

Saint Patrick

Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie

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

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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.**

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)

Monday, May 16

- 9:00 a.m. **Jack & Elaine Layden**
(Mike & Susie Layden)

Tuesday, May 17

- 9:00 a.m. **Dick Thomas** (Judy Thomas)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Wednesday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. **Ross & Dorothy Ruhlman & deceased family** (Heidi Lucia)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, May 19

- 9:00 a.m. **Nkhumah Tarr** (Maria Tarr)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Friday, May 20

- 9:00 a.m. **Michael & Bernice Hudick & deceased family members**
(Adeline Andres)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Saturday, May 21

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Joseph & Mary Supak**
(Rich & Cindy Supak)

Sunday, May 22

- 8:00 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**
- 10:30 a.m. **Betty Hall** (Helen Urda)

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, May 22

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):♦ **May**

- 15 Take-out Turkey Dinner & Quilt Show, St. Joseph Parish in Lucinda
- 17 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 17 C. D. of A. Educational Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Cenedella Hall
- 18 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 22 Final CCD Class meeting (Gr. 1 - 11)
- 26 Ascension of the Lord, Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- 26 All day Adoration will begin after the 9:00 Mass and end with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.
- 30 Parish Office will be closed for Memorial Day

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

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 this weekend, 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.

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.

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.

Bibles, Bricks, and Builders LEGO League -

The next Bibles, Bricks, and Builders LEGO League is scheduled for **Monday, June 6, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**, in Cenedella Hall. Come and enjoy dinner, snacks, a Bible story and Lego building. Monday, June 6, will be the last LEGO League gathering until the fall. Please contact the parish office to RSVP and let us know you're coming! A \$10 donation per family is greatly appreciated.



From the Parish Library - Recently, we have received a variety of books, religious, fiction, and non-fiction. Please stop by the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon and find something good to read!

New Ministry beginning in the Fall - "Theology on Tap" For adults in their 20s and 30s: What's brewing in your life? Being a young adult today—20s and 30s, single or married—comes with many important (if not challenging) questions. At "Theology on Tap," we come together once a month, over a meal and a pint to talk through these topics.

Beginning in the Fall of 2022, we would like to offer this new and exciting opportunity. Help us get this ministry underway, Please contact Nicole Powell at the parish office for more information.

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.

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!



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 Auction 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.

From the International Catholic Stewardship Council newsletter -

Stewards of the Easter Season

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen! If you're thinking this greeting comes a little late, since Easter Sunday was April 17, think again. As Catholic Christians, we celebrate the Easter season for seven weeks, until the fires of Pentecost, once again, inflame our hearts on June 5.

Indeed, how could we not continue to celebrate this event that has changed everything for us?

It's easy to slip into a cultural way of thinking about our great feasts. Many people have the Christmas tree taken down at the end of New Year's Day, rather than waiting for Epiphany. Likewise, most of us have long ago put the Easter decorations away.

But the Christian steward is aware of the beauty and meaning of the seasons in the liturgical calendar. The Easter season remains a special time for recommitment to the Lord. One word for this period is "mystagogia," and those who were newly baptized at the Great Easter Vigil are especially familiar with this term. It literally means that we delve more deeply into the mystery of our faith. But exploring this mystery is not just an endeavor for new Christians. As we prepare for Pentecost, we prayerfully examine what the Resurrection means in our own lives.

For Christian stewards, it's a time to reevaluate how faith in the Risen Lord informs every aspect of our lives – how we labor, how we play, the way we pray, how we allocate our resources, where we spend our time, how we love, how we extend our compassion to others. If Christ is truly risen – an astounding and life-altering belief – then this Easter time brings immense joy and a continuing desire to know the Risen Lord.

The Scripture readings of the season are especially helpful. We hear, once again, the stories of the appearances of Jesus to his friends; how often they failed, initially, to recognize him in his glory. The Acts of the Apostles tell us of the struggles and the excitement of the new community of believers.

We spent forty days in the penitential season of Lent. Now, we are embarked on fifty days of joyous celebration. Let us experience this joy throughout the Easter season, so that when we celebrate Pentecost, we may truly find our hearts on fire with the Holy Spirit.



St. Dymphna (Feast day, May 15)

Dymphna was born in Ireland sometime in the seventh century to a pagan father and devout Christian mother. When she was fourteen, she consecrated herself to Christ and took a vow of chastity. Soon afterward, her mother died and her father - who had loved his wife deeply - began to suffer a rapid deterioration of his mental stability.

So unhinged was Dymphna's father, Damon, that the King's counselors suggested he remarry. Though he was still grieving for his wife, he agreed to remarry if a woman as beautiful as she could be found.

