

# 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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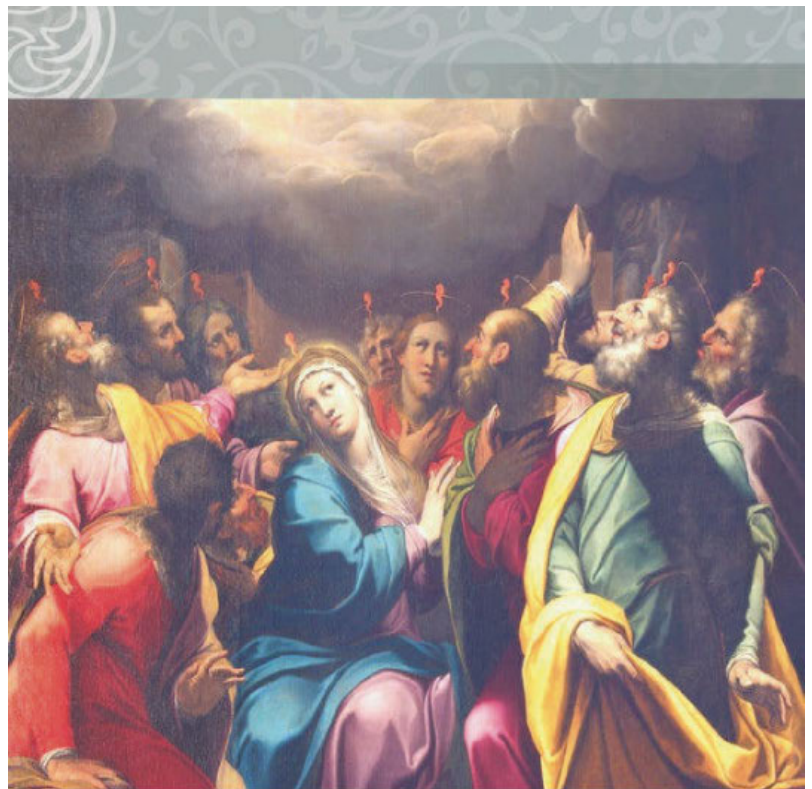
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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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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.**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### 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**

### Monday, June 6

- 9:00 a.m. **Ian Jordan** (Maria Tarr)

### Tuesday, June 7

- 9:00 a.m. **Jack Layden** (Mike & Susie Layden)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Wednesday, June 8

- 9:00 a.m. **Edith Foster** (Helen Urda)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

### Thursday, June 9

- 9:00 a.m. **Martha Witherup** (Family)  
(Mass moved from 1-4-22)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Friday, June 10

- 9:00 a.m. **Ralph Shook** (Shook Family)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Saturday, June 11

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Ian Jordan** (Maria Tarr)

### Sunday, June 12

- 8:00 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**
- 10:30 a.m. **Thomas & James Jones** (Marge Scott)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, June 12

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

**Marriage Banns** are announced for the first time between **Derek Findlan and Emily Kahle**.

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

#### ◆ June

- 5 Religious Education registration, after the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses, Dion
- 6 LEGO League, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Cenedella Hall (final night)
- 7 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. - noon
- 7 Religious Education Parent meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cenedella Hall
- 8 No Senior Choir practice
- 9 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. - noon
- 9 Scripture Study, 11:00 a.m. - noon, Staff Room, Dion
- 11 Food Pantry distribution, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 12 Religious Education registration, after the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses, Dion
- 15 Senior Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

**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:

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**St. Patrick Parish would like to extend congratulations and best wishes to our high school graduates:** Austin Beatty, Brett Buchanan, Shane Clark, Cole Harmon, Jenna Lopata, Sarah Mitchell, Aidan O'Brien, Chloe Rudder, Cheyanne Rudder, and Alyson Stewart.

**A special thank you to those who have served as Altar Servers through their senior year:** Brett Buchanan and Cole Harmon.

**Praying Toward Sunday** - A new, weekly Scripture study called, "Praying Toward Sunday" will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Staff Room of Dion on the following Thursdays, June 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.



### Religious Education Registration

for Grades 1-11, for the next school year, 2022-2023, will be held after the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses this Sunday, June 5, and next Sunday, June 12, in Dion Auditorium.

**Help is Needed** - Lisa Smith and Julie Lander are, again, organizing the cleanup and planting of flowers around the school and church grounds. Their first work session went well, but they need more help. If you are willing to volunteer some time, please contact Lisa Smith, Julie Lander, or the parish office. They are also in need of someone with a truck to haul away debris. Thank you!

**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.

**Remember to keep God in your vacation plans.** God never takes a vacation. To find a Catholic Church near you, go online to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).

#### **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
- ♦ Sunday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m., at Holy Cross Parish in Fairview.

To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeofficeanniv.html> or contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1210.

**A Family Perspective** - Today's gospel tells us God wants to be with us always and in all ways. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is yours.

**Marriage Moment** - Pentecost: "If you love me..." (John 14:15) Jesus says these words to his disciples (his family) on Pentecost. But spouses often say this to each other also – "If you love me, you would..." Don't turn your love into a bargain. Give it freely to each other and keep your word.

**The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and the crushed in spirit he saves. - Psalm 34:18**

#### **Facts about Pentecost -**

1. The name "Pentecost" comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth" (*pentecost*). The reason is that Pentecost is the fiftieth day (Greek, *pentecoste hemera*) after Easter Sunday. This name came into use in the late Old Testament period and was inherited by the authors of the New Testament.

