

**Feast of Christ the King**  
**November 25, 2018**



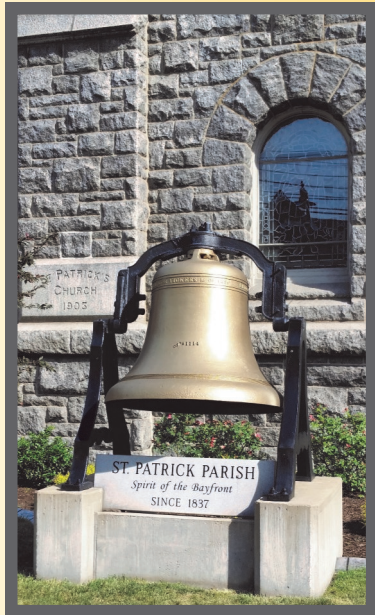
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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 Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church year. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. Next year we will read our gospels from Luke, my favorite evangelist. Today, the Book of Daniel was written in the second century BC to fortify and comfort Jews being forced to accept Greek religious practices. It includes stories and visions, a hallmark of apocalyptic literature. Today's vision is a forerunner of the Book of Revelation, a way to envision the end time, especially Christ's Second Coming. We are introduced to the term, the Son of man, a title that later Christian writers would assign to Jesus.

This reading is the last part of the greeting near the beginning of the Book of Revelation—a greeting addressed to the seven churches with whom John is sharing his vision. He commends them to the peace of Christ and then lists Christ's attributes. The phrase, "ruler of the kings of the earth" introduces the notion of Christ's sovereignty, central to the book. The rulers of the earth oppose God's rule until either the King of Kings defeats them or they are converted. In today's reading, Christ's redemptive work is understood in terms of a new exodus. The reference to his blood and piercing evoke the Passover lamb whose sacrifice resulted in the exodus from Egypt. The final phrase, the alpha and the omega, invoke the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The reference to the Creator who precedes all things and the Lord who will bring all things to fulfillment.

In the gospel, Jesus accepts the title King of the Jews but with a specific meaning: his royal dignity comes from his Father who sent him to testify to the truth. The title is similar to that of a shepherd to whom the sheep listen. Pilate sees the King of the Jews as a conspirator against the empire, while the Jews see the Messiah king as the political-religious liberator who would free a foreign dominated state. But Jesus' kingdom is a reign of truth and justice.



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

In one of his recent daily Mass homilies, Pope Francis warned against being rigid with faith. He noted that the Pharisees were rigid, not open to change. "But always, under or behind rigidity, there are problems, grave problems," said the pope. He noted that they appear to be good Christians, "we intend to appear a certain way, we put make-up on our souls, but behind these appearances, there are problems. Jesus is not there. The spirit of the world is there." He then concluded, "And let us be careful with ourselves because this should lead us to consider our own life. Do I seek to look only at appearances, and not change my heart? Do I not open my heart to prayer, to the liberty of almsgiving, the liberty of works of mercy?"

New data shows that an increasing number of babies worldwide are born to unmarried parents. The data, compiled by the United Nations, shows that 40 percent of U. S. children born in 2016 had unmarried parents. That is more than double the percent of U.S. children born with unmarried parents in 1980 and 10 percentage points higher than in 1990. In other countries the percentage is even higher. In 2016, 60 percent of French babies were born with unmarried parents. An exception is Russia where the children born to unborn parents has dropped to 22 percent and the abortion rate has also fallen dramatically. In Japan, 98 percent of Japanese babies were born to married parents. The study also shows that 37 percent of homes with children headed by a single parent were in poverty.

Congratulations and best wishes to parishioner Melanie Oligeri Lichtinger who is starting as a child and adolescent counselor. She will work with individuals 12—30 years old who are experiencing anxiety, grief and loss, and self-esteem concerns. She hopes to help teens and young adults to look beyond their diagnosis and address the root cause of emotional and relational struggles. She can be contacted at 455-1301. Melanie and her husband Derrick were married at St. Patrick's on September 8th.

The number of women religious in the United States has declined from nearly 200,000 in 1965 to just 47,000 in 2016. A new report notes that the situation is different in Africa and Asia, but in

the United States and Europe "religious institutes of women are likely to disappear in the next few decades. Several hundred orders of nuns are about to become extinct." It also notes that 77 percent of women religious are over the age of 70. As many as 300 of the 425 religious institutes in the United States are in their last decades of existence because of aging membership and declining vocations. The report notes that the Reformation brought about the death of most religious communities but also the birth of new ones. It states that we are living in a similar period—the old church as we have known it is passing away and a new one is yet to be born. Who knows what form religious life will take in that new church.

Fifty-one percent of Dutch people over 15 years of age do not belong to any church or to any religion whatsoever. Seventy-eight percent of Dutch people have never attended a church service in their lives. Among Dutch Catholics, only 6 percent attend Mass regularly.

The number of Catholics in the world grew by 14 million between 2015 and 2016. As of 2016 about 1.3 billion of the world's 7.35 billion people identified as Catholic. Even though there were millions of new Catholics, the global population of Catholics fell by .05% due to the number of deaths and conversions to other faiths. Europe showed the slowest rate of growth among all continents for the third straight year while Africa recorded the biggest increase with 6 million new Catholics in 2016. Worldwide, the average ratio of priest to Catholics is 3,130 faithful per priest. Europe lost 2,500 priests this past year. The total number of diocesan priests in Europe dropped for the fourth year to 53,000 and nearly 11,000 women left religious communities. The report, out of the Vatican, showed that diocesan seminarians continue to decline with Africa, again, being the only exception to the rule.

Wednesday morning the weather was too bad to play golf. I was bored with nothing to do. Suddenly there was a knock on the door. I opened it to find a young, well dressed man standing there who said, "Good morning. I'm a Jehovah's Witness." So I said, "Come in and sit down." I offered him a cup of coffee and asked, "What do you want to talk about?" He said, "Beats the heck out of me. Never got this far before."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 11/11/18 \$ 8,095.21  
 Online Giving 1,401.30  
 Total Income \$ 9,496.51

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for November 18, 2018 will be published in the December 2, 2018 bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
 burns in loving memory of  
**John Eccher**  
 from the Heubel 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 made:

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Michael P. Dailey** from Kay Mannino
- ♦ **Luke** from John & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **Paul A. Rennie** from Dorothy Rennie
- ♦ **Jaci Iavarone** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Dominic Masenas** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Sullivan & Wilson** families from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Deceased members of the Vitron & Wenstran families** from Bobbie Vitron

Also donations from:

Ken & Patricia Marchant, Mark & Barbara Sargent,  
 Robert & Carolyn Schenker and Dave & Julie Sanner

**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.



Let us *Welcome*  
**Max Oliver Stubenhofer**  
 child of  
 Jason & Susan (Merski) Stubenhofer  
 who will be baptized  
 after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday  
 AND  
**Abriella Rose Potthoff**  
 child of  
 Jerod & Jennifer (D'Aurora) Potthoff  
 AND  
**Sawyer Scott Morrison**  
 child of  
 Daniel & Breanne (Atzert) Morrison  
 who will be baptized  
 after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Mary Pat Schlaudecker**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: **Patty Dailey, Ann Scutella,  
 Steve Scutella,**  
 Greeters: **Phil & Judy Kelly**  
 Ushers: **Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,  
 Jim Sertz**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Nick Straub**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Lisa Straub,  
 Nancy Andrzejewski**  
 Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,  
 Mike Nies**

**Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Dario Cipriani**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: **Dario Cipriani, Luke Gilmore  
 Michele Wheaton**  
 Greeters: **NEEDED**  
 Altar Servers: **NEEDED**  
 Ushers: **Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,  
 Paul Balczun**  
 Offertory Counters: **Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,  
 Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey**



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 [stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpats@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. 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)

**Nov. 26** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM KATHRYN VICKEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

**Nov. 27** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER  
(JOHN & MARGIE WALSH)

**Nov. 28** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO  
"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

**Nov. 29** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG, ANNIV. (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

**Nov. 30** *Friday, Saint Andrew, Apostle*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec. 1** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

5:00 PM ROBERT VITRON  
(TIMOTHY & MARIANNE STEVENSON)

**Dec. 2** *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM EDWARD SZYMANOWSKI & DEBRA MCINTOSH  
(WIFE & MOTHER, GLORIA SZYMANOWSKI)

10:30 AM SEAN JOHNSON & JEFFREY JOHNSON  
(RICHARD, JEFFREY & GRETCHEN JOHNSON)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**11/27** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**11/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**12/01** 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.
- \* Gift cards are also welcomed.
- \* Return your gifts to the church or parish office no later than

**Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you!!!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will again be hosting the **Overflow Shelter** for the homeless **January 30 -February 6** at Church of the Nativity social center 109 German St. This is an opportunity for us to live the gospel of Jesus by serving those who are in greatest need, the marginalized, the neglected, those who are unable to provide for themselves the basic necessities of life. We need volunteers, age 18 and over, for the following:

#### **PROVIDE EVENING MEAL FOR 40-60 GUESTS.**

For anyone who is an expert caterer or chef this project can be taken on individually. Most people who have done this formed a group of 2-4 people to do it. Dinner is served at 8:00 PM. If possible we like those who prepare the meal to also serve it but we have volunteers who can do that. Preparation can be done at home or in the kitchen at the facility. There are ovens and stove for heating. If you are interested in doing this call Maureen Beck at 864-8446.

#### **SHIFT VOLUNTEERS**

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

11:00 PM - 3:00 AM

3:00 AM - 7:30 AM

At least one woman and one man is needed for each shift. Volunteers will be working under the direction of an experienced staff member. If you are interested in working a shift contact Angie Kontur at 434-9653 (call or text) or email [angiekontur@gmail.com](mailto:angiekontur@gmail.com).

### **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.





### We can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

A lovely Celtic Cross is planned by the **Irish Cultural Society** for the Grotto on the east side of St. Patrick Church to honor not only the Irish, but all immigrant families who came to Erie to seek a better life for their families and create our rich cultural diversity.

We are coming to the end. Final orders are being taken for the inscribed cobblestones that will surround the Celtic Cross for generations in the heart of Erie's robust business, historical and educational area. We hope to complete orders by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Last call!!! Please contact Kathleen (864-0375), Eileen (866-1096) or Donna (453-5978) if you are interested in memorializing your family.

### Nativity sets to be displayed at Waterford parish



**All Saints Parish** in Waterford is hosting its fourth "No Room at the Inn" event featuring a collection of Nativity scenes. Parishioners and members of the community contribute their heirloom Nativity sets for the weekend event. The crèches range from big to small. The event will be held **Nov.30 from 5 to 8 p.m., Dec.1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m., and Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Admission is at least one non-perishable food item. All food donations will be given to the Waterford or Summit food pantries. Monetary donations will go to the Mercy Center for Women in Erie. For further information, call the parish office at 814-796-3023.

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

### 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."

## 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:

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

