

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017



Mary's Altar
St. Patrick Church
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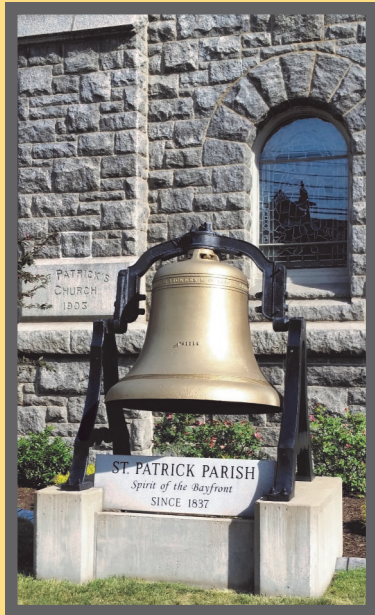
Saint Patrick Parish

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary time and our first reading from Wisdom is part of an exhortation to kings and magistrates. In this book as in other wisdom literature (Proverbs, The Song of Songs and Sirach), wisdom is portrayed as a woman. Here, she is “resplendent and unfading,” signaling a perennial beauty. While at times she seems hidden, those who seek her can readily find her. She is sitting at the gate, but will be missed by those who are not attentive. When the many passages presenting Wisdom are brought together, her portrait comes very close to that of God. In today’s passage, the author begins a sketch of her that will be more fully drawn in the subsequent chapters of the book.

Some people have no hope. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul explains why believers should not be counted among hopeless people who grieve over those who have fallen asleep. Paul is not referring to the natural sadness that people feel when a loved one dies; that loss is real and painful. The hopelessness that concerns Paul comes from thinking that death is the end; there is nothing beyond our earthly existence. He reminds us that hope is founded on our faith in Jesus’ death and resurrection. He also emphasizes that Jesus will come again. The Thessalonians were afraid that those who died before Jesus comes again would be left out. Their concern is not only for those who have already fallen asleep but for themselves as well. Paul tells them that those who die before his Second Coming will be the first to rise.

The parable in today’s gospel is taken from Jesus’ final discourse in Matthew’s gospel. Its focus is on the last things, particularly God’s final judgment, which will mean condemnation for the wicked and salvation for the just. In this part of his long discourse, Jesus uses parables that explain how believers should live in the present age as they await the second coming of Christ. The scenario comes from the first century Palestinian

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

custom of the bride going in procession with attendants to meet the bridegroom and share in the wedding banquet. The sufficient "oil" that everyone should have represent all the good works, such as mercy and justice and faithfulness.

Those who do not possess these virtues can be expected to be excluded from the great wedding banquet.

Celebrant of our Masses this weekend is Father Michael DeMartinis, chaplain at Villa Maria Academy and theater director at Prep and Villa.

I'm thrilled to tell you that the chairperson for our Irish Festival for 2018 and 2019 is going to be Eric Albright. Eric and Lisa have been parishioners at St. Patrick's for over 8 years, have volunteered at past festivals and now Eric is going to step up and assume the leadership. Gary and Becky Johnson have done an outstanding job in that role the past two years, and they have very generously offered to work closely with Eric to teach him the ropes as we continue to make the festival larger and better every year. It's almost unbelievable what Gary and Becky have done for the festival. They greatly expanded it, tightened things up and brought real class to the event. I can never thank them enough for what they did. Now Eric and succeeding chairs can continue to build on that momentum. We will host a meeting of chair people after the first of the year, and you will have a chance to meet Eric if you do not already know him.

I've tried to explain this before, but we're running into a dilemma with our wedding schedule. The parish has grown considerably in the past five years. In the past, we have welcomed non-parishioners to have their weddings here and have really gone out of our way to welcome and accommodate them. However, we're now finding that, in some instances, a parishioner calls to schedule a wedding, and the date has already been taken by a non-parishioner. To help with this dilemma, we are going to limit weddings to people who have been active parishioners for one year prior to scheduling a date. I really don't like to do this, but we have a responsibility first to the families who are parishioners and who support the parish. I don't like turning people away, but we're—along with the cathedral—the two

most popular venues for weddings in the entire diocese.

Tim NeCastro, CEO of Erie Insurance, informed some of us recently that the work of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation is quickly moving ahead with plans to revitalize the area from Perry Square north to 3rd Street between Holland and Sassafras Streets. They are in the process of recruiting a CEO and hope to have that person on board by year's end. They have been meeting with potential investors (remember that this entire project will be financed by private investment). Their goal for the first phase of funding is between \$20 and \$40 million in the fund and at least \$1 million for EDDC operations. He noted that "I'm confident that we'll achieve our funding goals." This is an exciting moment to finally restore and bring back to life the core of our inner city. And the added good news is that St. Patrick's sits right in the middle of the entire project. It's an exciting time.

Poor Pope Francis must feel sometimes that there are days he just can't win. During an Oct. 1 trip to Bologna, Italy, he dined with 20 prisoners from a local drug rehabilitation facility, along with refugees and the poor of the area. Sometime during the lunch two of the Italian prisoners used the opportunity to escape, and they have yet not been found!!!

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate planning? You can indicate a particular purpose or donate to the St. Patrick Foundation.

A drunken Irish man is stumbling through the woods when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds into the water and the preacher asks him, "Are you ready to find Jesus?" The drunk shouts, "Yes, I am." So the preacher grabs him and dunks him into the water, pulls him up and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No, I haven't found him." The preacher dunks him in but for a little longer and asks, "Have you found Jesus?" The drunk replies, "No." The preacher is at his wits end and dunks him again, this time holding him down for about 30 seconds. He again asks, "Have you found Jesus?" The drunk wipes his eyes, coughs up some water and says to the preacher, "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,911.45
Online Giving	<u>1,349.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,260.75

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Shirley Stratton
from Denise Manchester and
family*

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Kathy Alessi**.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Lynn Finegan** from Mary Atzert
- ♦ **Janet Klempay** from Barbara Brairton
- ♦ **Mike Schloss** from John & Carolyn Bauman
- ♦ **Clara M. Hanlin** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Edward DiMattio, Sr.** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **William Lacy** from Dr. Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Eleanor Froehlich** from Gary & Mary Pat Frohelich
- ♦ **Tony & Irene Izbicki** from Marsha Gensheimer
- ♦ **Joseph & Marie Meagher** from Peggy Pietraszek

Also donations from:

Mark & Candy Bukowski, Ken & Alice Daub,
Karen Euliano, Timothy & Karyn Polaski,
William & Rebecca Ruprecht, Kraig Sweeney

Special Thank You!!!

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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

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, November 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Pat Schlaudecker**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Kaleigh Vinesky, Alex Vinesky

CUP: Jay Habas, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Husdon

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

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Nancy Andrzejewski

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

Sunday, November 20, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Michele Wheaton**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Charla Leemhuis,
Ryan Palm

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

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

The **Upper Room of Erie, Inc.**, is planning to mark this year's **National Homeless Week** with its **22nd Annual Blizzard of Blankets** on Saturday, **November 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the multi-purpose stage in Perry Square. Donors are encouraged to bring new or gently used blankets, winter clothing, and boots for men or women that day and a cheerful volunteer will unload the donation—saving any need to leave the warmth of your automobiles! Cash donations are also most welcome to purchase additional items—especially boots—as the colder weather wears on.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Nov. 13 *Monday, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 14 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 15 *Wednesday, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 16 *Thursday, Saint Margaret*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 17 *Friday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 18 *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS

(SHARON & TOM YELKOVICH)

Nov. 19 *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FERDINAND CHAMONI

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM BILL WHIPPLE, JR. (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

11/14 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/15 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

11/18 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.

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).

Book Club (hosted by Holy Rosary and St. John parishes) meets on Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. John rectory. We will be discussing Peter Eisner's book: *The Pope's Last Crusade: How an American Jesuit Helped Pope Pius XI's Campaign to Stop Hitler*, a thrilling narrative that sheds new light on Pope Pius XI's valiant effort to condemn Nazism and the policies of the Third Reich—a crusade that might have changed the course of World War II. All are welcome to join us! Call 454-6322 if you need more information.

Faith Formation: our next *family* catechesis meeting is Sunday November 12th at St. Stanislaus at 10:45 in the Nazareth Room. The 7th through 11th grade students will meet on Nov. 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. John rectory. Please call 454-6322 for more information.

Faith Formation has moved! The office is now housed at the St. John rectory, 509 E. 26th St. The new phone number is 454-6322. Our middle, high school and Confirmation classes will also meet in St. John rectory, while the family catechesis program will be meeting in the Holy Rosary church basement beginning in December.

Looking for resources for you family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

<http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter.





October 30, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of November 18-19, parishes in our Diocese will be taking up a special collection for the "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" (CCHD). In the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. The CCHD is an anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Support offered through this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a hand up, not a hand out.

For example, around Charleston, South Carolina, many children live in poverty, creating undue stress and uncertainty in their lives. Compounding these problems, deteriorating school systems struggle to provide quality education and appropriate discipline, and there is a high rate of school-based arrests. By engaging congregations and communities all over the city, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is working to improve the education system, and keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice system. With your support of the CCHD Collection, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is able to provide community engagement to reduce youth arrests and violence.

Each year, nearly half of the funds raised in our diocese from this collection remain here in the Diocese of Erie to fund local anti-poverty projects. We have been able to use our Diocesan share of this collection to provide children and adults with food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance and counseling.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help the CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and those it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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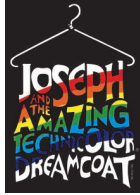
814.824.1120 ♦ FAX 814.824.1124

Cathedral Concert Series

The Cathedral Concert Series at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie continues Nov. 19 with an organ recital at 4 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Kenneth Danchik, associate organist of St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, is the featured organist.



**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

The ***Saint James Snow Blossom Dance***

will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 8 pm to Midnight at Saint James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road. Music by the BluesBeaters. Cost is \$25.00 per couple or \$15.00 for individual tickets. Beer, pop, and all the music you can dance to. To reserve a table or for more information, please call the Saint James Rectory at 899-6178.

**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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Change of Address

Moving

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