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Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie

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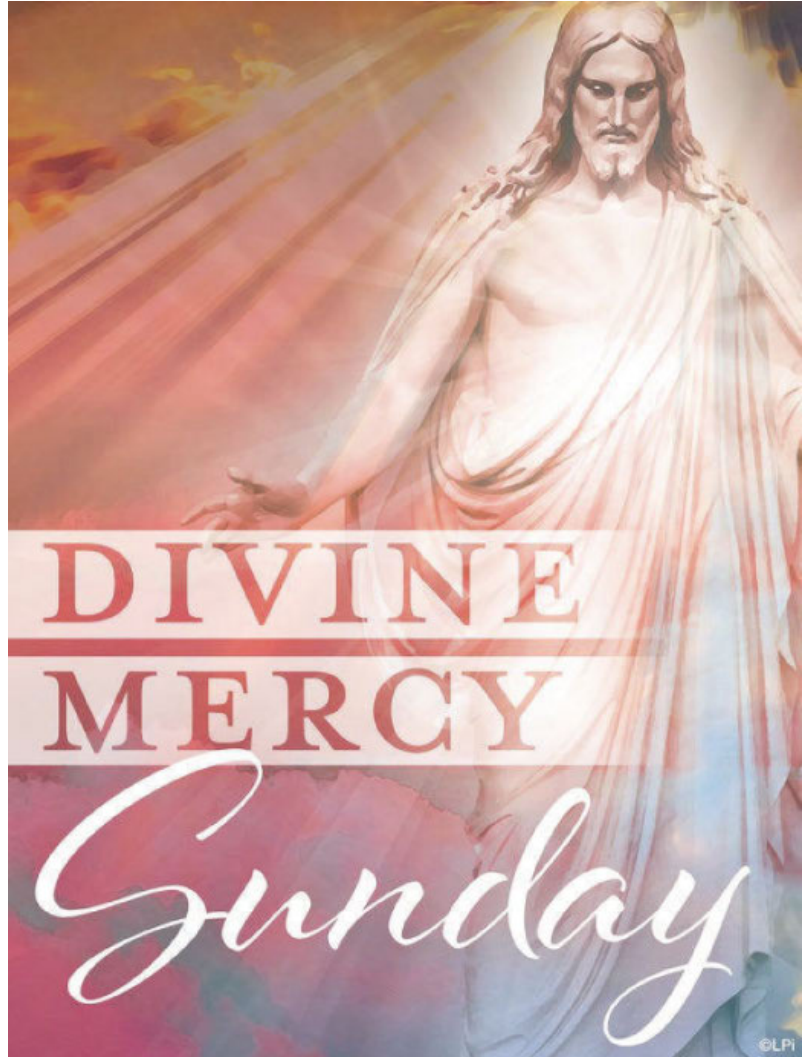
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MISSION STATEMENT—The mission of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish is to establish Christian discipleship through worship, ministry, and evangelism, and to serve a people who seek to grow in faith and love of God.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9:45 a.m.; Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m.; 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.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 23

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Frederick Fiscus** (Dan & Maria Fiscus)

Sunday, April 24

- 8:00 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**
- 10:30 a.m. **Ira T. & Margaret E. Jones** (Marge Scott)

Monday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. **In honor of 68th Wedding Anniversary of Ed & Ruthie Culbertson** (Ruth Culbertson)

Tuesday, April 26

- 9:00 a.m. **Jean Bell** (Annette Wechuck)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**
- 5:00 p.m. **Confession**

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Celestino Vega** (Rick & Maloy Shrout)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. **M/M Leon Wechuck, Sr.** (Wechuck Family)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Friday, April 29

- 9:00 a.m. **Mary Fryman** (Jim & Patti Fryman)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Saturday, April 30

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Forest, Foster, & David Witherup** (Family)

Sunday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. **Josephine Carrara** (Al & Phyllis Umstead)
- 10:30 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, May 1

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19

May they rest in peace! Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul(s) of **Joe West** and **Joan Hudick & Andrea Hudick**, sister-in-law and niece of Adeline Andres.

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):

♦ April

- 24 Retirement Reception for Msgr. Herbein, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Dion
- 26 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 27 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 28 Bible Study (Book of Revelation) 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Cenedella Hall

♦ May

- 3 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 4 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 First Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Good Shepherd Collection will be taken next weekend, April 30 & May 1.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Since the Diocese of Erie was established on July 29, 1853, we have been blessed with many men who have devoted their lives to the priesthood. These priests have faithfully served and led the faithful in living out their lives as Catholics.

When a priest is ordained, he takes on the pastoral responsibility for the lives of others. He accepts and accompanies those he serves during happy times, such as marriage and baptism, as well as during difficult times of sickness and grief. He leads us in worship, hears our confessions, prays over our loved ones. He is our shepherd, pointing the way to Christ.

