

Saint Patrick

Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie

+ Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

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

Tuesday 9:30 a.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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 7

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

Sunday, May 8

- 8:00 a.m. **Deceased members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM)**
- 10:30 a.m. **Lori Blackhurst** (Mom, Dad, & Freddie)

Monday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. **Dean, Cathy, & Kevin Berry**
(Ron & Connie Prazer)

Tuesday, May 10

- 9:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Gabe Restauri** (Restauri Family)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Wednesday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. **Anthony Ruditis** (Wife & children)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. **Nancy Vandrak** (Nadine Golgosky & family)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Friday, May 13

- 9:00 a.m. **Father George Groucutt**
(Ralph & Pam Kelch)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Saturday, May 14

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

Sunday, May 15

- 8:00 a.m. **Dean & Cathy Berry** (Dan & Deb Drayer)
- 10:30 a.m. **Carl Behr** (John & Lorraine Dechant)

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, May 15

Acts 14:21–27; Psalm 145

Revelation 21:1–5a; John 13:31–33a, 34–35

May they rest in peace! Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul(s) of **George Reed**, brother of Deacon Reed, Judy Thomas, & Betty Anderson.

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):

♦ May

- 10 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 11 CCM Spring Business Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cenedella Hall
- 11 Senior Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 14 Food Pantry distribution, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 14-15 International Needs Collection, all Masses
- 15 Take-out Turkey Dinner & Quilt Show, St. Joseph Parish in Lucinda

New address for Msgr. Herbein:

Msgr. John J. Herbein, 315 Crestview Drive, Franklin, PA 16323.

He will do confessions by appointment, please call 814-346-0426.

The International Needs Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend, May 14-15.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Collection for International Needs provides us with the opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.

This annual collection, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 14 and 15, is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. It offers a concrete way for us to help those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school, and immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope, as well as those who are persecuted for their faith and those who wish to study for the priesthood, but do not have the means to do so. The collection gives us the means to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own, from Africa to the Middle East to Eastern Europe.

I ask you to please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on May 14-15. Just as importantly, please pray for our brothers and sisters in need, especially those in war-torn areas. Be assured of my prayers for you, your families and your parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

First Eucharist - Congratulations to the following third grade students who received their First Eucharist, Saturday, May 7, at the 4:30 p.m. Mass:

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| Sadie Bernard | Amelia Merkel |
| Vivian Carbaugh | Adalyn Rodgers |
| Cooper Greenlee | Peggy Rose Sommer |
| Mia Guthrie | Ethan Ward |
| Aniella McNulty | Abigail Williams |

Parish Job Opportunity - St. Patrick Parish is looking for a part-time housekeeper. The person would be responsible for cleaning the rectory, doing laundry and ironing, and various other duties, as needed. The position requires about 20 hours per week. Hours are flexible. Please contact Ron Himes at the parish office if you have an interest in this position.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 8, 2022 -

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38; Luke 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life.

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2022 marks the 59th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) St. Patrick Parish would like to thank all of you who have donated to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have forgotten to make your donation and would like to contribute, it is not too late. You may use your pink CSA envelopes or write a note and indicate on the envelope that the money is for the Catholic Services Appeal. You may place your envelopes in the collection basket or mail it to the St. Patrick Parish Office at 949 Liberty Street, Franklin, Thank you!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Bullying: The Centers for Disease Control and Department of Education define bullying as: any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths, who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of students ages 12-18 experienced bullying nationwide. 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that it is not acceptable.

There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents should educate themselves on the signs that a child has been bullied or is a bully. They should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Parents can encourage their child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups.

For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community, visit www.stopbullying.gov For additional resources, visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/



VRCS Spring into Summer Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Craft Show – Join us

on **Sunday, 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.

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.

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.

A Holy Hour of Adoration is held in the church, every Wednesday, from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray to Him in silence.

Life in the Spirit Course will be held at St. Michael the Archangel, 807 Chestnut Street, Emlenton. The program, "The Gift" is sponsored and led by *Faith On Fire!* There is no charge for this course, but online registration is required at: <https://bit.ly/LIS-STM> or call T.A. at 814-833-9717. Registrations appreciated by Wednesday, May 18. Free will offering.

- ♦ **Friday, May 20, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **Saturday, May 21, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Please join us for this Life in the Spirit course and experience "The Gift" God has for you!

A Family Perspective - Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

Where is the Eucharist mentioned in the Bible?

The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection. The Institution of the Eucharist is written down in the four Gospels below: Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; John 6:22-59 (The Bread of Life Discourse)

Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink? Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life.



Lady Julian of Norwich

(Feast day, May 8)

A plague had swept through most of Europe, killing thousands of people. The first outbreak happened in Britain at the end of the year 1348. It happened again, 20 years later in the city of Norwich, in the east of England. The plague killed at least one person in three, perhaps one in two, that meant at least 10,000 people died.

When the plague was over, there weren't enough men left to plough the fields or gather in the crops, so food became scarce and expensive. The poorest people suffered most. If that wasn't bad enough news, England was at war, fighting the French. Then, in 1372, Spain joined in with France against England. There was a huge sea battle, and the English were defeated. Many English sailors were taken as prisoners and an English treasure ship was sunk. Back home, there was another poor harvest. It was a miserable winter, but then came spring and Easter. Would everything get better?

Not for one woman who lived in Norwich. A fortnight after Easter, she was taken ill. She was so ill by Wednesday evening that everyone thought she was going to die. Early the next Sunday morning (May 8), her parish priest visited her, bringing a crucifix, with a small statue of Jesus on it. "Look at it, and be strong," he said.

At first, she was too weak to even move her eyes. Then she managed to look at the figure of Jesus on the cross. For a moment, the room seemed to go dark and she thought these were last moment, but then she was no longer in pain! Over the next 12 hours, she saw many wonderful things in her mind, as clearly as if they were quite real. Then Lady Julian got better. Later, she wrote down the many things that she had seen when she was ill. Just one of the many sights included "a little thing, the size of a hazelnut and round, like a ball." An answer came to her, "It stands for everything that has been made and everything that will made." Julian understood three things from the sight of this "little thing" in the palm of her hand: God has made everything. God loves everything. God looks after everything.

Julian felt God was telling her that, yes, things go wrong in the world. There is illness, war, and famine, but it can't be helped. That is the way the world must be; but because God loves us, in the end all will be well.

Julian is not officially a saint, but she is remembered on May 8 in Anglican and Lutheran churches and on May 13 in the Roman Catholic Church.

Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:

- ♦ **Thomas Martin** by Dennis & Donna Reinsel

Memorials to St. Patrick Church:

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by Ralph & Pam Kelch
- ♦ **Mary Powley** by Karl & Valerie Placette

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 and Jeanne Klinger.
- Thank you to Karl, Valerie, and their team for a successful April food distribution. A total of 54 households, which includes 5 new registrations, were given food (105 individuals: 38 seniors, 52 adults, & 15 children).
- **Please check the expiration date on all food before you donate it to the Food Pantry.**
- We are in need of bags again. 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!!**

A donation has been made to St. Patrick Church in honor of the 70th Anniversary of M/M Frank Leta, Jr., by Christine Puleo.

A donation has been made to the St. Patrick Building Fund in honor of Msgr. Herbein's Retirement by John & Mary Eckel.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and well wishes for my retirement. I was very pleased with the retirement luncheon and thank those who prepared it. I enjoyed visiting with everyone.

I want you to know that I am happy and well taken care of in my new home. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Msgr. Herbein

OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING GIFT BOX

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Adult Offertory | \$5,211.57 |
| Monthly | \$514.00 |
| Catholic Services Appeal | \$525.00 |
| Building Fund | \$505.00 |

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

C. D. of A. will hold an Educational Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a meeting at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 17, in Cenedella Hall.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) will hold a Spring Business Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m., in Cenedella Hall. All are welcome!



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 22 | May 12 |
| May 29 | May 19 |
| June 5 | May 25 |

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A Mother's Day Prayer -

Loving God, We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. Amen.

| Monday-Friday May 9 - 13 | Mon., 9 a.m. | Tues., 9 a.m. | Wed., 9 a.m. | Thurs., 9 a.m. | Fri., 9 a.m. |
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| | Reader | Cantor | Communion Minister | Server | Usher |
| Saturday, 4:30 p.m. May 14 | N. Powell | S. McBryer | S. Kudlac, C. Supak | A. & H. Phillips | C. Benedict, J. Eckel, D. & S. Novak |
| Sunday, 8:00 a.m. May 15 | S. Hawks | F. Schleifer | R. Senko | M. Baughman | J. Gracy, L. Sloss, D. & M. McGee |
| Sunday, 10:30 a.m. May 15 | M. Janidlo | P. Dolecki | P. Gent | S. Ghering | P. Binder, G. Pendolino, R. Seyler, R. Shrout |

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