

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2017



Altar Angel
St. Patrick Church

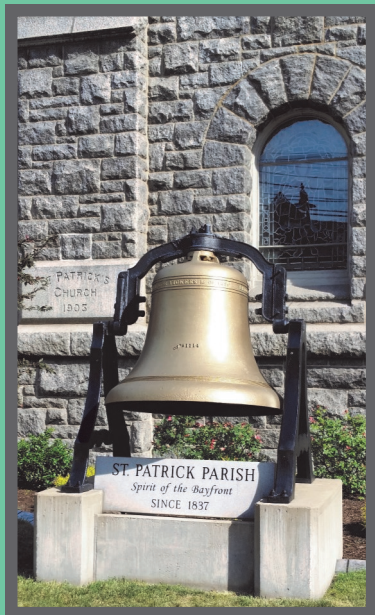
Saint Patrick Parish

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



Saint Patrick Parish

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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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Through the prophet Malachi, the Lord of hosts speaks to the priests of Israel. God is portrayed as the leader of the heavenly army as well as the armies of Israel. As such he is feared among the nations. Unfortunately, our reading today omits several verses in which God tells the priests what they should have known, but have neglected: the covenant God made with their ancestors. Instead of living in keeping with the tradition begun with Levi, they have turned aside from "the way," a frequent biblical image to describe a manner of living. Not only have the priests turned away but through their faulty teaching they have led the people astray. Condemnation is not the last word of the Lord to the priests. He asks them, "Have we not all one father?" Since God is the father and creator of all, the priests have a responsibility to lead the family in the way of the Torah. God's condemnation is intended to bring repentance and a return to the covenant of their ancestors.

Paul gives thanks for the manifestation of the faith, hope and love of the Corinthians. He notes that they received the Word in the midst of affliction. He has shared in their affliction, yet he never lets suffering, misunderstanding and persecution hinder his proclamation of the Good News. Paul is not alone in feeling such affection for the Corinthians. Silvanus and Timothy, cowriters of the letter, have also been missionaries there and note that, while ministering to them, they continued to work in their own trades so as not to be a burden to the community.

In one of the most comforting passages in Matthew's gospel, Jesus says, "My yoke is easy and my burden light." Today he speaks about the burdens that the Pharisees lay upon people's shoulders. They expect to be treated with honor at banquets, synagogues and in the marketplace. They expect to receive honor by the titles given them: rabbi, teacher, father. Jesus' warning to avoid these titles is a warning to stay away from

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

power and status. It is the very same warning that Pope Francis is constantly reminding the clergy of today. Clinging to power brings about the clericalism he so often condemns, just as Jesus condemns it in the Pharisees.

An average of ten Anglican churches are closing each year in Wales. One hundred and fifteen churches have closed in the last decade, accounting for eight percent of the total 1,319 places of worship. The latest census shows that Wales has the highest percentage of people claiming no religion in the United Kingdom where more than 50% make this claim.

Our Food Pantry served 416 families during the month of September. Those families included 268 elderly, 602 adults and 562 children. We distributed 7,363 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$1,112.13. All of those costs continue to be covered by your ongoing generosity.

It's happening!!!! If you drive past 5th and German streets, you will notice some construction on the east side of German Street. Erie Insurance is building the first of several rental and condo units on that corner. This once semi-abandoned neighborhood is fast coming back to life. In addition to these new condominiums, Erie Insurance purchased two one-hundred year old wooden homes, completely took them apart, numbered everything and are now going to put them back together on East Fifth Street. Drive through the area and you will be amazed at the removal of blighted homes, the green space, new homes that have been built, etc. And St. Patrick's sits right in the middle of everything that is being transformed. Great place to be.

The same transformation that has been taking place on the lower east side is now also taking place on the lower west side. Thanks to the leadership of Gannon University, blighted homes are being removed, a great deal of restoration of older homes is taking place and green space is being restored. The lower east side is the oldest part of the city of Erie. The city began at the foot of Parade Street, and this area—the first ward—was largely home to Irish immigrants. French St. was a major street lined with businesses. As the lower west side began to develop, that area was

largely home to immigrants from Portugal who were the early ship builders, while the Irish immigrants worked on those ships. Saint Patrick's was the Irish parish and Saint Andrew's became the parish for the Portuguese immigrants. In those early days, almost all parishes were ethnic in their nature. It would not be until the dedication of St. Peter's Cathedral in 1892 that we finally had a parish which was not ethnic in origin.

As each succeeding generation of immigrants moved more and more away from their ethnic origins and into the mainstream of American life, they more and more abandoned those ethnic parishes and, in many cases, would ultimately abandon the very faith itself. We are seeing this all around us today.

We're also seeing this play out in our midst today with many immigrants from the Middle East where women wear distinguished clothing. As each generation succeeds them, they will slowly abandon these ethnic symbols and become part of the mainstream of America. There seems to be a great deal of fear of immigrants today, but we have to remember that these early Irish immigrants were victims of terrible fear and distrust. Many places advertising for employees put a sign out that said, "Irish need not apply." America has always been a nation of immigrants, and we must continue to be the same.

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he spotted an envelope addressed to "Dad." With trembling hands he began to read, "Dear dad, it is with regret and sorrow that I'm writing. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with you and mom. I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than me. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We dream of having many children. She also opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. Don't worry, dad, I'm 16 and I know how to take care of myself. Love, your son, Sean. P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the lousy report card that's in my desk drawer. Call me when it's safe to come home."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,300.00
Online Giving	<u>1,174.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,474.30

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Rex Gerald William Woofter
 son of
 Scott & Gabrielle (Randall) Woofter
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 AM Liturgy 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:

St. Patrick Restoration Fund

A donation was made in memory of:

- ♦ **Adele Bole** from Roger & Debbie Hays

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **John Fatica** from A. Paul & Mollie King
- ♦ **Tracy Fischer** from Richard & Lynne Miller
- ♦ **Luke from** John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Pat & Jack Wilson and Ray Sullivan** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski , Mary Ellen Demyanovich,
 Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz,
 William & Patricia Gloekler, Kathleen Horan and
 Tim & Anne-Marie Welsh

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Shirley Winschel, Patty Dailey

CUP: Anne Scutella, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
 Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch

CUP: Forrest Mischler, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,
 Chuck Agresti

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams
 Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Barb Miles



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting
 Children's Books for their
 children's library.



The **2018 Lector Books** 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

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.



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of marriage and parenting: "The greatest among you must be your servant." Children receive our genes, name and resources; and spouses share a lifelong commitment. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception, and the marriage covenant begins on the wedding day. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Nov. 4 Saturday, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY (BETH ABBOTT)

Nov. 5 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE KUZMIN, ANNIV.

(MR. & MRS. DONALD KENTON)

10:30 AM TYLER TOALE (CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)

Nov. 6 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 7 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 8 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 9 Thursday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 10 Friday, Saint Leo the Great,

Pope and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 11 Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM THOMAS & MILDRED HEUBEL (FAMILY)

Nov. 12 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ROBERT A. PIRRELO, JR. (JANE CARNEY)

10:30 AM ROBERT VITRON (MAUREEN WALLS)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory

11/04 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/07 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/08 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

11/11 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 Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center from January 31 to February 7. We are collecting personal hygiene toiletry items (shampoo, bath products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, 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 appreciate your donations. The response the past few years has been amazing. Thank you for your generosity.

Additional All Souls Memorials

Received From...

Frank & Christein Altadonna...

IMO Rosario & Giannina Altadonna & Earnest & Evelyn Dobberstein

Tom & Mary Alice Doolin

IMO Dr. John Roberts, Dr. James Roberts,
Dr. James Hoffman

Yvonne Gersims...

IMO Howard Gersims, "Sandy" Gersims,
"Kay" Graham Miller, All Souls

Tim & Karen Grode...

IMO Jean Grode, Theresa Chulick, Tom Chulick II

Michael & Paulanne Reske...

IMO Bernard & Florence Reske, Paul & Rose Kulich

Neil & Susan Shea...

IMO Theodore Shea, William Shea,
Hermine Swiensi, Edward Swiensi, Russell
Swiensi, James Pikiwicz

Ken & Kathi Slaney...

IMO Robert & Lois Slaney, Shirley Slaney Marks,
Adam Marks, Judy Slaney, Florence & Alfred
Slaney, Guy & Hilda Byers

Gerry Valahovic & Fred Vickey...

IMO Mikrut, Vickey, & Valahovic families,
Angela Helsley, Forgotten Souls

Tom & Colleen Welch...

IMO Louise Spenik, Anthony Spenik, Thomas L.
Welch, Catherine T. Welch

Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In the study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at Holy Rosary or St. John parish beginning November 14 at 2:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. and continuing every Tuesday for five weeks. The cost is \$20 for the materials, but financial assistance is available. For more information or to register for the study, call 454-6322 or email: eastsidecff@gmail.com.

Mustard Seeds: join our Sunday readings discussion group every 2nd and 4th Thursday at St. John rectory, 1:00 p.m. Prepare your hearts and minds for the upcoming Sunday Gospels. Call 454-6322 for more information. Our November meetings will be on the 8th and 30th (5th Thursday due to Thanksgiving).

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.

When we have joys we yearn to share, 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

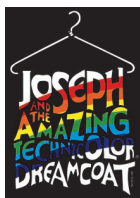
*Cynthia Murphy
Michael Schloss
Timothy O'Connor
Luke Purvis
Patrick Doyle
Judith Walker
Marianne Randazzo
Gregory DeMichele
Margaret Novicki
Barbara Coughlin
Barbara Conn
Margaret Vargo
Marian Wedzik
Robert Gallo
Robert McCarthy
Paul Pastore
Ernest Carlson*

*Janet Klempay
Kathleen Stablein
Nancy Crunk
Gary Oblywanik
Adele Bole
Juanita Cantlon
Robert Romecki
William Garwey
Tyler Toale
Robert Vitron
Helen Becker
John Fatica
Gretchen Froehlich
Mary Pat Ringhand
Lynne Long
Mark Borowy*



Daylight Savings Time Ends

The Mercyhurst Preparatory School
Performing Arts Department
Presents



November 16th, 17th, 18th at 7:00 pm

November 19th at 2pm

Adults \$10, Seniors \$7, Students \$5

Tickets available at the door 1 hour before curtain

MPS Performing Arts Center (PAC)
538 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA

Remember veterans at Mercy Hilltop program

The Mercy Hilltop Center in Erie is hosting a Veterans Day program Nov. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Veterans are invited to enjoy speakers, bingo and refreshments. This is a free event. For questions, call Amy Chevalier, program director, at 814-824-2214.



Order your favorite Christmas foods



The Catholic Education Program at Holy Trinity Parish in Erie is sponsoring its annual Christmas Market Dec. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holy Trinity Social Center—The Gathering Place, 2220 Reed St., Erie. Supplies are limited during the market due to pre-orders. To submit pre-orders for a variety of your Christmas favorites go to www.holytrinityrc.org. Pre-orders will be accepted between Nov. 2 and Dec. 4. Payment is due with orders. To submit orders, fax to 814-461-1150, call 814-456-0671, or mail to: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie, PA 16503.

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

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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Pine Ave Branch—845 E 38th St. * 825-2500
for advertising in our parish bulletin.