

# Saint Patrick

*Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie*

- ♦ *Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie*  
*Rev. Father James C. Campbell*

**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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## **CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRY** 814-677-2032

**Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM**

**Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB**



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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.**

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, July 2

- 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, July 3

- 8:00 a.m. **Leon "Sam" Wechuck** (Wechuck Family)
- 10:30 a.m. **Jason Monarch** (Paul & Karen Rachmar)

### Monday, July 4

- 9:00 a.m. **In honor of Shawnie Novak** (A friend)

### Tuesday, July 5

- 9:00 a.m. **Patrick & Patricia Hynes** (Francis Hynes)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Wednesday, July 6

- 9:00 a.m. **Bill Lucia** (Fred & Candi Blackhurst)
- 9:45 a.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration**

### Thursday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. **Al Burda** (Helen Urda)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Friday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. **Dolores McCarren** (Dick & Dave McCarren)
- 9:30 a.m. **Confession**

### Saturday, July 9

- 3:00 p.m. **Confession**
- 4:00 p.m. **Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- 4:30 p.m. **Pat Sporer** (Joe Sporer)

### Sunday, July 10

- 8:00 a.m. **Intentions of all our parishioners**
- 10:30 a.m. **Sally Dechant** (John & Lorraine Dechant)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, July 10

Deuteronomy 30:10–14; Psalm 69  
Psalm 19; Colossians 1:15–20

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

#### ♦ July

- 4 Parish Office will be closed
- 5 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 7 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 9-10 Homemade Sweet Breads for sale after all Masses, by CCM
- 12 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 14 Parish Library open, 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 15 Sunday Scripture Study, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Oil City K. of C.
- 16 Food Pantry distribution, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 23-25 VRCS Festival at St. Stephen School Campus



### WELCOME FATHER JAMES CAMPPELL!!

St. Patrick Parish is happy to welcome Father James Campbell as our new pastor. Father James was appointed to the position by Bishop Persico in mid-June. He will take over as pastor on July 6, 2022.

Father James was the previous pastor of St. Eulalia Parish in Coudersport and St. Gabriel, the Archangel Parish in Port Allegheny. He has been the pastor at St. Eulalia Parish for 13 years. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. He graduated from Gannon University and continued his priestly studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree, and a Master of Arts degree.

Father James is one of thirteen children and has a twin brother, Father Joseph Campbell. Father James is 15 minutes older than his brother! They were the first set of twins ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Erie.

Please make Father James feel welcome as he becomes familiar with St. Patrick Parish and its people and practices.

**Catechists Needed** - Our Faith Formation Program is in need of a catechist for Grade 1 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.

**Studying the Sunday Scripture Readings** with Sr. Tina and Sr. Marian continues through the summer:

- ♦ Oil City K of C, downstairs, 111 Petroleum St.
- ♦ 10-11:30 a.m., Fridays
- ♦ July 1, July 15, July 29
- ♦ August 5 and August 19
- ♦ Sept. 2, 16 and 30

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, for the Independence Day Holiday.**

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!**

Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5th.

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.  
- Psalm 33:12*



**From the Parish Library** - If you enjoy history and traveling, our newest book takes you to Paris, France to visit "Notre-Dame DeParis History, Art, and Revival from 1163 to Tomorrow" by Antonia Felix. The cathedral of Notre-Dame is dedicated to Mary. It has survived the French Revolution, two World Wars, the Coronation of Napoleon Bonaparte, and most recently, the tragic fire of 2019. The outstanding photography and art celebrates Notre-Dame through the centuries. It also inspired Victor Hugo to write the classic book. "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame. A model of Notre-Dame Cathedral, donated by the Eckel Family, is on display in the library. You will enjoy reading this very special book.

**St. Joseph's 83rd Annual 4th of July Celebration**

July 4 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Parish Grounds  
112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda, PA  
(I-80, Exit 60 - Rt. 66 North, 10 miles)

**Pre-Festival Kick-off** - St. Joseph's Liberty 5K Run/Walk - July 2 - 8 a.m., Lucinda Train Station  
1040 Lander Drive, Lucinda, PA

Clarion County's Oldest Independence Day Celebration! Traditional all-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham Dinners - Homemade Pie & Soup (with our famous Homemade Noodles). Games of skill & chance for all ages - Live Entertainment - Festival Food - Bingo. Over \$40,000 in Cash & Prizes including several Handmade Quilts, an Oculus Quest VR system, and a \$5,000 Grand Prize.

Event will be held rain or shine - canopy covered, Handicap accessible. Parking shuttle available. Nearly 2,000 dinners served each year.

Dining Room serving 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take-outs available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Dinner ticket sales open at 10 a.m. Cost is \$12/adults, children (6-12) \$6, under 6 is free.

Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. Come Celebrate! For information, visit [stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org](http://stjoseph-stmichaelparishes.org) or Facebook @stjoseph4thofjuly or call 814-226-7288.



**F/T Custodian/Maintenance Position**

Venango Region Catholic School is accepting applications for a Full-Time Custodian/Maintenance Position. Applicants must be able to obtain clearances and pass criminal background checks. Mail or email resume and three professional references to Laura Blake, VRCS President, 1505 West First Street, Oil City, PA 16301.



**2022-2023 Teaching Positions -**

Venango Region Catholic School is seeking teachers for the following positions:

- ♦ Full-time Elementary Teachers (K-6)
  - ♦ Full-time Middle School Math Teacher
  - ♦ Part-time Elementary/Secondary Art Teacher
- Mail or email resume, letter of interest, teaching certificate, Diocesan teacher application, three references, and Acts 34, 114, and 151 clearances to Laura Blake, VRCS President, 1505 West First Street, Oil City, PA 16301. Application deadline is July 15, 2022.

**Venango Region Catholic School Festival -**

Venango Region Catholic School is happy to announce that we will be holding our 1st Annual VRCS School Festival at the St. Stephen School Campus. The festival will be held July 21-23, from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., during the Oil Heritage Festival. We will have games, food, and raffles. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

**Who:** Venango Region Catholic School

**What:** Venango Region School Festival - St. Stephen School Campus

**When:** Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 23, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Stephen School Campus, 214 Reed Street, Oil City

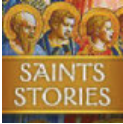
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## Saint Thomas

(Feast day, July 3)

We feel great kinship for the apostle Thomas because, like him, most of us curiously combine faith and doubt. We sometimes share the enthusiasm St. Thomas expressed when, upon Lazarus's death, Jesus decided to go to Bethany. "Let's go too," Thomas said to the other disciples, "that we may die with him" (see John 11:16). But also like him we sometimes wonder where Jesus is headed and where he is taking us (see John 14:5).

However, we are most like Thomas because doubts occasionally rattle our brains and cloud our souls. So we all relate to the story of doubting Thomas (see John 20:25–29). Thomas was absent the first time Jesus appeared after his resurrection. The apostle swore he would not believe, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails and place my hand in his side" (v. 25RSV). Eight days later Jesus appeared again and told Thomas to touch his wounds. "My Lord, and my God," Thomas exclaimed, recovering his faith (v. 28).

Some early Christian writers criticized Thomas's faithless behavior. But others praised him for helping us cure our doubts, as Gregory the Great does in this homily:

-For the faithlessness of Thomas aids us in our belief more than does the faith of the disciples who believed. . . . When he is brought to believe by feeling with his own hand, every doubt having been removed, our own mind is confirmed in faith.

-The divinity cannot be seen by any mortal man. So Thomas saw man and confessed him to be God, saying, "My Lord, and my God." On seeing, then, he believed, and proclaimed him to be God whom he could not see.

Then Jesus spoke these words that give us much joy: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed" (see John 20:29). This sentence undoubtedly signifies to us who hold in our minds him whom we have not seen in the flesh. But we are signified only if we follow up our faith by works. For he really believes who carries out in deed what he believes.

We do not know for sure where Thomas conducted his missionary activity after Pentecost. Some claim he evangelized among the Parthians. But a stronger tradition says he carried the gospel to India. He is supposed to have recruited the Christians of Malabar and died a martyr by the

(continued in next column)

**Saint Thomas (continued)** spear at Mylapore, near Madras. An ancient stone cross there marks the place where his remains lay buried until they were removed to Edessa in 394.

## Quo Vadis Days is the Latin phrase for "Where Are You Going?"

**What:** Priesthood Discernment Camp

**Who:** Catholic Young Men in Grades 9-12

**When:** July 24 - 27, 2022

**Where:** St. Mark Seminary in Erie, PA

**Cost:** \$50.00

**Quo Vadis Days** is a four-day camp for Catholic young men who are striving to follow God's call in their lives and who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation.

**Contact** Fr. Scott Jabo with questions: 814-824-1200/SWJabo@eriercd.org

**Deadline to register:** July 15, 2022 v

## Saintly Sojourn - October 11-13, 2022

**We will be visiting:**

- ◆ The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon
- ◆ The National Shrine of the Cross in the Woods
- ◆ Our Lady of the Woods Shrine
- ◆ Frankenmuth, MI
- ◆ Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland

**Trip includes:**

- ◆ Meals - 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts
- ◆ Hotel accommodations for two nights
- ◆ Motor coach transportation
- ◆ Faith - an opportunity to grow your lifelong faith formation!
- ◆ FUN!

**Cost:**

- ◆ \$550 per person based on double occupancy.
- ◆ Single rooms available for \$650
- ◆ No refunds or cancellations within 30 days of trip unless with replacement

**For more information or to reserve your seat**

- ◆ Contact Kim at 814-221-0241 or [kkroh@icclarion.org](mailto:kkroh@icclarion.org)

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## Church Sign Saying -

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**St. Patrick Food Pantry News...**



- The next food distribution is on Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- July's Team Leaders are Bonnie Brown, Pat Sibley, and Gloria Boals.
- 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!!**

**From the Parish Library** - Maloy Shrout has donated a book to our Parish Library that was illustrated by her niece. The title of the book is "Our Lady, Undoer of Knots" by Sylvia Dorham. When trying moments are encountered, when all hope seems to be lost, devotion to Mary may answer our prayers.

**Thank you** to everyone who has helped at the recent clean-up sessions for the church grounds! We have gotten a lot done and the church grounds are looking beautiful!

We will be planning additional work sessions and will reach out to those who have helped in the past. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

An extra special thanks to Brian Stiglitz for the use of his truck/dump trailer and to Beth Stewart for use of her truck over this past year. Their contribution of debris removal is immeasurable. Saint Fiacre, patron saint of gardeners, pray for us.

**A Family Perspective** - Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MISSIONARIES. By our lives, words, and life style we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity, and respect to a culture caught up with violence and self-gratification.

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**Prayer Network** - If you have a prayer request, please call Diana Boal at 814-437-6107.

**Sweet Treats!!** The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will have homemade, summer, sweet breads for sale after all Masses the weekend of July 9-10. Lemon poppyseed and blueberry zucchini breads will be available at a cost of \$8.00 per loaf.

**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
July 10	June 30
July 17	July 14

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**St. Patrick Church (and School),**

Derek and I wouldn't be where we are today without this place. We travel a lot but this is always our home. Thank you to the many special people we have had in our lives over the years.

Emily (Kahle) & Derek Findlan

Monday-Friday July 4 - 8	Mon., 9 a.m.	Tues., 9 a.m.	Wed., 9 a.m. Holy Hour 4 - 5 p.m.	Thurs., 9 a.m.	Fri., 9 a.m.
	Reader	Cantor	Communion Minister	Server	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 p.m. July 9	J. Mehalic	R. Himes	L. & J. Smathers	D. Boughner, C. Supak	K. Rogers, D. Fiscus, S. & D. Novak
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. July 10	M. Stahlman	F. Schleifer	None	B. Buchanan, M. Daley	C. Dechant, J. Gracy, S. Hannon, L. Sloss
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. July 10	J. Nicklin	B. Schwabenbauer	None	L. Rakow, P. Dolecki	G. Pendolino, S. Hartzell, R. Mulholland, B. Seyler

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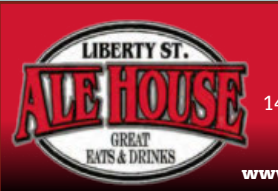
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