

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018



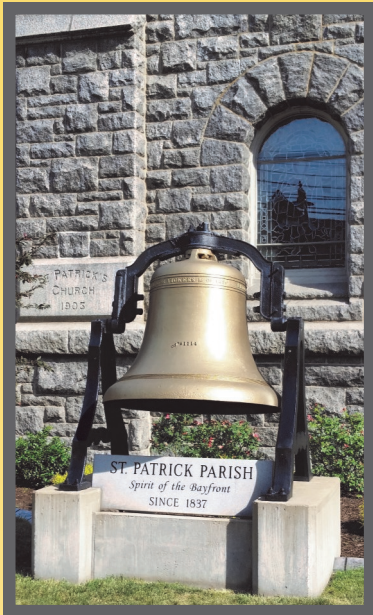
Saint Patrick Parish

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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MASS SCHEDULE:

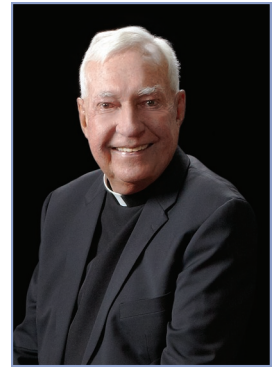
Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. The story of Saul and his persecution of Christians is told today as we hear of his early ministry in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, the disciples are afraid of him, given his history; and the one who takes charge of Saul is Barnabas who will later become his traveling companion. Luke tells us that Saul spoke boldly, a term used to stress his fearless confidence. Just before today's reading, the Jews conspired to kill him and now the Hellenists are doing the same. Luke concludes today's reading with a summary of the church's growth. Paul would later make his way to Rome and is buried in the Church of St. Paul Without the Walls. His disciple Timothy is buried beside him.

In this reading, John weaves together the important themes of love, truth, believing and obedience. The word love is a designation for the community itself. John tells them that they belong to the truth if our hearts (conscience) does not condemn us. Even if our hearts do condemn us, we have recourse to God, who knows everything and will give us what we need. John then moves seamlessly from describing living in truth to keeping God's commandments. Truth must display itself in action, specifically in adhering to a two-pronged commandment: belief in Jesus and loving one another as he commanded. The best way to understand Jesus' commandment to love is to see how he himself loved. His compassion, forgiveness and seeking out those who are lost are also to be evident in the lives of his followers.

An important theological link between our reading from John's letter and the Gospel of John is the word "remain" (*meno*). In the concluding verse of I John, we heard that those who keep Jesus' commandments remain in him and he in them. John uses this word more than all the rest of the New Testament combined. The metaphor of the vine and the branches was already familiar to John's Jewish audience. God had planted a choice vine, but Israel became a wild, untamed

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

vine instead. Whereas the old vine did not produce good fruit, Jesus gives the image new life. He said, "I am the true vine," the last of his "I am" statements in John's gospel. Because his disciples remain in him, and his words remain in them, his disciples are able to bear fruit.

The results of an extensive survey on the religious affiliation and practice of Europeans under the age of 25 reveals some rather startling results. In the United Kingdom, only 7% of that age group identify themselves as Anglican and only 10% identify themselves as Catholic. In the Czech Republic, 73% of people in that age group identify themselves as having no religion. In the Netherlands, it is 61%; in Spain—60%; Belgium—58%; France 55%. There were equally high percentages of young people in these countries who say they never pray—ever! While Poland and Lithuania remain the two most Catholic countries in Europe, 80% of young Poles identify themselves as Catholic but only 48% go to Mass ever; in Lithuania, 70% identify themselves as Catholic, but only 5% go to Mass. A much higher percentage of Muslim youth identify themselves with their religion as well as a much higher rate of attendance. With the birth rate among Muslims being the highest in Europe and with their ongoing retention of their religious practices, the Muslim religion could well outpace Christianity in the very near future.

I recently had people in to look at the tile in the back of church and to determine how we are going to go about replacing it as well as what it will cost us. They told me that, when that tile was laid in 1903, it was laid in 2 inches of mud!!! They got one of the tiles loose and up and, sure enough, it was laid in mud. They said that was how it was done in those days. Might sound strange, but it lasted a hundred and ten years. When we get a report back from them as to cost and how it's done, we can make some decisions. They are suggesting that we will have to do it in two stages because it will take longer than a week to do and we'll have to close off the area they do and let it settle before people can walk on it. The most important thing, in my eyes, is that the new tile be very slip resistant. Some churches have put in marble floors and they are incredibly slippery especially in the winter months.

I'm also grateful that a parishioner has come forward and is going to pay the costs of re-carpeting the balcony. The carpet that is up there is in very bad shape. We're going to put treads on the stairs going up and then carpet the balcony.

As I have mentioned before, we're going to wait with all of this work until the work on the restoration of the pipe organ is complete. We have to bring in a lift to get the new console up into the balcony as well as to get ranks of pipes and the large front pipes up.

At the same time, we're going to use that lift to get up to that small area on the east wall of the church where paint has peeled. The area is completely dry and has been for a couple of years so we should be able to restore it. The original problem was water coming in through the mortar on the outside wall. Once we got that repaired, it dried up and has not gotten worse since then.

If you think we have problems, over at the cathedral, they have to replace all of the plaster in the interior of the building. It is so bad that paint will no longer adhere to it. Once again, it's hundred year old buildings which require constant ongoing maintenance.

If you have not yet responded to the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal, can I make another plea that you consider making a donation. This appeal funds the charitable works of the diocese and any funds raised over our \$84,000 assessment can remain in the parish.

Dearest Redneck Son, I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles of your home, so we moved. About that coat you wanted me to send. Your Uncle Billy Bob said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you are an aunt or uncle. Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out but he fought them and drowned. We had him cremated, and he burned for three days. There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much out of the normal has been happening. Mom



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,534.00
Online Giving	<u>1,607.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,141.30
Good Shepherd Collection	\$ 3,688.00
Catholic Service Appeal (Assessment)	\$ 84,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 89,045.00
Total Paid	\$ 64,890.00
Total Families	190

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Elliana Parshall

child of
Stephen & Trisha (Warmbrodt) Parshall
and

Lorenzo William Barbarini

child of
Nicholas & Laura (Ruprecht) Barbarini
who will be baptized
after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Shirley Winschel, Ray Fiorelli, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

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

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joe Schneider

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

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ed Smith, Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae,

CUP: Mary Kearney, Patty Jackson

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Owen Fetzner

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

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Barb Miles

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

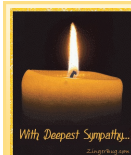
Donations were made in memory of:

- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey and Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Mary Corbett, Paul Corbett, Bob Corbett** from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
- ◆ **Barb Coughlin** from Mary Ellen Demyanovich
- ◆ **Phyllis Peterson Ahlberg** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **Robert Adamczyk** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ◆ **Alan Haskins** from Donna Haskins
- ◆ **Maria Manco** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ◆ **Grace Dalton** from Deborah Musloff
- ◆ **Wm. & Helen Schmidt** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ◆ **Paul** from Dorothy Rennie

Also donations from:

Robert & Mildred Biebel, Ray & Patti Fiorelli,
William & Patricia Gloekler, Jay & Carol Habas,
Joe & Judy Pitetti and Kraig Sweeney

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



*Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Tom Cook and Ruth Gray** who recently passed away.*

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 Food Pantry is in need of packaged diapers—

They can be dropped off at all Masses and left in the vestibule or at the Parish Office. Thank you !!!



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 28** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 5:00 PM DR. THOMAS KLAUS (FAMILY)
- April 29** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM GAIL JACOBOWSKI
 (MICHAEL & KATHLEEN CRANE)
- 10:30 AM RENEE CALABRESE (YVONNE GERSIMS)
- April 30** *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY
- May 1** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM MITCHELL MACK (HELEN PAPROCKI)
- May 2** *Wednesday, Saint Athanasius,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (FAMILY)
- May 3** *Thursday, Saints Philip and James, Apostles*
 8:00 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (WIFE, MARY)
- May 4** *Friday, Easter Weekday*
 NO MASS OF COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 5** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 5:00 PM ROBERT H. WEISENFLUH
 (MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)
- May 6** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM TOM COOK (COLLEEN & LARRY HAMMON)
 10:30 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV.
 (SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

- 04/28** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 05/01** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 05/02** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 05/06** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month:

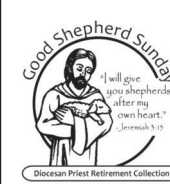
Safety Rules Bear Repeating.

Research reminds us that teaching children how to resist the overtures of a potential molester requires repetition and reinforcement. Children and young people need to know the rules, and they need to hear them over and over and over again so that the rules become part of a thought process. This is done in the same way we teach the rules about looking both ways before crossing the street and the danger of getting too close to an open flame. Empowering children to speak up and resist the overtures of potential molesters can stop a child molester in his or her tracks. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

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



Thank you from the Priests—



Last weekend, our parish took a second collection to support our retired priest fund. Despite these difficult economic times we appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs. Your priests truly appreciate your support and thank you for contributing to the Good Shepherd Collection for Erie Diocesan Retired Priests.

If you would like to add your support to this collection you may still return the special collection envelope for Good Shepherd Sunday in upcoming collections or mail to the parish office. You may also send to Office of Finance for the Diocese of Erie (please make notation for Good Shepherd Collection on the check or envelope).

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese has an Endowment for Clergy Health and Welfare if you would like to remember a special priest with a gift or bequest to this diocesan endowment to benefit our priests.



Cathedral concert features Pitt's Men's Glee Club


St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie will host a concert performed by the University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club on May 1 at 7:30 p.m. Pitt's Men's Glee Club has traveled all over the United States and Europe and features undergraduate and graduate students. The concert is free and open to the public.

Catholic Charities Club CC Night

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie invites you to enjoy Club CC Night, a celebration and continuation of the good works of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, on May 12 at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. The lounge-like setting will feature food and drinks, dancing and entertainment, all for a wonderful cause. Local comedienne Lisa Chimenti-Foster will portray Sister Agnes as the evening's toastmistress. Cleveland Nightclub DJ Brent Schmidt will offer music covering everything from Rat Pack through today's hits.

Ann and Charlie Rutkowski will be honored with the Helping Hands Award, given for outstanding service to both church and community. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ClubCCNight.com or call 814-824-4251. Proceeds benefit people in need across the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie.

Public welcome to healing Mass



The Son of God Prayer Group in Erie invites everyone to a healing Mass on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at *Holy Rosary Church*, 2701 East Ave., Erie, with Father Richard Toohey, Father Kyle Seyler and Deacon Jerry Peterson. Music will be provided by St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to provide time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall, which will be presented at the offertory procession. For more information, call Pat at 814-823-3968.

Golf and sports raffle to benefit parish

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek and its Knights of Columbus will hold their annual golf and sports raffle May 11 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 837 Bartlett Road. Tickets are available in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by calling 814-899-5342. Tickets also are available at the door the night of the raffle. The cost is \$10 per ticket and includes food, beverages and a chance to win 19 great prizes. The grand prize is a cruise trip for two to Bermuda.



Estate Planning Seminar at St. Peter Cathedral—

You are invited to attend a Seminar Entitled *“Your legacy / Your plan...What is it?”* *St. Peter Cathedral Parish* will host this seminar at Synod Hall on May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Topics: Will Planning; power of attorney; healthcare directives; guardianship for your children; innovative estate planning opportunities; funeral planning. People of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Speakers will include:

- * Rev. Michael Ferrick
- * Attorney Thomas Hoffman
- * Joseph Kloecker, MBA, CPA
- * Austin Brugger

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by May 3rd by calling 814-453-6677



Benedictine Sisters offer mid-life retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie are offering their Mid-Life/Life-Long Retreat for personal and spiritual growth May 18-20 at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. This retreat for adults is designed for those seeking to refocus in the midst of life’s changes. For more information or to register, contact Sister Rosanne Loneck, OSB, at 814-899-0614 or at srosanne@mtstbenedict.org. The retreat will be offered again Sept. 7-9.

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 560 E 5th St. 454-1299
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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
Saint Patrick Parish

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

HEAD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
 SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
 CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
 CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration Change of Address Moving Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory



St. Patrick Parish
130 East Fourth Street
Erie, PA 16507
814-454-8085

Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful women who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your mother has already gone to her eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling her of your love for her.

Our bulletin of May 12 and 13 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased mother or grandmother whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Msgr. Henry Kriegel

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From
