

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019



Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church
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Tom Golab

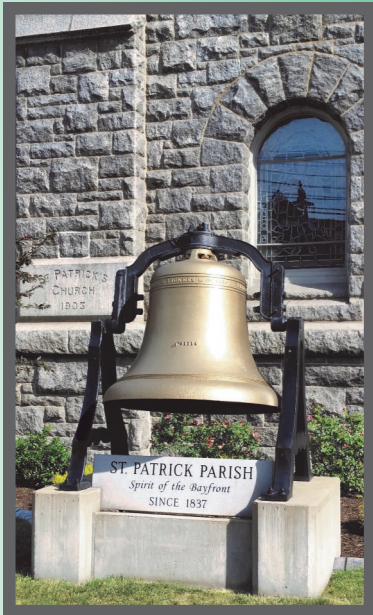
Saint Patrick Parish

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



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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The night of Passover is so central to the identity of Israel that it is remembered and reinterpreted throughout Israel's history. In today's reading from Wisdom, a later generation speaks to God about the original event. According to Wisdom, the ancestors were well prepared for Passover because they had known about it ahead of time. The keeping of Passover, including sharing in a meal laden with symbols, praying, and keeping vigil, was a divine institution to be celebrated in obedience to God's command: "all the Israelites must keep a vigil for the Lord throughout their generations." The descendants are not only the recipient of God's saving acts, but they must also live in faith, act with courage, keep vigil and celebrate the divine institution of Passover.

Our reading from Hebrews starts with a statement about faith, not as a definition, but as a motivating foundation for people who live by faith. Throughout the reading the word "faith," (*pistis*) has several meanings, as it does throughout the Bible. At times, faith means trust, signifying a relationship between God and people who put their trust in him. It also signifies faithfulness, seen both in God's abiding faithfulness to the covenant and the expected response of God's people. A third meaning is the content of what is believed; creeds and dogmas are expressions of this kind of faith. The primary example of an Old Testament person of faith in today's reading is Abraham. He follows God's call and leaves behind the land of his ancestry. The final example is his willingness to offer his own son.

In today's gospel, we see how disciples are to exhibit some of the same characteristics we saw in the first two readings. Like Abraham, his band of disciples leaves everything behind to follow Jesus on the journey. Along with letting go of unnecessary belongings, they are to share what they have with those in need. According to Wisdom, the Israelites at Passover were vigilant as

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

they waited for God to rescue them. Now Jesus' disciples are to be equally ready for the coming of their Master. Whether that refers to the final return of the Lord in glory, or to his presence in their midst any day and every day. They are to act as responsible stewards, carefully using their gifts for the needs of all.

A group representing 70,000 lay Catholics who teach religious instruction in Germany is calling for sweeping church reforms and want a role in bringing them about. The German bishops announced a synod of the laity to concentrate on three main issues: church teaching on sexual morality, clerical power and the present priestly lifestyle and the issue of mandatory celibacy for ordained ministers. A letter issued by the group says that most of their students "expect little or nothing" of the church as far as their own lives or society are concerned. At the same time, they say these students are seriously interested in existential matters "which touch on faith related questions and issues." These include respect for personal life decisions, freedom of conscience and equal rights for women and men. They go on to say that these basic rights are "thwarted" when pupils experience the church as an institution characterized by "turbocharged power in clericalist priest self-images, its demonization of sexuality, its taboo of homosexuality and its ostracization of remarried divorcees." According to the teachers, many students see a "non-transparent, dishonest, power-driven official church in these concepts that value protection of the sacrality of the church as an institution more highly than the people who put their trust in it."

Their report says that clerical sexual abuse and its cover-up are only the "tip of an iceberg which the majestic and (oh so proud) ship of the church threatens to crash against and sink. The church's credibility is publicly ruined." They then list ten demands for reform beginning with a call for the church to become a "learning church that is open to new impulses and critical questions and listens honestly." They demand an end to the way the church has up to now treated critical theologians. They insist that Christology and ecclesiology must center around the Jesus of the gospels. They also believe that the church must "rethink questions of sexual morality, particularly the

question of homosexuality," and that it must urgently "take an honest look into its own ranks" with regard to sexuality and the capacity for relationships. Gabriele Klingberg, chair of the Catholic Teachers Association, said, "Religious education no longer seems credible to the students in the light of the way the hierarchy behaves, adding that this is one of the reasons why the teachers feel abandoned by the church. Pupils often ask us how we can possibly still defend and work for such an institution. We simply don't want to take that rap any longer."