Eventually the time comes when a priest will retire, usually due to age or medical challenges. A priest typically retires when he is 75. Even after that age, priests eligible to retire have continued to serve as pastors and administrators in our diocese. The people of the Diocese of Erie are called to share in the care of our retired priests and help provide for the future of those priests who care for and serve you now.

On the weekend of April 30th and May 1st you will have the opportunity to give to those who have faithfully served you throughout their lives, by contributing to our annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests. Every gift is appreciated for this worthy cause.

Pope Francis encourages us: "Dear people of God, be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may be shepherds according to God's heart. And pray for those whom God is calling to be priests that they may respond to this call with humility and joy."

Thank you in advance for your prayerful and generous support for our retired priests. I wish you and your families a blessed Easter season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, May 8, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Parish Library Hours are 10:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are unable to physically go to the library but are interested in some books to read, please contact the parish office, and we will do our best to help you get some books.



Additional 2022 EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

GIVEN BY...	IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF...
Adams, Jack & Betty	Our parents, family members, and priests
Anderson, Elizabeth	Reed & Anderson Families
Burkett, Phyllis	James Burkett; Angela Burkett; Patsy & Mable Fonzo; Jim & Evelyn Burkett; Jeremy Stuck; Joey Schiffer
Chekanowski, Bill & June	Joan Hasley
Datz, Roy & Lori	Mike O'Polka; Bill Hellman
Denslinger, Wendy	Carl & Marilyn Denslinger
Drozdo, Teresa & Mark	Ralph & Mary Shook; George & Irene Drozdo
Doverspike, Ken & Judy	Celia Spillman
Ekis, Dan & Ronda	Ron & Kate DeBerti
Findlan, Bernadine	Joseph P. Findlan
Fiscus, Marie	Al Fiscus
Foster, Linda	Deceased members of the Karg Family
Helch, M/M Regis J.	M/M Regis W. Helch; Mr. Richard Baer; Suzzy Baer; Sgt. John McLaughlin, USMC
Henderson, Larry	Larry, Jr.
Huefner, Bernie	Huefner & Knoll Families
Kelch, Ralph & Pam	Deceased family & friends
Martin, Barbara	Tom Martin
Niles, Mary Jo	Parents & grandparents
O'Polka, Pat & family	Mike O'Polka
Peiffer Family	Tony & Daisy Herbst; Louise & Don Nunamaker; Molly Keats
Pemrick, Keith & Sally	Pemrick & Perry Families
Rakow, Christopher & Lisa	Susan Murphy
Richards, Cinda	Anderson & Reed Families
Ruditis, Mrs. Neva	Anthony Ruditis & families
Scott, Marge	Ira T. & Margaret Jones
Sisko, Bert & Sharon	Arolwene Weaver; Anthony Ruditis; Tim Sisko; Sam Weaver
Solle, Randy & Diane	Deceased members of the Solle Family
Usoff, Paul, Jr. & Barbara	Deceased family members; In honor of Uncle Bob Usoff
Ward, Sonny & Mary	The Voloshin Family (Joseph, Stella, Richard, Patty, & John)
Welker, Mary Ann	Joseph and Frances Bober
Witherup, Bob & Becky	Deceased members of the Solle & Witherup Families
Zinz, Kathleen A.	Gene & June Andrews



Children's Worship Bulletins, based on Sunday's gospel reading, are available in the vestibule of the church. There are two different bulletins to choose from based on ages, 3-6 and 7-12. These bulletins are made available to you by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

Check out the 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 of interest; read, return, or pass it on when finished. CCM hopes the library can be used as an additional spiritual resource for all.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools, or agencies are mandated reporters, both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

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 headphone 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.

A Family Perspective -

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families, we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

A Spring Turkey Take-out Dinner and Quilt Show

hosted by St. Joseph Parish in Lucinda will be held on Sunday, May 15, in the Parish Social Center. The take-out turkey dinner will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children, and free for children under 6 years old. Dinners are take-out only and are available on a first-come first-served basis. Come see our beautiful quilts display for the 2022 season, which will be raffled off at the St. Joseph's 83rd Annual 4th of July Festival.



From the Venango Region Catholic School administration, faculty, and students, may the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you with peace. Happy Easter!

VRCS Spring into Summer Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Craft Show

– Join us on May 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a delicious homemade meal and craft and vendor show! Spend Sunday afternoon supporting local vendors and crafters while we do the cooking for you! The meal includes chicken and biscuits, mashed potatoes, corn, and applesauce. Adult meals are \$10. Senior meals are \$8. Chinese Action items, cash and gas card raffle tickets, and bake sale items will be available for purchase.

Please see the following information for more details:

Who: Venango Region Catholic School

What: Spring into Summer Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Craft Show

When: Sunday, May 22, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: 1505 West First Street, Oil City

Cash and Gas!!! VRCS Spring into Summer Raffle

will be held in conjunction with the VRCS Chicken and Biscuit Dinner & Craft Show on Sunday, May 22. Spring into Summer Raffle tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from a VRCS family or by calling the VC office 814-677-3098.

Prices include:

1st—\$1000 Cash

2nd—\$500 Cash

3rd—\$250 Gas Gift Cards

Winning tickets will be drawn at the VRCS Chicken and Biscuit Dinner & Craft/Vendor Show on Sunday, May 22. The winner need not be present to win.

Sunday Scripture Reflections with Sister Tina & Sister Marian will continue **every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Friday**, at the Oil City K. of C., 111 Petroleum Street, Oil City, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., now thru June.

St. Thomas More House of Prayer is in need of people to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament, during Eucharistic Adoration, on Fridays, from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. The St. Thomas More House is located at 365 Hill City Road, in Cranberry.

Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by Mark & Kathy Daley, by Melvin & Karen Whitten, by Dennis & Donna Reinsel, Larry & Betty Walker
- ♦ **Celia Spillman** by Ken & Judy Doverspike
- ♦ **Steve Marbich** by Garritt Pankratz, by Cathy Baierl

Memorials to St. Patrick Building Fund:

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by Ron Himes (Organ)

Memorials to St. Patrick Church:

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by M/M Pat Dunn, by M/M Prescott Greene, by Thomas & Karen Chatham, by Regis & Suzan Senko, by John & Ellen Dalmaso, by Diane Witherup, by Donald King, by Lee & Lorraine Oniboni, Ron & Tammy Buck
- ♦ **Mary Danzer** by Blaise & Nancy Smith (Music)
- ♦ **Steve Marbich** by Cathy Baierl

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING GIFT BOX

	<u>April 10</u>	<u>April 17</u>
Adult Offertory	\$8,981.00	\$5,276.00
Monthly	\$260.00	\$153.00
Catholic Services Appeal	\$915.00	\$1,195.00
Building Fund	\$3,520.00	\$280.00

Thank you for using your envelopes or giving electronically at stpatrickfranklin.weshareonline.org.

A donation has been made St. Patrick Parish for the youth who are involved with religious activities/programs, in memory of Jacqueline & Robert Wilber by Randy Wilber.

St. Patrick Food Pantry News...



- The next food distribution is on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- May's Team Leaders are Piedad Gent & Jeanne Klinger.
- **Please check the expiration date on all food before you donate it to the Food Pantry. Thank you!**
- **We are in need of bags. Please double bag, if possible.**
- If you would like to help with the food pantry, please contact Deb Drayer.
- **Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!!**



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 on or before the deadline date listed below. Thank you.

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date
May 8	April 28
May 15	May 5

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St. Faustina Kowalska: The Apostle of Divine Mercy - St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her his heart, *the source of mercy*, and expressed his wish that this feast was celebrated. Therefore, she was known as the messenger of Divine Mercy.

Pope Saint John Paul II was very passionate about the mission of revealing the mercy of Jesus to the world. In the year 2000, at the canonization Mass for St. Faustina, he announced that the Second Sunday of Easter would now be known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. It must be made clear that this was not done in order to establish a way of honoring St. Faustina, but to emphasize the meaning of the Resurrection and the depths of God's great mercy and love that is made available to all of His creation. Divine Mercy Sunday is not a new feast day because the Second Sunday of Easter has always been a solemnity known as the Octave Day of Easter. The richness of the mercy of God comes to us not only through St. Faustina's revelations, but also through scripture and the history and tradition of the Catholic Church.

Jesus has promised to pour out extraordinary graces to those who come to Him on this day focused on His Mercy. He has promised complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who take part by doing what He has instructed.

Monday-Friday April 25 - 29	Mon., 9 a.m.	Tues., 9 a.m.	Wed., 9 a.m.	Thurs., 9 a.m.	Fri., 9 a.m.
	Reader	Cantor	Communion Minister	Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. April 30	A. Keeley	N. Smith	L. & G. Smathers	A. & H. Phillips	K. Berlin, D. Fiscus, R. & C. Supak
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. May 1	J. Bajorek	R. Himes	M. McGee	M. Baughman	S. Baughman, S. Hawks, S. Hannon, K. Placette
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. May 1	T. O'Polka	S. Hilton	C. Long	S. Ghering	J. Dechant, A. Guthrie, R. Mulholland, P. Wolbert

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