

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



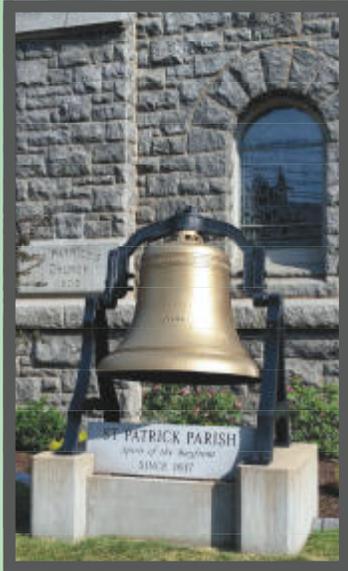
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MASS SCHEDULE:

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...



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. First and Second Chronicles serves as a two-volume history of Israel from the death of Saul through the Babylonian Exile. Critical is the story of the building of the temple by Solomon. The author details the central role the temple would play in Israel's history. Today's reading from Second Chronicles provides a glimpse into the destruction of the temple as a result of their infidelity. Time and time again, God sends prophets to remind them of their need to be faithful. Yet, they continue to veer away from him. When they fail to repent, their enemies take advantage of their weakness. The temple is destroyed, every precious artifact is stolen, and the people are forced into slavery in a foreign land. The temple would be rebuilt only to be destroyed again and never built over. Rather than worship the temple, contemporary Jews see the human heart and the study of God's law as the place to focus their attention.

The Letter to the Ephesians is part of the Deutero Pauline corpus, meaning that along with 1 & 2 Timothy and the Letter to Titus, the author is someone other than Paul. The major theme of this relatively short letter concerns the promotion of unity in the body of Christ. Today's reading deals with the free gift of God's mercy and grace. The author notes that sinful ways are the path to death, but notes that that these ways are rejected when coming to obedience in Christ. The decision to change is a human choice, but is initiated by God's grace. The author indicates that we do not come to new life by any merit of our own, but only because God's mercy makes possible this turn from sin to Christ.

Today's conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus takes place very early in John's gospel. Jesus has just cleansed the temple by overturning the money changers tables and has foretold his death and resurrection through the symbol of the destruction. This passage sums up the theme of John's gospel: believe and you will be saved. Nicodemus comes at night (darkness) and encounters the light that provides the truth. Jesus uses the image of Moses lifting up a serpent on a

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

pole as a parallel to his own being raised high on the cross. For John, salvation is not an other-worldly reality; it is the result of faith lived in the present.

Enrollment in Catholic schools in the United States dropped 6.4% from the previous year, the largest single year decline in over 50 years. Among the factors were the closures of more than 200 schools and the difficulty for many parents of paying tuition fees that average more than \$5,000 for grades K-8 and more than \$10,000 for secondary schools. Between the 2019-2020 school year and the current year, nationwide enrollment dropped by 110,000 to about 1.6 million students. In the 1960s, enrollment was over 5 million.

Largest drops were in urban communities where significant numbers of Black (both Catholic and non-Catholic) children attended Catholic schools. In Los Angeles, the drop was 12.3%; 11.1% in New York and 8.2% in Chicago. Elementary and middle schools were harder hit with a decline of 8.1%, compared with a 2.5% decline in secondary schools. The biggest decline was in kindergarten programs which saw a drop of 26.6%. This sharp drop could spell serious problems for secondary schools in 10 years. One-third of families with children in elementary schools apply for financial assistance, and 47% of families with children in secondary schools apply. The student-teacher ratio in all schools was 11 to 1, substantially lower than in most public schools.

All the Erie pastors participated in a Zoom meeting recently on the status of Catholic education in the diocese and it is declining sharply.

I recently paid our taxes of \$3,968.00 to the city of Erie and \$1,639.00 to the County. Many are under the impression that we are tax exempt. The only thing that is tax exempt is the "sanctuary," i.e., the church itself. We pay taxes on the rectory, parking lots, grounds, etc. And I might add — as is only fair.

A couple of random thoughts: "If you get an e-mail with the subject, "Knock, knock," don't open it. It's a Jehovah Witness working from home during the pandemic." ... "Smoking pot and skipping school had me in trouble all the time. Now weed's legal and schools are closed. These kids are living the dream."



Saint Patrick News



Let us *Welcome*
Theodore Archer Doyle
child of Robert & Keely Doyle II
who will be baptized on
Sunday, March 14, 2021



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in loving memory of
Jeffrey Bomba
from Mom, Dad, Megan, Luke,
Ben, Delaine and Norah

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- March 13** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*
5:00 PM DAVID TEUBERT (FAMILY)
- March 14** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI (FAMILY)
10:30 AM PATRICK MIKULA (PAUL & SALLY IESUE)
- March 15** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 16** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 17** *Wednesday, Saint Patrick, Bishop*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 18** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 19** *Friday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 20** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*
5:00 PM FERDINAND CHAMONI, R/S FROM 4/4/20
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)
- March 21** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM FRED & NANCY OLDS (FRED & KATHRYN OLDS)
10:30 AM DEE KREIGEL (FAMILY)

Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
Lector: Angie Kontur
Eucharistic Minister: Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel
- Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 8:00 am**
Lector: Fred Olds
Eucharistic Minister: Kathryn Olds, Nancy Andrzejewski
- Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 10:30 am**
Lector: Michele Wheaton
Eucharistic Minister: Luke Gilmore, Mary Kearney

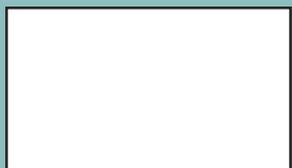
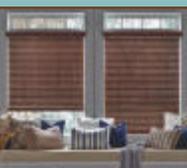
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