Tuesday, August 13, is Erie Gives. On this day, the entire community rallies together to support our non-profits. Thanks to generous donations from the Erie Community Foundation and Erie Insurance, a "pot" of extra money exists to be shared with all who receive contributions. If you make a donation to St. Patrick's on Erie Gives, we will receive not only your donation but an added amount of money from that fund. Each non-profit shares in that money, depending on how much we raise. In the past, St. Patrick's has been either the first or second Catholic parish to receive the most donations. All I ask is that you think about making a gift on Tuesday.

Have you ever thought of remembering St. Patrick's in your estate planning?

An eighteen year old Italian girl tells her mother that she is pregnant. The distraught mother asks, "Who did this? I want to know." The girl picks up the phone and makes a call. Half an hour later, a Ferrari stops in front of their house. A mature and distinguished man with grey hair and impeccably dressed in an Armani suit steps out of the car and enters the house. He sits in the living room and tells them, "I can't marry her because of my personal family situation but I'll take charge. I will pay all costs and provide for your daughter for the rest of her life. Additionally, if a girl is born, I will bequeath a Ferrari, 2 retail stores, a townhouse, a beachfront villa and a \$2 million bank account. If a boy is born, my legacy will be a couple of factories and a \$4 million bank account. If twins, they will receive a factory and \$2 million each. However, if there is a miscarriage, what do you suggest? At this point, the father, who had remained silent holding a shotgun on his lap, places a hand firmly on the man's shoulder and tells him, "You gonna try again."



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 10,157.26
Online Giving	<u>1,917.30</u>
Total Income	\$ 12,074.56

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Bernadine Zdunski
Anniversary of Birth, 8/10
from family*

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 to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Chandley family** from Don & Barbara Chandley
- ◆ **Mary Tellers** from Janice Crotty, Jean & Lee Faber, William & Maryann Flaherty, Dean & Jane Gladden, David & Beth Lester, David & Christine Sechrist, South Shore Development and Frank & Nancy Sturgeon
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**Special Thank You!!!
to PANERA BREAD &
EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT'S HABORCREEK**

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Patty Dailey, Diane McCarthy, Kathy Sertz*

CUP: *Shirley Winschel, James Salter*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

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

Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Lisa Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella*

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

Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Colleen Welch, Erin Wachter, Dotty Schloss, Candy Bukowski, Mary Kearney*

CUP: *Mary Williams, Megan Gilmore*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *—*

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

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

Tall Ships Erie - 2019

We need you! Tall Ships Erie Festival takes place August 22-25th on Erie's Bayfront. This happens once every three years and we need volunteers! Volunteers receive a festival t-shirt, a day pass, an invite to a volunteer reception and the opportunity to "show off" our Bayfront and Erie pride! Please go to tallshipserie.org and follow the links to volunteer. Thank you



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 10 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTELE)

Aug. 11 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY TELLERS (DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)

10:30 AM RICHARD MILLER, ANNIV. 8/12

(FRANK & MARY THERESE RILEY)

Aug. 12 *Monday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 13 *Tuesday, Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 14 *Wednesday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 15 *Thursday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:00 PM MASS

Aug. 16 *Friday, Saint Stephen of Hungary*

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 17 *Saturday, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI (DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

Aug. 18 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DOROTHY COLONY

(MARK & CHELSY WEISENFLUH)

10:30 AM DR. FORREST MISCHLER (BOB & BARB TIMMONS)

33 DAYS TO THE 2019 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



PACK MY BOX WITH FIVE DOZEN LIQUOR JUGS!

A sentence, like the one above, that uses every letter in the English alphabet is called a panagram. An event that uses every member of a parish is called an Irish Festival.

Only a month left, time to step up and volunteer. We need you. And volunteering is easy, fun, and personally enriching (though it is volunteering, which means no money—the enrichment is largely spiritual). And you will have bragging rights when someone says, “Man, that Erie Irish Festival is the best festival in Erie!” because you’ll be able to say, “Yeah, but without me there wouldn’t be a festival.” And you would be telling the absolute truth—without our volunteers there would be no festival! And that includes you.

But, seriously, folks, we still need lots of help. So peruse the volunteer “want ads” in the bulletin today, find the right spot for you, and fill out a pledge card. If you don’t know what the best spot for you is, let us pick—we’re pretty good at it by now. Then, one of our chairpersons will call you to say thanks and set up your volunteer time.

And, look at it this way: We’re only asking for four hours of your time, once a year. That’s literally less than one half of 1/1,000th of all the hours you’re going to spend this year, and they may be the best 4.56/10,000ths hours of your year.

If you volunteered last year, thank you! You were a big help.

If you’ve already filled out a pledge card to volunteer this year, thank you! You will be a big help.

If you’re sitting on the fence in your pew, get off the fence and out of the pew and fill out a volunteer pledge card on your way out today. You’ll feel better and I can stop bugging you, so I’ll feel better. Win, win.

Gary Johnson, Entertainment Chair. If you forget to fill out a pledge card, email me and I’ll sign you up for a slot --gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com

And remember...THE SCREAMING ORPHANS ARE COMING! THE SCREAMING ORPHANS ARE COMING.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

08/10 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/13 9:45 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/14 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/17 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Save the Date

Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church!!



There are **TWO** ways donors can make gifts for **Erie Gives** this year. In addition to online giving on **Tuesday, August 13**, the Foundation will now accept checks on Monday, August 12.

Check Donation Details:

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation.
- All check donations must be accompanied by a **Check Donation Form** (www.eriegives.org to download form)
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 12.

Online Donation Details:

On Tuesday, August 13, visit www.ErieGives.org Donate \$25 or more to your favorite nonprofit(s) using your debit or credit card.

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

SET-UP

Active work-4 hours.

Set up tables, chairs, bars, equipment. Requires lifting and carrying. Climbing ladders may be required.

Set-up is Thursday and Friday during the day—9:00 to 5:00.

TEAR-DOWN

Sunday after 5:00, help close up the festival. Requires lifting and carrying. Tear down and stack tables and chairs, help clean up and move equipment and supplies. May involve climbing a ladder.

This is an active working shift.

TICKET SALES

Selling tickets at either the entrance to the festival or the entrance to the dining room tent is a great way to meet people. Sales are done sitting down, so if you have a bad ankle, this might be the job for you. You will be handling cash and making change.

Wristbands

Check ID for Beer and Adult Beverages

SPORTS TENT BEVERAGE SALES

We need a few folks to help in these areas.

SPORTS TENT: Serve Pub Grub menu in sports tent. Fix hot dogs, nachos, and serve sandwiches and leprechaun nuggets.

BEVERAGE SALES: Man the beer wagons. Must be able to learn quickly to pour a draft beer quickly.

KITCHEN WORKER

12 Needed per Shift

No Cooking Required.

No Experience Necessary.

Fill food orders—take the written form from the sales table and gather the menu items from the individual cooking and plating stations. Place on a tray and when the order is complete, pass the tray along to the person who will deliver it to the patrons.

Help with filling condiment containers as needed, call orders, take orders.

Working on your feet for a 4 hour shift with a great crew. Hat required or we can provide hairnet. Apron provided.

**WE NEED EXTRA KITCHEN
HELP FOR THE FRIDAY FISH
AND CHIPS—YOUR VOLUNTEER
TIME WILL BE TWICE AS
VALUABLE IF YOU CHECK
“The Kitchen!” and “Friday.”**

DINING OR PUB TENT GREETER/BUS PERSON

Greet patrons in the dining room, help them fill out food order forms, guide them to dessert, bake sale, beer, wine, coffee, condiments stations or Leprechaun Village. Wander the dining room, ask patrons how they are enjoying their food. Clean tables and return any stray trays. Collect trash and empty trash cans.

OR Greet patrons in the pub tent, help folks find seats at the stage, police the area for trash, clean tables, return any trays to dining area, empty trash cans. On your feet interacting for a 4 hour shift. Smiling, always smiling!

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Church Docents.

Anyone interested in showing off and sharing the magnificent beauty and history of St. Patrick Church during the festival.

Sweet & Salty Helpers.

(formerly the Dessert Bar)

Best job at the festival! Scoop ice cream onto warm bread pudding and then lace it with drunken raisins, make Irish ice cream floats, pop popcorn, & make lots of new friends in the bargain. No experience necessary. Must like children and old people with sweet teeths. (Sweet teeths?)

Ireland Trip Raffle Ticket Sales

Selling raffle tickets at either the entrance to the festival or the entrance to the dining room tent is a great way to meet people.

Grand Prize Drawing of a trip to Ireland for 2!!!

T-Shirt Sales Associates.

The Erie Irish Festival T-Shirt booth is loaded with new styles and sizes for every age and size and we're looking for a few good sales people. Must like tee shirts and selling them to people. Handle cash and credit cards—no experience necessary, will train. It's easy, a great way to volunteer and to meet people. This would be a great job for responsible high school students.

JEWELRY & PURSE SALES

Help to sell all of the jewelry and purses that were donated by parishioners. All of the proceeds from this booth go to St. Patrick's.

This is a 4 hour shift working on your feet helping patrons find that perfect piece to set off their wardrobe.

Wine & Irish Coffee

Serve wine and/or make an awesome Hot/Iced Irish Coffee!!!

ALL VOLUNTEER SHIFTS ARE 4 HOURS

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