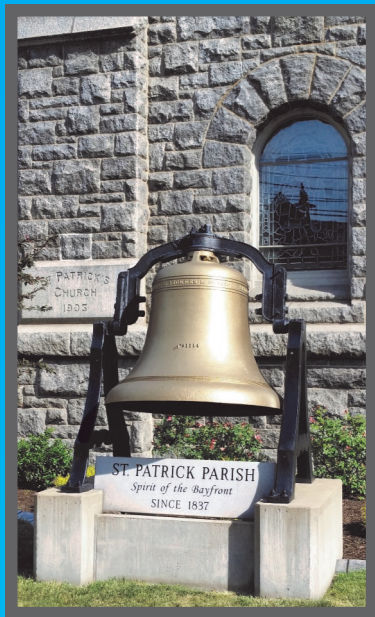


Feast of Christ the King
November 26, 2017



St. Patrick Church

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 last Sunday of the church year, and it is always celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. Our first reading takes up just after God has told Ezekiel to prophesy against the leaders of Israel. Because they have not cared for their people, God declares, "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves." Concerned for his abandoned people, God declares that he himself will become their shepherd. God announces that the lost, strayed, injured and sick will receive special attention. Ezekiel leaves us with a comforting thought that the God who will judge is the same God who is the benevolent shepherd, the one to whom the flock belongs.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of Paul's faith. When he writes about what God will do in the future, Paul bases his confidence on what God has already done. The death and resurrection is the foundational belief of the whole church. In Christ's resurrection, Paul envisions Christ as the second Adam. The first Adam brought death into the world; the second Adam brought life—a life that stretches beyond our mortal existence, and will be given to those who have fallen asleep in death. Not only is Christ the life-giver, he will even destroy death. When he comes, he will overcome every enemy, death being the last, and will subject everything to himself. We end the liturgical year looking ahead to more than another year, to God's final victory, and to God being all in all. So inclusive is the final portion of our reading that it can be understood as God being everything to everyone, expressing the ultimate purpose of God's saving plan.

The gospel parables of the last two Sundays focus on preparedness for Christ's coming again, with images of the coming of the bridegroom and return of the master. The virgins who were prepared enjoyed the marriage feast and the faithful servants received the master's generosity, while

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

the others were shut out. Today's gospel follows these two parables in Matthew, this time speaking of the coming of the Son of Man. The scene is the Last Judgment where we see people who were prepared and as well as those who were not. And the judgment comes down to the way we show mercy to the hungry, thirsty, naked and so on, whether they are Jesus' disciples or not. They are the ones who belong to Christ, and in showing mercy to them, we meet the Christ who will also come as judge.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new church year. This past year we read our gospels from Matthew; next year we will read from Mark. We go in a three year cycle: Matthew, Mark & Luke. John is interspersed throughout the three years but there is not a single year dedicated to his gospel. Mark is the earliest of the four gospels, written in about the year 65. Mark was a disciple of Peter and traveled with Peter to Rome where he wrote the gospel, addressing it to Romans who were undergoing persecution. His portrait of Jesus is the most human portrait we have. He shows a Jesus who suffers greatly and thus becomes a role model for the suffering Christians of Rome. Unlike Matthew and Luke's Jesus, Mark's Jesus is very frustrated with his disciples. He can't get them to understand who he is. He can give sight to the blind, but he can't give insight to his own disciples. Mark is also the briefest and shortest of the four gospels.

When Matthew and Luke write their gospels in the mid 80s, they each have a copy of Mark's gospel in front of them and copy large sections.

Speaking with leaders of the World Methodist Council, Pope Francis praised 50 years of dialogue between the Catholic and Methodist churches. "We are no longer strangers," he said, "but through shared baptism members of the household of God." Speaking about their founder, John Wesley, the 18th century Anglican clergyman who founded Methodism, the pope said his example converted many people to God. "We cannot fail to rejoice," he said when the Holy Spirit works through other Christian denominations saying that they help all of us draw closer to God.

Finance Council met recently and approved our getting bids to replace the tiles in the back of church. If you look at them when you come in or go out, you can see how many of them are broken and how many are loose. It's only a matter of time before they become a hazard. We're going to get 3 bids and go from there. With this project, as well as the re-carpeting of the balcony, we're going to wait until the work on the restoration of the pipe organ is complete. We have to bring in a lift to get the old console down and bring in the new console, etc. and the weight of that lift could damage the tiles even further.

Speaking of the pipe organ, work is well underway on it even though we don't see anything. The company (Heritage Organ) is building the new console and is working closely with Erie-based Organ Supply where all of the supplies are coming from. Whenever we can, we attempt to use local businesses for the work we do here. Immediately after the first of the year, they will begin to dismantle the pipes as we see them and do the major work on them. The new console will also be brought in and lifted up to the balcony. There are rows and rows of stops on a pipe organ, and I think I mentioned that, in the 1970s, those original wooden stops were replaced with metal ones. We're now going back to the original wooden stops, which they all tell us will be much better than the metal ones.

We spend a great deal of time in the summer months running sprinklers to keep the lawns green as well as the shrubbery around the church and the rectory. Our maintenance crew are at it almost endlessly. A parishioner approached me and is willing to pay for the installation of a sprinkler system which will now do that work. We're in the process of getting bids and will get it installed, perhaps even this fall before the weather turns to winter.

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him on the forehead and killed him. As he approached the gates of heaven, St. Peter asked him, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 11/12/17 \$ 9,089.07
 Online Giving 1,174.30
 Total Income \$ 10,263.37

Thank you for your generosity!

