

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018



St. Patrick Church
photo by
Monica Zaborac

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

Monsignor Henry A. Kriegel—Pastor

Janine Carch Sliker—Office Manager

Ann Halupczynski—Director of Finances

Tom Golab—Sacristan

Mark Alloway—Organist, Music Director

Jan Gervasi—Wedding Coordinator

Anne Causgrove—Baptismal Preparation

*Mary Pat Schlaudecker—Archivist,
Genealogy research*

Phone: 814-454-8085

FAX: 814-459-8685

Email: stpat@neo.rr.com

Website: www.saintpatrickparisherie.org

Office Hours:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

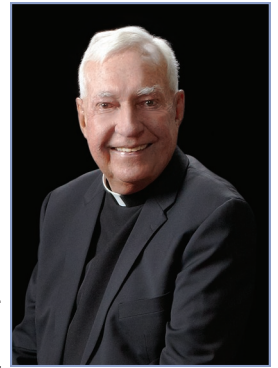
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Solomon did not receive wisdom as a birthright. He requested it in his inaugural prayer as sovereign, desiring wisdom above all other goods. Wisdom is the evidence of God's personal involvement in the created world. More than a blueprint, it is God's saving presence. Because Solomon requested wisdom over the customary perks of royal office, God added to this gift everything Solomon had not requested. In this we hear the echo of Jesus urging us to seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all other good things will be given besides.

The reading from Hebrews is a continuation of the warning that the word of God (which is often used as a title for Jesus brings judgment as well as salvation. God's word has been pronounced and cannot be ignored. The Hebrew language has a special idea about words: once pronounced, their effect makes things happen. A spoken word contains within itself a power that does what it says. God's word is revealed in its fullness in the life and activity of Jesus, in whom God's Word became a living reality. We're reminded that humans judge according to external conduct and appearance, but God scrutinizes the interior life.

The story of the wealthy young man is expanded by sayings about wealth and the difficulty of entering the Kingdom, and then followed by promises about the rewards due to disciples. In the old Testament, wealth and material goods were considered signs of God's favor. Jesus' reply astonishes the disciples because it appears to contradict the customary principle. Jesus notes that achieving salvation is beyond human competence and depends solely on the goodness of God, who offers it as a gift. The young man's initial response indicates he agrees that adherence to the law is not enough, but his further question suggests that he still thinks in terms of achievement.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

The Catholic Church is larger than any other single religious institution in the United States with over 17,000 parishes serving a large and diverse population. In spite of its size, the church in recent decades has faced a number of significant challenges from declining membership to a shortage of priests to continuing revelations that some Catholic clergy sexually abused minors and (in many cases) that their superiors covered up these actions. Here are some facts about the church: 1) There are roughly 51 million Catholic adults in the U.S. accounting for about one-fifth of the total U.S. adult population. A recent study shows that the share of Americans who are Catholic declined from 24% in 2007 to 21% in 2014.

A second fact is that Catholicism has experienced a greater net loss due to religious switching than has any other religious tradition in the U.S. Overall, 13% of all U. S. adults are former Catholics. By contrast, 2% of U.S. adults are converts to Catholicism. No other religious group in our country has experienced anything close to this ratio of losses.

A third fact is that Catholics in the U.S. are racially and ethnically diverse. Roughly six in ten Catholic adults are white, one-third are Latino and smaller shares of Black, Asian, etc. Among Catholic Millennials, there are as many Hispanics as there are whites.

Compared with other religious groups, Catholics are fairly evenly dispersed throughout the country. Twenty-seven percent live in the South, 26% in the Northeast, 26% in the West and 21% in the Midwest.

A fourth reality to emerge from the recent study is that six in ten Catholics say they think priests should be allowed to marry, nearly 50% say the church should recognize gay and lesbian marriages and 59% are in favor of ordaining women.

Politically, Catholic registered voters are evenly split between those who identify as Democrats (47%) and those who favor the GOP (46%).

Large majorities of U. S. Catholics have admired Pope Francis but there are signs of growing discontent. The survey showed that disenchantment

with Pope Francis was especially pronounced among Catholics on the political right.

