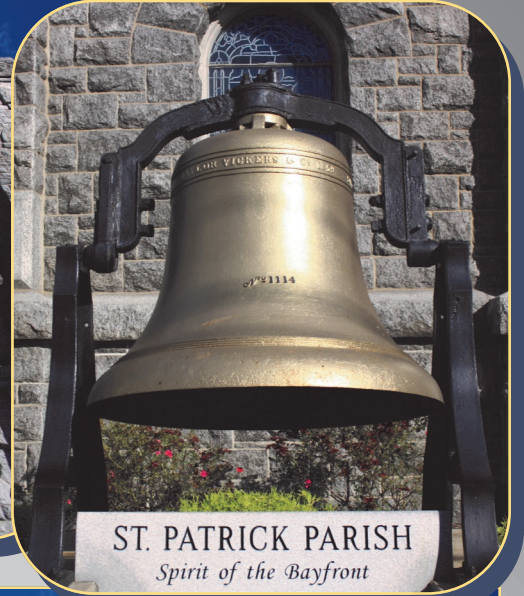


Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 6, 2019



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## Saint Patrick Parish

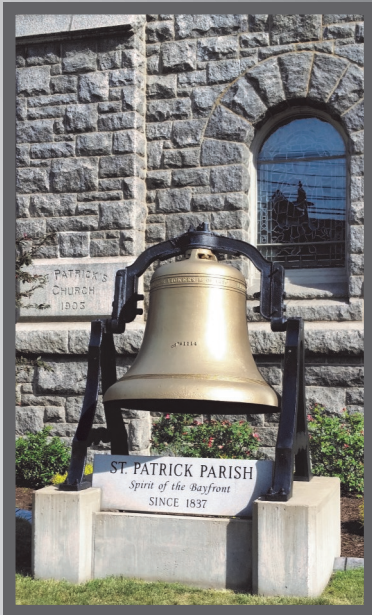
*Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837*

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM





### **Saint Patrick Parish**

130 East 4th Street  
Erie, PA 16507

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*Ann Halupczynski—Director of Finances*

*Tom Golab—Sacristan*

*Mark Alloway—Organist, Music Director*

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

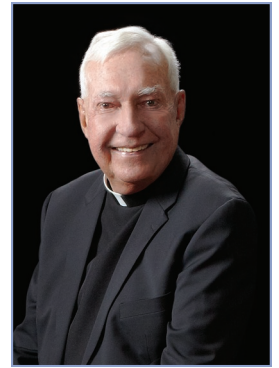
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

### ***From the Pastor's Desk...***



The first two chapters of Habakkuk are a conversation between he and the Lord. Today, he accuses God of not listening to his cry for help and not intervening in the face of violence. The prophet sees ruin, misery and destruction, realities so often in Israel's history that they could refer to almost any period. Even readers today can identify with the situations that Habakkuk laments. In verses omitted from today's reading God responds to Habakkuk's complaint. With words that would seem to increase the prophet's dismay, God describes the power and violence that Israel endures, Then Habakkuk says that God has made people like fish of the sea, like creeping things without a ruler, suggesting that God has reversed the order of things established in creation. The divine response is to be written down so it can be read. The fulfillment of the vision is certain and will not disappoint, even though it will come in its own time. It ends by describing the two kinds of people who await the vision: the proud and the just.

Paul's two letters to Timothy are referred to as "pastoral epistles," because they guide Timothy as a pastor or shepherd. Writing from prison, Paul urges Timothy to exhibit courage and to accept hardship as challenges associated with being a pastor. Paul is a living example for Timothy of the steadfastness needed to be a pastor. Paul repeatedly emphasizes that neither he nor Timothy's words and actions are accomplished by their own efforts but through the power and presence of God.

As the apostles continue with Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem, they have witnessed his teaching and his expectations of discipleship. As they ask him to increase their faith, he notes that even a very small amount of faith—like the mustard seed—is powerful. He then moves on to emphasize that those who have faith are to be servants. Household slaves are simply doing their duty. If one has faith, however, he serves willingly and freely for the good of all.

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

A new Gallup Poll shows that twenty years ago, 76% of Catholics belonged to a parish. Today, 63% do. And a new report from CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) reports that there are now 1,500 fewer parishes than in 1991. The largest reduction has taken place in Pennsylvania with 532 closed since 1991. A much more ominous statistic is that 50% of Catholics 30 years old and younger have left the church. Other research, conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, suggests what contributes to a positive experience of parish life. Data drawn from more than 600 parishes in 28 dioceses in North America reveal what makes a parish work and what doesn't. The top drivers include people's view of their pastor, their experience of Sunday worship (especially the preaching), peoples felt sense of the parish as a welcoming and accepting community, and their being helped to recognize how God is at work in their lives.

It should come as no surprise that the ongoing decline in the birthrate in America has led to fewer baptisms, which then leads to fewer school enrollments, fewer sacraments administered (Confirmation, First Communion and Marriage), fewer clergy ordained, and less of everything in terms of participating and supporting the life of a parish. The empty pews today show not so much an intentional flight as a passive, drifting away from the faith. For many, the routine of going to church seems simply no longer to be worth it. Given the decreasing numbers of clergy and congregants, the next major shift to be experienced will be cutbacks in educational opportunities and social services. A clear indicator of what lies in the future will be a lack of religious ed programs. Parents will have to become very actively involved in the religious formation of their children. Gone will be the days when parents dropped their children off for class and picked them up an hour later.

It's an exciting moment to be in downtown Erie with all that is happening. Erie Downtown Development Corporation is purchasing whole blocks on the lower area between French and Holland and north of North Park Row. Erie Insurance continues to take a leadership role in all of this with their ongoing commitment to the downtown and with their generous gifts to help all of this come to

reality. Erie is in a transformational moment and it's an exciting time for all of us. And St. Patrick's sits right in the middle of all of it. It's truly an exciting moment in Erie's history. In addition to downtown, five grand old mansions on Millionaire's Row (West Sixth Street from Peach west) are being completely restored. A row of townhouses on the north side of West Sixth Street between Myrtle and Walnut are also being completely restored from top to bottom.

I hope some of our young couples with children will accept Jim & Julie Fetzner's invitation to join them this week at the Russian Social Center to plan a program to deepen their faith. Their goal is to involve their children ultimately in the journey, and isn't that what this is all about. This type of small group faith sharing is what the present stage of our Diocesan Pastoral Planning is all about. It is adults continuing to grow in the understanding of their faith and passing that faith tradition on to their children.

Our Food Pantry fed 420 families during the month of August. We distributed 15,136 pounds of food at a cost of \$298.70. Once again, your generosity in supporting the food pantry paid for these expenses. God always remembers those who care for the less fortunate and overlooks a great deal of the failings of those who care.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate planning? The St. Patrick's Endowment is located in the Catholic Foundation and income from that can only be used for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of St. Patrick's Church. It can't be used for anything else. A bequest to the Endowment in your estate planning can allow you to be an ongoing part of St. Patrick's Parish for years to come.

Some random thoughts: Wife: "I think you need a hearing test." Husband: "Why the heck do I need a hairy chest?"....."I don't want to say I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day."...."As I've gotten older, I thought I was starting to get lazy, but it turns out I am just being more energy efficient."....."I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older—younger!" Woman in confession: "Bless me, Father for I have sinned. Last night I killed a politician." Priest: "My daughter, I'm here to listen to your sins, not your community service work!"



