

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017



St. Patrick Church
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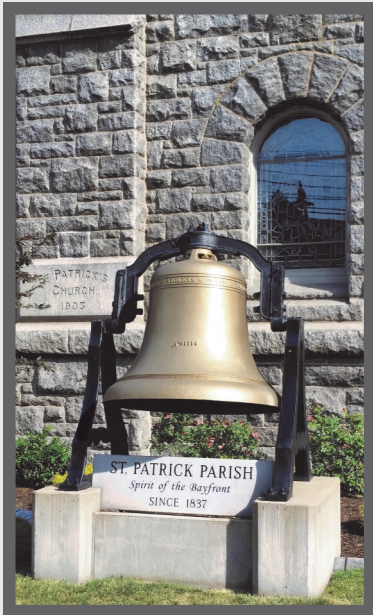
Saint Patrick Parish

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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:

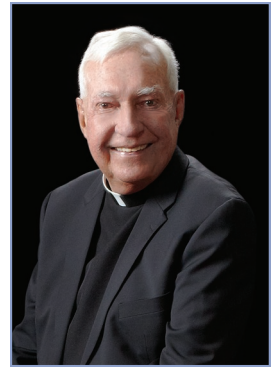
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ezekiel preached to the people of Judah when they were in exile in Babylonia and he shared their humiliation and loss. It was a time of questions. How could this happen to us? Is it the guilt of our ancestors who brought us here? In the midst of their suffering, the people cried out "the Lord's ways are not fair." Ezekiel told them they were not suffering because of the sins of their parents, which was a common way of thinking. He tells them that each person bears responsibility for their own actions and when he says that they must die because of their iniquity, he is not referring to physical death, but to the exile, a form of death itself. He also tells them there is the possibility for restored life if they repent and live in justice. He alone offers them hope in their suffering.

On Palm Sunday and on the Feast of the Holy Cross, we hear the magnificent hymn to Christ that we hear again today. The hymn proclaims Christ's emptying of himself. It is often called the Kenotic Hymn since the Greek word *kenosis* is *emptying*. Christ empties himself by not clinging to his equality with God, by taking the form of a slave and by obediently emptying himself to death on a cross. The hymn is one of the earliest in the church and was probably sung when they gathered for the Eucharist. Paul uses the hymn to teach his readers that the Philippian church is to live in humility, obedience and self-emptying. All in the church are to "humbly regard others as more important," repeating the example of Christ who humbly did not deem equality with God something to be grasped.

Today's gospel parable is directed to the chief priests and elders, among the most powerful of Jesus' opponents. They are indignant that he is entering Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna." They seem to be caught off guard when they answer that the first son did the father's will. By their answer, they unwittingly show their own prejudices. They considered tax collectors and prostitutes to

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

be outsiders, but Jesus sees the outsiders entering the Kingdom of God even before those who looked down on them

Once predominantly Catholic Ireland has seen the church almost completely collapse in the past twenty years. Much of the cause of that was a clergy sexual abuse scandal that far outshone even the horror we witnessed here in America. Not only parish priests but bishops were indicted and often sent to prison. Up until about 1980, Ireland ordained an average of 800 new priests a year. Today, there are less than 10 ordinations a year and now the Irish church has begun to bring priests from Africa and from Romania to staff their parishes.

As part of the Irish Festival, Gary and Becky Johnson invited couples whom I have married over the years to submit a photo, come to church on a given date to renew their vows and then come to the rectory for drinks and food. About 30 couples participated, and it was one of the nicest evenings of the year. A brief ceremony in church was very touching and then everyone had a great time in the rectory sharing memories, and, unfortunately, telling Kriegel stories. What I'm going to do next year is not have this be part of the Irish Festival, but invite everyone who is observing 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 50 years or marriage to come to church on a given date, renew their vows and then come to the rectory for drinks and food.

The Vatican recently gave permission for a Canadian nun to officiate at a wedding in a rural diocese in western Quebec. The exceptional ceremony took place in a Catholic church in Lorrainville, 650 km west of Montreal. In the rural diocese of Rouyn-Norand, the lack of priests is such that priests are often responsible for up to seven or eight different parishes. Although rare, such an event is in fact authorized by canon law. "Where there is a lack of priests or deacons, the diocesan bishop can delegate lay persons to assist at marriages with a vote by the local Conference of Bishops and the permission of the Holy See," says the canon.

During the Irish Festival, we went through 71 kegs of beer (8,800 pints), 79 bottles of whiskey,

nearly 12 gallons of Irish Cream Liquor and 120 bottles of wine!!! That's a lot of alcohol to be consumed in 3 days!!!!

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Bill Bloomstine who was recently honored by St. Mary's Home for his support and dedication to St. Mary's. The honor was conferred during a gala at the Bayfront Convention Center which honored Bill, Donna Geiger and James and Mary Ann Toohey.

Today's bulletin contains a letter inviting you to list the names of deceased family and friends whom you wish remembered in a particular way during the month of November. Our bulletin for the first Sunday of November will include a listing of all of the names which you submit.

Mark Alloway, our music director and organist, has been working closely with Organ Supplies of Erie as we start the restoration of the pipe organ. The original console was unfortunately discarded in the early 1970s during work on the organ. We are attempting to restore rather than renew the pipe organ and take it back to its original format. We have the design of the original console and are working to recreate as much of that as is possible. The wood will match the woodwork in the church and the multitude of stops on the console will be made out of wood rather than the metal ones which were installed in the early 1970s. All of the experts who have examined the organ tell me that much of what was added to it during that particular restoration has not enhanced the organ but has taken away from some of its grandeur. A lot of work is being done now so that immediately after Christmas we can begin to disassemble the pipes, install the new console, etc. In part that will entail temporarily removing some pews in the back of church to accommodate a lift.

An elderly woman walked into a local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of stairs. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered. "You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring." "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she said. "Good," he replied.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,190.68
Online Giving	<u>1,449.30</u>
Total Income	\$9,639.98

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by John & Irene Nemergut in memory of **the Nemergut & Winiarczyk families**.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Stanley Andrzejewski**
- ◆ **Barb Coughlin** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ◆ **Carol & Debi Donnelly** from Carol Donnelly
- ◆ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **Sandra Kilborn** from Thomas & Jill Fessler
- ◆ **Linda Winkelman** from Pam Konieczko
- ◆ **Mangan & Lynch** families from Anne Lynch
- ◆ **Joseph Haas** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ◆ **William J. Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie

Also donations from:

Edward Chizewick, Bill & Mary Flanagan,
William & Patricia Gloekler, Kathleen Horan,
Steven & Kelly Karns, Karl & Virginia Kelm,
and Mark & Barbara Sargent

Special Thank You!!!

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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



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.

Welcome New Parishioners

*James & Karen Bomba
Jada Salvi
Thomas & Shirley Dugan
Rachel Dohnalek & Shane Farrell
Robert J. & Dee Dee McCarthy
Richard & Mellisa Pottorf
Jeff & Cyndie Zahner
Patrick James Chadowski
Joseph & Audryanna Hall
Natalie Jasper
David St. George
Mary Rzomp Alberstadt
Michael & JoAnne Samsel
Vincent Senita*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Patty Dailey, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello

CUP: Mary Kearney, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams
Mary Pat Schlaudecker

St. Patrick Ministry—

If you would like to become an active member of our Ministry team, we are currently looking for Hospitality Greeters at the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass and Altar Servers for Saturday and Sunday. Please call the Parish office at 454-8085 or email: stpat@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Oct. 2 *Monday, The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(ANGIE KONTUR)

Oct. 3 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MICHAEL SCHLOSS (WENDY & CHUCK WEBER)

Oct. 4 *Wednesday, Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 5 *Thursday, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNIONS SERVICE

Oct. 6 *Friday, Saint Bruno, Priest;*

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 7 *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS &
LADIES (KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICKS)

Oct. 8 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FRANK & HELEN LAROCCA, WEDDING ANNIV.
(ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP (FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

09/29	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
10/01	1:00 PM	Family Catechesis Session - Holy Rosary
10/03	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
10/04	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
10/07	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
10/08	1:00 PM	Family Catechesis Session - Holy Rosary

Faith Formation:

Please call 454-6322 for information, or if you have not yet registered.

