

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021



Summer 2021
St. Patrick Church

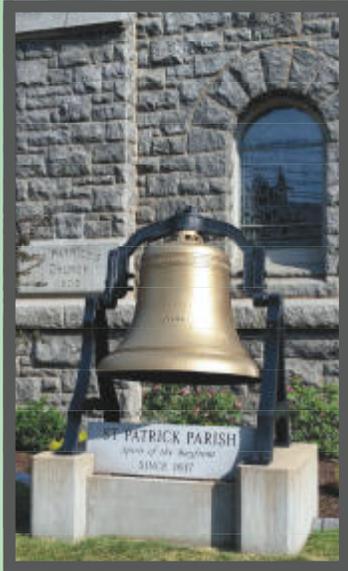
Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



Saint Patrick Parish

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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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. All three of today's readings focus on the challenge of being a prophet in the world. The biblical prophet was called to be a spokesperson for God who called God's people to return to the covenant and advocated justice for the poor and marginalized. Our reading is an excerpt from a much longer reading narrating the call of Ezekiel. The prior section is an elaborate vision of God's throne and the one seated on the throne full of fire and light. When Ezekiel witnesses this sight he fell on his face. Ancients believed that one could not see the face of God and live. We hear how he is called to deliver a message of condemnation against his fellow Israelites for refusing to abide by God's covenant. Note how insensitive the words are. God is definitely not pleased. Yet even in this he sends the prophet to the people with an invitation to repentance. But Ezekiel will suffer much for what he proclaims.

Today we hear Paul assert his credentials to be called an apostle who is in no way inferior to the other apostles. Clearly all is not well in the Christian community in Corinth, and Paul is not shy in saying so. He goes on to boast of his many sufferings which he endured for the sake of the gospel. He speaks of a thorn in the flesh which has always been interpreted to be a physical disability. However, it can also refer to his opponents who are like a thorn in his side because of their persistent attacks. Paul describes these attacks as coming from Satan, but notice how he makes sense of this suffering for the sake of God's work.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus' rejection at the hands of his own people. There is a growing tension in that the people accept Jesus' teaching but the religious authorities reject it. In the midst of this we are told that Jesus returned to his native place, presumably Nazareth. He is then asked by the authorities who taught him and to Mark's audience who's knows the answer. They are not able to accept his teachings and the crowd starts calling him a carpenter and son of a woman while the readers know the truth. Jesus could work no miracles here because of their lack of faith.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Pope Francis recently made some sweeping changes to Canon Law (church law) dealing with clergy who abuse minors and vulnerable adults, commit fraud or ordain women.

Mercyhurst University is offering some incredible scholarships to young people who identify as Black, Indigenous, Latino, Hispanic or Asian, have graduated from high school no more than 18 months prior, reside in the city of Erie for at least two years and be eligible for Federal Pell Grant and PA State Grant at the time of admission. Apply at www.mercyhurst.edu/apply.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the July 4th holiday.

Pope Francis recently wrote a lengthy letter to Cardinal Marx, head of the German bishops conference in which he praised the direction that the German church is taking under his leadership. The German church is allowing women to preach at weekend Masses on certain occasions, is calling for the ordination of women to the diaconate, is calling for an open and unbiased conversation on the ordination of women to the priesthood and is opening blessing same sex unions. Pope Francis told Cardinal Marx that the German church is the only church in the world that is taking reform of the church seriously.

The exterior of the rectory has to be completely cleaned and new mortar placed between the bricks. We have had several bids on the work and the Finance Council will decide soon to whom we will award the contract. Given the cost involved in this project, we may only do one side of the house at a time. By doing one side a year, we would be able to save enough money during the year to be able to complete another side the following year. They are recommending that we begin with the south side (the front) of the rectory first and that you will be shocked when you see the difference with the cleaned brick.

Actual testimony given in court: Attorney: "How was your first marriage terminated?" Witness, "By death." Attorney: "And by whose death was it terminated?" Witness: "Guess." ... Attorney: "How many autopsies have you performed on dead people?" Witness: "All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight." ... Attorney: "ALL your responses MUST be oral. OK? What school did you go to?" Witness: "Oral."



Saint Patrick News



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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- July 3** *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)
- July 4** *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM MARY GUIDA (JIM & KATHY SERTZ)
10:30 AM AGATHA TYZINSKI (GAIL PENNOCK)
- July 5** *Monday, Weekday*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 6** *Tuesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM WILLIAM & GERTRUDE STARNER (ANGIE KONTUR)
- July 7** *Wednesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM PATRICIA KOLODZIEJCZAK (SISTER, ANN)
- July 8** *Thursday, Weekday*
8:00 AM HAROLD BENDER (KATHLEEN GREEN)
- July 9** *Friday, Weekday*
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 10** *Saturday, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 PM TERRY PFEFFER (JIM & KATHLEEN WEHAN)
- July 11** *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM JANICE (MICKEY) PASTORE
10:30 AM YVONNE GERSIMS (ANGIE KONTUR)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Barbara Brairton

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Brairton, Patty Dailey,
Tim Scully, Ray Fiorelli

Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Minister: Kathryn Olds, Kathleen McCabe,
Chris Sanner, Joseph Schneider

Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Smith, Mary Williams,
Tom Golab, Dario Cipriani

Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,001.00
Online Giving	<u>3,672.50</u>
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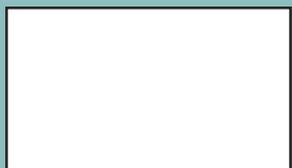
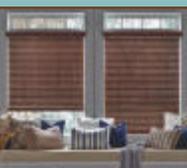
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