

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019



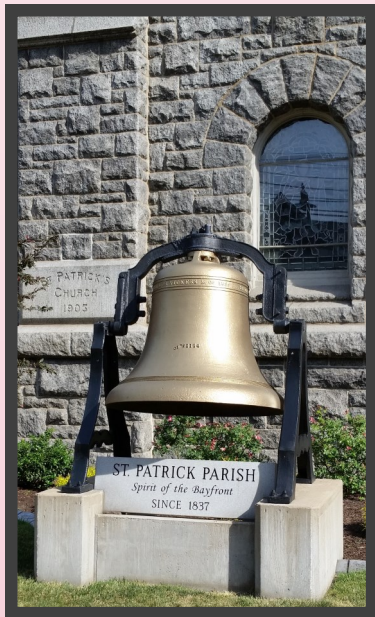
Saint Patrick Parish

*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:**

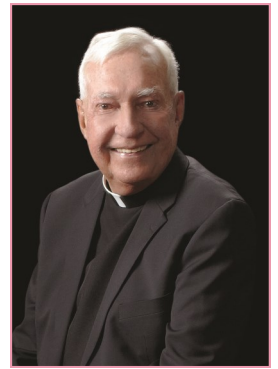
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Third Sunday of Advent. Last week we heard Isaiah promise a renewal of land and people in Israel. In today's reading, he presents an opposite scenario: the parched land becoming fruitful. He develops this prophecy in three stages: image of a desert transformed; direct address to God; direct address to the people, with the promise of human restoration. After he describes the land coming alive, he asks that God strengthen the people's feeble hands and weakened knees. The God who can bring about life in the desert is also able to heal whatever suffering afflicts God's own people. "Be strong, fear not," has a twofold significance: the people themselves must be strong in the face of adversity, and they should know well that God abides in them. In the third movement he announces that the blind will see, the deaf will hear, etc. Along with the land that will sing, the mute too will sing. In passages omitted from today's reading, Isaiah speaks of a highway which will open through the desert for the redeemed to walk.

The Letter of James is an extended exhortation, reading like a lengthy sermon that urges believers to persevere in the face of trials and testing. The audience, described as "the twelve tribes of the dispersion," may refer to Jewish believers scattered throughout the Mediterranean. The overarching theme of today's reading is patience, urging specifically "until the coming of the Lord." Because we do not know when this will happen, James urges the community wait in patience. In using the analogy of the farmer, he notes that the soil must be readied to receive the rain. So too those who wait patiently are to be actively engaged in living in accord with the faith they profess. He also notes how patiently the prophets waited for God.

While John the Baptist was imprisoned, he heard about Jesus' activities in Galilee. Although Matthew identified Jesus as "the Christ," John wants to know if he is indeed "the one who is to come."

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

John's earlier description of the one coming after him is one who would gather wheat into his barn and burn the chaff. This expectation seems at odds with what John is hearing of Jesus' mercy and healing. In addition to the Messiah as a judge, there were views that he would be a political or military leader. Jesus' answer presents another view: one who heals and forgives. Having replied to John's disciples, Jesus then speaks to the crowd about John. He is a desert prophet, fearless and forceful. He is the fulfillment of Malachi's ancient prophecy, the messenger who prepared the way. John is the greatest of those born of woman.

People are asking about the Christmas Mass schedule. There will be a 5 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve as well as a 9 PM Vigil Mass. On Christmas Day we will have an 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. All of the Masses, with the exception of the Christmas Day 8 AM Mass will have the full choir, pipe organ, trumpet, kettle drums and a bagpiper. Be forewarned that the Christmas Eve 5 PM Mass is the largest Mass of the year. The church is usually completely full by 4:30 at the very latest. I ask that people not try to come and save seats for others. We have to allow those who come first the choice of where they want to sit for Mass.

Just a reminder that the parish office is closed on Fridays. We are open Monday—Thursday from 8 AM until 4 PM.

There will be a concert with Dan Schutte at 3 PM today (Sunday) at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Harborcreek, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. He is one of the most talented musicians in the church. The concert is open to the public at no charge.

