

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 18, 2018



"The Greatest Commandment"  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
photo by  
Tom Golab

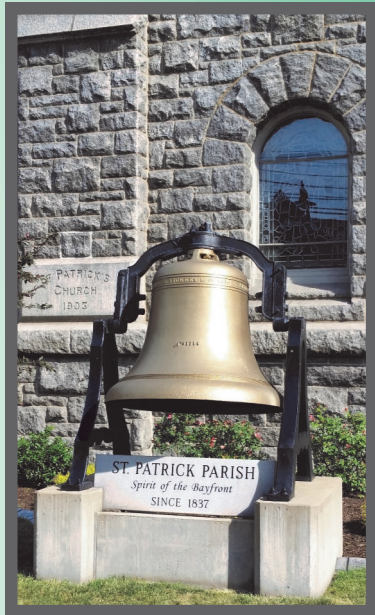
Saint Patrick Parish

*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. It is the last ordinary Sunday. Next week is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The prophet announces that salvation is to come through the mediation of the guardian angel of Israel, Michael. He will "arise" before a judicial hearing, which is the judgment scene that follows. The names of God's people recognized for their fidelity, are inscribed in the book; they will survive in the future judgment. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." This reference to resurrection is connected to Isaiah 26:19 "Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust," as well as the reanimation of bones in Ezekiel 37. References to resurrection are very rare in the Old Testament.

Here Hebrews draws a series of implicit contrasts between the self-sacrifice Jesus offered and the animal sacrifices. Whereas the daily sacrifices were ineffectual in remitting sin, and left people conscious of their sin and alienated from God. Jesus' sacrifice was once and for all, and it won him a permanent place at God's right hand. Jesus is the complete revelation of God and the perfect offering of obedience, which cannot and need not be repeated.

The signs of the end point to the breakup of the present cosmic order: sun, moon and stars falling. The description had been written centuries before in the prophets. The climax is the coming of "the Son of Man, coming in the clouds with great power and glory," gathering the elect from the four corners of the earth. The language is inspired by Daniel's vision, though here the mission of the Son of Man is to gather the faithful as the new people of God. What follows are comments on how hearers should behave or react to this event. It can happen at any time, so the disciple must keep alert. After the final battle, the Son of Man will be triumphant and the world's destiny



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

is summed up in the glorious moment when Jesus comes to judge the world and save the chosen. The parable of the fig tree clarifies the message. In winter, the leaves are gone, the tree seems to be dead; but with spring comes new life. So it will be with the coming of the Son of Man.

All of this type of prophecy gave rise in the early church that the Second Coming of Jesus was at hand. The belief was so strong that many people sold their farms, their businesses, etc., gave the money to the apostles and lived in common with other Christians. They spent their entire days in prayer being very charismatic. As time went on and nothing happened, it became a real crisis of faith for these early believers.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please note that there is no daily Mass either day. I hope all of you get to celebrate this holiday with family and loved ones.

An interim Mass and confession schedule went into effect October 15 in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as the six-county diocese moves to combine the present 188 parishes into 57 multi-parish groups. After parishioners from each former parish build relationships with each other, each group will become a new parish between 2020 and 2023. A team of clergy, led by a pastor and including parochial vicars, parish chaplains and deacons will serve the needs of each parish group during the transition. Although the diocese has not yet indicated which church buildings will remain open and which will close, the parish groupings include recommendations for the total number of buildings and priests the group should share.

The Pittsburgh Diocese went through a major restructuring during 1989-98 when the diocese shrank from 310 parishes using 333 buildings to 218 parishes using 288 buildings. The current consolidation is a result of declining Mass attendance which has dropped 40% since 2000. In addition, the diocese had 338 parish priests in active ministry in 2000 compared with 211 in 2016 and 178 today. The diocese estimates that with priestly retirements and an average of four

ordinations per year, the diocese will have just 112 priests by 2025. A five-year diocesan planning initiative began in 2015. Since the second year of the program, over 300 parish consolidation meetings have been held and more than 3,000 religious, clergy and laity have participated.

I don't know what the solution to all of this is, but I think we need to start thinking outside the box. At the recent Synod on Youth and the Church, there was a widespread call for greater involvement of women in decision making, and that has to happen. It seems pretty clear we had women deacons in the early church; why can't we have them now? The Belgian bishops also raised the issue of married clergy. We seem so afraid to explore those possibilities. Why?

The recent Synod of Bishops on youth and the church reveals some interesting exchange between the young participants and the bishops. A small minority of bishops want a stronger magisterial dimension to the church (stronger teaching authority.) The vast majority of the bishops warned against a vision that focuses on guidance. One bishop said, "We ask young people to be docile." A French bishop said, "Accompaniment in the church can no longer take the sole form of a relationship between master and disciples. The issue today has less to do with structures than with community." The head of the Dominicans said, "The youths of today do not need a structure but a place where they belong, where they are missed if they are not there." I will try to share more of the findings of the Synod with you in future bulletins.