Damon sent messengers throughout his town and other lands to find women of noble birth who resembled his wife and would be willing to marry him. When none could be found, his evil advisors whispered sinful suggestions to marry his own daughter. So twisted were Damon's thoughts that he recognized only his wife when he looked upon Dymphna, and so he consented to the arrangement.

When she heard of her father's misguided plot, Dymphna fled her castle with her confessor, a priest named Gerebran, two trusted servants, and the king's fool. The group sailed toward what is now called Belgium, and hid in the town of Geel.

Though it becomes uncertain what exactly happened next, the best-known version claims the group settled in Geel, where Dymphna built a hospital for the poor and sick, but in using her wealth, her father was able to discover her location.

When Damon found his daughter was in Belgium, he traveled to Geel and captured them. He ordered the priest's head to be separated from his body and attempted to convince Dymphna to return to Ireland and marry him.

When Dymphna refused, Damon became enraged and drew his sword. He struck Dymphna's head from her shoulders and left her there. When she died, Dymphna was only fifteen-years-old. After her father left Geel, the residents collected both Dymphna and Gerebran's remains and laid them to rest in a cave.

In defense of her purity, Dymphna received the crown of martyrdom around the year 620 and became known as the "Lily of Éire." In 1349, a church honoring St. Dymphna was built in Geel, and by 1480, so many pilgrims were arriving in need of treatment for mental ills, that the church was expanded. The expanded sanctuary was eventually overflowing again, leaving the townspeople to accept them into their homes, which began a tradition of care for the mentally ill that continues to this day.

Unfortunately, in the 15th century, the original St. Dymphna Church in Geel burned to the ground, and the magnificent Church of St. Dymphna was erected and consecrated in 1532, where it still stands above the location where her body was originally buried.

Story continued... Many miracles have been proven to take place at her shrine in the church erected in her honor, and her remains were placed in a silver reliquary in the church. Some of her remains can also be found at the Shrine to Saint Dymphna in the United States.

The priest who had helped Dymphna was also sainted, and his remains were moved to Xanten, Germany.

The United States National Shrine of Saint Dymphna is at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Massillon, Ohio and St. Dymphna's Special School can be found in Ballina, County Mayo, Republic of Ireland.

Saint Dymphna is the patroness of those suffering nervous and mental afflictions as well as victims of incest.

Traditionally, Saint Dymphna is often portrayed with a crown on her head, dressed in royal robes, and holding a sword. In modern art, Saint Dymphna is shown holding the sword, which symbolizes her martyrdom, quite awkwardly. She is also often shown holding a lamp, while some holy cards feature her wearing green and white, holding a book and white lilies.

A Family Perspective -

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what is *has*-- love for one another.

Little Things - The story is told of a giant tree in Colorado which fell to the ground after having stood majestically on a hill for over 400 years. A mere sapling when Columbus landed in San Salvador. Over the centuries it had been struck by lightning 14 times, braved great windstorms, and even defied an earthquake. In the end, however, it was killed by some little beetles. Boring under the bark, they chewed away its mighty fibers until one day, that lordly king of the forest came thundering down.

So, too, apparently insignificant things often make substantial inroads into our spiritual lives, and if left unchecked may cause our downfall. The idle word spoken, the prayer time omitted, and the occasional fleshly pleasure indulges--these things "spoil" the vineyard much more than we realize. If Satan gets an entering wedge on inconsistency, the leverage he then exerts is greatly increased. - Bulletin Digest

"Forgiveness is a process, not an event. You may have to repeat this process many times for the same offense. But each time you do, you will become more and more free." - Father Mike Schmitz

Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:

- ♦ **Mary Powley** by Dennis & Donna Reinsel, by Melvin & Karen Whitten
- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by Carl & Nancy Hartle

Memorials to St. Patrick Church:

- ♦ **Mary Powley** by Helen Urda, by Diane Witherup

St. Patrick Food Pantry News...



- The next food distribution is on Saturday, June 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- June's Team Leaders are Anna Karian & Rosie Petulla.
- Please check the expiration date on all food before you donate it to the Food Pantry.
- 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!!**

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.

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday, May 26, at 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses. An all day Adoration will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and ending with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12 Faith Formation Info Session for Parents will be held on **Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.**, in Cenedella Hall. Beginning in the Fall of 2022, our Faith Formation Programs will undergo extensive changes over the next five years in our approach to middle and high school formation. You are invited to meet with Nicole Powell (Facilitator of Faith Formation at St. Patrick Parish) and Mary Hickin (Diocesan Faith Formation team) to learn more about what our new program will look like and how it will benefit our young Church. We look forward to sharing this vision with you and answering your questions!

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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.

K. of C. Council #1020 will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m., at the K. of C. Hall. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.



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



Children's Worship Bulletins, based on Sunday's gospel reading, are available in the vestibule of the church. These are made available to you by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.

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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	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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