

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2019



"Visions of St. Francis"
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
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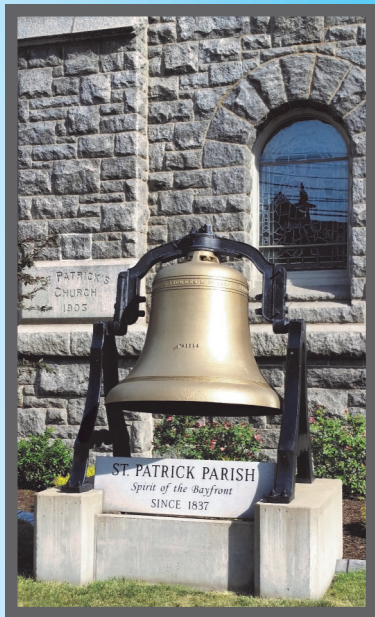
Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

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Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



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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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. According to Sirach, God shows no partiality. He then continues to show God's particular care for the weak, oppressed, orphaned and widowed. Rather than this being partiality, God's concern for those who cry out in need shows that he listens and is a just judge. During the Hellenistic time in which Sirach writes, the poor were dismissed as unworthy. Sirach is writing to young students whom he instructs in wisdom. Rather than accepting the cultural prejudice against the poor, he looks to the Jewish tradition. "Because of the precept, help the needy, and in their want, do not send them away empty."

Throughout his letters, Paul describes himself in many ways, as apostle, servant and slave, and he uses numerous metaphors to describe his life and ministry. Today he writes from prison and uses two metaphors: his life is poured out like a libation, and he is running a race like an athlete. These images are particularly poignant at this point in Paul's life as he sees that the time of his departure is at hand. Referring to his impending death, Paul uses a metaphor employed by Homer for loosening a ship from its moorings in preparation for setting sail. He sees his imprisonment as the final preparation for his departure. In the second part of the reading, he looks back at his life from another perspective. Though Paul had hoped that many of his coworkers would defend him, no one appeared. Yet, even in their absence, Paul does not stand alone. The Lord stands by him, giving him strength.

In Jesus' parables, he created characters familiar to his audience, but developed in stories that turn around commonly held beliefs or expectations. The Pharisee in today's parable would be seen as righteous, honest and upright. In contrast, people looked upon tax collectors as just the opposite. They cheated the people by demanding more than was due. But their true self comes through in their prayer. The Pharisee notes how

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

righteous he is while the tax collector doesn't even dare to raise his eyes to heaven. He recognizes himself as a sinner and asks only for God's mercy. The parable is directed to those who were convinced of their own righteousness while despising others, as the Pharisee did.

Every five years each bishop in the world has to go to Rome and submit reports on his diocese. Rhode Island has the highest percentage of Catholics in the population of any state in the country (believe they numbered 52% in the past. Bishop Thomas Tobin, bishop of Providence, recently released his ad limina report which he will submit to Rome. The report shows that Mass attendance has fallen 57% since the year 2000. In 2000, Rhode Island's Catholic parishes reported 525,000 parishioners; last year they reported only 321,000, a drop of nearly 40% in 18 years. While the number of parishioners equaled more than half the entire Rhode Island population in 2000, it now equals less than a third. The number of Catholic weddings has declined from over 2,000 to under 700 last year; Baptisms and First Communions have each dropped from over 6,000 to well under 3,000; and confirmations have fallen from 4,800 to 2,900. There are presently only 134 priests in active ministry, down from 216 in 2000.

Bishop Persico will join the rest of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York bishops in making his ad limina visit shortly. He has not yet released the report on sacramental data in our diocese.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia released the findings of its ad limina report this past week which show that the reception of the sacraments of baptism and marriage have declined dramatically in the archdiocese since 1961. The data shows there were 37,855 infant baptisms in 1961 in the 310 parishes in the archdiocese. In 2018, the latest year available, 7,937 babies were baptized in 214 parishes—a 79% decline in the sacrament. The fertility rates in the United States has dropped by about half since 1961, and most families today do not include more than two children. Fewer children naturally means fewer baptisms. Another key sign of future vitality is reception of the sacrament of marriage. An increasing number of weddings are taking place in country clubs, on beaches and other settings outside a church by

couples who were raised Catholic. In 1961, 9,017 couples married in archdiocesan parishes. By 2018, the number had fallen to 2,814, or a 69% decline. The two Catholic sacraments of baptism and matrimony are important indicators of the future because they represent beginnings: baptism as the sacrament of initiation into the Christian life and marriage as the start of the family.