Sitting at the convent window one evening Sister Kathleen has just opened a letter from home. It was from her parents and inside was a \$100 bill. Looking up from the letter she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamppost below. On a piece of paper she wrote, "Don't Despair—Sister Kathleen." Getting the man's attention, she tossed the note to him. The stranger picked it up, looked up at her and after he read the note, doffed his cap and went on his way. The next afternoon Sister was told there was a man at the front door insisting on speaking with her. When she came to the door he handed her an envelope full of \$100 bills. "What's this?" she asked. He replied, "That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister. Don't Despair paid 80 to 1."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for November 11, 2018 will be published in the November 25, 2018 bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Thomas F. Costello**  
from Charles & Deborah McCreadie*



Let us *Welcome*  
**Luciano Thomas Florindo Sanfilippo**  
child of  
Matthew & Maria (Billingsley) Sanfilippo  
who will be baptized  
after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday  
AND  
**Elena Renee Ward**  
child of  
Matthew & Christa (Blöse) Ward  
who will be baptized  
after the 10:30 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:

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Thomas & Rita Byrne** from Corine Cassa
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Claire Gredler** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Dr. Forrest Mischler** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Ruth & Susan Gray** from Tom Gray
- ♦ **Margaret Gritzer** from Dennis & Marie Gritzer
- ♦ **Richard Walach** from Marci Honard
- ♦ **Our Parents** from Eugene & Louise Humenay
- ♦ **Claire Gredler** from Bill & Patty Jackson

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, James & Linda Gehrlein,  
Geoffrey Gloekler, William & Patty Gloekler, John Godish,  
Francis Hart and James & Margo Kuhn

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

## 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 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Carol Habas, Roseanne Brown, Kathy Sertz

**CUP:** Jay Habas, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

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

**Sunday, November 25, 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 25, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ryan Palm, Charla Leemhuis, Kathleen Pae,

**CUP:** Cyndi Pristello, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers



If you are interested in becoming part of the St. Patrick Ministry team of volunteers, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email [stpat@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpat@neo.rr.com). The positions of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Greeters are available. Lectors and EM are especially needed for the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

### **LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Nov. 17** *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM HELEN KAYE, ANNIV (FAMILY)

**Nov. 18** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOE SLIMAN (ERIC & LAURIE PFEFFER)

10:30 AM THOMAS F. COSTELLO

(CHARLES & DEBORAH MCCREADIE)

**Nov. 19** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM EUGENE & CLARA KULIG

(JAY & CAROL HABAS)

**Nov. 20** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MITCHELL MACK (MICHAEL KRAUSE FAMILY)

**Nov. 21** *Wednesday, The Presentation of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 am MARY MCCARTHY (ELIZABETH ROUND)

**Nov. 22** *Thursday, Thanksgiving Day*

CHURCH AND OFFICE CLOSED

**Nov. 23** *Friday, Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;*

*Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel*

*Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 24** *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*King of the Universe*

5:00 PM ROBERT H. & ELEANOR WEISENFLUH

(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

**Nov. 25** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM CARL CARLOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH, 11-23

(FAMILY)

10:30 AM THOMAS COOK (REV. DONALD BERDIS &

SR. KEVIN BERDIS, OSF)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**11/17** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**11/20** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**11/21** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**11/24** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

### **Coping With the Holidays After Loss**

Catholic Charities' *Transitions* ministry for individuals who are widowed, divorced or separated will host its Annual "*Coping with the Holidays after Loss*" gathering on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 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/](http://eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/)



### **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 30 to February 6**. 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 greatly appreciate your donations. The response the past few years has been amazing. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Plan now to attend Harborcreek Youth Services Christmas dinner**

Make reservations by Nov. 29 for the Harborcreek Youth Services' annual Friends' Christmas Dinner Dec. 6 at the Lawrence Park Golf Club, 3700 East Lake Road, Erie. A social hour with cash bar begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., with the program at 7:30 p.m. Reservations may be made via PayPal on the HYS website at [www.hys-erie.org](http://www.hys-erie.org) or by calling 814-899-7664, ext. 308. The cost is \$50 per person. All net proceeds will help pay for Christmas gifts for the youth and families served by HYS. For more details, call 814-899-7664, ext. 308.



**The Community Outreach Group** will hold its annual ***Clothing Distribution Party*** on ***Saturday, December 1, 2018*** from ***10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.*** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street—North Entrance



**FREE** clothing available for men, women and children

**FREE** children's toys

**FREE** snacks and refreshments





## 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](http://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**

## Give your loved ones the gift of Engagement Encounter



What better way to show your support of an upcoming marriage than with a gift that last a lifetime: Engagement Encounter. The next EE will be held on **January 25th through the 27th in Erie at St. Mark Catholic Center**. Space is limited and early registrations are encouraged. Call the Family Life Office for details at 814-824-1261 or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Also, you may register online at [www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm](http://www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm). Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime."



Need some ideas to help your family along the journey of life? Visit the Families Always Matter website, [www.ErieRCD.org/families\\_matter](http://www.ErieRCD.org/families_matter), to find information/ideas for traditional, single-parent, blended, military and adoptive/foster families. At the Diocese of Erie, families always matter! Go Families!

## Advertiser of the Week:

We thank Brugger  
Funeral Homes & Crematory, LLP  
 Austin Brugger, Supervisor  
 Pine Ave Branch—845 E 38th St. \* 825-2500  
 for advertising in our parish bulletin.

## 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**

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