

**Feast of the Holy Family**  
**December 30, 2018**



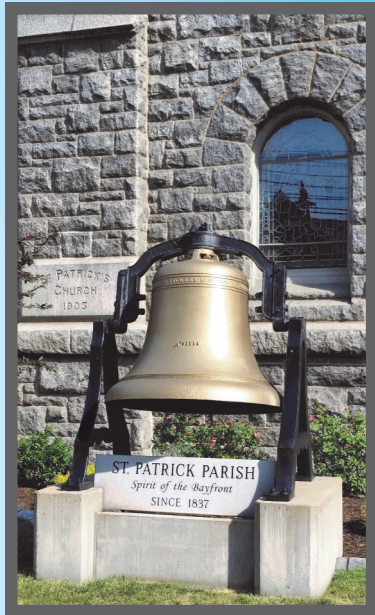
**Saint Patrick Parish**

*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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Office Hours:

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...***



The Sunday between Christmas and New Years is always celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family. (It is also historically the Sunday of the year with the lowest Mass attendance.). In our first reading Sirach addresses the relationship between parents and children, and gives it a religious dimension. "Honoring" and "obeying" the parents is like obeying God, who protects the family. He places in the parents' hearts love for their children and in the children's hearts, loving respect toward parents. The prophet also reminds children of their responsibility to care for parents in their old age.

Our second reading is from the Letter to the Colossians. Paul places the family in a theological perspective when he shows its source is none other than love. The reading begins with an exhortation to live according to the newness of faith, and Paul presents the example of God's love and forgiveness perfectly expressed in Christ. He then describes the virtues which bring about a happy family life: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Our gospel story is another example of Luke alone telling us about the Holy Family. Days after the birth of Christ, old Simeon warned the parents that their son was destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel. Soon after, on account of a neurotic king embroiled in his lust for power, the family had to emigrate, with a mother and her newborn, exposed to the elements, to fears and to uncertainties. Where would they find a home in Egypt? Where would Joseph find work? How would the other women at the well receive Mary, a foreigner, an immigrant? And, finally, in this gospel Luke tells us of a Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem, where the child Jesus, now twelve years old, did not join the caravan, but remained in the Temple without informing his parents. After three days—symbolic of his later disappearance in death—the distraught parents worried themselves sick, and Mary utters a slight scolding, "Why have you done this?" Everything human is



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

part of family life. It can bring out the best and the worst in its members.

The parish office is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2. I am here if there is any emergency. You can contact me via the parish number (454-8085) or my own number (454-4032). I can't tell you how nice and quiet it has been here this past week. I think I've died and gone to heaven!!

Now that the tile work and the finishing of the balcony are complete, we should be done with work in the church. You may have noticed scaffolding on the east wall to repair that area that was damaged. That happened immediately after we restored the church in 2012. We thought it was a roof leak but it ended up that the company who had pointed the exterior of the building missed that area and the water was coming in through the mortar. It has been completely dry for several years, and now it is restored.

It's also good to have the balcony open again because up to a hundred people sit up there at the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass and the Sunday morning 10:30 AM Mass.

In early February we will once again host the Overflow Homeless Shelter for a week. The chair of that is Angie Kontur and she is still in need of volunteers if you would like to help. It's a very eye opening experience and actually very rewarding. Just call the parish office and someone will get back to you. Angie is also available to explain what type of volunteers she needs and what would be expected of you.

That week costs the parish approximately \$5,500 each year. We rent the Church of the Nativity Social Center, we have to have people come in every day to clean it, we purchase clothing, socks, boots, etc. for the clients. Your January packet of envelopes will include an envelope in which you can make a donation to help us with this project. Whenever you help the poorest of the poor, God tends to overlook our failings and, instead, smile on us.

There was not room in last week's bulletin, but I

think you join me in thanking the volunteers in the parish who decorate the church for Christmas. They, once again, did a beautiful job with it.

If someone from another parish attends Mass here on a weekend and puts their envelope from that parish in the collection here, we have to mail that envelope to the other parish. On a typical weekend, we get about 25—30 of these envelopes. It's become burdensome for the office staff to have to mail them every week, and this past year we cut it down to just doing it once a month. We're going to have some volunteers come in every six months and sort them and then we will mail them to the other parishes once every six months.

We recently had to buy a new truck for the parish. In the past, we've bought used trucks, but we end up buying someone else's problems. The truck lasts a few years and we have to get another one. This time we decided to buy a new truck. The truck is used for a multitude of things including plowing snow in the winter months.

Just a reminder to elderly people. When the winter weather is bad or it is icy outside, don't venture to Mass. God does not want you to risk a fall and subsequent health problems. On those wintry days, stay home where you're safe and say a few prayers.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your estate planning. We have established the St. Patrick's Foundation which exists solely for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep on St. Patrick's Church. None of that money can be used for operating expenses. To date we have been able to save around a hundred thousand dollars. Think about including the Foundation in your estate planning.

In one intensive care unit patients always died in the same bed at 11 AM on a Sunday morning, regardless of their condition. This puzzled the medical staff, so a group of doctors decided to observe the bed in secret and waited for the fateful hour. Some held crosses to ward off evil spirits; others had video cameras to capture the moment. At the 11th hour, the door to the ward slowly opened, and in came the cleaning lady who disconnected the life support and plugged in the vacuum cleaner.



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/16/18	\$ 9,165.00
Online Giving	<u>1,512.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,677.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for December 22/23, 2018 will be posted in the January 12/13 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:

### Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi.

A donation was made in honor of **Kailyn Glassmacher** from Doug & Laurie Glassmacher

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ♦ **Ann Greene** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **Thomas F. Costello, I. Allan McCreadie** from Charles & Deborah McCreadie
- ♦ **Jack & Dorothy McManus, Otto & Luigina Pasquale** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale
- ♦ **Firman & Mildred Shoff** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Tim "Yogi" Yochim** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

Ken & Patricia Marchant, Carla Orlando, John & Cynthia Purvis, Phil & Denise Rewers, Barbara Rothman, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Robert & Carolyn Schenker, Nick Straub and Adlin & Erin Strimel

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Genevieve Taccone**  
from Dario & Donna Cipriani*



Let us **Welcome**  
**Liam Jacob Halsey & Mason James Halsey**  
children of  
Brandon & Jennifer (Infantino) Halsey  
and  
**Bruce Norman Steadman**  
child of  
Clay & Kristen (Carpenter) Steadman  
who were recently baptized at St. Patrick Church

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Beth Pinto,  
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

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

**Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,  
Joseph Schneider

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

**Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae,  
Megan Gilmore

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,  
Michele Wheaton, 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.



## Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

**IMO Frank & Linda Ward, Russ & Adele Bole**  
from Tracey Grafius

**IMO Trish Hardner, Lois Paradise, Kay, James,**  
Jerry & Tom Hardner  
from Jeff Hardner



### LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

5:00 PM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

**Dec. 30** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER

(BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

**Dec. 31** *Monday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

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

9:00 AM MASS

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

8:00 AM MASS

**Jan. 3** *Thursday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 AM MARION BORKOWSKI (PAT ANTONOLOS)

**Jan. 4** *Friday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 5** *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

5:00 PM JIM KAVENEY (FAMILY)

**Jan. 6** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM PRO POPULO

"FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK"

10:30 AM RICH MILLER (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**12/29** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/03** 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

**01/05** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

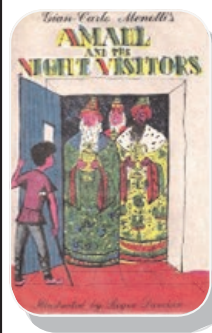
### **COLLECTION OF PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR THE OVERFLOW HOMELESS SHELTER.**



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the overflow homeless shelter at the **Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center** from **January 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.

**D'Angelo Opera Theatre presents**

***Amahl and the Night Visitors***



Friday, January 4, 2019 -7:00 PM

at Luther Memorial Church

~225 W10th St.~

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 4:00 PM

At St. Luke's Church

~421 E 38th St.~

There is no ticket charge, but a free will offering will be taken at each performance

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## **St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019**

♣ [ SATURDAY ] ♣

**MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

step off at 2pm // DOWNTOWN ERIE

[ enjoy the parade along state street between 11th & 4th streets ]

**A day in Ireland ♣**

**GET READY TO CELEBRATE WITH US**

### **PARADE DAY FEATURES**

local community organizations ♣ irish-step dancers

local entertainment groups ♣ irish themed floats & much more

ENJOY GREAT COMMENTARY & MORE @ GRAND STAND | 6th & state

CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

PARTICIPATE | ADVERTISE | SPONSOR

get more details ♣ ErieStPatricksParade@yahoo.com

**BE IRISH FOR A DAY!**

THE ——— HOSTED BY ———  
**Knights & Ladies**  
OF ST. PATRICK EST. 1978



St Patrick Day  
Parade in Erie PA



#IrishInErie

### **Volunteers Needed!**

St. Martin Center, Inc.'s food pantry assists over 300 families a month with food and is need of volunteers!

We see clients on both emergency basis and during appointments from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30.

We are also in need of volunteers to assist twice per month with our Senior Citizen food box day.

This included some heavy lifting as our clients need some aid in lifting and transporting boxes to their vehicles.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Stacey Hellman at 452-6113 x208.



**Pro-Life Breakfast**

People for Life's Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 12 at Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speaker will be Obianuju (Uju) Ekeocha, the Nigerian-born Founder and President of Culture of Life Africa. Uju's book, *Target Africa: Ideological Neocolonialism in the Twenty-First Century*, was published in January 2017. Tickets are \$17 for ages over 12, \$9 for ages 3 to 12. Children under three are welcome to attend at no cost. Free childcare will be available. Payments can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call 814-882-1333 or go online to [www.peopleforlife.life/january2019](http://www.peopleforlife.life/january2019)

**March for Life Bus Trip**

Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC of Friday, January 18, 2019. Busses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on Thursday evening, January 17 at 11 p.m. and return on January 19. Students and families on tight budgets are encouraged to inquire about sponsorships arranged by People for Life. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$55 per seat to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to use a credit card, call 814-882-1333 or go online to [www.peopleforlife.life/january2019](http://www.peopleforlife.life/january2019).

**Planning Your Wedding?**

An Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for January 25th through 27th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact Family Life Office at 814-824-1261, or by email at [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org) or visit our Website at <http://www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime".

**A Family Perspective—**

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why so we think it would be easier for us?

**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

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

Maintenance work in the church.  
Scaffolding erected for wall repair.



Replacement &  
installation of  
tile in vestibule  
of church.