I mentioned to you that we are able to secure a small portion of land directly to the west of the rectory garage. This land is part of the parking lot that UPMC bought from the parish years ago, but the particular parcel is not accessible and is simply overgrown with weeds. There are some complicated legal moves that have to be made to separate the land from the larger property that Hamot owns, and that process is underway. The property also has to be appraised, and that is being done also. We will not be able to do anything more this year, but as soon as the weather breaks in the spring, we will lay a cement slab and then construct a steel building to store the equipment for the festival. I've asked Gary and Becky Johnson and Eric Albright to work with the company that is going to erect the building so that they can have it designed to best serve them. They know much more of what they need than I do. This way we will be able to move a good deal of the equipment out of the rectory garage and into this building. The garage gets very damp because of the truck and snow equipment going in and out all of the time. This new building can be designed and built to be free of that problem.

As the festival continues to grow in such numbers each year, we have been purchasing kitchen equipment so that we don't have to continue to rent it each year.

His will provided \$40,000 for an elaborate funeral. As the last guests departed, his wife turned to her dearest friend and said, "Patrick would be pleased." "You're right," replied the friend who asked, "So, how much did this really cost?" "All of it," replied the wife. The friend replied, "It was very nice, but it couldn't have cost \$40,000." The widow answered, "The funeral was \$6,500, I donated \$500 to the church, the whiskey, wine and snacks were another \$500, and the rest went for the memorial stone. "For the love of God," replied her friend, "\$32,500 for a memorial stone. How big is it?" "4 carats," replied the widow.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,244.00
Online Giving	<u>1,797.30</u>
Total	\$ 10,041.30

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 made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Emory Lang** from Mary Atzert
- ♦ **Marion Byrne Santos** from Corrine Cassa
- ♦ **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
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- ♦ **Gervasi & Pritchard families** from Ken & Jan Gervasi
- ♦ **Ashley Ann Kuzma** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Survivors and Victims of Breast Cancer** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Mary Tellers & Elizabeth Hartwig** from Matthew & Abby Lechner

Also donation from:

Barbara Abbott & Roddy James, Victoria Abbott, Mary Anne Ashworth, Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore, Ann Downing, Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Jay & Carol Habas, Kathleen Horan, Ken & Pattie Marchant and Melanie Musarra

Special Thank You!!!
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Welcome New Parishioners

Donald & Sandy Donnelly	Kathleen Caccavo
James & Marcia Nielsen	Judith Weber
Sherry Ehrenreich	Carolyn Crehan
Tim Kozek	Jeff & Lisa LeCorchick
Bethany Mongera	Rick & Jeanine Tome
Keith & Mary Jean Taylor	Dan & Kathy Ponsford
Nicole Wisniewski	Daniel DiBacco
Erica Marie Clare DiLuzio,	Natalie Vitale
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Bernard & Janet Pelkowski	John & Lisa Peck
Kevin Wm. Bennett	Doug Villella
Anthony R. Bruno	Marie Groger
John Euliano	Elizabeth Meir
Patrick Fessler	Ed & Patty Kopay
Jeffrey & Shawn Kesling	Robert Rees

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Roseann Brown,
Wendy Sadlier, Diane McCarthy, Patty Dailey

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, James Salter

Greeters: Mike & Pat Tellers

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

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

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

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Luke Gilmore

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully,
Luke Gilmore, Cyndi Pristello

CUP: Patty Jackson, Candy Bukowski

Greeters: needed

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Susan Merski,
Mary Frick, Tim Torrey

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 2020 Lector Workbooks

are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Be sure to pick up your book today or call the Parish office at 454-8085 to make arrangements for pick up.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Oct. 26 *Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM CAROL VICARO (TOM & PAT PIANTA)

Oct. 27 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN SLOWIKOWSKI

(ANN & ANNETTE STAROCCI)

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER, ANNIV.

