

First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021



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St. Patrick Church
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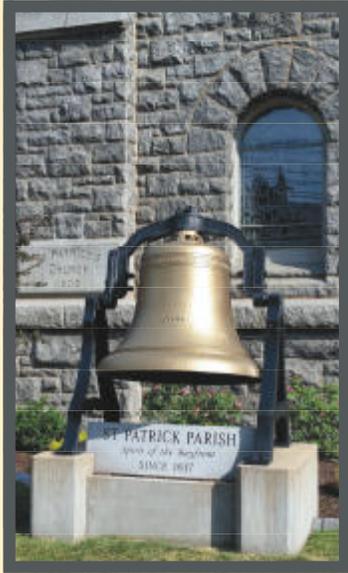
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

Saturday Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



On this first Sunday of Lent, we ask what is God's relationship to the world. Is he active or does he maintain complete distance? The Hebrews answered this question through God's covenant with them. While the covenant with Abraham and Moses are well known, less is known about the one with Noah which we read about today. The allegorical story of Noah riding on the waters for 40 days is similar to Moses forty days on the mountain with the Lord. Both promise a new creation and at the end, Noah sacrifices to God who creates a new covenant and promises that never again will we be destroyed by a flood. The sign of God's promise is the rainbow and note that God asks nothing of Noah, demonstrating the totality of his love for all existence.

The First Letter of Peter contains material used for baptismal catechesis in the early church. The author joins the suffering of Christ with the new life that comes in baptism. Just as Christ was brought to life in the Spirit, so is baptism understood as the means through which we who have been washed in its water might be led to God. Peter employs the image of the ark to discuss God's patience in waiting for the ark to be built and alludes this to God's waiting for sinners to turn to baptism. Remember that baptism in the early church was given to adults, not to children and hence you have people moving from a sinful way of life to new life in baptism. Paul reminds us that, once baptized, nothing can distract the newly baptized from accepting the gift of salvation.

Each year, the first Sunday of Lent confronts us with the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert by Satan. Mark's version includes some interesting elements. First, it is the Spirit who drives Jesus into the desert for forty days. Next appears Satan, who is mentioned simply as tempting Jesus. Also we have the wild beasts who represent the mystery of nature. Finally, there are the angels. Just as Noah's forty days allowed him to see things differently, so too with Jesus. At the end, Jesus appears with a new sense of authority which enables him to proclaim, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand."

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

repent and believe." He will back up his new authority with his numerous cures and the calling of his disciples. Mark emphasizes that God's call is urgent; the time is not in the future; it is now.

All Pre-Cana, Nova and any other marriage preparation classes for the Diocese of Erie, intended for couples planning to be married this year, are cancelled at least until Dec. 31, 2021. FOCCUS remains in place and all couples are required to do this on-line program. They should discuss any other marriage preparation issues with their celebrant.

Our webpage—www.saintpatrickparisherie.org—has a video on the history of St. Patrick's Parish. You might find it interesting and enjoyable. We put a great deal of effort into making it, and I think you'll enjoy it. Just go to the webpage and click on Church History.

I also mentioned recently that if you google "Hagen History Center," and go to Blogs, you will find another history of the parish, mainly a history and explanation of the Jacox Memorial Pipe Organ. It is narrated by our own Mark Alloway and is very well done.

If you go to <https://www.globalsistersreport.org> you will find an outstanding article, "Our divided church has to grapple with being pro-life," on how we need to approach the entire question of abortion, pro-life, etc. It is written by a Sister of St. Joseph from St. Louis and is outstanding. Another example of how we should have these women's voices exercising much more authority.

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal is now underway throughout the diocese. Our assessment this year is \$100,400, a staggering amount, and I am hoping that you will again consider supporting this appeal. It raises 80% of the annual income for the diocese. We all have a responsibility to share in the support of the diocese, and I hope you will consider supporting this project. Some of you are in a position to do something; others cannot afford anything.

Some more philosophical questions: Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour? ... Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes? ... You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?



Saint Patrick News



Let us *Welcome*
Leah Nicole Luthringer
child of
Brian & Nicole (Ross) Luthringer
who will be baptized
after the Saturday Mass



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Robert McCarthy
from family

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Feb. 20 Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**
5:00 PM ROBERT JONES (FAMILY)
- Feb. 21 First Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM CHARLIE & CHRIS HIRTZEL
(JANINE CARCH SLIKER)
- 10:30 AM PATRICK CHRISTIAN SNAVELY (JACK BERTGES)
- Feb. 22 Monday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**
8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)
- Feb. 23 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH
- Feb. 24 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM MASS
- Feb. 25 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
8:00 AM MASS
- Feb. 26 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Feb. 27 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**
5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY (NANCY GITTERE)
- Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM FAMILY OF LIZ BECKER
(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)
- 10:30 AM SALLY KOHLER (JOE & ALEEN WEINDORF)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm
Lector: Barbara Brairton
Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Brairton, Phyllis Marchinetti

Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 8:00 am
Lector: Fred Olds
Eucharistic Minister: Kathryn Olds, Barb Fischer

Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:30 am
Lector: Ed Smith
Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Dario Cipriani

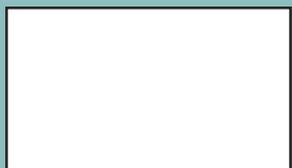
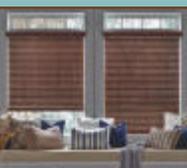
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