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
Today is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. While the Israelites are journeying in the desert, the Amalekites wage war against them. They attacked the weak and cut off from the rear all those who lagged behind. Today’s account does not focus on the Amalekites nor the weary Israelites, but on Moses. As long as Moses holds his staff up high, the Israelites will win. With the help of Aaron and Hur, Moses is able to keep his hand steady until sunset and the victory is complete. The overall theme of this story is that God accompanies the Israelites on their journey.

As Paul exhorts Timothy to remain faithful to what he has learned, he writes of two sources of their belief: Sacred Scripture and Christ Jesus. The scriptures convey the Jewish traditions through accounts of God’s actions of creating and redeeming, of making covenants and remaining a powerful though unseen presence. Through all of these writings, inspired by God, the Jews learned and passed on their identity from generation to generation. Faith in Jesus opens a new way of interpreting these ancient texts. Rather than abandoning their tradition, Jews like Paul and Timothy found in them an essential means of handing on their faith in Christ. Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful even in the light of hardship, something which Paul faced, including imprisonment.

Jesus often taught in parables. At times, the meaning is given at the end or it is left to hearers to determine the significance. Today, however, the evangelist tells us ahead of time that the parable teaches Jesus’ disciples the necessity of praying always. Jesus displays this in his own life, by praying at his baptism, praying in the wilderness, sometimes praying alone and at other times with his disciples. The judge in today’s parable who neither “feared God nor respected human beings” sounds much like Amalek in the first reading, who also had no fear of God. The judge is not motivated by justice but because the widow...
keeps bothering him. Little is said of the widow other than her persistence. It is an example of how God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night. The closing sentence moves the disciples to see the woman as an image of fidelity in prayer, an example they should imitate.

Now that the festival is over, we have replaced some additional sidewalk as well as the apron entrance to the east parking lot from Fourth Street. That area has badly deteriorated over the last years.

The winner of the trip to Ireland at the Irish Festival was Peggy Bly.

Speaking of the Festival, can I ask that some of the younger members of the parish consider volunteering next year. Many of our volunteers are getting older and it is more and more difficult for them to keep doing this. Last year we replaced four committee chairs, and I’m happy to tell you that all four new chairs are newer and younger members of the parish. That festival is so important to getting people into this neighborhood that I would hate to see us have to discontinue it because of a lack of volunteers. I think you would be surprised what fun the experience can be. It’s an opportunity to meet new people, to see people you haven’t seen in ages and an opportunity to help both the parish and the community. Bringing 13,000 people down into this neighborhood is monumental and helps dispel the image that the lower East Side is crime ridden when in reality it has become a nice place for people to live in an urban setting.

I recently had a wedding in which the only members of the wedding party were the bridal couple, the best man and the maid of honor. I have to tell you it was one of the nicest weddings—why? Because the entire focus of the wedding was on the bride and groom. Many times when a bridal couple get 5 or 10 attendants, it’s hard for people to stay focused on the bridal couple. There are so many people up there that the bridal couple get lost in the shuffle. I married this bride’s older sister last year and she did the exact same thing and both weddings were over the top. It’s worth thinking about as you’re making plans for your own wedding. The simpler the better

Unfortunately, we have a water leak in the church. It is above the Sixth Station of the Cross and you can see how the paint is peeling. There is a vent directly above that area, and I suspect that is where the water is coming in. We’ve had a contractor in (the man who solved our problem with the ongoing leak high on the east side of the church), and he is working on it. Once he gets it sealed, we will have to let the area sit for sometime to dry out and then it can be repaired.

UPMC Hamot has agreed to sell us a small parcel of land directly to the west of the rectory garage. It is inaccessible from their parking lot, and has been overgrown with weeds over the years. We approached them to see if we could buy the parcel and then put up a building to house all of the equipment from the festival. As we continue to purchase more and more items each year, particularly items for the kitchen so that we won’t have to rent them each year, we are in more and more need of space to store them. Up until now, everything is stored in the rectory garage, but during the winter the door is up and down as the truck and snow equipment are in and out making the area damp.

I just paid our $4,361.8 property taxes to the City of Erie. We pay taxes on the rectory, parking lot and grounds. Only the church itself is exempt.

During the month of September, our Food Pantry served 413 families which included 187 children. We distributed 10,253 pounds of food at a cost of $311.35. Once again I did not have to take any parish monies because of your generosity.

Some responses a teacher received from her second grade students on a recent religion test.

“The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.”….”A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.”…..”Noah’s wife was called Joan of Ark.”…….”Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.”…….”Solomon, one of David’s sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.”…….”Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate conception.”…..”Jesus wrote the Golden Rule, which says to do one of the others before they do one to you.”
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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:

**Restoration Memorials**
- In memory of **Beverly Feeley** from Barbara Brairton, Robert & Mary Alice Glowacki, Floyd & Rosanne Hyatt, M Shawn & Sharon Rooney, Lynn Basco and Betty Latimer
- Jean Driscoll, from Glenn & Nancy Miller, family of Joan Gloekler, Mike & Kathie Dzuridy, John & Meg Britton, Doug & Judy Merritt, Carol & Bob Zesinger, Dave & Diane Hyman, Mark & Heidi Merritt and Dale DeMarco
- **Beverly Feeley** from Barbara Brairton, Ed Lesser & Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, Scott & Jane Lightner, Heidi McClosky
- **Betty Hartwig** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Northwest Savings Bank, Gary & Kathleen Goodelle, Robert & Cherri Melani, James & Kathleen Dammeyer, Rebecca Wachter, Frank Scozzi, Gayle Elmer, Patricia Kelm, Rene & Karen Hayes, Lewis & David Briggs, Nancy Potter and Philip & Cathy Zacks

Special Thank You!!!

**Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry**
Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:
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**Ministry Schedule**

- **Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 5:00 pm**
  - Lector: Kathleen Haslett
  - Eucharistic Ministers: **HOST**: Kathy Sertz, Barbara Brairton, Carol Habas, Bill Gloekler, Patty Gloekler
  - **CUP**: Jay Habas, Shirley Wincschel
  - Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**
  - Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz

- **Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 8:00 am**
  - Lector: Fred Olds
  - Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joseph Schneider, Christopher Sofranko
  - Ushers: John Maloney, David Korn, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies

- **Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 10:30 am**
  - Lector: Mary Duncan
  - Eucharistic Ministers: **HOST**: Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith, Kathleen Pae, Mary Williams, Luke Gilmore
  - **CUP**: Colleen Welch, Erin Wachter
  - Greeters: **NEEDED**
  - Altar Servers: ______
  - Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balcun
  - Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

**An organ concert will be offered on Sunday, October 20, at 4 PM at St. Patrick Church**, Erie. The church’s pipe organ was installed in 1906 and was recently completely refurbished this past year at a cost in excess of $600,000. Chicago organist, Peter Knippel will play the 3,100 pipe instrument and the St. Patrick Church Choir will sing two arrangements under the direction of Music Director, Mark Alloway. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

**Let us Welcome Andrew James Shannon**
child of
Andrew & Tarrah (Herman) Shannon
who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday

**The Sanctuary Lamp**
burns in loving memory of
James R. Stoffer
from Brian & Annie Candela family

**Stewardship**

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Thank you for your generosity!

**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.
Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments - Bullying Prevention Month:

Relational bullying in unwarranted, persistent, unwelcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion (“You can’t be with us”), spreading rumors (“Did you hear...?”), and withholding friendship (“I won’t be your friend if you...?”). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help maintain safe environments, visit https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

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!

Cathedral Prep’s Open House will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Guided tours will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a hands-on look at our STEM Offerings, advanced science experiments, performances by our MVP program, access to our 3-D printers, info on how to graduate high school with a semester or more of college completed, and more! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for tuition discounts. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 W 9th St., Erie, PA. Please call 814-453-7737 ext. 3 with questions.

Villa Maria Academy’s Open House will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 - 3:00pm. Guided tours of the school will include interactive classroom demonstrations, a hands-on look at our art and dance programs, advanced science experiments, info on how to graduate high school with a semester of college completed, access to Villa’s 3-D printers, dance studio, fitness center, student café, and more! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Villa Maria Academy is located at 2403 W 8th Street, Erie, PA. If you have any questions, please call 838-2061, ext. 3239
The Office of Global Support and Student Engagement at Gannon University assists our international students though advocacy, immigration advising and programming. We are attempting to establish a Global Volunteer Council with local community members to address some of the students’ needs such as airport pick-ups upon arrival to the U.S., shopping runs for bedding and initial residence housing needs or assisting our office with meals at orientation.

We are also hoping to build a Friendship Family Program with similar intentions in mind. Through this program we would match international students with local families and community members to build friendships beyond campus. This could be anything from hosting a group of students for a holiday meal to volunteering to be a host family.

The main purpose of these efforts is to enhance students’ overall abroad experience as well as to provide cultural experiences to the Erie community. We are privileged to have 412 undergraduate and graduate students representing 56 countries.

If you are interested in learning more about our international student body and contributing to our efforts, we will be hosting a meet & greet on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00pm. It will be held in the Pietraszek Room on the 2nd floor of the Waldron Campus Center here at Gannon University. Please RSVP by 3pm on Monday, October 28th to demyanov002@gannon.edu. You may also RSVP by clicking the following link: https://forms.gle/w1TdkTt6Wo5RaShf9. We look forward to meeting you!

The pro-life community of St. Stanislaus Church in Erie will hold a pro-life holy hour Oct. 27 beginning at 2 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church, E. 13th and Wallace streets. All are welcome to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a greater respect for all human life. There will be various special intentions, including prayers for victims of sexual abuse, babies in the womb, the elderly, the sick, and an end to embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.

The Christmas Market at Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 4-6 pm and Sunday December 8th, 8 am-2 pm in Scheffner Hall. The deadline for all orders is Thursday, October 31st. We will be selling Czarnina (Duck Soup) at $6/quart, Golabki (Pigs in the Blanket) at $20/doz. and $12/half-dozen and our famous Cheese Pierogi at $20/doz. and $12/half-dozen. You may place an order using the order form on our parish website, www.olmc-erie.org or by calling Michelle at 814-825-7313, ext. 4, or by stopping at our office at 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Payment is due at time of order.

A Family Perspective—
Listen to Jesus in today’s gospel: “...who humbles himself will be exalted.” It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life and “ordinary time” which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime. Try it and you’ll see.
Fall, 2019

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 November 2nd & 3rd 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 be remembered, please complete the information below and make sure it is in the parish office no later than Monday October 28th. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of: ________________________  Requested by: ________________________

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