Organ Supply is continuing to restore the pipes from the pipe organ at St. Andrew's which we purchased to add to our organ. The organ at St. Andrew's unfortunately has not been played in over 40 years, and the pipes we purchased are a section of pipes that were never installed in our pipe organ when it was built in 1906. Hopefully the pipes will be installed shortly after the first of the year. In addition, we are purchasing more pipes that were never installed and those, too,

will be installed after the first of the year. When all of this work is completed, we will have the finest pipe organ in all of northwest Pennsylvania.

Bishop Persico has made plans to hold ordinations to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Church on Friday, May 29. As you know the cathedral is undergoing a four year \$4 million restoration. All of the plaster inside the building has to be replaced as paint will no longer stick to it. A large section of the cathedral has already been completed, but now the center aisle is filled with scaffolding making it impossible for them to hold weddings or the ordinations this year. It is a real privilege for St. Patrick's to be able to host the ordinations. Once the work on the building has been completed, the pipe organ has to be completely dismantled and shipped to Montreal to be rebuilt at a cost in excess of \$1 million. I always think I have problems here until I hear what other churches face. The cathedral rector, Father Michael Ferrick, is to be commended for the way he is restoring that historic building and has already done so to the rectory.

Gary & Becky Johnson are already working on some aspects of our 2020 Irish Festival. They are in the process of booking various bands for entertainment and securing some additional volunteers to chair various committees. We're hoping as we get closer to the date, that more of our young parishioners might volunteer to help. We desperately need you.

Thank you for your incredibly generous response to the Shining Stars to purchase Christmas gifts for children who otherwise might not receive anything for Christmas. We have been doing this each year through St. Martin's Center, and your response has always been amazing.

A woman is brought to court after stealing from a supermarket. "Mrs. Krupick," asks the judge, "just what did you steal?" "Just a small can of peaches," she answers. "There were only six peaches in the can." "Six peaches...hmmm...I sentence you to six nights in jail, a night for each peach." The woman is crushed. She's about to collapse when her husband, seated in the gallery, leaps to his feet. "Your Honor," he shouts, "she also stole a can of peas."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,117.50
Online Giving	<u>1,802.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,919.80
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 2,827.66

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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 by Kathy Alessi.*

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

- ♦ **Thomas Kaminski** from Nancy Kaminski
- ♦ **All deceased Veterans** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Paul Champagne** from Tim & Sheila Mack
- ♦ **Murphy family, Chesko family** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Nemergut & Winiarczyk** from John & Irene Nemergut
- ♦ **Anthony & Vedau Savelli** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ♦ **Tom Kaminski** from Michael & Paulanne Reske
- ♦ **Marilyn Lechner** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Lu Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **Calvano & Walach families** from Joseph & Lucy Walach
- ♦ **Vitron family members** from Bobbie Vitron
- ♦ **Julie King** from Don & Mary Lou Zone

Also donations from:

Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, Inc., Employee Service Fund, John Godish, Kathleen Horan, Jodie Laughlin, Pierre & Kathy McCormick, Joe & Judy Pitetti, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, William & Rebecca Ruprecht and Brigid Spada

**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.



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Mildred McGraw Krauchen**  
Anniversary of Birth  
from Barbara Thompson*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Ray Fiorelli, James Salter, Patty Dailey, Bill Power, Carolyn Power**

Greeters: **Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan**

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

**Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella**

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

**Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Mary Kearney**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch, Ed Smith, Megan Gilmore, Mary Williams**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Ushers: **David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun**

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

## Marriage Moments—



As we approach Christmas, it's easy to become "busy-holics" and race to prepare decorations, presents and food. When feeling stressed with yourself or beloved, pause, take a deep breath, and "Be patient." (James 5:7)