(MARGE & KEN WORLEY)

Oct. 28 *Monday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

8:00 AM ROBERT VITRON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(BOBBIE VITRON)

Oct. 29 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)

Oct. 30 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARION BORKOWSKI, (PAT ANTONOPLOS)

Oct. 31 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM LEONARD ALECCI (CATHY & JOE)

Nov. 1 *Friday, All Saints Day*

12:00 PM FOR ALL THE DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF
ST. PATRICK PARISH

Nov. 2 *Saturday, Vigil: All Soul's Day*

5:00 PM BOB SAUERS (CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)

Nov. 3 *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES & CAROL DONNELLY

(ST. VINCENT ICU)

10:30 AM HAROLD E. DOWNEY (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

10/26 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/29 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/30 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

10/02 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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!

Marriage Moments—



"I have competed well, I have finished the race..." (2 Tim 4:7) Whether you are young in age or nearing the probable end of your time on earth, review your lives together. What have you worked hard to achieve? What remains for you before the race is finished?

Fall Craft Show

St. James will hold its Annual Craft Show on **Saturday and Sun-**

day, November 2 and 3, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm

at St. James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road. There are many new and exciting crafters. Come and get an early start on your Christmas shopping. FREE admission and FREE parking. For additional information, please contact St. James Rectory at 899-6178.



ANNUAL EMMAUS CLOTHING DRIVE

The cold weather is upon us... it is time to remember those in need. The collection is on Saturday Nov. 23rd from 9-11 a.m. at Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 218 East 11th St. Simply pull up to the front, volunteers will be happy to take your things. We will be collecting gently used or new blankets, boots, coats, jackets, hats, mittens, sweaters, turtle necks, sweatpants and sweatshirts for men, women and children.

Please limit it to these warm items only.

Questions call Kelley Glass at 838-0348.



Luxury Liner Lunacy

Mania, Marriage, and Murder on the High Seas Suspicions, accusations, attacks, and hysteria – and that's just the wedding. The reception which follows is guaranteed to be every bit as exciting. Come witness what happens when a rambunctious cowboy, a cheesy lounge singer, a cantankerous attorney, and a host of others come together for one of the most memorable cruises ever.

December 7, 2019 6:30 PM (doors open @ 5:45)
Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria, 1626 W 26th St., Erie, PA 16508

\$30/person (Includes dinner, beer, wine or soft drinks and a chance at prizes.)

All proceeds benefit area **Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 278**

For more information and reservation contact:

Email: Kingal3423@gmail.com

or 814-460-7637 (All Smith) 814-454-0171 (Rectory)

Payment must be made in advance

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



Join our Countywide...

Grocery Shopping & Delivery Program

What It Is

If you have difficulty getting to a grocery store or doing your own shopping, let a **Meals On Wheels volunteer** shop your personal grocery list and deliver the groceries to your home. Once a week, once a month, or once in a while.



We partner with **Giant Eagle** and **Sander's Markets** to provide Grocery Shopping and Home Delivery throughout Erie County down to Corry area

How It Works

- Call our office to place an order on Monday or Tuesday between 8:30AM and Noon and receive delivery on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. We will coordinate your delivery day and time with your volunteer.
- The volunteer will purchase your groceries at one of our local grocer partners using our credit card.
- When groceries are delivered, you pay for the groceries with a check made out to Meals On Wheels Erie, along with a modest handling fee (\$5 min). No cash.
- You can place your order weekly or less often.
- Each order is limited to 21 items and there are reasonable weight restrictions in our guidelines.

How To Register

To register, please contact Pat at (814) 452-6930 or toll free at 844-378-0202. She will walk you through the process. **Note to SNAP (Food Stamp) recipients:** We are able to accept payment by the SNAP system. Just let us know during the registration process that you will be using SNAP for your food groceries. Non food items and our handling fee will still need to be paid by check.

How To Volunteer

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to shop and deliver to a person in need in the Erie County area, please call Pat at (814) 452-6930 (or go online and visit www.MealsOnWheelsErie.org/volunteer). You would shop Wed, Thu, or Fri and deliver before dark. We need your help to offer this much needed program for our seniors.



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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: _____

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New Registration

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Moving

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SAINT PATRICK PARISH

130 EAST 4TH STREET ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA 16507

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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,

Msgr. Henry Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:
