

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.**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 28

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

Sunday, May 29

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

Monday, May 30

- 9:00 a.m. **Deceased Catholic War Veterans**
(Catholic War Veterans)

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

- 9:00 a.m. **Leo & Mary Eckel** (John & Mary Eckel)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. **Angie Barbalaci** (Albina Mulholland)
(Mass moved from 12-13-22)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Friday, June 3

- 9:00 a.m. **Dick, Jimmy, and Jeep Witherup**
(Bob & Becky Witherup)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

Saturday, June 4

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **ANNIV) Richard Andres** (Adeline Andres)

Sunday, June 5

- 8:00 a.m. **ANNIV) Leon "Sam" Wechuck**
(Wechuck Family)
- 10:30 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday,

Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104

1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John 20:19–23

May they rest in peace! Your prayers are requested for the happy repose of the soul of **William "Bill" Book**.

Calendar of Events (Check the bulletins for details):

♦ May

- 30 Parish Office will be closed for Memorial Day
- 30 Memorial Day Mass, 9:00 a.m., in the church
- 31 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon

♦ June

- 1 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Religious Education registration, after the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses, Dion
- 6 (Final night) LEGO League, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Cenedella Hall
- 7 Religious Education Parent meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cenedella Hall
- 11 Food Pantry distribution, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.



What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice.

Religious Education Parent Meeting - 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>

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 begin, again, in the fall.

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.

We will begin scheduling Masses for 2023 on Monday, June 6. Due to the fact that we have only eight Masses every week, (three weekend Masses and five weekday Masses) and one of the Masses is required by Canon Law to be celebrated every week for the intentions of all of our parishioners, we are asking that you limit your Mass requests to two weekend Masses and three weekday Masses. You may drop your requests, along with the stipends, in the collection basket or stop by the parish office to schedule your Masses. The Mass stipend is \$10.

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.



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 to speak with Jean Bajorek.

“The Rosary is a prayer both so humble and simple and theologically rich in biblical content. I beg you to pray it.” - Pope St. John Paul II

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.

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.

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.vmesc.org. All proceeds from this event benefit the Center’s youth and adult programs.

A Family Perspective - In today’s gospel, Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is the same. Unity requires recognition and reconciliation of differences. How do you reconcile differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully or do you try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity and division are in every family. What we sow, we reap. What is your family harvest?

Attention Parishioners – Has your personal information changed?

- ♦ Marital status (separated, divorced, widowed)
- ♦ Phone number (dropped land line, add cell phone)
- ♦ Moved (relocated to another permanent address)

Please do not presume that we are aware of any changes. If any of this information has changed, please contact the Parish Office so that we may update our records. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

The Month of May is Truly a Celebration of Motherhood. Traditionally, May has been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the time in which we honor and thank our earthly mothers for their sacrificial love. The Feast of the Visitation on May 31, celebrates the meeting of two mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, both with a child hidden within their wombs.

Scripture tells us that, following the Annunciation, Mary set out *in haste* to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who is pregnant (Luke 1:39). Despite being pregnant herself, Mary undertakes the long and likely difficult journey to be at Elizabeth's side. The Blessed Mother's example demonstrates supporting and accompanying mothers, especially those who may be experiencing challenging or difficult circumstances. Yet, in a culture that disproportionately values independence and self-reliance, mothers in need can too often be left isolated and alone, not knowing where to turn for support or assistance. Mary provides a model of how we, as Catholics, are called to come alongside such mothers.

Inspired by our Blessed Mother, we can help connect mothers with the Church's extensive network of social services to ensure that mothers and their children obtain all the necessities of life. Through generous stewardship of the gifts God has entrusted to us of prayer, time, talent, and treasure, we can help meet the needs of mothers. Learn more at WalkingWithMoms.com.

Quote on Temptation - Temptation is necessary to make us realize that we are nothing in ourselves. When you approach the tabernacle remember that he has been waiting for you for twenty centuries.

When you see the storm coming, if you seek safety in that firm refuge which is Mary, there will be no danger of your wavering or going down. You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat.
- St Josemaria Escriva



Bernard of Montjoux

(Feast day May 28)

You probably know that cities are sometimes named after saints: St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco, San Antonio, to name a few. You know that people and parishes are given the names of patron saints. But did you know that Saint Bernard dogs are named for a real saint?

Bernard was a priest in the Northern Italian region of Aosta. This is a mountainous area where the Alps cross Italy, France, and Switzerland. For more than 40 years, he traveled throughout his diocese, visiting every mountainside village and valley. He celebrated Eucharist and Reconciliation with the people, gave instructions in the faith, built churches, and started schools. Everywhere he went he heard stories of travelers who had been lost in the mountains and frozen to death or been ambushed by robbers.

Today you can fly over the Alps or travel smoothly by rail or car. But back in the 11th century, people traveled on foot, on horseback, or in carts. Bernard saw a need, and he decided to do something about it. Bernard built two hospices for travelers where they could not find only shelter from the weather and safety from robbers, but a place to rest and eat. These hospices were located along two of the most frequently used routes, which were eventually named for Bernard—the Great St. Bernard Pass and the Little St. Bernard Pass. He brought Augustinian monks to run the hospices, and they built a monastery in the mountains. Every morning a patrol went out to look for travelers who were lost or injured and brought them back to the hospital. It was the monks who eventually bred the large, furry dogs—now called Saint Bernards—to help them find and rescue lost travelers.

In 1923, Pope Pius XI named Saint Bernard the patron of Alpinists and mountain climbers, and he is also claimed by skiers.

Marriage Moment - Does your spouse ever “go nuclear” on you, i.e. suddenly blow up over nothing? Although there's no excuse for abuse, sometimes it helps to note what triggered the explosion: Remember. Defuse the trigger. Substitute a better response.

Inspirational Thought -

God always gives strength for the next step.

Memorials to St. Patrick Church:

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by George Harris Family

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!!**

A donation has been made to St. Patrick Church by an anonymous donor.

The following Masses have been rescheduled due to funerals or no priest available:

- ♦ 4-18-22 Lori Blackhurst to 8-1-22
- ♦ 4-21-22 Harold Hartle to 7-19-22
- ♦ 5-5-22 In honor of 60th Anniversary of Bill & Vicki Book to 8-2-22
- ♦ 5-18-22 Ross & Dorothy Ruhlman to 8-5-22
- ♦ 5-24-22 Phil Hannon to 8-29-22
- ♦ 5-25-22 Jean Bell to 8-31-22

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.

The Memorial Day Mass, Monday, May 30, will be held in the church at 9:00 a.m. There will not be a Mass at the cemetery chapel this year.

The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

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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.

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.



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 30 - June 3	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. June 4	M. Eckel	S. McBryer	C. Supak	C. Supak, S. Westbeld	K. Berlin, R. Supak, D. & F. Gallagher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. June 5	J. Bajorek	R. Himes	None	L. Rakow, M. Daley	S. Baughman, D. McGee, M. & B. Hager
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. June 5	G. Binder	Senior Choir	G. Pendolino	F. Blackhurst	A. Guthrie, P. Wolbert S. Schwabenbauer, F. Judy

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