Winter guidelines issued by Erie Diocesan Cemeteries

All potted plants, empty pots and containers must be removed from Trinity, Calvary, Gate of Heaven, and Mary, Queen of Peace cemeteries in Erie by Oct. 31. Winter decorations and holiday wreaths are permitted after Nov. 1. Your assistance will help keep the cemetery grounds clean, safe and beautiful during the winter months.

Parish Festivals & Fun

ANNUAL PARISH DAY—



St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Parish Day on **Sunday, October 1, 2017** from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A delicious “Polish Platter Dinner” will be served. Cost for Adults—\$10.00; Children (6-12) \$5.00; and children under 5—FREE. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 East 13th Street. There will be Special Awards, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Themed Baskets, Raffles and Children’s games, fun for all ages. A fun afternoon with family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Parish.

Oktoberfest is coming!

St. Joseph Church/Bread of Life,



W. 24th and Sassafras streets,

Erie, is hosting its Oktoberfest Oct.

6-8, beginning Oct. 6 with the tapping of the keg at 5 p.m. Enjoy authentic German food, desserts, German music, a kid’s area, more than 100 theme baskets, games of chance, wine wheel, beer tent, and a \$25,000 cash raffle. Nine smaller cash prizes will be drawn. The Man’s Room Band will perform Friday night; on Saturday, The Groove.

Saint Lawrence Church, Albion—

Annual Roast Beef Dinner with Trimmings!!

Sunday, October 8th at St. Lawrence Center, 129 East Pearl St., Albion, PA

Serving Time: 11:30am until 3:00pm

Price: Adults \$10.00

Children: \$5.00 (6-10)

Children under 5 FREE

Homemade Pie Served with Dinner

TAKEOUTS ARE AVAILABLE

CHINESE AUCTION, BAKE SALE AND K of C
RAFFLE will be held in the classrooms

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.



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Fall, 2017

Dear Parishioner –

November begins with the Feast of All Saints on the 1st and the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. Traditionally, the church has set aside November as a particular time to remember the dead in prayer.

Our bulletin of October 28 & 29 will contain a listing of any deceased members of your family whom you wish to be remembered during the month. That list will remain on the altar throughout the month so that we can remember them at every Mass celebrated here.

If you wish someone remembered, please complete the information below and make sure it is in the parish office no later than Monday, October 24. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:

Gannon University to host Loftus Lecture Oct. 3

The Thomas J. and Mary H. Loftus Lecture on Catholic Thought and Action will feature George Weigel, distinguished senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C., on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at Gannon University's Yehl Alumni Room at the Waldron Campus Center in downtown Erie. The lecture is titled, "Evangelical Catholicism: Challenges in 21st-Century America." The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged by going to www.gannon.edu/Newsworthy/Loftus-Lecture-Registration/.

Our Lady of Peace celebrates Fatima

On Oct. 12, Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with recitation of the rosary, followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman as the main celebrant. A reception in the school cafeteria will follow.

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

Staff members from the Diocese of Erie Tribunal Office will conduct an *Annulment Information Session* on **Wednesday, October 25th, St. Boniface Parish**, Erie at 7:00 pm. To explain the process of petitioning for a Declaration of Nullity (Annulment). Those who have been divorced and wish to remarry in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend. Please feel free to call the Erie Tribunal Office at 814-824-1140 with any questions.

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

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