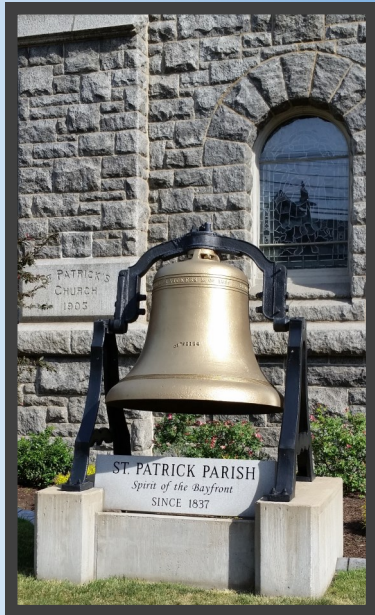


Feast of the Holy Family  
December 29, 2019



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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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

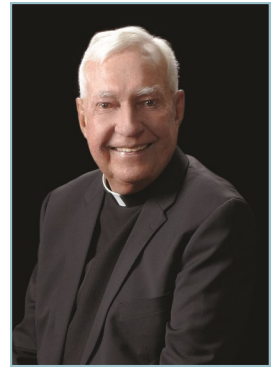
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

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



The Sunday between Christmas and New Years is always celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family.

Jesus Ben Sira was a Jewish wisdom teacher writing around 200 BC who provided instruction on how to live wisely in society. His advice includes an array of topics ranging from how to use money, to the evils of gossip, to how to deal with fools. Underlying his advice is Sirach's overarching theme: fear of the Lord. Sirach explains that fear of the Lord means love, hope, trust and humility, always keeping God's laws and seeking to please the Lord who acts with mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Today's reading expresses how honoring one's mother and father is a living example of fear of the Lord. Particularly when parents are old and unable to care for themselves, children honor them by kindness, attentiveness, and understanding. The Lord, who is father to all, will remember how children treat their parents.

Paul addresses his letter to the Colossians to "the holy ones and faithful brethren in Christ in Colossae," noting that they are "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved." He then explains to them the lived implications of being chosen, holy and beloved. As God has poured out love on them, they must pour out love in their own relationships. And, as Christ was compassionate, kind, humble and gentle, so too must be those who live in him. After exhorting the whole community, he addresses husbands, wives and children. Paul goes beyond the standards of the patriarchal society in which they live whereby husbands could exercise complete control over their wives. Because of their relationship in Christ, husbands are to show the same love already recommended for the whole community.

In today's gospel, Joseph received two more revelatory dreams. The angel directs Joseph how to act and he responds obediently. Matthew will follow the ancient Jewish tradition of God speaking to people in their dreams. This was a frequent Old Testament theme, and Matthew will repeat it in his gospel. Recall, for example, the dreams

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

Joseph had to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt and then a later dream that he could return to their homelands. Part of this dream is from the prophet Hosea, a prominent theme in Matthew. In Hosea, Israel is God's son, called from Egypt to return to their own land; now Jesus, God's own son, is called from Egypt to return to his homeland where he will minister to his people. They return, not to Judea where Herod's son is wrecking havoc, but to Nazareth in Galilee.

A reminder that the parish office is closed the week between Christmas and New Years and will re-open on Thursday, January 2. I'm here the entire time if there is an emergency or the need for a funeral. This week is always the slowest week of the year, and I have always given the employees the week off to enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

After January 2nd, we will begin taking wedding reservations for 2021. Because we have grown so much as a parish, I only take reservations from parishioners until March 30, and then, if there are dates remaining, I will take reservations from non-parishioners. Remember that all weddings here at St. Patrick's are a wedding service and not a wedding Mass. We have more weddings than any other parish in the diocese, and it takes a toll on our staff as well as myself.

Work is completed on the church sound system and please let me know if you can hear better. If not, we'll explore other options.

In the report which Bishop Persico submitted to the Vatican as part of his Ad Limina visit in November, he notes that the general population of the area of the Erie Diocese has declined by nearly four percent over the past four years (from 860,340 to 826,036). The Catholic population has decreased by ten per cent (from 221,958 to 198,249). The number of priests has decreased by 27 over the past 8 years. The number of Women Religious has also decreased from 326 in 2011 to 237 in 2018. The report also notes that Erie has 19,000 immigrants and refugees who call the city their home.

Congratulations to Sean Post who was awarded a \$1,000 Renewable Tuition Scholarship for receiving one of the top ten scores on the 2019 Cathedral Prep School Entrance Exam. Sean will be a freshman at Prep this coming school year.

The number of Catholic's in Pope Francis' native Argentina has dropped dramatically from 76.5% of the population in 2008 to 62.9% in 2019. Those Argentinians who say they have no religion at all has risen in the same time period from 11.3% of the population to 18.9%. The increase is highest among young people. In addition, the number of Evangelicals in Argentina has grown from 9% in 1008 to 15.3% today. Clearly, Catholicism is slipping in this once almost 100% Catholic country. Those surveyed also said that the election of Pope Francis has done nothing to increase their faith and surprisingly, 27% of those interviewed see Francis as a beacon of hope for the world with an equal 27% saying he should stay out of politics and economic issues and profess a negative view of him.

I recently had lunch with representatives of the Catholic Schools office who are lamenting two factors which are contributing to declining numbers year after year. One is the drop in the birth rate and an even higher drop in the baptismal rate. As a result, each year they have a smaller pool of potential students. The other factor that plays into the decline of numbers is the cost of Catholic education. Many parents are saying that they could save the tuition money each year and invest it toward the future cost of their children's college education.

As we come to the end of another year, I continue to be amazed at the vitality of life here at St. Patrick's. Most particularly are the large number of young couples who are here with their babies and children. My heart skips a beat when I see all of these children coming out of the class they have during the Sunday 10:30 Mass.

Bob went over to his friend Joe's house and was amazed how well Joe treated his wife. He often told her how attractive she was. Complimented her on her cooking and showered her with hugs and kisses. "Geez," Bob remarked later, "you really make a big fuss over your wife." "I started to appreciate her more about six months ago," Joe said. "It has revived our marriage and we couldn't be happier." Bob went home, hugged his wife, told her how much he loved her and said he wanted to hear about her day. But she burst into tears. "Honey," Bob said, "what's the matter?" "This has been one of the worst days of my life," she replied, "this morning Billy fell off his bike and fractured his ankle, then the washing machine broke down. Now, to top it off, you come home drunk."





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/15/19 \$ 8,280.75  
 Online Giving 1,722.30  
 Total Income \$ 10,003.05

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for 12/22/2019 will be posted in the 01/05/2020 bulletin.

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 Jerry Emling** from James & Karen Bomba, Nancy Klaus, James & Mary Rutkowski, Kitty Good, Bill & Mary Flanagan, William & Susan Schaeffer, Christine Novak and Darleen Barbour

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

- ♦ **Jeffrey Bomba** from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke, Ben, Delainey and Norah
- ♦ **Trish, Kay, Jim, Jerry, Tom Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini, Quentin Orlando** from Q. Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Julia Tucker** from Arlene Piskor
- ♦ **Linda Olson** from the Pristello's
- ♦ **Emilio R. Guida, Edward E. Saloum** from Ed Saloum & Elisa Guida
- ♦ **Thomas A. Walker** from Troy & Susan Walker Scott

Also donations from:

Jim & Wendy Bahm, Greg & Barb Fischer, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Joe & Heather Kimball, Robert & Carolyn Schenker, Derek & Emily Sieber, Laith Ward & Carla Orlando and Matthew & Kimberly Yaw

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



Let us *Welcome*  
**Carson Scott Senita**  
 child of  
 Vincent & Lauren (Lim) Senita  
 who will be baptized  
 after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday



*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
*burns in loving memory of*  
**Dr. Richard Stevens**  
*from Pauline Stevens & family*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Barbara Brairton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Barbara Brairton,  
 Kay Mannino, Phyllis Marchinetti,  
 Wendy Sadlier, Diane McCarthy*

Greeters: *Mike & Pat Tellers*

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Dan Bergell*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Pattie Marchant,  
 Bill Gloekler, Patty Gloekler*

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

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Cyndi Pristello, Mary Williams,  
 Dotty Schloss, Michele Wheaton,  
 Colleen Welch*

Greeters: **2 NEEDED**

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

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

## 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.



## Marriage Moments—

The year is almost over. Of course this is an arbitrary division of time, but let it serve your love by thinking of the top way your beloved served you this past year. Write it down. Put it under each other's pillow to-night. (If one forgets-forgive. Give another chance.)



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Dec. 28 Saturday, Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

5:00 PM ROBERT J. SPINKS, ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH  
(PHYLLIS & FRED MARCHINETTI)

**Dec. 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM HELEN LARocca, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 12/27  
(ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM MYRON JONES

**Dec. 30 Monday, 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity**  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec. 31 Tuesday, 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity**  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 1 Wednesday, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00 AM MASS

**Jan. 2 Thursday, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

8:00 AM MASS

**Jan. 3 Friday, Christmas Weekday**

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 4 Saturday, Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord**

5:00 PM MARY TELLERS (HAROLD & JEANNE BENDER)

**Jan. 5 Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM ANGELINE PATNICKI  
(SUSAN & THOMAS MINARCIK)

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(BOB & BARB TIMMONS)



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting Our Neighbor's Place, the seasonal

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).

We are in need of volunteers to prepare dinners for the guests at our shelter. We average around 50 guests per night although we have had as many as 60. Most meals have been a joint effort by several men and women who get together and bring in dinner. If you are interested in trying out your culinary skills on an appreciative audience contact Maureen Beck [jmb77910@gmail.com](mailto:jmb77910@gmail.com) or 864-8446

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**12/30-01/01 OFFICE CLOSED, REOPENS 01/02**

**12/28** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**12/30** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/04** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## Engagement Encounter—

Planning for your marriage in 2020/2021?

An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church.

Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org).

Visit our Web site at <http://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember,

"A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



## A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today to decorate our homes with values that build up, not tear down.

## 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.

## Additional Christmas Flower Memorials



**Received from...**

**In Memory Of / In Honor Of...**

Richard Adams .....	
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Biletnikoff .....	
Mr. & Mrs. Nick DeSantis .....	IMO Angelo & Susan DeSantis, Andrew & Rita Puskus
Erica Marie Clare DiLuzio .....	IMO Charles Rodgers, Dorothy DiLuzio
The Dugan Family .....	IMO Paul & Rosemarie Dugan, Jack Dugan, Michael & Irene Durkot
Jim & Mary Duncan .....	IMO Mary L. Duncan, James G. Duncan, The Kelly family,
.....	Vera Hanchett
Karen Euliano .....	
The Fatica Family .....	IMO Angelo & Joan Engro, Bill Johnson, Charles Fatica, Jeffrey Grego,
.....	Beth Molitoriss
Tracey Grafius .....	IMO Russell & Adele Bole, Frank & Linda Ward
Keith Kaval & Jamie Cieszynski .....	IMO Therese & Paul Kaval, Colleen Cieszynski
Joe Kormosh .....	
Bill & Kathy Masek .....	IMO Elizabeth Sonntag, Edw. Masek, Phil Sonntag
Susan & Dave Merski & Charlie & Mary Frick .....	IMO Ray & Mary Hain, Evelyn & Pat Frick, Joe & Marie Merski,
.....	Dan Hain
Nick Straub .....	IHO Mr. & Mrs. Charles Straub
.....	IMO Mr. & Mrs. William Straub, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Root
Gerry Valahovic & Fred Vickey .....	IMO Mikrut, Vickey, Valahovic & O'Neill families, Cam & Honey Snider



### CASH BINGO

THIRD STREET FALCONS  
January 12, 2020

Door open at 12 PM  
Bingo Starts at 1:00 PM  
\$20 Per Pack/\$5 Extra Pack  
Instants and 50/50  
Kitchen and Bar Open



**Surviving Divorce Ministry**, a 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced, will run on Wednesdays from February 12-May 6, 2020 from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie (cost is \$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVD's with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call the Family Life Office, 814-824-1261 or email: [familylife@eriercd.org](mailto:familylife@eriercd.org) for more information and/or to register.



### **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.

## 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

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Want Envelopes

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





~St. Patrick Church Attic~  
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Tom Golab

