

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2019



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Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
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Tom Golab

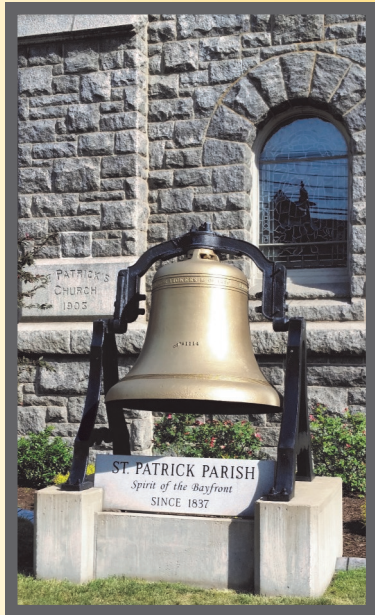
Saint Patrick Parish

*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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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

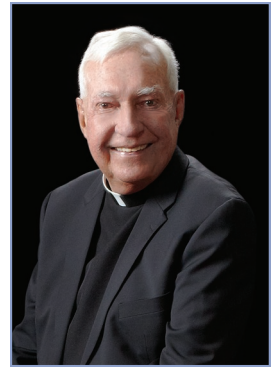
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Malachi's prophecy opens with a terrifying image. When the Israelites envisioned this type of a day of the Lord, they looked at how other countries would be punished. Malachi, however, issues a sharp indictment against the Israelites, the people of the covenant who have acted corruptly and have not kept the faith of their ancestors. He speaks of how the priests did not lead the people in proper worship, but his indictment extends beyond the priests, for the people have abandoned the requirements of the Torah: they have defrauded widows and orphans, have turned away the stranger and do not fear the Lord. But the final verse of today's reading offers hope with the dawning of a new day for those who repent.

The Second Letter to the Thessalonians was composed by Paul, Silvanus and Timothy. As Jesus worked tirelessly in proclaiming the kingdom of God, Paul and his coworkers also labored day and night. Presenting themselves as a model to imitate, they encouraged each member of the community to conduct themselves in a like manner. The instruction was needed because Paul had heard that some were acting in a disorderly manner. He calls them "busybodies," people who were not kept busy but were instead meddling in the affairs of others.

With the temple of Jerusalem in the background, Jesus addresses the people for the final time before his passion. He begins by telling them that the temple will be destroyed. Without specifying a time, he says the "days will come," reminiscent of Malachi's writing of the Day of the Lord. Like Malachi, he speaks of a time of devastation and turmoil. This talk is often referred to as his eschatological discourse; eschatology treats of events that are connected with the "end," sometimes dealing with the fate of individuals, but more broadly with God's final, triumphant concerning of evil and the vindication of the just. When the

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

temple was destroyed in the year 70, Jesus' words carry the same note of being faithful to the end, enduring the suffering that will come to Jesus' followers.

A new study by the Pew Research Center notes that "the religious landscape of the United States continues to change at a rapid clip." The recent study shows that "in 2019, 65% of American adults describe themselves as Christians when asked about their religion, down 12 percentage points over the past decade. Meanwhile, the religiously unaffiliated share of the population, consisting of people who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or nothing in particular, now stands at 26%, up from 17% in 2009."

Both Protestantism and Catholicism are experiencing losses of population. Currently, 43% of U. S. adults identify with Protestantism, down from 51% in 2009. And one in five adults (20%) are Catholic, down from 23% in 2009. Self-described atheists now account for 4% of U. S. adults, up modestly but significantly from 2% in 2009; agnostics make up 5% of U. S. adults, up from 3% a decade ago, and 17% of Americans now describe their religion as "nothing in particular," up from 12% in 2009.

The data shows that just like rates of religious affiliation, rates of religious attendance are declining. Over the last decade, the share of Americans who say they attend religious services at least once or twice a month, dropped by 7 percentage points, while the share who say they attend religious services less often (if at all) has risen by the same degree. In 2009, those who attend services at least once a month outnumbered those who attend by a 52%-47% margin. Today these figures are reversed; more Americans now say they attend religious services a few times a year or less (54%) than say they attend at least monthly (45%).

More than eight in ten members of the generation born between 1928 and 1945 describe themselves as Christians (84%) as to three quarters of Baby Boomers (76%). In stark contrast, only half of the Millennials (49%) describe themselves as Christians; four in ten are religious nones and one in ten Millennials identify with non-Christian

faith. These are profoundly basic changes in religious behavioral attitudes. The change for Catholics began in 1968 with the publication of *Humani Vitae*, the birth control encyclical. While the subject was being studied by a commission, a large majority of Catholics made up their mind that they would practice it according to their conscience, and not necessarily what the church taught. When the 80 member commission issued its report to Pope Paul VI, 74 of the members felt the church teaching could be changed. Only six of the members dissented, and Pope Paul VI chose their conclusion. The report was leaked to the media and Catholics came to their own conclusion. Within months after the encyclical was issued, Mass attendance among American Catholics dropped from 75% to 45%.

And, finally, Catholics no longer constitute a majority of the U. S. Hispanic population. In 2019, 47% of Hispanics describe themselves as Catholic, down from 57% a decade ago. Meanwhile, the share of Hispanics who say they are religiously unaffiliated is now 23%, up from 15% in 2009.

Several people have asked me if it is possible to add an additional speaker or two in the back of church as people say they have trouble hearing in the back. I've met with the company that installed the sound system when we restored the church in 2012 and they are exploring the possibility of doing that. Hopefully we can accommodate this request, and I will keep you posted.

UPMC Hamot has presented us with two options for the parcel of land that we are seeking from them. One is to purchase it outright and the other is to lease it. I'm meeting with the Parish Finance Council to see which option they would prefer. It might make more sense to purchase it outright rather than paying \$150 per month for leasing the property.

A golfer is being given a lesson by a pro but on his first swing he hits the ball in the path of a bus. The ball smashes the windshield of the bus and knocks out the driver. The bus hurtles off the road into a reservoir and disappears in a seething mess of bubbles. "Oh my God," says the golfer, "What am I going to do?" The pro replies, "Well, I'd loosen your grip and keep your back straighter."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,819.00
Online Giving	<u>1,770.30</u>
Total Income	\$10,589.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Josephine Marie Toman**  
 child of  
**Jeremy & Tammy (Lamary) Toman**  
 who will be baptized  
 after the 8:00 AM Mass 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 made:

## Restoration Memorials

- ◆ In memory of **Marilyn Lechner** from Mark & Monica Bloomstine, Vin & Ann Halupczynski, William & Marilyn Reiser, Patricia English, Dennis & Cathy Marin, Gary & Laura Borowy, Richard & Susan Chessario, and Gloria Szymanowski

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week by Bobbie Vitron in memory of **Rob Vitron**.

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

- ◆ **Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church**
- ◆ **Warren Grucza** from Doug & Kathy Anderson
- ◆ **Millie Biebel** from Robert & Connie Biebel
- ◆ **Ronnie Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ◆ **Richard Walach** from Marci Honard
- ◆ **Brittany Van Buren** from Tim & Sheila Mack
- ◆ **May, Dunn, Colburn, Scicchitano and Orsio families** from Tony & Jan Scicchitano
- ◆ **Mary Tellers** from the Villa Reader's Book Club

Also donations from:

Ken & Alice Daub, Mark & Susan Demski, Marsha Gensheimer, Kay Mannino, Paul & Deborah Manzi Mike & Carol Picheco and Shawn & Karen Reagan

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

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz, Shirley Winschel, Barbara Brairton

**CUP:** Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

**Greeters:** Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Nancy Andrzejewski, Barb Fischer

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Mary Kearney, Ed Smith, Erin Wachter, Colleen Welch, Luke Gilmore

**CUP:** Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello

**Greeters:** Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

**Altar Servers:** Juliette Morales

**Ushers:** Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balcun

**Offertory Counters:** Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers



The Transitions ministry for individuals who are widowed, divorced or separated will host its annual **"Coping with the Holidays after Loss"** gathering on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at **St. Mark Catholic Center**, 429 East Grandview

Blvd., Erie, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Following a short program, participants will have an opportunity for personal reflection, small group sharing, a simple prayer service and refreshments (If possible, please bring a snack to share). Feel free to bring a friend who you feel may benefit from this program.

