

Feast of Christ the King
November 24, 2019



Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
photo by
Tom Golab

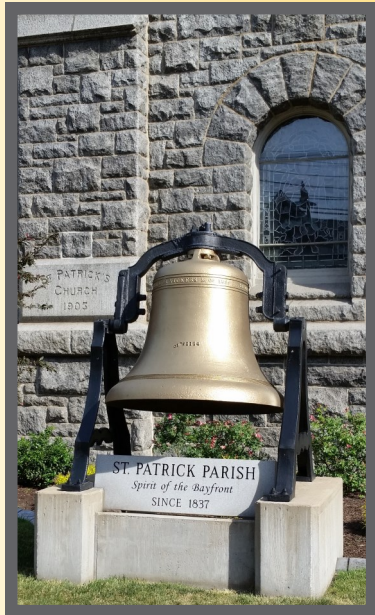
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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MASS SCHEDULE:

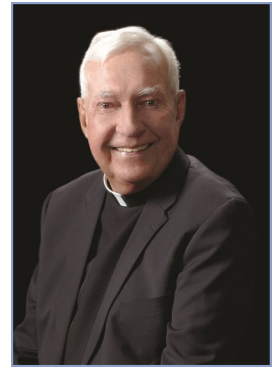
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday, with the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin a new church year.

David, son of Jesse, was first anointed by the prophet Samuel at the Lord's command. Later, the people anointed David as king of Judah. In today's reading, David is anointed a third time, this time as king over all the tribes of Israel. David's anointing three times marked him as king by both the choice of God and of the people. The people gave three reasons why he was anointed. First they are "your bone and flesh," descended from the same ancestors. Second, even when Saul was king, David took on the role of military commander, proving himself to be strong and wise. The third reason comes from the Lord who gave David two roles: shepherd and commander. David then made a covenant with the lord that he would rule with justice and the people would remain loyal.

Today's reading from Colossians includes a short prayer of thanksgiving and a hymn exalting Christ. Although he doesn't mention baptism, the tone and content have the ring of a baptismal liturgy. After the thanksgiving, the soaring hymn proclaims Christ's sovereignty. Paul proclaims Christ as the very image of God; in Christ, works of creation and redemption are accomplished. His dominion extends to everything. The word *all* is used eight times to attest to the totality of his rule. In addition to the repetition of the word *all*, three phrases of Christ's saving power for creation are woven into the hymn: in him (three times), through him (three times) and for him (two times).

Everyone treated the crucified Christ with contempt. Everyone who mocks him has unwittingly and correctly identified Jesus. He is the chosen one, the Messiah, the King of the Jews and the one who saves. The only person who understands Jesus' identity is one of the criminals hanging on a cross with him. His request of

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Jesus is a profound statement of faith. He recognizes that even on the cross, Jesus is king. Jesus responds as a king would a petitioner: he announces salvation to the man "today."

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time for all of us to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for. When you look at how people have to live in other parts of the world, we are incredibly blessed to be living in this land. What would you do as a parent when you see your child not only living in poverty but in the very danger of losing his or her life because of the violence in places like central America? We wonder why these parents and children are knocking on the doors of our borders simply so their children can have an opportunity in life. It's precisely what brought our ancestors to America. Let us be grateful.

The Kenedy Directory is the official report on the status of the church in the United States. Each diocese submits data on numbers of priests, sacraments, etc. and then it is published by diocese and totaled. For this past year, the Diocese of Erie reports 104 active priests in 97 parishes. We also have 97 permanent deacons. Those numbers are down from 30 years ago when we had over 250 active priests and 121 parishes. We have a total of 14 seminarians.

Our two Catholic colleges enroll a total of 7,187 students; our 6 diocesan high schools enroll a total of 1,376 students. One private Catholic high school enrolls 506 students. Our 26 Catholic elementary schools enroll 3,594 students.

Last year, 959 infants were baptized, 1,203 students received First Communion and 1,305 students were confirmed. There were 391 marriages in the diocese, 246 in which both parties were Catholic and 145 interfaith marriages. There were 2,083 deaths. The total population of the area covered by the Diocese of Erie is 826,036 of which 198,249 are Catholic.

Mark the date: Sunday, December 15, at 3 PM there will be a concert with Dan Schutte at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. He is one of the most talented musicians in the church.

German and Austrian bishops are facing a dilemma as more and more Catholics are moving away from traditional funerals in favor of burial practices mirroring ancient German customs. These include cremation and so-called nature burials, in which remains are buried in unmarked graves in woods, meadows or are scattered as ashes in rivers. In Berlin, for example, only 15% of all burials are in coffins. The rest are all urn burials and more than half are not buried in individual graves. In many areas, families can lease a tree for 99 years and can use the tree in lieu of family plots. The human ashes are used as soil to fertilize the tree's roots; proponents of this practice argue that the tree continues the life of the deceased. While the German bishops oppose the move, the Austrian bishops now allow the possibility of Christian funerals in "meadow cemeteries," which some municipalities have established in wooded areas.

I mentioned that we have the option of purchasing a small parcel of land from UPMC Hamot which is directly west of the rectory garage. Our intent is to put up a building which can house all of the festival equipment. It is now housed in the garage but all winter the garage door is up and down and the area is too humid for some of the festival items. Cost of the property will be approximately \$8,000 plus closing costs and attorney fees. As soon as the weather breaks in the spring, we will construct a building. I'm thrilled to tell you that when a parishioner read recently about this project he called me and said he would send a check for \$25,000 to help cover these costs. I don't think I've ever been in a parish with the overwhelming generosity that I experience here at St. Patrick's.

The Diocese of Erie recently closed one more parish—St. Joseph Parish in DuBois. That parish was merged into another DuBois parish some years ago and the church used only for funerals.

A Catholic couple, trying for a baby, ask their priest to pray for them. "I'm going to Rome for a few months," says the priest, "while I'm there I'll light a candle for you at the altar of Saint Peter. The priest comes back nine months later and finds the woman has given birth to quintuplets. "Praise be God, says the priest, "but where has your husband gone? I heard he left the country." "So he did, Father," says the woman. "He flew to Rome to blow out your candle."



Saint Patrick News



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Richard Walach
from Honard family*



Let us *Welcome*
Norah Ryan Colleen Gilmore
child of
Luke & Megan (Bomba) Gilmore
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:

Restoration Memorials

- ◆ In memory of **Marilyn Lechner** from Richard & Susan Chessario, Thomas & Joy Harvey, Mary Louise Tramontano, Donald & Barbara Proctor, Tim & Diane McCandless, James & Judith Chiamardas and Elizabeth Latimer

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Nicholas Caccavo, Abbey Church** from Michael & Mary Callaghan
- ◆ **William J. and Jane Ward Carney** from family
- ◆ **Mary & Cyril Duska** from David Duska & Anastasia Lachica
- ◆ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **Brian Pierce** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ◆ **Dave Park** from Phil Garcia
- ◆ **James J. McCall, Fran Kierzek** from Yvonne Gersims
- ◆ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ◆ **Bob Osmer** from Pauline Osmer

Also donations from:

Victoria Abbott, Nick & Terre DeSantis, Paul & Nancy Ditmore, Patricia Donnelly, Ann Downing, Charla Leemhuis and Bernard & Judy Poignard

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

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 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Patty Dailey, Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky, Diane McCarthy, Vicke Lampe

CUP: Kay Mannino, Phyllis Marchinetti

Greeters: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Pattie Marchant, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

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

Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Tim Scully, Kathleen Pae, Erin Wachter, Michele Wheaton

CUP: Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: ———

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

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

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.



Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for the weekend of November 16/17 will be posted in the December 1st bulletin.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM JOHN ECCHER (FAMILY)

Nov. 25 *Monday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM MARY JOAN SAKACH

(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)

Nov. 26 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BOB SAUERS (FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)

Nov. 27 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER (BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

Nov. 28 *Thursday, Thanksgiving Day*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 29 *Friday, Weekday*

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Nov. 30 *Saturday, Vigil:*

5:00 PM LARRY BAUMAN (LISA ROSENTHAL)

Dec. 1 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (BILL & MARY FLANAGAN)

10:30 AM PETER CIPRIANI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

11/26 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

11/28 **OFFICE CLOSED—Thanksgiving Day**

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

St. Martin Shining Stars

- * **Please** place gifts in **gift bags**, rather than wrapping them. (Gift bags are easier for transporting)
- * Please **securely attach** the star to the gift. Place multiple gifts in one bag and attach the star to the outside.
- * Gift receipts are highly encouraged. This will help if the child has an item that you purchased or if clothing doesn't fit. Include child's name and star number on envelope.
- * Gift cards are also welcomed.
- * Please print your name and phone number on the star list after the star number.
- * Return your gifts to the church or parish office no later than **Tuesday, December 3rd.**

Merry Christmas!!!

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 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.

Blessed Sacrament to host craft show, Santa visit



Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie will host its annual craft show Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 1 from noon to 5 p.m. at the school gymnasium, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie. Admission cost is \$3 for adults, and \$5 for a family of four. There will be a variety of items for sale, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and food at reasonable prices. Kids can bring their letters to Santa to take to the North Pole.

Buy tickets now for HYS Christmas event

Harborcreek Youth Services is hosting its annual **Friends' Christmas Dinner Dec. 5** at the Lawrence Park Golf Club, 3700 East Lake Road, Erie. Tickets are \$50 per person (includes appetizers and dinner). There will be guest speakers, a presentation of the Friend of the Year Award, and holiday music and poems showcasing the HYS youth choir. For more information and to buy tickets, go to www.hys-erie.org.

Dan Schutte to perform at Our Lady of Mercy



Acclaimed Christian songwriter and liturgical musician Dan Schutte will present an Advent concert, **"In God's Perfect Time,"** on **Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.** at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception follows.

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. 26th 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.

Marriage Moments—Thanksgiving week

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, plan together how to share the chores of hosting, traveling or being grateful guests.

Think ahead about how to ease potential family tensions.

Happy Thanksgiving

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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Christmas 2019

Dear Parishioner—

Once again, the sanctuary of St. Patrick Church will be festively decorated for Christmas.

You may wish to memorialize a family member by listing them below and returning this list to the parish office NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th. A complete listing of all of these memorials will be included in the bulletin the weekend of December 21st & 22nd. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Fr. Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:
