

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2017



St. Patrick Church, Rectory  
Parish Office  
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John Baker

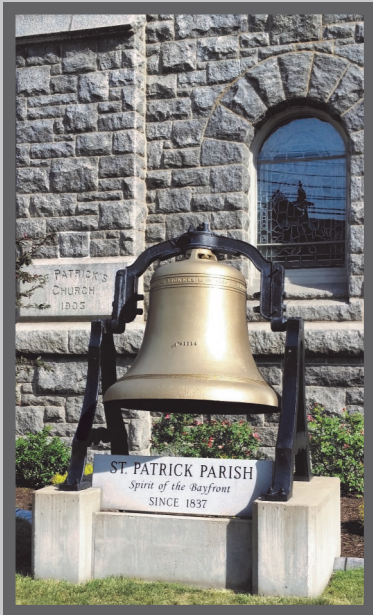
## Saint Patrick Parish

*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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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

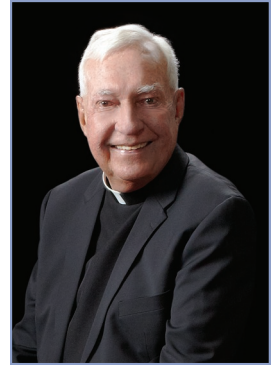
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our first reading is a very sad commentary on Israel's unfaithfulness to God. He, the owner of the vineyard in our reading, has lovingly tended to them but now announces its coming punishment. With the skill of an accomplished poet, Isaiah concludes with a play on words that evokes the contrast between a good crop of grapes and a worthless harvest. God looked for judgment (*mishpat*), but instead got bloodshed (*mispah*); God wanted justice (*sedeq*), but instead heard an outcry (*se'aqah*). Having listened to Isaiah's prophecy, perhaps the people will be moved to repentance.

Paul is writing to the Philippian community while he is in prison and while the community itself is facing persecution. Just prior to these verses, Paul had told them to rejoice for the Lord is near and that he will come again in glory. This is fundamental to everything he says. Whether one is imprisoned or enslaved or free, in poverty or in riches, persecuted or honored, have no anxiety for the Lord is near. They should offer prayer in all forms, with thanksgiving, confident that God will hear. By human standards, both Paul and the Philippian church have ample reason to experience anxiety, rather than peace. Yet, like a guardian of a fortress, God's peace will protect all. Next, Paul enjoins on the church specific behaviors or virtues that will bring about peace and tells them to observe Paul's own behavior, for his life was patterned on Christ's.

Jesus continues his teaching in parables directed to the chief priests and elders. These leaders, as well as Matthew's first century audience, would be well steeped in Judaism, know its traditions, imagery and prophecies. They would know Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard that we heard in the first reading, as well as Psalm 80, today's responsorial psalm. The owner gives responsibility for care of the vineyard to tenants, clearly understood as the leaders of Israel; the servants sent by the owner are the prophets, harshly treated



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

and even put to death. But the landowner does not give up; but sends his own son. Now the interpretation moves from the past to the present. The son, of course, is Jesus himself. The treatment of the son allows Jesus to ask the question, "What will the owner do?" The answer from the priests and elders points to their own guilt and the consequences of rejecting the son. Because of their actions, leadership will be taken away from them and given to others. Finally, Matthew states that the chief priests and Pharisees knew he was talking about them and they tried to arrest him.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Michael DeMartinis, chaplain at Villa Maria Academy and theater director for Prep and Villa. A group of 58 of us flew earlier this week to Prague and after a few days there are doing a Viking River cruise to Paris. Our stops in Germany will give us an opportunity to visit some of the sights associated with WW II.

Speaking recently to the bishops and priests of the ultra-conservative church in Columbia, Pope Francis told them, "It is of the greatest importance that we who call ourselves disciples not cling to a certain style or to particular practices that cause us to be more like some Pharisees than like Jesus." Those in the early church who stuck so closely to the rules became "paralyzed by a rigorous interpretation and practice of that law." He went on to tell them that "we cannot be Christians who continually put up 'do not enter' signs, nor can we consider that this space is mine or yours alone. Everyone has a place, everyone is invited to find here, and among us, his or her nourishment."

St. Patrick's Parish will once again take a week to sponsor and support the Overflow Homeless Shelter. We begin on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 and finish with breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018. I'm grateful again to Angie Kontur for her leadership in chairing the event, and we will again be looking for volunteers to staff the event as well as prepare evening meals for up to 70 people. Angie will host a meeting sometime this month to begin to organize volunteers, etc. Our January 2018 packet of envelopes will include an envelope in which you might make a donation to

help with the costs of this week. It normally costs us up to \$6,000 to host the week. We're fortunate again with our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity that we are able to use their Social Center to host the week.

Work is well underway on the pipe organ. We signed the contract and made a down payment of \$130,000 to Heritage Pipe Organ so that they can begin. They are now building the new console. In about 1970 some major work was done on the pipe organ and they threw out the beautiful Victorian style console that was originally designed for the organ and replaced it with a rather bland, non-descript console. They also replaced all of the original wooden stops with metal ones. The experts, including our own Mark Alloway, tell me that all of that detracts from the original design. As such, we're going back to the original design. The new console matches the woodwork in church and has wooden stops. Mark has been working closely with Organ Supply of Erie in selecting all of the material.

A great deal of the work on the organ will be done prior to Christmas so that, when we shut it down immediately after Christmas, they can bring that completed work in and assemble it. We will have to remove some pews in the back of church so that we can get a lift in to take things up to the balcony and bring other things down. There will be some inconvenience but not that much.

Once all of this work is completed, we're going to re-carpet the balcony as it is badly in need of it. I suspect the carpet is probably 30 or 40 years old. Up to fifty or sixty people sit in the balcony for the weekend Masses. I think they do that because I can't see clearly if they are dozing off during the homily.

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. "This baked ham is really delicious," the priest teased the rabbi. "You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden. You don't know that you're missing. You haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia baked ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?" The rabbi looked at the priest and replied, "At your wedding."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,717.00
Online Giving	<u>1,604.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,321.30
Hurricane Relief	\$ 5,616.00

*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 honor the donations were made:

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Gerald & Patty Wolf in memory of **Robert Vitron**.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey and Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Tim Birkmire** from Tammy Birkmire
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Robert Vitron** from Anthony & Kathleen Dinicola
- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **John Case Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Parents, Nellie & Walter Kozlowski** from Dr. Joanne Finn
- ♦ **Mark Borowy** from Joyce Gunter
- ♦ **Mark Glennon, Rose Marie Glennon** from Michael & Jill Levandowski

Also donations from:

Patricia Marchant, John & Cynthia Purvis,  
Adlin & Erin Strimel, Frank Victor & Melissa Brasco

**Special Thank You!!!**  
**to PANERA BREAD &**  
**HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Eamon Joseph Johnson**  
son of  
Brian & Maureen (Musatto) Johnson  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Katheryn Angelotti**  
from family*



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Jay Habas, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Chris Sanner, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz

**Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,

Joe Schneider

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,

Mike Nies

**Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Karyn Polaski

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully,

Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,

Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Susan Merski,

Mary Frick, Tim Torrey



## 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.



## 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: [stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpats@neo.rr.com).

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Oct. 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Oct. 9** *Monday, Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 10** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 11** *Wednesday, Saint John XXIII, Pope*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 12** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 13** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 14** *Saturday, Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM PHIL FATICA, WEDDING ANNIV. (KATHY & FAMILY)

**Oct. 15** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY ROSELLA BURGOYNE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (DAUGHTER, MONICA ZABORAC)

10:30 AM MICHAEL CUMMINGS (WIFE, DONNA)

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rosary March, October 8<sup>th</sup>**



The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **2017 Red Mass to be celebrated by bishop Bishop Persico**

All clergy and faithful are invited to attend the 2017 Red Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico at St. Peter Cathedral on Oct. 10 at 5:15 p.m. The Red Mass is a Mass of the Holy Spirit calling upon God's guidance for judges, attorneys, government officials and all who work for law and justice in our society. The event is sponsored by the Erie County Bar Association.

### **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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CR=Community Room, HR=Holy Rosary  
CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry

**10/07** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**10/08** 1:00 PM Family Catechesis Session - Holy Rosary  
**10/10** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**10/10** 11:30 AM Homeless Shelter Meeting - CR  
**10/11** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**10/15** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

***Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!***



To all who made the Erie Irish Festival Bake Sale a huge success. All of those yummy baked goods sold out...



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of **Mary Pat Ringhand** who passed away last week. Mary Pat was a very active member of the Ave Maria Care & Concern Society where she served as president and treasurer and she embroidered those beautiful baptismal bibs for St. Patrick baptisms.

### **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](http://www.CatholicFamilyFest.com).

### **Spaghetti dinner planned in North East**

St. Gregory Parish in North East will hold a spaghetti dinner Oct. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school gym, located at 140 West Main St., North East.







## SAINT PATRICK PARISH

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Fall, 2017

Dear Parishioner –

November begins with the Feast of All Saints on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the Feast of All Souls on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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".

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:

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### Come to Cathedral Prep's open house

Cathedral Preparatory School, 225 W. 9th St., Erie, will host its open house Oct. 22 from noon to 3 p.m. Guided tours will include classroom demonstrations, a look at science labs and classrooms featuring STEM, robotics, 3-D printing and technology programs. Applications will be available; there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts. For more information, call 814-453-7737, ext. 3.

### Villa Maria Academy to host open house

Villa Maria Academy, 2403 W. 8th St., Erie, will have an open house Oct. 29 from noon to 3 p.m. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at classrooms and science labs, and information on college-credit opportunities and many other activities. Applications will be available; there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. For more information, call 814-838-2061, ext. 3239.

Staff members from the Diocese of Erie Tribunal Office will conduct an ***Annulment Information Session*** on ***Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.

## 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

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**452-2347**  
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