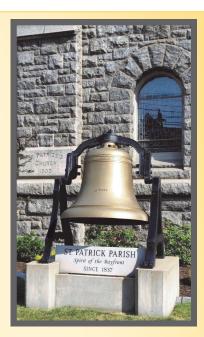
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4, 2018



Altar Angel St. Patrick Church

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



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Today is the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our first reading sums up the basic principle of the Mosaic Law:



Since the Lord alone is God, Israel must love God with an undivided heart. Jesus would later cite this commandment as "the first of all." A little capsule, called in Hebrew the *mezuzah*, fixed to the doorjamb of houses and rooms in Jewish homes, contained a little parchment inscribed with Deuteronomy 6:4-9. As practicing Jews enter or exit through the doorway, they touch this little mezuzah, which they reverence with a kiss as a sign of their profession of faith.

The ancient priesthood consisted of priests who died and had to be replaced, but the priesthood of Jesus is forever. Jesus is the high priest, "higher than the heavens, "a priest who has no need to offer sacrifice daily for sins but who offered himself once and for all. The law appointed high priests with human limitation, but the fulfillment of God's oath regarding Melchizedek (Ps 110) makes the Son of God the perfect priest forever. The Letter to the Hebrews affirms that Jesus' priesthood can never be taken from him. He is and will always remain the only way to God. On earth he served people and gave his life for them, in heaven he intercedes for them. He is the eternal priest, who forever opens the door to friendship with God and is forever the servant of all of us.

The scribe in today's gospel is friendly as he asks about the first or greatest commandment of the Law. Jesus formulates the double love command, love God and love one's neighbor, two segments taken from the OT Law. Love commands are preceded by the words of the *Sema* (Deuteronomy 6:4), the confession of God's uniqueness. The scribe's response interprets the *Sema* by noting that this is more important than all offerings and sacrifices. Love thus becomes the ethical command that far outweighs any cultic rites. This story follows closely the incident in the Temple and suggests that here the idea that love "is worth

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

During the month of October each year, we are required to submit to the diocese the number of people who attend Mass each weekend and the number of hosts which are distributed. I'm happy to tell you that our October count is up again this year, though slightly. It is up slightly because we really can't get too many more people in church!!! The balcony has been closed since Christmas while the pipe organ was being restored and that takes away over 80 seats. Now that the pipe organ is restored, we are replacing the carpeting in the balcony, and, as soon as that is finished, we will re-open the balcony for weekend Masses.

I recently hosted all of the Irish Festival committee chairs and their spouses for a cocktail party in the rectory (when you live alone in 12,800 square feet, you have to throw parties!!). We discussed this year's festival and all agreed that it was our most successful to date. Not only have chairs enhanced their areas, but we were fortunate with the incredible weather. One of the outcomes of the discussion is to shorten the hours of the festival. Why? Because our volunteers are exhausted. I'm not even working and I know how tired I am at the end of the weekend.

We are the only festival in the city that remains open until 11 PM and next year we are going to close on Friday and Saturday nights at 10 PM. We are also going to shorten the hours on Saturday. Saturday the festival will be open from 12— 10 PM rather than the past hours of 11 AM until 11 PM. On Sunday we will be open from 11 AM until 3 PM. Will this affect our bottom line? Probably but that is fine with me. I'm more interested in building community among parishioners than in the money. We can't build community if we're too exhausted to talk to one another!!!!

We're still paying bills from the festival as they come in, and so it is too early to know what our bottom line will be. I think it's very clear that this was our largest and best festival yet—thanks in large part to the work done by Gary and Becky Johnson as they chaired it the past two years and by Eric Albright as he chaired it this year and will next year. The weather also played a significant role in our success. We simply could not have asked for better weather. If anyone has any additional ideas on how we can improve things with the festival, please let us know.

The docents who helped explain the interior of the church during the festival all told me that we had more people come in to see the church this year than ever before. I continue to be amazed at how many people in the city have not only never seen the building, but did not have any idea that such a beautiful building is in the heart of our city.

Another absolutely beautiful church in this neighborhood is the Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity. The interior of that building is adorned with magnificent murals and is well worth seeing. It is open during their Russian Festival which is every Memorial Day weekend.

