

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.**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)

Monday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. **William C. "Bill" Seigworth**
(Wife, Debbie)

Tuesday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Phil Hannon** (Sue Hannon)
9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Wednesday, May 25

- 9:00 a.m. **Jean Bell** (Mary Eckel)
(Mass moved from 11-16-21)
9:45 a.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, May 26 - Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 9:00 a.m. **Betty Hall** (Ruth Culbertson)
9:30 a.m. **Confession**
5:30 p.m. **Bishop Trautman** (Berlin Family)

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:30 p.m. **Mary Ann** (Carl & Nancy Hartle)

Sunday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. **Kevin Berry** (Ron & Connie Prather)
10:30 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, May 29

Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20; John 17:20–26

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):

♦ May

- 22 Final CCD Class meeting (Gr. 1 - 11)
- 22 VRCS Spring into Summer Chicken & Biscuit Dinner and Craft Show, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., VC High School
- 24 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 25 No Senior Choir practice
- 26 Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass times, 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Adoration will held all day and end with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.
- 26 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 30 Parish Office will be closed for Memorial Day
- 31 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon

♦ June

- 1 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) will be celebrated on Thursday, May 26. Mass times are 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Adoration will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and end with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

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.

Bibles, Bricks, and Builders LEGO League -

The final Bibles, Bricks, and Builders LEGO League is scheduled for **Monday, June 6, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**, in Cenedella Hall. Join us for "Created in God's Image" and discover one of God's greatest masterpieces, and His purpose in creating it. Please contact the parish office to RSVP and let us know you're coming! A \$10 donation per family is greatly appreciated. The LEGO League will be back again in the fall.

Parent Faith Formation Information Session - A Faith Formation Information Session for parents of religious education students entering grades 6-12, is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.**, in Cenedella Hall. Nicole Powell and Mary Hickin (from the Diocese of Erie Faith Formation team) will be speaking about the upcoming changes to the middle and high school religious education programs and to answer your questions. **If you not able to attend this meeting**, please **see below** for the virtual Q & A session with the Diocesan Faith Formation team:

A Zoom Q & A Session with the Diocese of Erie's Faith Formation team is scheduled for Monday, May 23, for parents with students entering grades 6-12 for the next school year. This meeting will discuss the new approach to middle and high school faith formation being rolled out and implemented across the Diocese of Erie. Learn about the research and intentionality guiding this contemporary approach to middle and high school faith formation. Our diocesan formation team looks forward to sharing this new vision and answering your questions! Sessions will take place via Zoom at 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83160440465?pwd=cEN3eVVcV3RGTINILy83TCnKzM3UT09>

Religious Education Registration for Grades 1-11, for the 2022-2023 school year will be held after all Masses on Sunday, June 5, and Sunday, June 12, in Dion Auditorium.

Praying Toward Sunday - A new, weekly Scripture study called, "Praying Toward Sunday" will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, and 23. Each week, we will study and discuss the readings for the upcoming weekend Masses. There is no fee for this study; participants are encouraged to bring a missalette, Bible, or copies of the week's readings.

St. Patrick Cemetery - As you begin planting flowers at the cemetery, please keep in mind the following: no trees, shrubs, rose bushes, coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind allowed around the gravesite. Please do not plant anything behind the marker. Insurance does not permit artificial flowers or decorations containing wire.

When using the water, please make sure it is turned off when you finish. All rubbish should be placed in the receptacles provided. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Parish Library - Children and grandchildren are welcome to visit the library. Escape into summer reading. Students from 1st to 6th grade can earn a free book from Barnes & Noble Book Store during June-July-August. Check out further details during library hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to noon, or call 814-432-6869 and speak to Jean Bajorek.

Parishioners, employees: Be cautious about sharing personal information - In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

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.

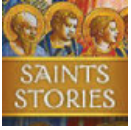
If you would like to use one of these devices, you may pick it up in the priest's sacristy before Mass. Following Mass, we ask that you return it to the priest's sacristy so that the piece that goes over the ear may be cleaned and be ready for the next person who would like to use it. These receivers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

Getting married? Contact the church at least six months in advance to arrange to meet with a member of clergy. As a couple, you must meet with a priest or deacon in order to be given a wedding date.

Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk - Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its 12th Annual Villa Maria-thon 5-K Run and 2-Mile Walk on Saturday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m., at the Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria, PA. The event includes activities for the entire family! For registration and additional information, go to www.vmesec.org. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center's youth and adult programs.

Diocesan Anniversary Celebration -

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Mary Parish, in St. Marys, PA, and Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m., at Holy Cross, in Fairview. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, contact your parish office, or call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1210.



Saint Rita of Cascia (Feast day, May 22)

Blessed by God, you were a light in darkness through your steadfast courage when you had to suffer such agony upon your cross.

You turned aside from this vale of tears to seek wholeness for your hidden wounds in the great passion of Christ...

You were not content with less than perfect healing, and so endured the thorn for fifteen years before you entered into the joy of your Lord.

This poem was engraved on the casket of St. Rita of Cascia and is one of the few contemporary sources that tell us about her. St. Rita received her "hidden wounds" in an unfortunate marriage. For eighteen years she endured the abuses and infidelities of a violent husband. She also suffered the rascality of two sons who were strongly influenced by him. She was delivered from these miserable circumstances in a horrific way: one day her husband was brought home dead, brutally slashed by his enemies. Her rambunctious sons planned to get revenge, but died before they could obtain it.

Rita was then free to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a nun. She applied to enter the Augustinian convent at Cascia of Italy, in 1407. But her suffering was not over. Even though orders customarily received widows, the Augustinians three times refused Rita because she had been married. Only after six years did they acquiesce and install her as a nun.

The poem said Rita "sought wholeness" in the passion of Christ. In her meditations she preoccupied her imagination with his agony. On Good Friday, 1441, she prostrated herself before a crucifix and begged Christ for some small share of his suffering. As though punctured by a crown of thorns, a single wound opened on Rita's forehead. For fifteen years it caused her daily pain and embarrassed her, as its putrid odor frequently offended her sisters. In 1450, when she was preparing to visit Rome for the jubilee year, the wound temporarily healed. But it reappeared when she returned to Cascia and remained until her death.

Rita died of tuberculosis on May 22, 1457. Three days later, Domenico Angeli, a notary of Cascia, recorded eleven miracles that occurred upon the saint's death. He left us this brief profile of her religious life:

A very honorable nun, Lady Rita, having spent forty years as a nun in the cloister of the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene of Cascia by living with charity in

Sister Rita (continued)

the service of God, followed the destiny of every human being. God, in whose service she persevered for the aforementioned time—desiring to show all the faithful a model of life, so that as she had lived serving God with love by fasting and prayer, they too, all faithful Christians, would live also—worked many wonderful miracles and through the merits of Saint Rita, especially on 25 May 1457.

At every stage of her life, Rita seems to have bravely endured unendurable circumstances: frustration because her parents overrode her wish to become a nun; married an abuser; refused three times by the Augustinians; afflicted with the pain and embarrassment of the stigmata. None of these things, however, prevented her from serving God and her sisters. We can pray for her intercession in our desperate need, but we should also imitate her love in action.

Why Is Going to Church Important?

One day, someone wrote to the editor of a newspaper about why go to church every Sunday?

He said: "I have been going to church for almost 30 years. In those years I listened to 3,000 Masses. But, in my whole life, I don't remember any of the masses I went to. I think I wasted my time and the people are wasting their time too." This letter made a big argument & the editor loved that because everyone started to buy the newspaper. The argument was going on for weeks until someone replied with such wise and firm words.

A Stranger Replied:

I have been married for 30 years. Through this time my wife cooked 32,000 meals. But, in my whole life I couldn't make a list of one of those meals she did. But, I know one thing, all of her meals fed me, gave me energy, and the strength that I needed to live and work. If my wife never served me with those meals, my body would have been dead by now. And, it's exactly the same if I didn't go to church to feed my soul, I would have been spiritually dead by now.

- Vivyan Hamo (Catholic Connect.com)

John 15:8 - In this, my Father is glorified: that you should bring forth very much fruit and become my disciples.

A Family Perspective - Today, Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another.

Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:

- ♦ **Albina Mulholland** by Rich & Lisa Mulholland
- ♦ **Sam Monarch** by Rich & Lisa Mulholland

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 of Prayer is located at 365 Hill City Road, in Cranberry.

St. Patrick Senior Choir will be singing at the following two Masses: Pentecost Sunday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m. and the Body & Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Catechists Needed - Our Faith Formation Program is in need of catechists for Grades 1 and 5 for the upcoming year, 2022-2023. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nicole Powell at the Parish Office 814-437-5763.

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April Online Collection	\$5,254.96

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Catholic War Veterans will be placing flags on the graves of all veterans the week of May 23. If anyone is missed, please call Richard Supak at 814-437-3385.



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
June 5	May 25
June 12	June 2

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Monday-Friday May 23 - 27	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
Ascension Thursday 9:00 a.m., May 26	G. Binder	F. Schleifer	D. Reinsel	None	P. Binder, G. Pendolino, D. & M. McGee
Ascension Thursday 5:30 p.m., May 26	A. Keeley	S. Hilton	S. Hannon	None	D. & S. Novak, F. & D. Gallagher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. May 28	Q. Findlan	N. Smith	L. & J. Smathers	A. & H. Phillips	C. Benedict, J. Eckel, D. & S. Novak
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. May 29	J. Stahlman	R. Himes	K. Placette	B. Buchanan	J. Gracy, L. Sloss, M. & D. McGee
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. May 29	G. Binder	S. Hilton	P. Klinger	S. Ghering	P. Binder, G. Pendolino, R. Seyler, R. Shrout

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