2. In the Old Testament, it is referred to by several names:

- The feast of weeks
- The feast of harvest
- The day of first-fruits

Today, in Jewish circles it is known as Shavu'ot (Hebrew, "weeks).

It goes by various names in different languages. In England (and English), it has also been known as "Whitsunday" (White Sunday). This name is presumably derived from the white baptismal garments of those recently baptized.

3. In the Old Testament, Pentecost was a harvest festival, signifying the end of the grain harvest.

Deuteronomy 16 states: You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain.

Then, you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God [Deuteronomy 16:9-11a].

4. In the New Testament, Pentecost represents the fulfillment of Christ's promise from the end of Luke's Gospel: "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high" [Luke 24:46-49].

This "clothing with power" comes with the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon the Church.

5. Acts 2 records: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (continued on the next page)

### **Pentecost continued...**

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This contains two notable symbols of the Holy Spirit and his activity: the elements of wind and fire.

Wind is a basic symbol of the Holy Spirit, as the Greek word for "Spirit" (*Pneuma*) also means "wind" and "breath."

Although the term used for "wind" in this passage is *pnoe* (a term related to *pneuma*), the reader is meant to understand the connection between the mighty wind and the Holy Spirit.

Concerning the symbol of fire, the Catechism notes: While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.

The prayer of the prophet Elijah, who "arose like fire" and whose "word burned like a torch," brought down fire from heaven on the sacrifice on Mount Carmel.

This event was a "figure" of the fire of the Holy Spirit, who transforms what he touches. John the Baptist, who goes "before [the Lord] in the spirit and power of Elijah," proclaims Christ as the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Jesus will say of the Spirit: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!"

In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself. The spiritual tradition has retained this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive images of the Holy Spirit's actions. "Do not quench the Spirit" [CCC 696].

**6.** Is there a connection between the "tongues" of fire and the speaking in other "tongues" in this passage?

Yes. In both cases, the Greek word for "tongues" is the same (*glossai*), and the reader is meant to understand the connection.

The word "tongue" is used to signify both an individual flame and an individual language.

The "tongues as of fire" (i.e., individual flames) are distributed to and rest on the disciples, thus empowering them to miraculously speak in "other tongues" (i.e., languages).

This is a result of the action of the Holy Spirit, signified by fire. (continued in the next column)

### **Pentecost continued...**

**7.** What does the feast of Pentecost mean to us?

As one of the most important solemnities on the Church's calendar, it has a rich depth of meaning, but here is how Pope Benedict summarized it in 2012:

This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (Acts 2:1-11). Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbor.



### **Saint Augustine of Canterbury**

(Feast day, May 27)

Little is known of the early life of sixth-century Augustine of Canterbury, except that he became a great monk and was a friend of Pope Gregory the Great. Gregory appointed him to lead 30 missionaries to evangelize England. As the group traveled, news reached them of the dangerous English Channel they had to cross and the fierce tribes in England. The missionaries persuaded Augustine to return to ask the pope if they could give up the journey. Gregory encouraged the fearful Augustine and sent him back.

The missionaries, who could not speak English, were met by Ethelbert, King of Kent. The king was married to a Christian princess from Paris, so he gave them a house and allowed them to preach, but he hesitated to give up his pagan beliefs. Augustine wrote many letters to Pope Gregory, asking for advice about his work. Through Gregory, the missionary efforts in England were profitable. He instructed the men to respect local customs, to not destroy pagan temples (only the idols), and most of all, to give witness by their lives.

The monks did what Gregory instructed them to do. They preached, cared for those who were poor, endured hardships patiently, lived simply, and prayed much. By 601, Ethelbert and many others were baptized. Augustine was able to plead for more missionaries. Gregory sent more men and sacred books, sacred vessels, and relics. Augustine built the first cathedral in Canterbury. Conversion of the people was slow, and Augustine died after only seven years in England, without seeing the faith take root.

**Memorials to St. Patrick Church:**

- ♦ **Helen Sharp** by Karl & Valerie Placette, by Joe & Andree Sporer
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**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.
- Thank you to Piedad and Jeanne for a successful May food distribution. A total of 65 households were served, which included: 123 individuals, 30 seniors, 72 adults, and 21 children. Each household was given a voucher for Sanders for 1 loaf of bread, 3lbs. potatoes, 1/2 gallon milk, and a dozen eggs.
- 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.

**Scheduling Masses for next year, 2023, will begin 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.

**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.

**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.

**Bulletin Mailing and Deadline Information** Please email your information to Pam Kahle at [pkahle@stpatrickfranklin.org](mailto:pkahle@stpatrickfranklin.org) on or before the deadline date listed below. Thank you.

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date
June 19	June 9
June 26	June 16

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	Reader	Cantor	Communion Minister	Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. June 11	D. Boughner	R. Himes	S. Kudlac	C. Supak, S. Westbeld	K. Berlin, R. Supak, F. & D. Gallagher
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. June 12	C. Collins	F. Schleifer	None	B. Buchanan, M. Daley	S. Baughman, M. Schleifer, B. & M. Hager
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. June 12	M. Janidlo	B. Schwabenbauer	None	S. Ghering, P. Dolecki	A. Guthrie, P. Wolbert, C. Schwabenbauer, F. Judy

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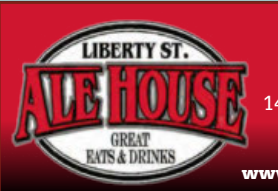
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