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,686.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,742.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,428.30

Catholic Education	\$ 1,297.00
Online Giving 9/8/19	\$ 1,827.30

Thank you for your generosity!

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 John & Irene Nemergut in memory of the **Winiarczyk & Nemergut families**

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Daughter, Marcene** from Betty Gama
- ♦ **William Lacy** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Mary Agnes Grant** from James & Julie Fetzner
- ♦ **Michael & Irene Durkot** from Thomas & Shirley Dugan
- ♦ **James, Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ♦ **Carney Vensel** from the Carney & Froehlich families

Also donations from:

Barbara Abbot & James Roddy, Fred & Kathleen Dudenhoefer, Bill & Patty Gloekler, Francis Hart, Jodie Laughlin and Barbara Rothman

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

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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Ed Stull
from Brian & Annie Candela
& family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel, Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Roseanne Brown, James Salter

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**

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

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

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

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Cyndi Pristello, Mary Williams, Ed Smith, Kathleen Pae, Mary Kearney

CUP: Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Susan Merski, Mary Frick, Tim Torrey

A Family Perspective—

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time.

To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two master" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Sept. 23 *Monday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

8:00 AM THOMAS COOK (BOB LAFARO)

Sept. 24 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MILDRED MCGRAW KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.

(BARBARA THOMPSON)

Sept. 25 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PATRICIA HART (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

Sept. 26 *Thursday, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 27 *Friday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 28 *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(WIFE, PATTY & FAMILY)

Sept. 29 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS

(DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)

10:30 AM MARY DISANTI (SANDRA STYN)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector's

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

09/24 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/25 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/28 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@lrcmi.com. We look forward to meeting you."

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@eriercd.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.

Seminary Visit Day

St. Mark Seminary in Erie is hosting a Seminary Visit Day on Sept. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Any young man in high school who has thought about being a priest or is considering application to seminary is invited — with his parents — for Mass, brunch, a tour of the seminary and a conference. Please RSVP to Father Michael Polinek, vocations director, at 814-824-1200 or mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

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.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html>

Sacred Heart Fall Festival will be held on **Sunday**



October 13, 2019 from

11:00-5:00 in the church auditorium (816 West 26th St). Chiavetta's Chick-

en Dinner as well as other delicious food items will be on the menu. There will be games for all ages, the much loved bake sale, a \$5,000.00 Grand Prize Drawing, Large Gift Item Raffles, 50-50's, and the infamous Gift Basket Raffle. This is a fun-filled event for all ages!

Spiritual and Financial Report 2018/2019

St. Patrick's Parish

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Offertory	\$548,100	\$498,000
Bequests	80,226	—
Gifts	123,970	100,000
Investment Income	7,897	3,000
Capital Fund Drives	70062	—
Parish Activities (Festival)	47,158	20,000
Other	5,292	—
CSA	25,901	30,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$908,606	\$651,000

EXPENSES

Salaries—Clergy	\$ 35,665	\$ 34,740
Benefits—Clergy	21,821	23,000
Salaries—Employees	169,180	183,295
Benefits—Employees	40,115	34,384
Rectory Expense	13,669	12,000
Office Expense	31,231	28,000
Altar, Liturgical	20,754	22,600
Plant Maintenance	61,287	32,000
Utilities	39,181	46,000
Insurance & Taxes	31,835	32,000
Parish Activities	17,396	17,000
Diocesan Fund	27,651	27,651
Catholic School Support	84,283	84,283
Other	7,997	2,400
OPERATING EXPENSES	602,275	579,313
Major Construction	180,908	—
Extraordinary Repairs	51,766**	64,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	834,949	643,313

FISCAL YEAR INCOME	73,657	7,687
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St. Patrick Foundation	197,648
Foundation Account	88,789
Restoration Account	87,218
Festival Account	61,381

**Extraordinary Repairs

Asphalt & sidewalk	11,970
New rectory windows	4,366
New maintenance truck	35,430

Spiritual Report

Total Registered Families	1,006
Baptisms	52
First Communion	6*
Confirmations	8*
Marriages	29
Anointing of Sick	89
Deaths:	
Parishioners	15
Non-parishioners	16
Number of cremations	13
Students in Religious Education	66*

Average total weekend Mass attendance 1,400

*First Communion, Confirmation and Religious Ed

It is difficult to pinpoint an exact number because many of our children take First Communion Preparation and Confirmation Preparation at a parish near their home and then receive the Sacrament with that class rather than here. The same is true with Religious Education. Our children take their Religious Education classes at a parish near their home.

GOALS ACCOMPLISHED IN REPORTING PERIOD

Increased parish membership by 64 new families
 Increased the St. Patrick Endowment from \$87,000 to \$200,000
 Installed new doors on church
 Renovated the Men's Room in church
 Replaced the 115 year old tiles in vestibule and back of church
 Installed an in-ground sprinkler system on church and rectory grounds
 Finished stage one of the restoration of the pipe organ at a cost of \$510,000
 Increased Offertory collection by almost \$1,000 per week
 Finished restoring and furnishing the second floor of the rectory
 Irish Cultural Society erected a Celtic Cross on parish grounds in honor of immigrants

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