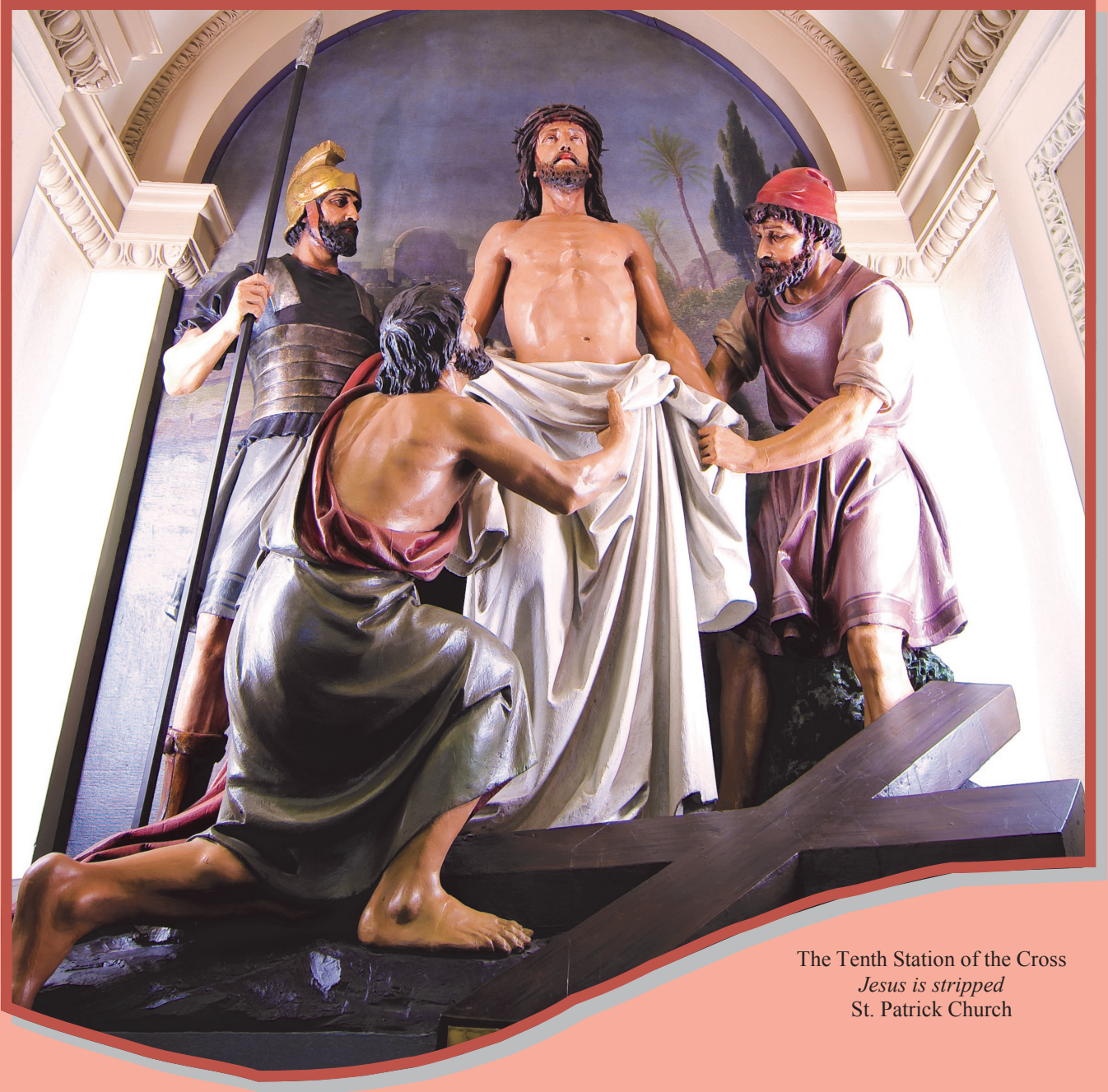


Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 9, 2017



The Tenth Station of the Cross
Jesus is stripped
St. Patrick Church

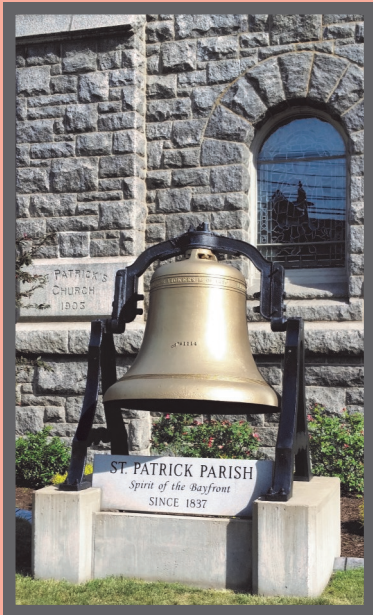
Saint Patrick Parish

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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...



Today is Palm Sunday and we begin with the Solemn blessing of Psalms and a gospel from Matthew about the event. He has Jesus approaching Jerusalem by way of the Mount of Olives and asks two disciples to bring a donkey with its foal. With these details, MT signals what is about to happen points to the fulfillment of prophecy and of Israel's greatest hope. Zechariah proclaimed that at the culmination of God's plan, the Lord would stand upon the Mount of Olives and that God's anointed would arrive "riding on a donkey." (Zechariah 14:4; 9:9).

Our first reading from Isaiah is the third of four poems commonly called the "Servant Songs." The servant is described as one sent from God with divine power, but rejected by the people and forced to suffer. In ancient Israel, having an "open ear" was one way to describe an ideal servant or slave. In other words, a true servant of God is one who continually hears and responds to the divine voice. Though subject to beatings and humiliation, he places total trust in God knowing that he will ultimately enjoy God's vindication.

Our second reading, incorporated into the Letter to the Philippians about thirty years after the death of Jesus, was most likely an already-existing hymn and expresses very early understandings of the mystery of Christ. At the time of his letter, Paul is in prison, perhaps facing death. In the hymn, Jesus, like every human being, bore the "form of God," but unlike the First Adam, did not grasp at equality with God. Instead, in humble obedience and self-giving love, he "emptied himself" of life, serving God's purpose like a slave. Because of this God raises him up to the status of "Lord."

In our reading of the Passion from Matthew, we again encounter the Servant of the Lord in Jesus. Only MT will tell us that Judas was paid thirty pieces of silver and only MT presents a scene of Judas' regret and suicide. When he attempts to

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

return the money, Jewish leaders object. Blood money cannot be added to the temple treasury so it is used to buy a cemetery. While MT's account of the Last Supper is very similar to MK & LK, only MT will tell us that Jesus gives his life "for the forgiveness of sins." Only MT will tell us that in the garden, Jesus prays "Father...your will be done," a fulfillment of Isaiah 53:10. Only MT will have Jesus call Judas "friend" in the garden. And only MT tells us that Jesus says all of this must happen "in order that the Scriptures be fulfilled." Only MT will echo Daniel's vision of end-of-time events: earthquakes, tombs opening, the dead raised (Dan. 12:2). And, finally, only MT will tell us that the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate for a guard on Jesus' tomb, let his followers steal the body and claim he has been raised.

Good things do happen!!!! We have to replace the boiler in the rectory. Because of the size of the building (almost 12,000 square feet) we need a sizeable boiler to keep it heated. Estimated costs are in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to \$30,000! Though we have a contingency fund to help with emergencies such as this, I hate to see it depleted, but it's going to happen. And then along came a knight in shining armor in the person of parishioner Chip Wachter, a partner in the Kidder Wachter Architectural Firm. They have just sold a large building they own in downtown Erie and it has a new boiler which they have to remove. Chip and his engineer were here to determine if the boiler would work in the rectory, and it's a perfect fit!!! His people are working on determining how to disconnect it from its present sight and install it in the basement of the rectory, and we'll do that once the weather breaks. The only costs we will incur will be those involved with the move and installation. I know you join me in thanking the Kidder Wachter Firm for their generosity to the parish which results in a savings of probably \$25,000.

With the installation of this new boiler, the rectory is finally up to date. We have new central air conditioning, all new wiring, new plumbing and now a new heating system. All of the windows on the first and third floors are being replaced and the last of those will be done as soon as the weather breaks. We still have about 10 windows to finish on the second floor, and then we're done. It's

been a long couple of years getting the building to where it should be; but now we can see the end. If you have never been through the rectory and would like to see it sometime, just call and I'll be happy to show it to you. It's an amazing building with 34 rooms, 10 bathrooms, 12 working fireplaces, all inside walls are 18 inch thick brick, a hundred year old functioning elevator and a hundred year old functioning steam room!!!