I know I'm late with this, but the bulletins are often prepared weeks in advance. We had a lot more first time volunteers at the Festival this year than we've ever had. It was great seeing so many of the parishioners working the booths, the dining room, etc. I'm sure each of you met other parishioners for the first time.

Congratulations also to parishioners John and Carolyn Bauman who won the raffle of a trip to Ireland.

At their recent meeting, Parish Council reiterated a new policy in the parish concerning weddings. Starting with 2019, we are limiting weddings to active parishioners of one year duration. We have been accepting anyone who wants to get married here, and I must tell you that, not just I, but the organist, wedding coordinator and sacristan are all exhausted by the end of the wedding season. Adding to this is the fact that the parish has grown so much. You probably noticed in the Spiritual Report which I published in late September, we are very close to a thousand families. By limiting weddings to our own active parishioners, we already have 19 weddings for 2019. If I give these dates to non-parishioners, then when a member of the parish comes in wanting a wedding date, I don't have anything available.

Bishop Persico has called for three Vicariate meetings in the diocese to address two issues: the Faith Formation process as part of diocesan planning and a response to the Grand Jury report. He has asked each pastor to bring a total of 12 parishioners to the meeting. Our Northern Vicariate meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace on October 23rd. I'm grateful to the parishioners whom I asked to join me for the meeting in their willingness to do so. I'll give you a report after the meeting.

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, he's a doctor.'" A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory Collection | \$ 10,046.00 |
| Online Giving | <u>1,607.30</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 11,653.30 |

Thank you for your generosity!



Let us *Welcome*
Russell Thomas Bartoo
 child of
 Justin & Julie (Tobin) Bartoo
 who will be baptized
 after the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday
 and

Mason Robert Murray
 child of
 Kevin & Lisa (Tarcy) Murray
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

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:

- ♦ **Victims of Abuse throughout the World**
- ♦ **Rich Miller and Mike Schloss** from John & Carolyn Bauman
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Lisa Marie Stroup & Elizabeth Kuhar** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Bob Brim** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ **Jeff Bomba** from Luke, Megan, Ben & Delainey Gilmore
- ♦ **Ginny McGinnis** from William McGinnis
- ♦ **Myrtle Musolff** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Robert J. Brim** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker

Also donations from:

Tom & Linda Anderson, Mary Anne Ashworth, Maggie Bahm, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, James & Linda Gehrlein, Ken & Jan Gervasi, John Godish, Jay & Carol Habas, Kathleen Horan, and Mark & Annette Rennie

Special Thank You!!!
 to PANERA BREAD &
 EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK

The Food Pantry is in need of packaged diapers—

They can be dropped off at all Masses and left in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Thank you !!!



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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Kay Mannino

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Roseanne Brown

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

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

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Karyn Polaski**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch

CUP: Michele Wheaton, Mary Williams

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

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



If you are interested in becoming part of the St. Patrick Ministry team of volunteers, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email stpat@neo.rr.com.

The positions of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Greeters are available. Lectors and EM are especially needed for the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Oct. 13 *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM TOM PETERSON (BOB & DIANE BOEH)

Oct. 14 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM MICHAEL CUMMINGS (WIFE, DONNA)

Oct. 15 *Monday, Saint Teresa of Jesus,*

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

Oct. 16 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ELMA VITELLI (MARY PAT SCLAUDECKER AND
BONNIE JOHNSON)

Oct. 17 *Wednesday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch,*

Bishop and Martyr

8:00 AM JEFFREY R. BOMBA

(BERNADETTE & SEAN CARROLL)

Oct. 18 *Thursday, Saint Luke, Evangelist*

8:00 AM MASS

Oct. 19 *Friday, Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac*

Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM THOMAS COOK (BOB LAFARO)

Oct. 21 *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM RICHARD MILLER (KENNY & LISA CHINSKY)

10:30 AM JEFFREY R. BOMBA

(BERNADETTE & SEAN CARROLL)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

10/13 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/14 4:00 PM Anointing Service - St.P

10/16 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/17 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

10/20 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



A big thank you to all who made the **Erie Irish Festival Bake Sale** a huge success, all the bakers, volunteers and all who purchased those yummy baked goods.

The Irish Cultural Society of Erie County



is erecting a monument in the garden on the east side of St. Patrick Church in honor of all immigrants from Erie county.

We invite all parishioners to celebrate their own heritage. Donor's names will be inscribed in the cobblestone which will encircle the Celtic cross.

If interested in sponsoring a cobblestone, please contact Donna (453-5978), Eileen (866-1096) or Kathleen (864-0375).

OVERFLOW HOMELESS SHELTER

St. Patrick Church will again, for the 5th year, be hosting the overflow homeless shelter January 30—February 6 at Church of the Nativity's social center. Some volunteers who have done this every year have to bow out this year for various reasons. You stepped up to the plate in a big way for the Irish Festival and I am hoping that some of you can pitch in with the shelter.

When I was initially asked to volunteer for the homeless shelter I was hesitant and had many questions about what to expect. For that reason I will be having an **INFORMATION NIGHT**, ***Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 PM at the Church of the Nativity social center, 109 German St.*** This will be an informal meeting where Angie Eagle from Community Shelter Services and I will give an overview of how the shelter is run and the duties of volunteers. There will be ample time for you to ask questions. We do not expect you to make a commitment that evening to volunteer if you need time to think about it or if you decide it's not for you.

If you plan on attending please email me at angiekontur@gmail.com or call/text me at 434-9653 so I can have adequate hand outs available.

Thank you,
Angie Kontur

The 24th annual Rosary March

sponsored by the Erie Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima will take place on **Sunday, October 14th** at St. Peter Cathedral rain or shine at 2 PM. Please come and offer your prayers for peace in the world, for your families, for Consecrated Life, for our Church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and the March will travel several blocks in downtown Erie. Bring your banners for your Church or group. For more information, please call coordinator Mr. John Walsh @ 868-1100.



Silent Walk for Peace planned Oct. 24

The Benedictines for Peace in Erie will host their monthly Silent Walk for Peace on Oct. 24 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The walk will begin and end at the Greyhound Bus terminal at the Intermodal Center, 208 E. Bayfront Parkway, Erie. The purpose of the monthly walks is to respond to the world's problems with public prayer and intentional steps for peace.

Cathedral Prep's Open House

will be held on Sunday, **October 21st** from 12:00-3:00 pm. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our modern science labs and classrooms and will highlight our STEM, Robotics, 3-D Printing and Technology programs. Cathedral Prep will have applications available and there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie PA 16501. If you have any questions please call 453-7737, ext. 3



Villa Maria Academy's Open House

Will be held on Sunday, **October 28th** from 12:00-3:00 pm. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our modern classrooms and science labs and will highlight the college credit opportunities, 3-D Printers, dance studio, auditorium, fitness center and café. Visitors will also get as in depth look at the academic curriculum. Villa will have applications available and there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Villa Maria Academy is located at 2403 West 8th street, Erie PA 16505. If you have any questions please call 838-2061, ext. 3239



Mercyhurst Prep Open House 2018

538 East Grandview Blvd.

Sunday, November 4, from 12-3 p.m.

General sessions will be held at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Guest students are eligible to enter for a chance to win a Fitbit Charge 3™ Advanced Fitness Tracker. You must be present to win.

Be sure to visit our DREAM Lab and try zSpace, which combines Augmented Reality (AR) with Virtual Reality (VR). This interactive tool is helping to fundamentally change the educational experience, especially in the areas of (STEAM) science, technology, engineering, art and math. MPS is the first high school in the area to acquire this technology.

- Any eighth grade student that applies online at mpslakers.com/admissions on or before November 4, 2018, will become eligible for 1 of 5 drawings for a \$1,000 tuition voucher to Mercyhurst Prep for their freshman year.
- The first 300 students to attend Open House will receive a free MPS tee shirt.

Please contact **Mrs. Marcia DiTullio** at 814-824-2323 or mditullio@mpslakers.com with any questions concerning the admissions process.



MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "You Tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.

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



SAINT PATRICK PARISH

130 EAST 4TH STREET • ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16507

PHONE: 814/454-8085 • 814/454-6232

FAX: 814/459-8685

Fall, 2018

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 27 & 28 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 22. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "Kriegel".

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:
