

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2019



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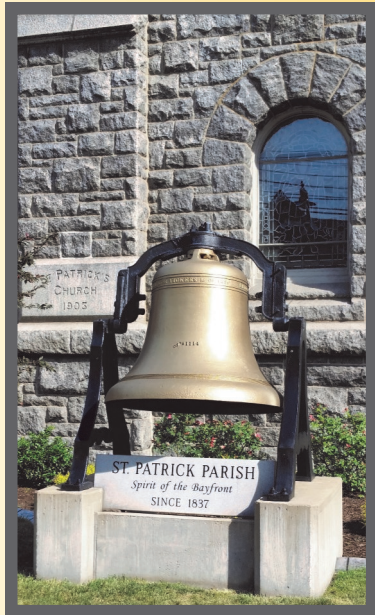
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. When Amos was prophesying, Israel was enjoying political, economic and military strength. More accurately, the wealthy were enjoying such abundance, while the poor suffered at their hands. The wealthy and powerful have strayed from the covenant with God, and Amos laments over them, as if they had already died. He describes them as complacent, lying on beds of ivory, eating the food of lambs, the music of the harp, drinking wine—all actions which Amos says belong to religious feasts. They are using the trappings of the sacred to indulge in self-serving excesses. The single word “therefore” in the final verse introduces the consequences of their lifestyle. Their nation will collapse, they will be sent into exile all because of their sinful disdain for the poor, while they make a mockery of worship.

Paul begins his exhortation to Timothy by addressing him as “man of God.” This designation, used by Hebrew prophets, indicates that Paul sees Timothy as one chosen by God who will carry on Paul’s prophetic role. In today’s reading, he gives Timothy a final instruction; he doesn’t cite specific tasks for him to perform, but presents to him a way of life that flows from his baptism. He begins with a list of virtues Timothy should pursue. Like an athlete striving to win the prize, Timothy is to strain forward towards the finish line. At baptism, Timothy had made a profession of faith which includes adhering to the teaching handed down, the pursuit of virtue and keeping the commandments. He then turns to praise of Christ in a poetic text that was part of a baptismal profession of faith.

Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable. The rich man, dressed in purple and eating sumptuously every day is the epitome of those whom God casts down, while the poor and hungry Lazarus is lifted to the side of Abraham. While the rich man suffers in torment after death he treats Lazarus as if he were his servant: sends Lazarus to cool

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

his tongue with water, and then sends him to warn his brothers. Abraham responds that since they did not listen to Moses and the prophets they will not listen even if someone were to rise from the dead. The parable concludes with the statement that those who are blind to the poor and deaf will also be blind and deaf to the resurrection of Jesus.

Philadelphia announced recently that three more inner-city parishes will close. Holy Trinity, founded in 1788 by a German population cannot be altered without the approval of the Historical Commission of Philadelphia. Repairs, estimated to cost over \$800,000 are need to keep the church open. There is also a cemetery with the church and the Historical Commission has said the bodies can be moved, but the tombstones would have to stay.

Our festival continues to grow each year in leaps and bounds. When we were at Rainbow Gardens we had about 1,800 people for the weekend. This past year we served over 15,000 dinners!!! It will be at least a month or two before we get a handle on the financial outcome of the festival. It takes several of our vendors a month or more to send us a bill, etc. We also have to determine if the couple who won the trip to Ireland want to take the trip or take the cash instead. Once everything is put together, I'll get a report to you. Please remember that my goal with the festival is not to raise money, but to build community, to get parishioners to know one another and work together with one another. We were particularly blessed this year when parishioner John Peck arrived with four strapping, healthy young men who did all of the heavy work. They carted out the stage, assembled it, and did a number of other jobs which helps our older volunteers.

As the diocese continues with Pastoral Planning, we are now moving into the area of Adult Education. We are beginning that with a small group of young married couples who come together, along with their children, and undertake Bible Study. The diocese will also be offering more Adult Education programs that hopefully will appeal to some of you.

Delegates at the Leadership Conference of

Women Religious at their annual meeting approved a letter to be sent to President Trump asking that he stop using "divisive and polarizing rhetoric." "We implore you to never use language that disrespects, dehumanizes or demonizes others," the letter said. The Conference represents approximately 35,000 sisters. "We are outraged and heartbroken when our political leaders appeal to our basest instincts and stoke the fires of fear that threaten to tear the fabric of our nation apart. We cannot, we will not, let the voices of hatred and fear carry the day."

I can't possibly express enough gratitude to Eric Albright for his leadership in chairing this year's festival (he also chaired last year's). He had to be exhausted when it was over as he was here from sunup to sundown every day overlooking things. Next year's chairs are Gary & Becky Johnson.

A group of parents approached me about preparing their children for First Penance and First Communion rather than having them attend Religious Ed classes somewhere. The parents themselves want to be the ones to prepare them for the sacraments. I'm thrilled that people are moving in this direction as this will be sacramental preparation in the future. It will no longer be just dropping a child off for class and then picking them up an hour later. This approach also allows parents to update their own faith knowledge as they prepare their children.

We have purchased additional kitchen items for the Festival including a large deep sink and a warming oven. Up until now we have been renting these items, but each year we have been purchasing more and more so we won't have to rent them in the future. Our biggest problem is storage as these items take up a good deal of space and right now, the only place we have to store them is in the rectory garage. One stall is for my car, one is for the truck and snowplow and the third stall is filled with kitchen and other things that we store each year for the festival.

After Mass one Sunday, an embarrassed woman said to the priest, "I hope you didn't take it personally when my husband walked out in the middle of your homily." "I did find it rather disconcerting," he replied. "It wasn't out of any disrespect to you," insisted the woman. "Fred has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child!"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,323.25
Online Giving	<u>1,772.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,095.55

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Kristy Spinks Newlin
Anniversary of Birth
Fred & Phyllis Marchinetti*

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:

- ♦ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ♦ **Mark Bukowski** from Candy Bukowski
- ♦ **"Pudge" Williams** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich
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**Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK**



Let us *Welcome*
Ashton Clark Ihrig
child of
Matthew & Eden (Mishler) Ihrig
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Patty Dailey, Vickie Lampe, Barbara Brairton, Alex Hubert, Kaleigh Hubert

CUP: Kay Mannino, Wendy Sadlier

Greeters: Mike & Pat Tellers

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

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Pattie Marchant, Christopher Sofranko

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

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Candy Bukowski, Dario Cipriani, Dotty Schloss, Ed Smith

CUP: Patty Jackson, Tim Scully

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers

A Family Perspective—

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?



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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 30 *Monday, Saint Jerome,
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Oct. 1 *Tuesday, Saint Thérèse of the Child of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY
(FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

Oct. 2 *Wednesday, The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, WEDDING ANNIV.
(ANGER KONTUR)

Oct. 3 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

Oct. 4 *Friday, Saint Francis of Assisi*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 5 *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM WILLIAM MILLER (GOLRIA SZYMANOWSKI)

Oct. 6 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM CORNELIUS HURLEY
(SUSAN & THOMAS MINARCIK)

10:30 AM MICHAEL CUMMINGS (DONNA CUMMINGS)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/28 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/01 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/02 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

10/05 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



Harpist, **Kent Knappenberger** will be performing at the **5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, September 28th**. Kent is from the Chautauqua area and will be playing a full size brown wooden harp prior to Mass and during the offertory.



**THANK YOU! * THANK YOU! *
THANK YOU!!!**



Thank you from Mary Beth Wachter and Pauline Stevens. The Bake Sale this year for the **Irish Festival** was over the top and could not have been such a huge success without all the help from bakers and friends of St. Patrick's. The cookies, cakes, breads and pies were all delicious and not a single crumb was left!

355 DAYS TO THE 2020 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



AS SHIRLEY TEMPLE WOULD SAY:

"Oh my goo'ness!"

What a festival we put on! We broke all records, despite mother nature blowing us out of the tents early on Friday night—the most food, the most beer, the most wine and Irish cream, the most Irish coffee, the most whiskey, the most jewelry, the most t-shirts, the most baked goods, the most desserts, the most chances to win a trip to Ireland, the most people dancing in the streets to the most fantastic entertainment, the most children having the most fun in our Leprechaun Village, the most adults betting on the chuck-a-luck wheel, the most tickets sold and money counted and accounted for, and the most volunteers recruited—the most, period! And the most out-of-towners raving about our fantastic city! They came in droves from all over (a few came in Chevy's and Fords as well). And I've never seen Father Kriegel enjoy himself more!

So 'tis time for two things. First, it's time to thank all of you who volunteered to make this a festival to remember.

I want to thank Eric Albright, 2019 Festival Chair, for his leadership. Running a festival this size can be like herding cats and Eric managed to get all the cats purring.

Thanks to each and every volunteer. Your hard work and selfless dedication made it work. We could not do this without each of you, from the folks who cleaned the tables off and picked up the garbage (and, by the way, we also broke the record for the most garbage ever!) to the folks who sold and served and counted and recruited and organized and baked and set-up and tore-down and showed off the church. We needed every one of you and you stepped up. And not one of you complained that the work was too hard or the hours too long. I wish I could list each of you by name, but you know who you are and I know you feel great about what, together, we accomplished. And thanks due also to the fantastic staff at the Parish—Janine, Ann, Tim, and Bill—you guys are the best. And special thanks to parishioner John Peck who brought us a set-up and tear-down crew of young guys with strong backs and great work ethics—kept the old men like me out of the chiropractor's office.

Second, 'tis time to start working on next year's Erie Irish Festival—September 18 to 20, 2020. For good or ill, this year my lovely and hard-working wife, Becky, and I are once again the festival chairs. We need to fill some important positions in the Festival Committee before too long, so we'll be asking for your help. And we already know we can count on it because we're not just a bunch of people who attend the same church, we're a parish family and where I come from family takes care of family.

Gary Johnson, 2020 Festival Co-Chair. Let me know what you thought of the festival—your good ideas make it better every year. gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com

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.

25th Annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March—

Plan now to attend the 25th annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March. This year marks Fatima's 102-year anniversary. The event will begin October 13 at St. Pater Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie, PA at 2:00 p.m.



Speaker is Msgr. Edward Lohse. For more information, please call John Walsh 814-868-1100. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima

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 Chicken 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!



Attention Our Lady's Christian School alumni, parents, faculty and staff, past and present - we are in search of OLCs memorabilia for a historical exhibit that will be curated by current St. Jude students and be on display during Catholic Schools week in late January.

Items could be anything that illustrate day-to-day life at OLC, such as apparel, school projects, photos, commemorative objects and prizes, sacramental and religious education items, etc. If you have something in your attic, we want it! All items will be used for a temporary exhibit and will be returned to their owners.

For more information, and if you have items you are willing to share, please contact Tiggy McLaughlin, tiggy.mclaughlin@gmail.com. Thank you!

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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