If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, can I ask that you consider doing so? We have to raise \$74,000 for our assessment and any excess funds raised will go toward the restoration of our pipe organ. The Finance Council and Parish Council met jointly this past week to hear a presentation on the extent of the work to the pipe organ. Our hope is to do this work over a period of five years so that we will not have to conduct a capital campaign to finance it but can do so with the excess from the CSA and other projects.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please also remember that there is no 5 PM Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The Vigil Mass cannot take place until after sundown and in the Diocese of Erie cannot begin before 8:30 PM this year. On Easter Sunday we will have music by the choir accompanied by the pipe organ, trumpet, kettle drum and bagpipes at both the Easter Vigil and the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

This happened at the Sunset Convalescent Home where residents have small apartments but eat in the dining room. One morning Fred didn't show up for breakfast so a friend went to check on him. She could hear him through the door and he said he would be right down. An hour later he had still not arrived so she went looking again and found him coming down the stairs but having a terrible time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and was having trouble getting his legs to work right. She wanted to call an ambulance but he said he wasn't in pain and just wanted breakfast. She helped him the rest of the way and he had his breakfast. When he tried to go back to his room, he couldn't even get up so they called an ambulance. A few hours later they called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one leg of his boxer shorts.



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 10,153.00
Online Giving	<u>1,487.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,640.00

Catholic Services Appeal:

Assessment	\$ 74,000.00
Pledges to Date	\$ 73,621.43
Paid to date	\$ 51,501.43
% of Parishioners	18%
# of Parishioners	158

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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

Donations made in memory of:

- ◆ **Sarah Fern Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ **Dan Carroll, Dr. John Roberts, and Dr. James Roberts** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ◆ **Joseph D'Andrea** from Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz

Also donations from:

Barbara Brairton, William & Patty Gloekler, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Dave & Julie Sanner, Joel Walz & Jill Blaga Walz, Mark & Candy Bukowski, and Ken & Alice Daub

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 8 Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM ROCCO & PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI AND DECEASED RELATIVES (FAMILY)

April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (VIKI WEBER)

10:30 AM PHYLLIS KUKLINSKI (KEN & ALICE DAUB)

April 10 Monday of Holy Week

8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (ANGIE KONTUR)

April 11 Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM DOLORES ELLIS (BILL ELLIS)

April 12 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (3/11) (GLORIA SULLIVAN)

April 13 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

April 14 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

2:00 PM Passion & Veneration of the Cross

April 15 Saturday, Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

April 16 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE ALECCI, ANNIV. (PAUL & BERNIE ELCHYNSKI)

10:30 AM PATRICK DOYLE (SR. MARIE KEBORT)



Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 PM
Passion and Veneration of the Cross, 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil, 8:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Mass at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish offices are closed
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday

If anyone knows of a friend or family member living in a nursing facility, assisted living center or a shut-in that would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish office at 454-8085.





160 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

CALLING ALL COUPLES WHO WERE MARRIED BY FATHER KRIEGEL!

For those of you who missed it, a few weeks ago we asked all of the couples who were married by Father Kriegel to submit a wedding photo and a dollar for every year of marital bliss to be used at the Irish Festival to sponsor, fittingly, some magic. Now we are sweetening the pot. Here's what we are asking:

Every couple who was married by Father K should donate one dollar for every year of marriage and include with their donation a 4 X 6 copy of their wedding picture (or another nice photo of the two of you). We will use the money to sponsor a magician at the Festival and the photo to make a collage of all of the happy couples to display at the stage.

So Jay and Carol Habas have been married 22 years and they donated \$22 and a photo. Gary and Shirley Winschel: 25 years = \$25 and a photo. Deb and Chris Slusarz were married last year (and are still married!) so they donated \$1 and a photo. See how easy! Just put your donation and photo into the collection basket.

And guess what! **Father K has agreed to hold a special mass** later this summer at which we can all stand up and renew our vows, followed by a cocktail reception at the Rectory for all of the couples! In other words, a donation tells your beautiful wife or caring husband that you would do it all over again—because **you will do it all over again**—with the same great guy who made your first wedding so special! And then we'll all have a **cocktail reception in our beautiful rectory!** How could this get any better?

But it does, because we have an anonymous **donor who will match your years of marriage** and throw in an extra buck for every year, but only if you donate during the month of April! Your years of love go twice as far this month. So don't wait, do this now. Right now.

And we're not just limiting this to parish couples. We want all of Father K's marital success stories to stand up and be counted. Spread the word to all of your friends who aren't parish members.

Your ticket to this great event is your modest donation to the Festival magic fund and your pride at being one of Father K's success stories. So don't delay. Father K is expecting the pleasure of your company...

You can email your photo if you like, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Shirley Winschel, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**

Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at 12:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Altar Servers: Bridget & Paul Causgrove

Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 2:00 PM

Lector: Dario Cipriani—Jesus

Mary Beth Pinto—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Beth Pinto,

Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae

Holy Saturday Vigil, April 15, 2017, at 8:30 PM

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Kay Mannino, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **3 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **2 NEEDED**

Ushers: Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz, Chris Lampe
3 NEEDED

Easter Sunday, April 16 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Joe Schneider

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

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Forrest Mischler, Ray Fiorelli, Cyndi Pristello, Ed Smith, Michele Wheaton

CUP: Patty Jackson, Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: **2 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

Ushers: Chuck Agresti, **5 NEEDED**

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

04/08 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/11 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/12 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/13-04/17 OFFICE CLOSED

04/15 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P


A Family Perspective—Passion (Palm) Sunday


The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO— *kate spade*
 Friday, April 21, 2017 NEW YORK
 Blessed Sacrament School is holding a Purse Bingo to benefit their education fund. Doors will open at 4:40 pm with Bingo starting at 6:00 pm. BYOB, food will be available for purchase or you can bring your own. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the parish office (454-0171) or on line at the school website, bsschoolerei.org.


House of Mercy to host tea in April
 The Sisters of Mercy House of Mercy Spring Tea will be held April 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School's Scheffner Hall, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Tickets are \$25 and are available by contacting Sister Michele Schroeck, RSM, at michele.schroeck@gmail.com or at 814-898-0167.


Moms, want a special (dress-up) day out with your daughter?
 A Mother/Daughter Tea for girls age 10 and older and their mothers will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 1-3 PM at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16514.
 Plan to attend this special event that brings mothers and their daughters together to talk about things like communication, love and human sexuality. Be a part of building a community of women who treasure God's plan and live it with joy and freedom.
 Online invitations and more information can be found at eriercd.org/nfp_tea.htm. Paper invitations and fliers are also available from your Catholic school or your parish DRE.
 If you have questions, please call Kate (814)824-1259 or toll free at 1-800-374-3723 ext. 259. Cost is \$15/family, or \$12 before April 9th. Registration is required: call Kate at the number above or visit www.eriercd.org/nfp_tea.htm.


National Pastoral Musicians to host Songfest
 The Erie Diocese Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians will host its annual Spring Banquet and Songfest, "Singing the Music of the Seasons," on April 23 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro.

Young men invited to St. Andrew Dinner
 The next St. Andrew Dinner (men's vocation dinner) will be held at Our Lady of Peace School, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie, on April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. This dinner is designed for young men striving to follow Jesus' call in their lives and to be open to the possibility of the seminary and priesthood. Please RSVP to the Our Lady of Peace office at 814-833-7701.
 Join Bishop Lawrence Persico, Fr. Rich Toohey, Fr. David Renne, Fr. Mike Polinek and other guest priests, as they share their vocations stories with you.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST
 HOSTED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE KATHY DAHLKEMPER
 FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER THE REV. CHARLES BROCK, M. DIV.
 SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 | 9:30 A.M.
 GARDEN ATRIUM, AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE CENTER

St. Paul's Spaghetti and meatball dinner—
 St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut St., Erie will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner on Sunday, April 30th following 11 a.m. Mass. Adults \$8/child \$4. Take-out is available.

Bus trip organized to see 'Jonah'
 St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park is hosting a bus trip May 2-3 to Lancaster, Pa., to see the Sight & Sound biblical presentation of "Jonah." Call Marion Armstrong at 814-897-7707 for more information or to reserve a seat.

The Notre Dame Club of Erie—
 The Notre Dame Club of Erie is welcoming the Notre Dame Marching Band as they play a concert here in Erie on Sunday, May 14th at 2:30 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Fairview. Cost is \$5 and the proceeds benefit local charities.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas extends an invitation to enthusiastic Catholic women, at least 18 years of age, to join one of the oldest and largest Catholic women's organizations in the world. We do charitable works to help the quality of life for people in our community. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Arundel Room at St. Andrew's Church, 1116 West 7th Street at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Vitron, Membership Chairman at 814-838-7270 or email Mary E. May, Regent at Focus11@neo.r.com

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month:



Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem. Only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. It is every adult's **moral** responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities at the Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline, *ChildLine*, 1-800-932-0313.

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriebcd.org/protectyouth.htm>

Summer Child Care—

Parents, if you are looking for summer child care the Blessed Sacrament Adventure Program is now accepting registrations for children preschool through sixth grade. The program begins on June 12th and ends on August 18th. Please contact the school office at 455-1387.



22nd Annual Catholic Charities Ball—May 20

Join us for Lights, Camera, Action! The 22nd Annual Catholic Charities Ball to be held on May 20 at the Bayfront Convention Center. Enjoy two complimentary cocktails and delicious food stations before dancing the night away to the music of The Chosen Few. Dan and Dawn Schaaf will be honored as this year's Helping Hands Award recipients.

Tickets are \$100 per person for this cocktail attire event. All proceeds benefit the agencies and affiliates of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie. Please visit <http://www.eriebcd.org/charitiesball.htm> before May 5 for more information and to purchase your tickets.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Patrick Parish

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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