

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

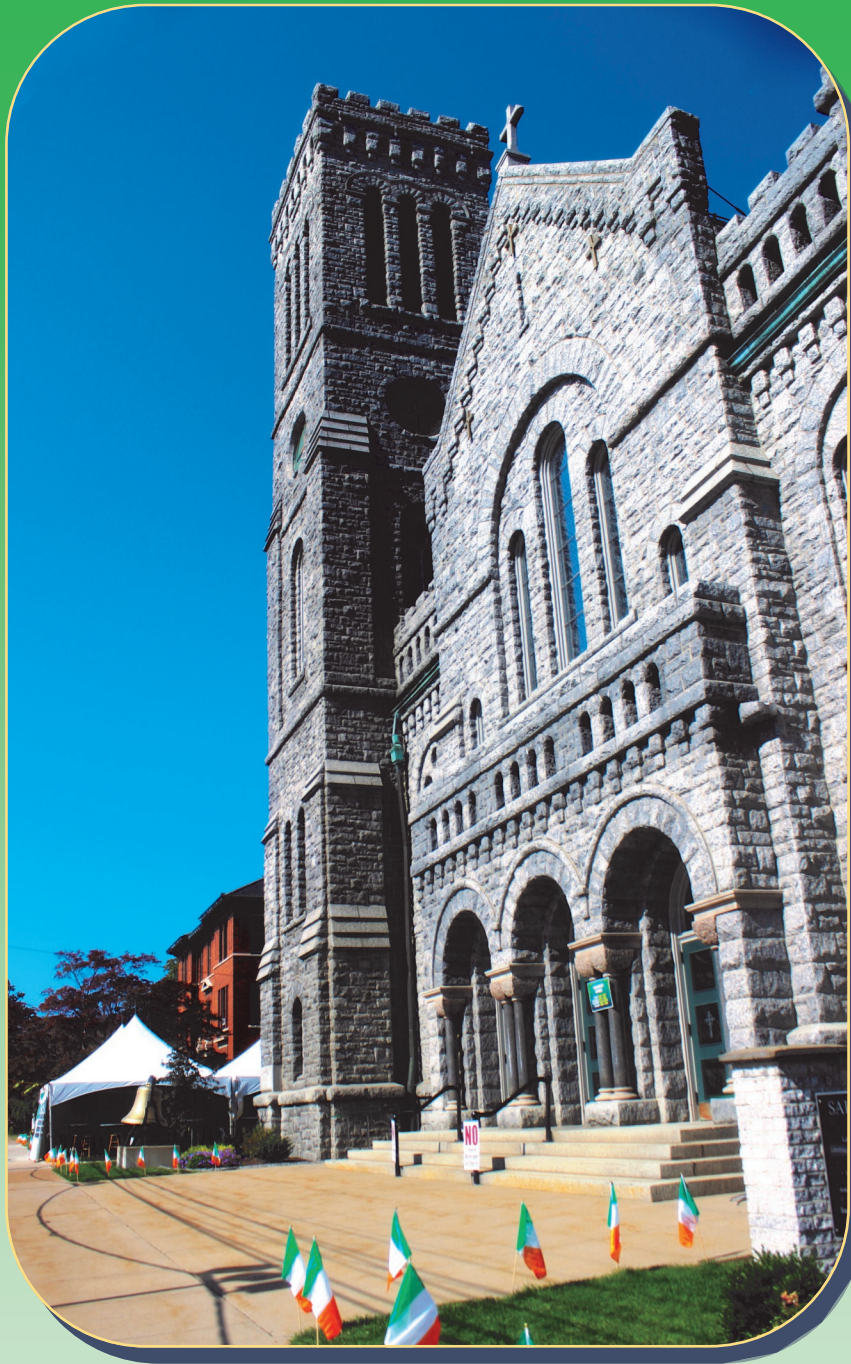


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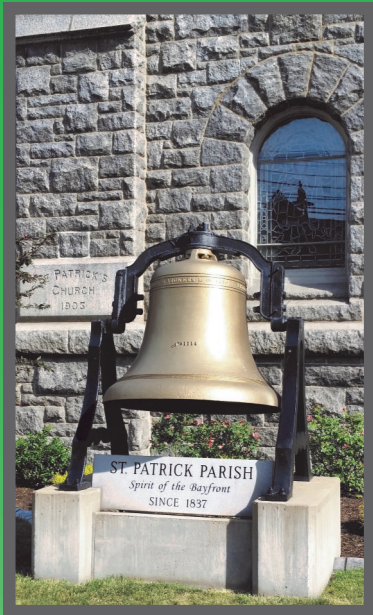
Saint Patrick Parish

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In one of the most familiar prophecies of Isaiah, he addresses “all you who are thirsty”, instructing them with rich and varied imagery and with actions that draw them into relationship with God: come, eat, listen. Seeking the Lord and calling on God are fundamental ways of quenching the perennial thirst of the human heart. Isaiah intimates that seeking and calling out to God are responses to God’s initiative in seeking and calling us. In comparing the distance between God’s thoughts and ours to the distance between heaven and earth, he isn’t suggesting that following God’s ways is impossible. Rather, he is directing our thoughts and actions toward God. Seek God, call upon God’s name, turn toward God in repentance and ask for mercy. His exhortation has a similarity with the call of Pope Francis: “Whenever we take a step toward Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.. How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost.”

Paul writes his Letter to the Philippians while imprisoned, not knowing what the outcome will be. His fundamental conviction is that no matter what befalls him, Christ will be magnified in his body. Paul uses the word body (*soma*) to refer to his whole being. At death, Paul’s body, like that of Christ himself, will be transformed, yet will still remain his body. As he reflects on his present condition, he does so with a view to the ministry to which he was called, in particular he considers the impact his continued life or death would have on the Philippians. Yet for Paul, life is his existence in Christ. Death is therefore gain. If he were to depart this world, he would be with Christ forever, no longer experiencing the limits of time, space and flesh.

In today’s familiar parable the landowner is a vivid image of God who acts with generosity. God gives much more than anyone can earn by a lifetime of good works and acts of devotion. God

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