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,702.00
Online Giving	<u>1,792.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,494.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Annie Elizabeth Bauer**  
child of  
**Kristopher & Lauren (Ranalli) Bauer**  
who will be baptized  
after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday

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:

- ♦ **Jeffery Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben & Delaney
- ♦ **James, Carol & Debra Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Ed Snyder, Linda Winkelman** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Sr., Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko, Christine Orr** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Hank Borden** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini, Quentin Orlando** from Q Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Meg Dennehy** from Arlene Piskor
- ♦ **Robert Schmitt** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Michael Schloss** from His Family
- ♦ **John & Madeline Stephany, Virgil & Joanne Kerr** from Derek & Emily Seiber
- ♦ **John Neibauer** from Chuck & Lisa Straub
- ♦ **Steven Moretti** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Jim & Wendy Bahm, Ken & Jan Gervasi, Ann Downing, David Duska & Anastasia Lachica, Kay Mannino, Ken & Pattie Marchant and Gloria Walker

**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  
**Katheryn Angelotti**  
from **Dave & Joan Heubel**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Bill Power, James Salter, Kathy Sertz, Wendy Sadlier, Shirley Winschel

**CUP:** Carolyn Power, Roseanne Brown

Greeters: **Bob & Diane Boeh**

Ushers: **Chris Lampe, Rob Olgeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz**

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Dan Bergell**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Joseph Schneider, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella**

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

**Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Ed Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ed Smith, Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch, Cyndi Pristello, Michele Wheaton

**CUP:** Kathleen Pae, Mary Williams

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Mary Kearny, Mary Williams, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers**



**Congratulations** to **Peg Bly** who won the Trip for Two to Ireland and **Ned Lehrian** who won the Purse Raffle Basket at the Irish Festival!!!



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**Oct. 7** *Monday, Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (GEORGIA DEIMEL HEYNES)

**Oct. 8** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

**Oct. 9** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK & HELEN LAROCCA, WEDDING ANNIV.

(ANGIE KONTUR)

**Oct. 10** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JEANNE BOHEN NIEDZIELSKI (CARLOW FAMILY)

**Oct. 11** *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 12** *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM JOHN EULIANO, JR., ANNIV (KAREN EULIANO)

**Oct. 13** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TRISH HARDNER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - 10/16

(FAMILY)

10:30 AM HELEN HODAS KIRSCH, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - 10/17

EILEEN & JIM MCLAUGHLIN FAMILY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**10/06** 4:00 PM Anointing Service - St.P

**10/08** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**10/09** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**10/12** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Code of Conduct:**

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

## **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@ltcmi.com](mailto:jfetzner@ltcmi.com). We look forward to meeting you.

The people of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, 1553 East Grandview Blvd., Erie announces a new tradition: **Fall Fish and Pierogi Dinner** on **Friday, October 11** serving from 4 pm -7 pm. The menu is the same as the Lenten Dinners, including all of our homemade sides. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, children under 12 are free. Take-outs are available for no extra charge. Come and join us in Scheffner Hall and celebrate halfway to Holy Week!

**People for Life's Sixth Annual Life Run 5K/10K and Fun Walk** will take place of **Saturday, October 12, 2019** at Burch Farms County Market between Harborcreek and North East. All three events will get underway at 9:00 a.m. and will follow mainly scenic and mostly level country roads.

Life Run will feature professional timing by Big White Trailer, a Jazzercise warmup, a souvenir t-shirt, a DJ, door prizes, lots of refreshments and wine tasting. Proceeds will benefit People for Life's life affirming educational projects here in the greater Erie area.

Registration is \$25 for ages over 15 and \$15 for ages 7 to 15. Kids 6 and under may be registered free on charge.

Registrations can be submitted online at [www.peopleforlife.life/runinfo](http://www.peopleforlife.life/runinfo) or by calling People for Life at (814) 882-1333. Additional information is available on Facebook at LifeRunErie. E-mail: [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org)

## **Want something to read?**

### **St. Jude School to hold book sale**

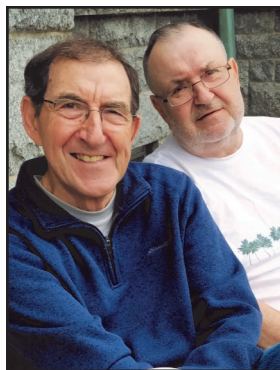
St. Jude School, 606 Lowell Ave., Erie, is holding a book sale Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New and used books and DVDs will be on sale. Book prices begin at only \$1. Proceeds benefit St. Jude School.







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## 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**