If you would like more information, call 814-824-1265 or visit [eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/transitions.html)

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

**Nov. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE)

**Nov. 17** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES DONNELLY (BILL & CINDY RENTON)

10:30 AM LORETTA BRUSCHI (HUSBAND & FAMILY)

**Nov. 18** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (GREG & MIKE MARTIN)

**Nov. 19** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY (FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

**Nov. 20** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BERNIE GRAF (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

**Nov. 21** *Thursday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 22** *Friday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*King of the Universe*

5:00 PM WILLIAM SCHLAUDECKER

(MARY ANNE ASHWORTH)

**Nov. 24** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM ELEANOR WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM JOHN ECCHER (FAMILY)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**11/16** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**11/19** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**11/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**11/23** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## 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.



## 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.



**St. Patrick's Church** will again be hosting Our Neighbor's Place, the seasonal homeless shelter,

from January 29 through February 5 at Church of the Nativity's social center. This will be our 6th year of doing this ministry which is so vital to the marginalized in our community. The majority of our volunteers have been doing this since we began. We are in need of new volunteers to step up and help with this crucial service. No experience needed, just compassion and a willingness to follow the example of Jesus by giving comfort to those most in need.

When I first thought about getting involved with the shelter I had many questions and concerns as I expect most potential volunteers do. For this reason I will be holding an **INFORMATION NIGHT Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 PM** at the Church of the Nativity Social Center, 109 German Street to give an overview of what we do at the shelter and answer your questions. Please contact me at [angiekontur@gmail.com](mailto:angiekontur@gmail.com) or 434-9653 (call or text) if you plan on attending so I will have sufficient materials. Keep in mind that by attending this meeting your are NOT committing to volunteer, only getting information to help you decide if this is something you are willing to do.

Angie Kontur

## 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 29 to February 5. 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 inside the church's main entrance before each mass during the months of November and December. Items can also be placed in the storage bin located outside the entrance to 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 very much for your generosity.



The Dinner Theatre Production ***Christmas Wishes***, a musical by Erie's Charles Corritore and Michael Malthaner, will be presented in the **Sacred Heart Auditorium** (816 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street) on **December 5-6-7-8, 2019**. This is a benefit

with all proceeds going to support Sharon Bond who is in need of financial support to off-set the cost of a wheelchair accessible van. Sharon is a very active member of both the Erie Diocese and the Erie Community. Tickets for the Dinner and Show are \$25. Doors open at 5:45 PM on Dec. 5-6-7 and at 12:45 PM on Dec. 8. ***Christmas Wishes*** is a story of five people stranded in a diner on Christmas Eve who find that they have something in common unbeknownst to them. Songs, laughter, and a poignant message will have everyone feeling the spirit and joy of Christmas. This is a show that will truly be enjoyed by people of all ages. For tickets please call 450-7748.

The Cast of ***Christmas Wishes*** includes Sherree Beltz, Ken Brundage, Joe Greulich, Jean Malthaner, and Rich Tryzbiak. Charles Corritore directs and Michael Malthaner is at the piano. The Dinner Theatre can also accommodate large or small groups reservations.



## Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

(Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Education Program)

The Market will be held  
**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00p.m.–7:00p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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**  
Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ALL ORDERS**  
**PLEASE NOTE:**

**No orders can be accepted after December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**\*\*SWEET BREAD\*\*NUTROLL\*\***

**Order forms available at [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org)**  
**beginning November 9, 2019**

**FAX your order to (814)461-1150 CALL your**  
**order in to (814) 456-0671 or (814)456-9970**

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



### MSGR. KRIEGL'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](http://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: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**



November 4, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 23-24, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

As you may know, CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops which works to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low income participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.

Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. Your 2018 contributions funded six local organizations and programs including Erie DAWN, Inter-Church Ministries, Bishop's Breakfast Program, Maria House Project, Mercy Center for Women and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network. Each of these organizations are committed to eradicating poverty and improving the areas in which they serve.

From expanding a youth work experience program to fixing a roof so individuals can live safely in community, the work of CCHD is on-going. The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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



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