

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 11, 2021



St. Patrick Church  
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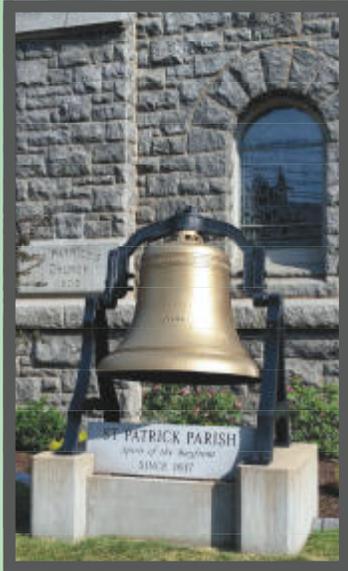
## Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM



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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### **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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prophet Amos has a fierce message for Israel because of their hard-heartedness. He comes on the scene during a period of great prosperity which will soon disappear when it's capital, Samaria, will fall to the Assyrians in 721 BC. Our brief biography today interrupts a series of five visions of the impending punishment because of their unfaithfulness to God's covenant. Amos is considered such a threat that Amaziah, the priest of the Israelite temple in Bethel, orders him to flee the city and return to the land of Judah where he came from. Amaziah insults Amos and calls him a prophet for hire and a foreigner. Amos responds by saying he is not beholden to the temple or the king. Rather, he was a shepherd and an orchard keeper and he only came to deliver God's message because God commanded him to.

Our second reading continues the theme of closeness. Ephesians includes a blessing which begins with "blessed be" that is found in the Old Testament and in many prayers of the early church. The author, not Paul himself, uses the phrase "in Christ: in the sense that Christ is the agent of this blessing. And who are the recipients? Not through their own merit but because God chose them from the beginning of time to be "holy and without blemish." Much of the remainder of the blessing is dedicated to an explanation of why we are blessed. We're told we are redeemed through Christ's death and being sealed with the Holy Spirit, allusions that are still found in the Baptismal ritual.

The gospel focuses on what it means to be chosen, in this case, chosen by Jesus. Immediately prior to this reading we learn that Jesus has been rejected in his native Nazareth, but he continues to preach in the surrounding villages. Instead of shrinking from his mission of proclaiming the coming reign of God, he extended it by sending out the Twelve to do what he was doing: preaching and healing. In the first century, most believed that illnesses were the result of demonic possession. Hence, the reference to the Twelve

*From the Pastor's Desk continued...*

being given power over unclean spirits. They are told not to take extra clothes or money which is consistent with Mark's gospel—the time of fulfillment is at hand. All of this gave rise to the belief in the early church that the return of Christ was imminent.

Father James Martin, SJ is a Jesuit priest, former editor of the prestigious *America* magazine, who now works with gay and lesbian Catholics. He has been the subject of incredible attacks and derision by right wing and conservative elements of the church who have managed to have his talks scheduled in places like Catholic University of America cancelled because of their threats. He recently opened the Outreach LGBTQ Catholic Ministry webinar to help in this work. Pope Francis sent him a very personal letter expressing his support for this ministry and encouraging us to "imitate God's style of closeness, compassion and tenderness."

I mentioned in a recent bulletin that there was originally a Catholic cemetery on the lower eastside of Erie. That cemetery was located on the site of the former St. Benedict's Academy on East Ninth Street. This cemetery was used until 1848, at which time Father Steinbacher, pastor of St. Mary's Church, bought a plot of ground on Chestnut Street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets, to which the bodies of those interred on Ninth Street were moved. This cemetery was used by the German Catholics until the consecration of Trinity Cemetery in 1869. There is an absence of clear records as to an Irish Cemetery, but it is believed that one was located on German Street, between East Third and East Fourth Streets which would have been adjacent to the first St. Patrick's Church. Those bodies would also have been disinterred and removed.

*Attorney:* "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?" *Witness:* "No." *Attorney:* "Did you check for blood pressure?" *Witness:* "No." *Attorney:* "Did you check for breathing?" *Witness:* "No." *Attorney:* "So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?" *Witness:* "No." *Attorney:* "How can you be so sure, doctor?" *Witness:* "Because his brain was sitting in a jar on my desk." *Attorney:* I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nonetheless?" *Witness:* "Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law."



## Saint Patrick News



Let us *Welcome*

**Henry Francis Halupczynski**

child of

Sean & Corissa (Raski) Halupczynski  
who will be baptized on Sunday, July 11, 2021

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**July 10 Saturday, Vigil: 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

**July 12 Monday, Weekday**

8:00 AM WALTER KUHL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(THE KUHL GIRLS)

**July 13 Tuesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM KARL KELM, SR. (KARL & VIRGINIA KELM)

**July 14 Wednesday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

8:00 AM MARK KUBEJA (ROSA AGNELLO)

**July 15 Thursday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM MARTHA S. MASEK (OLIVIA RUTKOWSKI)

**July 16 Friday, Weekday**

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 17 Saturday, Vigil: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM THOMAS COOK (LYNDA COOK)

**July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM PATRICE DITULLIO (BROTHERS & SISTER)

10:30 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK (WILLIAM BOROWY)

### **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, July 17 2021 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector:* Jay Habas

*Eucharistic Minister:* Jay Habas, Carol Habas,  
Shirley Winschel, Phyllis Marchinetti

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 8:00 am**

*Lector:* Dan Bergell

*Eucharistic Minister:* Lisa Straub, Pattie Marchant,  
Barb Fischer, **1 NEEDED**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 10:30 am**

*Lector:* Mary Duncan

*Eucharistic Minister:* Luke Gilmore, Kathleen Pae  
Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney

### **Stewardship**

Due to early publication deadlines, the offertory for July 3/4 weekend will be published in the July 18 bulletin.

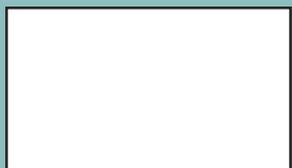
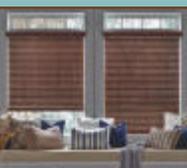
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