freely offers salvation to those who appear to be last and least in the eyes of the world, as well as to those who welcome God's generosity at the last moment in their lives. Jesus is teaching us that we would all delight in God's generosity.

We survived another Irish Festival. I can't begin to express my gratitude to Gary and Becky Johnson for their outstanding leadership these past two years. I honestly hate to see them step down as they have brought organization and class to the festival that it never had in the past. Perhaps the wisest move we made was to move the festival from Rainbow Gardens to the church grounds. The crowds are much larger, the event gets larger each year, there are more and more volunteers each year, etc. It also gives us an opportunity to showcase our magnificent church. A large group of Mercyhurst University employees met at the Festival on Friday evening. They do this monthly to socialize with one another outside of the work environment and they chose the festival to be their September meeting.

Father Michael DeMartinis does an outstanding job teaching Scripture classes. A recent series that he did filled the auditorium at Cathedral Prep. I'm thrilled to tell you that he is going to teach a three-part Scripture class at St. Patrick's during Lent this coming year. He will teach a morning session from 10—11 AM and an evening session from 5:30—6:30 PM. I've been doing a similar class during Lent for the past several years, but I'm cutting back on some things to save energy for other things that I need to do. I'm thrilled that Fr. Mike is willing to do this for us. I hope you will make attending this class a Lenten goal.

Claude Paradis was homeless, living on the streets of Montreal and addicted to both drugs and alcohol. He is now an ordained priest and works with the homeless and addicts! He tells of an encounter with God one night while he was homeless and turned his life around. Now the 57 year old priest goes out each night to bring food and shelter to those living on the streets.

In the recent Erie Gives Day, St. Patrick's ranked eleventh in over 200 non-profits. We received pledges of \$68,781 and the check we received

from the Erie Community Foundation was for \$74,588.77 because of our sharing in the pool of money donated by Erie businesses and the Erie Community Foundation.

During the month of August, our Food Pantry served 536 families which included 94 elderly and 236 children. We distributed 11,319 pounds of food at a cost of \$953 to the parish. Thanks to your generous support of this project I never have to use parish monies for this; it is paid for each month through your generosity.

More than half of the British people now claim to have no religion. Some 53 percent of British adults described themselves as having no religious affiliation. Only three percent of adults under 24 say they are Anglican while five percent identify as Catholic. Meanwhile, almost three out of four 18 to 24 year olds say they have no religion. Among those aged 25-34, only five percent admitted being Anglican while nine percent said they were Catholic. Studies reveal that resistance within the Church of England to same-sex marriage, and the difficulty of some churches in accepting LGBT Christians, have alienated many young adults.

A friend of mine is downsizing significantly and has some priceless antiques, etc. He is very graciously donating all of these to the rectory. Among them is a beautiful 13' x 19' oriental carpet that is now in our dining room. There are several other carpets, bedroom set, tables and two one hundred year old sets of china. If you want to see any of it, please stop at the rectory and one of us will be more than happy to show you some of the pieces he donated.

Over breakfast one morning, a woman said to her husband, "I bet you don't know what day this is?" "Of course I do," he indignantly answered, going out the door on his way to the office. At 11 o'clock the doorbell rang and when the woman answered, she was handed a box containing a dozen long stemmed red roses. At noon, a foil-wrapped box of her favorite chocolates arrived. Later in the afternoon, a boutique delivered a designer dress. The woman couldn't wait for her husband to come home. "First, the flowers, then the candy, then the dress," she exclaimed when he walked in the door. "I've never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day in my life."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,453.00
Online Giving	<u>1,604.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,057.30

Catholic Education	\$ 1,551.00
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Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*

Christopher Anthony Gaton

son of

Adam & Kathryn (Lampe) Gaton

who will be baptized

after the 5:00 PM Liturgy

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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Pearl Andrzejewski**
- ♦ **Dominic C. Gangemi**
- ♦ **Nicholas Caccavo, Howard Gehringer, Francis Gehringer and Teresa Callaghan** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Sr., Ruth Janoski and Ronald Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Cindy Nickoloff** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Robert Vitron** from his wife, Roberta
- ♦ **Robert Vitron** from Jay & Carol Habas and Rob & Patti Oliveri
- ♦ **Rein Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Tim & Terese Augustyniak, Robert & Mildred Biebel, Ken & Alice Daub, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Phil & Denise Rewers, Vikki Scully, Nick Straub,

Special Thank You!!!

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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 !!!



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Bill Power, Carolyn Power

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Patty Jackson, Alice Daub

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

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

A Family Perspective—

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Our family is the vineyard entrusted to us found in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by spectators who only watch from a distance.

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



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
- Sept. 25** *Monday, Weekday*
8:00 AM CYNTHIA R. MCLAUGHLIN
(MARGE PATRYIA & CAROL GEHRLEIN)
- Sept. 26** *Tuesday, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*
8:00 AM PRO POPULO
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"
- Sept. 27** *Wednesday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*
8:00 AM CHARLES RECTENWALD
(FRAN & RON RECTENWALD)
- Sept. 28** *Thursday, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*
8:00 AM THE JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY
- Sept. 29** *Friday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels*
8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sept. 30** *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE (CAROL & JAY HABAS)
- Oct. 1** *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM MR. & MRS GEORGE ASHWORTH
(MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)
- 10:30 AM KATHY MASOLOTTE (MARK MASOLOTTE)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 09/23** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/24** 1:00 PM 7- Confirmation—Holy Rosary
- 09/26** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 09/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 09/30** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/01** 1:00 PM Family Catechesis Session - Holy Rosary

Faith Formation:

FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES K – 6 began on Sept. 17 at 1:00 p.m., at Holy Rosary school. **Students in grades 7 – Confirmation** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 24 at Holy Rosary school. Please call 454-6322 for information, or if you have not yet registered.

The next Family Catechesis session will be October 1 or October 8 at 1:00 at Holy Rosary school. Families choose which date to attend.

Congratulations to the Irish Raffle, Trip for two to Ireland Winner: **Debbie Wilczynski**
Purse winner: **Anne Iavronne**
Lap Quilt winner: **Yvonne Gersims**



7 DAYS SINCE THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL WE DID IT.

We did it.

We did it.

We did it together.

Last weekend this parish came together as a community, rolled up its sleeves, and threw the biggest and best festival this old town has ever seen. Not just the biggest and best, but the tastiest, the classiest, the prettiest, the brightest, the entertainingest, the friendliest. Just the all around-est. The est-est!

We fed and entertained more people than ever before—got a few of them a little drunk as well. They needed a good time, and they got one. Because we did it. Together.

You volunteers—man you made it all happen! For the first time in our memory, every slot was filled and we had to turn a few folks away (we apologize if you didn't get a slot and we thank you for offering). A lot of you—a whole lot—worked in that kitchen and when the food line was around the tent and out to the street and the orders were coming hard and fast—you knuckled down and everyone got that reuben or shepherds pie! And a lot of you walked around making sure those diners had a clean table to sit at and a friendly smile to look at. And you sold tickets, and raffle tickets, and you poured beer and made Irish coffee and ice cream floats and you sold leprechaun nuggets and jewelry and all of the other stuff we sell so proudly, and you dumped garbage and wiped off bar tables, and you counted money and tickets, and you entertained kids in the leprechaun village, and you showed off the church like it was your own (because it is).

And if you couldn't volunteer, you came and laughed and tapped your feet and drank a few (Were you the slightly tipsy guy who was sitting at the back table singing along with the John Byrne Band? You sounded pretty good!) and ate a bit, and shopped a bit (nice, new purse!).

And you wrote checks. You donated jewelry and whiskey and decorations. You sponsored ads in the program and acts on the stage.

And we need to thank the folks who came to help who are not members of this parish—our friends and relatives who just love Irish culture, cuisine, and music, or who just love to help out. We can't forget them—they pitched in right alongside of us and helped create this little bit of Ireland between Holland and French.

And now we all feel good because we did it, but more importantly, because we did it together.

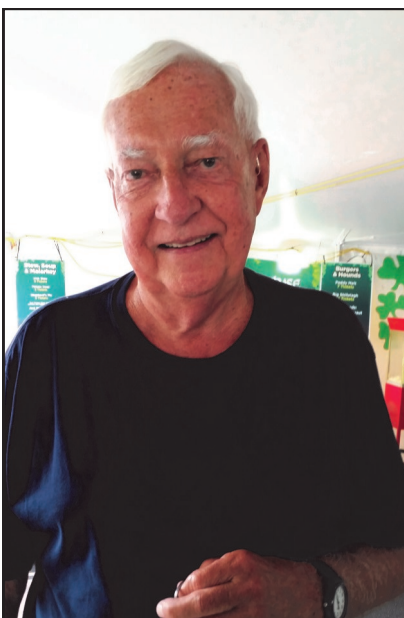
So thank you—all of you. We'll see you all again at the 2018 Erie Irish Festival in only 356 days.

So much to do, so little time.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Retiring Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Drop us a line, let us know what you liked or what can be improved.



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Barb Fischer &
Janine Carch Sliker









To inform parishioners of diocesan policies regarding Child Protection

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 committed to the yearly in-servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

High school students invited to National Catholic Youth Conference

High school students in Erie who would like to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Nov. 16-19 in Indianapolis, but whose parishes are not planning to attend, are invited to contact Kathleen Peterson, director for Youth & Family Ministry at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie, at kathleen.peterson@olp.org or at 814-833-7701, ext. 234. The contingent from Our Lady of Peace welcomes you to join them. The cost of the trip is \$300. The registration deadline is September 25. A late fee is added for registrations after that date.

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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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