## Christmas Services

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

**Christmas Eve**

**5:00 PM & 9:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

**Christmas Day**

**8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Dec. 14** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent*  
 5:00 PM LEN & JOE ALECCI ( FAMILY)  
**Dec. 15** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM LARRY BAUMANN (BILL & KATHY MASEK)  
 10:30 AM BOB SAUERS (JIM SPIEGEL)  
**Dec. 16** *Monday, Advent Weekday*  
 8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (ROSALIE TELLERS)  
**Dec. 17** *Tuesday, Late Advent Weekday*  
 8:00 AM BILL DOUGHERTY (FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS)  
**Dec. 18** *Wednesday, Late Advent Weekday*  
 8:00 AM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. (FAMILY)  
**Dec. 19** *Thursday, Late Advent Weekday*  
 8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH  
**Dec. 20** *Friday, Late Advent Weekday*  
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE  
**Dec. 21** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
 5:00 PM ROBERT MCCARTHY (FAMILY)  
**Dec. 22** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM WINONA LIGHTNER (GREG & SHIRLEY MYERS)  
 10:30 AM PUDGE WILLIAMS (BILL & MARY FLANAGAN)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**12/14** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**12/17** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**12/18** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**12/21** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



Our Lady of Mount Carmel is hosting the ***Echoes of the Season Christmas Tour*** for the 2019 Christmas season at **7:30 pm on Thursday, December 19 in the church at 1531 East Grandview Blvd.**

Guitarist and singer-songwriter Peter Mayer of Jimmy Buffett's Band and the Peter Mayer Group will be joined by a world-class 7 piece band and the Children's Choir from St. James School. This performance highlights the 20th Anniversary of the Stars and Promises Christmas Tour which fans have called "A Christmas Show like no other."

Tickets are available at the OLMC parish office from 8:30-3:30 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), online at [www.petermayer.com](http://www.petermayer.com) and at the door. Adult tickets are \$25, 15 and under are \$15. Doors open at 6:30 pm.



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting ***Our Neighbor's Place***, the season-

al homeless shelter, **January 29 through February 5** at Church of the Nativity's social center. We are in need of volunteers to staff the shelter. No experience needed! For each shift we must have both men and women volunteers. The shifts are as follows:

1st shift 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
 2nd shift 11:00 PM - 3:00 AM  
 3rd shift 3:00 AM - 7:30 AM

The hours are awful, the pay is abysmal, but the experience is priceless. Parishioners who have worked the shelter all remark how humbling it was. What better way to get a head start on your Lenten sacrifice than by following the example of Jesus and giving comfort to those in our community who are most in need. To volunteer or to have your questions answered contact Angie Kontur [angiekontur@gmail.com](mailto:angiekontur@gmail.com) or 434-9653 (call or text).

## COLLECTION OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE OVERFLOW HOMELESS SHELTER.



***Items most needed are: deodorant, shaving cream, & razors for men & women, and lip balm.***

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.

## MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

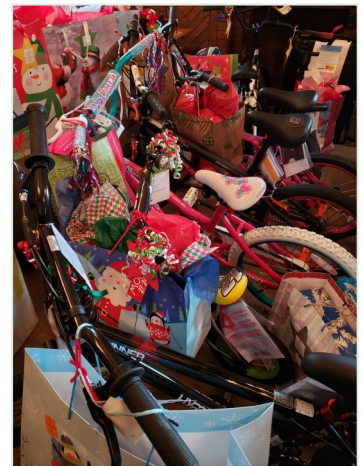
Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **[saintpatrickparisherie.org](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.





*St. Martin Center  
Shining Stars  
Christmas 2019*



Thank you St. Patrick Parishioners  
and friends for making this year's  
Shining Stars shinier than ever!!!

## 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**



## Have an Irish Christmas

& shop at Saint Patrick's Trinity Gift Shop!

### Spread a little **Irish joy** this holiday season!

Looking for a unique specialty gift item, *we can help you find it!*  
Our store has religious gifts of crucifixes, cards, candles, jewelry, cook books & more!  
Get a Saint Patrick tee shirt or sweatshirt for any gift!

***Happy Holidays***  
from your friends at  
Trinity Gift Shop!

We are located inside at the south east corner of the church, stop by & see us!

We're open before & after  
5:00 PM & 10:30 AM  
weekend masses!



### Feel like spreading **Irish luck** for the New Year?

Irish gifts of trinity crosses, angels, statues & Irish plaques make great stocking stuffers. The History of Saint Patrick's Church book also makes for a great gift!