We recently hosted an Anointing Service to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who have chronic illness or are elderly. There were 4 priests here to do the anointing. It was a simple service (many of these elderly people cannot sit through a long Mass), and then the individual anointing. Vatican II moved us away from the Last Rites—which emerged in the Middle Ages and back to the original Sacrament for the Sick.

I recently hosted two cocktail parties for the parishioners who donated \$400 or more to the Catholic Service Appeal. When I started doing this several years ago, we had one party with about 25 people at it. This year, we had two cocktail parties with about 60 people the first night and 55 the second night. Their generosity in this appeal helps enable us to pay the diocese our assessment (\$84,000) and then to keep the rest that is raised in the parish (\$38,000). It is also an opportunity for parishioners to meet one another and to get to know one another. And, finally, everyone loves to wander through the rectory of 34 rooms, 10 bathrooms and 12 fireplaces.

Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate. **Husband**: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier. **Wife**: There are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes. **Husband**: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving. The husband is slowly recovering from a serious head wound.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	
Offertory Collection Online Giving	
Total Income	

\$ 7,376.00 \$ <u>1,332.30</u> \$ 8,708.30

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 to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- Sr. Mary Pascal Gray
- Rosemarie Bihler from Marci Honard
- Robert Vitron from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- Rob Vitron from Bobbie Vitron
- Special Intention from Don & Mary Lou Zone

Also donations from:

Mark & Eileen Behringer, Robert & Mildred Biebel, Geoffrey Gloekler, William & Patricia Gloekler, Dennis & Marie Gritzer, Kathleen Horan, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Adlin & Erin Strimel, Gloria Walker and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Waz

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

Additional All Souls Memorials



Received from Jane Carney... IMO Wm. J. & Jane Ward Carney, Wm. John Carney, Ann Greene, McDonald & Ward grandparents

Received from **Don & Barbara Chandley... IMO** Patrick Chandley, Diana Chandley, Irene Scardinski, Ken & Bernadine Chandley

Received from Ray & Patti Fiorelli...

IMO deceased members of the Fiorelli and Maloney families

Received from **Deborah Musolff... IMO** Hagman & Dalton families

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Received from **Tony & Jan Scicchitano...**

IMO deceased members of the May, Dunn, Scicchitano & Orso families

Received from Tom & Colleen Welch... IMO Mainzer, Spenik, Berchtold, Polaski families, Welch, McMenamin families



Thank you Erie for voting St. Patrick Church #1 for Place of Worship for a second year in a row!!!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm Lector: Bill Power Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Mary Beth Pinto CUP: Bill Power, Carolyn Power Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 8:00 am Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joseph Schneider Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub, Mike Nies

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:30 am Lector: Mary Duncan Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Ryan Palm, Megan Gilmore CUP: Patty Jackson, Kathleen Pae Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,

Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

The 2019 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.



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.



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Nov. 3 Saturday, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time				
5:00 pm audrey flanigan (nancy, judy & debbie)				
Nov. 4 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time				
8:00 AM JOHN L. FATICA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH $-11/8$				
(JEANNE RAHILL)				
10:30 AM THOMAS PETERSON				
(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)				
Nov. 5 Monday, Weekday				
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE				
Nov. 6 Tuesday, Weekday				
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE				
Nov. 7 Wednesday, Weekday				
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE				
Nov. 8 Thursday, Weekday				
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE				
Nov. 9 Friday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica				
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE				
Nov. 10 Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
5:00 pm billy alex (mary lynn angelotti)				
Nov. 11 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time				
8:00 AM PRO POPULO				
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK'S"				
10:30 AM MILDRED & THOMAS HEUBEL (FAMILY)				

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

 11/03
 4:30 PM
 Confessions - St.P

 11/06
 11:00 AM
 Food Pantry - PR

 11/07
 12:00 PM
 A.A. - PR

 11/10
 4:30 PM
 Confessions - St.P

COLLECTION OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE OVERFLOW HOMELESS SHELTER.



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the overflow homeless shelter at the **Rus**sian Church of the Nativity Social Center from January 30 to February 6. We are collecting personal hygiene toiletry items (shampoo, bath products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deo-

dorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products & hand sanitizers), as well as cough drops, lip balm and hand warmers. PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT. Collection bins will be located in the church's main entrance at each mass during the months of November and December. Items can also be dropped off on the rectory's side porch. In addition, monetary donations are needed. We greatly appreciate your donations. The response the past few years has been amazing. Thank you for your generosity.



Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

(Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Education Program)

The Market will be held Friday, December 21, 2018 4:00p.m.–7:00p.m. Saturday, December 22, 2018 9:00a.m.–12:00Noon

Holy Trinity Social Center – *The Gathering Place* 23rd and Reed Street Erie PA 16503

Supplies ARE limited during the market due to the pre-orders

Order in advance to ensure you get all your Christmas favorites!

We will be accepting pre-orders Thursday, November 1, 2018 through Monday, December 3, 2018

PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ALL ORDERS PLEASE NOTE:

No orders can be accepted after December 3rd

COOKIES**CHRUSCIKI**OPLATKI**PIEROGI **SWEET BREAD**NUTROLL**

Order forms available at www.holytrinityrc.org beginning November 1, 2018

FAX your order to (814)461-1150 CALL your order in to (814) 456-0671

MAIL your order to Holy Trinity Parish 2220 Reed Street Erie, PA 16503

Veterans Day remembered at Mercyhurst University

In remembrance of Veterans Day in November, Mercyhurst University in Erie will be recognized as a Purple Heart In-



stitution during a ceremony honoring Purple Heart recipients *Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.* Bob Hill, commander of Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 197 Erie, will speak. On *Nov. 8 at 3:30 p.m.*, Retired Brig. Gen. Pat Genung will speak at a Celebration of Valor. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Mercy Heritage Room on the Mercyhurst campus off of E. 38th Street in Erie. Registration is requested by signing up at

https://www.mercyhurst.edu/alumni/mercyhursttribute-veterans. For questions or concerns, contact Karen Morahan at

kmorahan@mercyhurst.edu or at 814-824-2909.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Silent Peace Walk to pray for those suffering from abuse

A Silent Peace Walk sponsored by the Erie Benedictines for Peace will be held **Nov. 8 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.** beginning at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W. 10th St., Erie. Participants will remember the suffering of everyone affected by sexual abuse. All are welcome to attend this public, nonviolent action for peace. For information, contact <u>bfp@mtstbenedict.org</u> or go to <u>www.eriebenedictines.org/bfp</u>.

The Saint Benedict Academy Alumnae Association

is sponsoring a **CASH BINGO** on *Sunday*, *November 11, 2018*. Don't miss your



chance to win MONEY!! The BINGO will be held at the Polish Falcons Club, 431 E 3rd St from 1 to 4 pm. Doors will open at noon. The kitchen and bar will be available. All games are played for CASH. Top Prize is \$300. Cost is \$20 per pack of 9 cards. Extra packs - \$10. Instants and 50/50 Split Games. Come join us. The 58th Annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel FEATHER PARTY will be held on *Saturday, November 17, 2018*, (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) from 6pm to 10pm in OLMC's Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd (@ Davison Avenue). Admission to the event is FREE. There will be free refreshments, tips, a wine & craft beer booth, fruit basket raffles, and—of course—the opportunity to win a turkey dinner with all the trimmings as well as cash prizes! There will be snack food and munchies available for purchase. Please come and join in the fun and fellowship! For more information, you can visit <u>www.OLMC-erie.org</u> or call the OLMC Parish Office @ 825-7313.



Daylight Savings Time Ends



MSGR. KRIEGEL'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-I	MAIL:					
HEAD	BIRTHDA	ATE:				
SPOUSE	BIRTHDATE:					
CHILD	BIRTHDA	ATE:				
CHILD	BIRTHDA	ATE:				
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW: New Registration Change of Address Moving Want Envelopes						
PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory						



We Remember Them

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them. In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of the winter, we remember them. In the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them. In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them. In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them. When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them. When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them. So long as we live, they, too shall live, for they are now a part of them, as we remember them.

Rosh Hashanah

Maurita Mead Edward Harmle Norann Brugger Mary Jane McCallion Kevin Misko Jacqueline Vommaro Raymond Delinski Margaret Stewart Mary McCarthy Renee Calabrese Jeffrey Bomba Mary Ann DiSanti Claire Russell Thomas Klaus Ann Marie Chojnacki Margaret Bogardus Carl Fetzner Thomas Cook Ruth Gray Joan Gloekler Nancy Dwyer Judith Applebee William Alex Michael Vehec Mary Pontoriero Louise Sawyer Richard Miller Michael Dailey Mark Bukowski Forrest Mischler