Saint Patrick

Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie

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Rev. Msgr. John J. Herbein, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - M, T, W, Th, F, 9:00 a.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT—The mission of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish is to establish Christian discipleship through worship, ministry, and evangelism, and to serve a people who seek to grow in faith and love of God.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
The Sacrament is also available by request.
Penance Services are held during each Advent and Lenten season.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Following Diocesan guidelines, Catholic parties should contact the Parish before any plans are made. At least six months are needed before the wedding to allow time for evaluation and sacramental preparation.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Preparation classes are held bi-monthly. Call the Parish Office for the schedule. Parents must be registered and active members of St. Patrick Parish.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Anointing and Holy Communion are available to hospitalized and home-bound upon request. **Families are asked to notify the Parish Office to arrange for hospital and home visits.**

Saturday, June 19
3:00 p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:30 p.m. **Steve & Helen Cherup** (John McBryer Family)
Sunday, June 20
8:00 a.m. **Abe Solle** (Bob & Becky Witherup)
10:30 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**
Monday, June 21
9:00 a.m. **Zoila & Epigmenio Arredondo** (Karl & Valerie Placette)
Tuesday, June 22
9:00 a.m. **Mabel Steiner** (Family)
Wednesday, June 23
9:00 a.m. **Henry & Lucy Dechant** (John & Lorraine Dechant)
Thursday, June 24
9:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Steve Weaver** (Ann Weaver)
Friday, June 25
9:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Msgr. John R. Snyder** (John McBryer Family)
Saturday, June 26
3:00 p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:30 p.m. **Msgr. Ernest Daley, Ernest & Ruth Daley, Joseph Daley, & Mary Jane Daley** (Ruth Ann Keeley)
Sunday, June 27
8:00 a.m. **Denny Martin** (Jim & Patti Fryman)
10:30 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, June 27
Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24; Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15; Mark 5:21–43

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):

- **June**
  - 22 Parish Library open, 10 a.m. - noon
  - 23 Holy Hour of Adoration, 4 - 5:00 p.m.
  - 23 Parish Library open, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
  - 25 Parish Office will be closed
  - 26-27 Peter's Pence Collection at weekend Masses
  - 29 Parish Library open, 10 a.m. - noon
  - 30 Holy Hour of Adoration, 4 - 5:00 p.m.
  - 30 Parish Library open, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- **July**
  - 2 Parish Office will be closed
  - 5 Parish Office will be closed
  - 10 Food Pantry distribution, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Peter's Pence Collection will be taken at all Masses the weekend of June 26 - 27.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the charitable work of the Holy Father, the Successor of St. Peter. This year Peter's Pence Collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of June 26th and 27th .

The Peter's Pence Collection helps our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, respond to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

Donations and prayers by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to spiritually and materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Missalettes - If you would like to order a missalette to use at Mass, contact the Parish Office and we will order one for you. Please do not take one from the table in the vestibule of the church, as they are designated for the parishioners who have already ordered one and their name will be on the back cover. Thank you.

Scheduling Masses for year 2022 will begin Monday, June 21. As in the past, we are asking that you limit your Mass requests to two weekend Masses and three weekday Masses due to the fact that we have only three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses and to the fact that a priest is required by Canon Law to celebrate a Mass for all of our parishioners every week.

You may drop your requests, along with the stipends, in the collection basket or stop by the parish office to schedule your Masses. Be prepared, with other dates in mind, in the event that the date you want is taken. The Mass stipend is $10.

Looking for businesses who want to be advertised weekly in the parish bulletin.
Tim Weir, our representative from LPi, our church bulletin company, was here this past week looking for businesses who want to advertise in our bulletin. If you are a business owner and want to be seen and patronized by the parishioners of St. Patrick Parish, please contact Tim at 716-602-4588 or tweir4lpi.com.

Family Perspective - Following the will of God is not always the most popular thing to do according to some peers. Even parents face this fact from time to time. What is popular is not always what is right; and what is right, is not always popular. Elizabeth and Zechariah got it 'right', despite the pressure of neighbors. Do we?

Lending Library – The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) has a Lending Library, a replica of St. Patrick Church, located on Buffalo Street, in front of St. Patrick School. The library contains books on spirituality and is open 24/7. Please borrow any book; read, return, or pass on when finished. CCM hopes the library can be used as an additional spiritual resource for all.

Acts of Kindness -

- Let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Say "Hi" to someone who looks sad.
- Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.

Church Hearing Assistance Devices – The church has four devices to help those parishioners who are not able to hear as clearly as they would like, in the church. These earpieces are similar to a single head phone which sits against the outside of the ear. The earpiece is held in place by a hook that goes around/over the top of the ear. It has a volume control that enables the user to set it to his/her particular hearing need and is connected to a receiver by a wire.

If you would like to use one of these devices, you may pick it up in the priest's sacristy before Mass. Following Mass, we ask that you return it to the priest's sacristy so that the piece that goes over the ear may be cleaned and be ready for the next person who would like to use it. These receivers operate on batteries, so be sure to tell someone if the batteries fail during your use of the item.

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA, is a quiet and peaceful place to rest, renew, and be recreated for those seeking a deeper relationship with God. Bethany offers a wide variety of directed retreats that include: Centering Prayer, Health and Wellness, Grief Recovery, and more. They also offer Personal Retreats where you can get away from the cares of everyday life and focus on your faith journey. To learn more visit their website at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855. "*God is Spoken Here.*"

2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations
The 2021 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese:

- Sunday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m., at Immaculate Conception, in Clarion
- Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Jude, in Erie.

To register, please go online to https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261.

Saint Alban

(Feast day, June 20)

St. Alban, the first English martyr, was executed during an imperial persecution sometime in the mid-third century. A prominent Roman citizen of the ancient city of Verulamium, he was beheaded on a lovely hill thirty miles north of London. There his namesake church now stands, surrounded by the town of St. Albans.

Alban, while he was still a pagan, hid in his house a certain priest who was running from the persecutors. He observed his guest engaged in continual prayer and keeping vigil day and night. Prompted by a sudden infusion of divine light, he began to imitate the priest's example of faith and piety. Gradually instructed by his wholesome admonitions, Alban cast off the darkness of idolatry and became a sincerely committed Christian. The wicked prince heard that the holy confessor of Christ was concealed at Alban's house. He sent some soldiers to make a strict search for him. When they came to the martyr's house, St. Alban, dressed in the priest's long coat, immediately presented himself instead of his guest and master, and was led bound before the judge.

Enraged that Alban had substituted himself for the priest, the judge ordered him to profess his faith in the Roman gods. Alban stoutly refused. The judge tried to break the saint's adamantine will by having him flogged. But the saint endured through every torture, so the official condemned him to death.

Being led to execution, Alban came to a rapidly surging river which ran between the wall of the town and the arena where he was to be martyred. There, a multitude had so obstructed the bridge that he would not be able to cross that evening.

St. Alban, eager for his martyrdom, approached the stream. As he lifted his eyes to heaven, the channel immediately dried up, and he saw that the water had departed and made way for him to pass. The executioner observed this and, moved by divine inspiration, he hastened to meet Alban at the place of execution. Casting down the

Saints Stories continued…

sword which he had carried ready drawn, he fell at Alban's feet, and prayed that he might suffer with the martyr or, if possible, instead of him. Alban walked up a hill near the arena. To make it clear to all that his prayer had dried the river, Alban asked aloud that God would give him water and a spring bubbled up at his feet. Then he and his new Christian companion were beheaded.

A beautiful church was built on the site of Alban's death, where centuries later Bede said, "sick folk are healed and frequent miracles take place to this day." Even now Alban's wondrous spirit still seems to linger there. Visitors to St. Alban's Church report that they sense a near palpable holiness at the place of his martyrdom and are drawn to God in prayer.

Parenting Pointers - "Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart." (Colossians 3:21) It's not easy being a father, trying to straddle that delicate balance between firmness and compassion. How did your own father do it? Well or imperfectly? I know you're trying. Keep it up.

A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with a fatherly love and advice.

Remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:
- **Caroline Mahood** by Bill & Maureen Hager
- **Jean Bell** by John & Stepheny McBryer
- **Hector Serra** by Ken & Judy Doverspike

Memorials to St. Patrick Building Fund:
- **Toni Hannon** by Mike & Christine Collers
- **Caroline Mahood** by Mike & Christine Collers

St. Patrick Food Pantry News…

- The next food distribution is on Saturday, July 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- July's Team Leaders are Rosie Petulla & Anna Karian.
- If you would like to help with the food pantry, please contact Deb Drayer.
- **Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!!**

Stations of the Cross - The Stations of the Cross that normally adorn the walls of our church have been removed and are currently being painted to give them a new life-like appearance. This action is a part of the renovation of the church. Msgr. Herbein mentioned at Masses on the weekend of June 12th and 13th that anyone who would like to help with the cost of the painting of the Stations may do so with a memorial. The cost to memorialize each Station is $1200.00. Five of the Stations have already been spoken for as memorials. If you would like to have a Station used as a memorial for a loved one or for another purpose, please contact Ron Himes at the parish office (814-437-5763).

Altar Servers - If Altar Servers would like to volunteer for Masses during the summer, your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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Catholic Services Appeal	$670.00
Building Fund	$245.00

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Prayer Network - If you have a prayer request, please call Diana Boal at 437-6107.

Bulletin Mailing and Deadline Information
Please email your information to Pam Kahle at pkahle@stpatrickfranklin.org. Thank you.

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date
June 26-27	June 18
July 4	June 25
July 11	July 1 (early deadline)

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"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." - Psalm 103:13

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	Reader	Cantor	Communion Minister	Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. June 26	N. Powell	N. Smith	L. & J. Smathers	None	D. Fiscus, R. & C. Supak
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. June 27	R. Senko	F. Schleifer	K. Placette	None	P. Fryman, S. Hannon, L. Sloss
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. June 27	P. Seyler	P. Dolecki	M. Ritchey	None	P. Binder, J. Dechant, B. Seyler

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