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for 11/19 will be published in the 12/3 bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
Richard John Eccher, Anniv.
 from 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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations were made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Bill Riker** from William J. Carney
- ♦ **Thomas Cassa** from Corrine Cassa
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Beth Reiley & Marina Ewart** from Bill & Patty Jackson

Also donations from:

Kevin & Margaret Cohick, Ray & Patti Fiorelli,
 Natalie Jasper, and Mark & Annette Rennie

**Special Thank You!!!
 to PANERA BREAD &
 HABCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

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*
Findley Jean Meighan

child of
 Jonathan & Lindsay (Deering) Meighan
 who will be baptized
 after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday
 &

Nolan Oliver Elliott

child of
 Christopher & Courtney (Czerwinski) Elliott
 and

Oliver Daniel Fischer

child of
 Daniel & Kristen (Werder) Fischer
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Jay Habas**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Alex Vinesky, Kaleigh Vinesky

Greeters: **Phil & Judy Kelly**

Altar Servers: **Collin & Ryan Hudson**

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

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Joe Schneider,
 Nancy Andrzejewski**

Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,
 1 NEEDED**

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Michele Wheaton**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney,
 Charla Leemhuis

CUP: Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: **Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
 Tim Torrey, Michele Wheaton**

Please let the office know of your availability for the Christmas Holiday. Masses are at 5:00 & 9:00 PM on Sunday the 24th and 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM on Monday the 25th. Call the Parish office at 454-8085 or email: stpats@neo.rr.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

5:00 PM MARGARET MOORE (TOM & MICHELE RIDGE)

Nov. 26 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM JOHN PAPE (VERA PAPE)

10:30 AM TYLER TOALE (DIANA & SUSAN BROOKS)

Nov. 27 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY

Nov. 28 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MR & MRS. ARTHUR CASEY, SR.
(AUDREY REIGEL)

Nov. 29 *Wednesday, Weekday*

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

Nov. 30 *Thursday, Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 AM MARY ROSELLA BURGOYNE
(DAUGHTER, MONICA ZABORAC)

Dec. 1 *Friday, Weekday*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Dec. 2 *Saturday, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent*

5:00 PM JOHN J. MCCARTHY, SR.
(MICHAEL & PATTY DAILEY)

Dec. 3 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM TYLER TOALE (JANE CARNEY)

10:30 AM LUKE PURVIS, ANNIV.

(TOM & SHEILA HIGGINS)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

11/25 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/28 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/29 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

12/02 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.

Bishop's Breakfast collection for Christmas

Celebrate the "Season of Giving" by providing gently used or new items for distribution at the annual Christmas gathering of the Bishop's Breakfast. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 5 and may include blankets, hats, socks, gloves and clothing for adult men and women. Other needed items are men's boxer shorts (all sizes) and \$5 gift cards to McDonald's or Tim Horton's. To contribute, contact Jennie Hagerty at jhagerty94@gmail.com or Mary Therese Riley at mtriley1@verizon.net. The Bishop's Breakfast provides thousands of warm meals to those in need throughout the year.

Disabilities Office prepares for Christmas

The Diocese of Erie's Office for People with Disabilities invites people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to attend an afternoon of Christmas preparation and fellowship Dec. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. To register, go to www.ErieRCD.org/disabilities.htm or call 814-824-1257.



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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Even the most trusted adults can't always be trusted. Coaches, teachers and parents are authority figures children feel they can trust. Yet, a large percentage of those who sexually abuse children come from this group. These are adults who have the opportunity to 'groom' children with affection and attention, making it difficult for children to identify certain attention as abuse. And they know that children have been taught to 'mind' them. Adults must be vigilant and trained to recognize 'red flags' of predatory behavior. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



The Erie Diocese and Bishop Persico will host seventy five singers and musicians from many Erie area parishes/churches in the performance of *Answer the Call* at 2:00

PM on December 3, 2017 in Cathedral Prep's H. David Bowes Theatre. In the traditions of Lessons and Carols, the presentation bridges the gap between Advent and Christmas through scripture readings and music composed by Michael Malthaner, music director at Sacred Heart parish. The concert is free and open to the public. Following the performance a free-will offering will be collected to benefit the retired priests and religious funds.

Singers from the following churches and groups are performing in the program: All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, Erie Diocese Office of Worship, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of the Lake, Sacred Heart, Sisters of Mercy, St. Andrew, St. Boniface, St. James, St. Joseph/Bread of Life, St. Jude, St. Luke, St. Mark, St. Mark's Episcopal, St. Mary's Episcopal, St. Patrick, and St. Peter Cathedral.

Please mark your calendar and join in this celebration of hope as we hear God's message to *Answer the Call*.

Vicariate Masses scheduled to celebrate cathedral anniversary

St. Peter Cathedral Parish, the mother church of the Diocese of Erie, will celebrate its 125th anniversary in the coming year with three Masses celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico for the three vicariates in the diocese. The first Mass—on Dec. 3 at 11 a.m.—welcomes anyone from the Western Vicariate. Those attending will enjoy a social and a tour of the church afterward. Other upcoming Masses will be for the Northern Vicariate on Feb. 11, 2018, at 11 a.m., and for the Eastern Vicariate on April 15, 2018, at 11 a.m.

Follow the Star concert

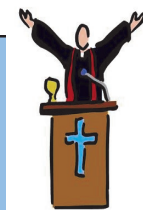
Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, will host the popular Tennessee Backporch "Follow the Star" concert on Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. This is a fun, spiritual and musical experience for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students, and are available at the parish office or at the door. For more information, call the parish office at 814-454-0171.



MSGR. KRIEGLER'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 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



130 East 4th Street
Erie, PA 16507
814-454-8085

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

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In memory of:

From:
