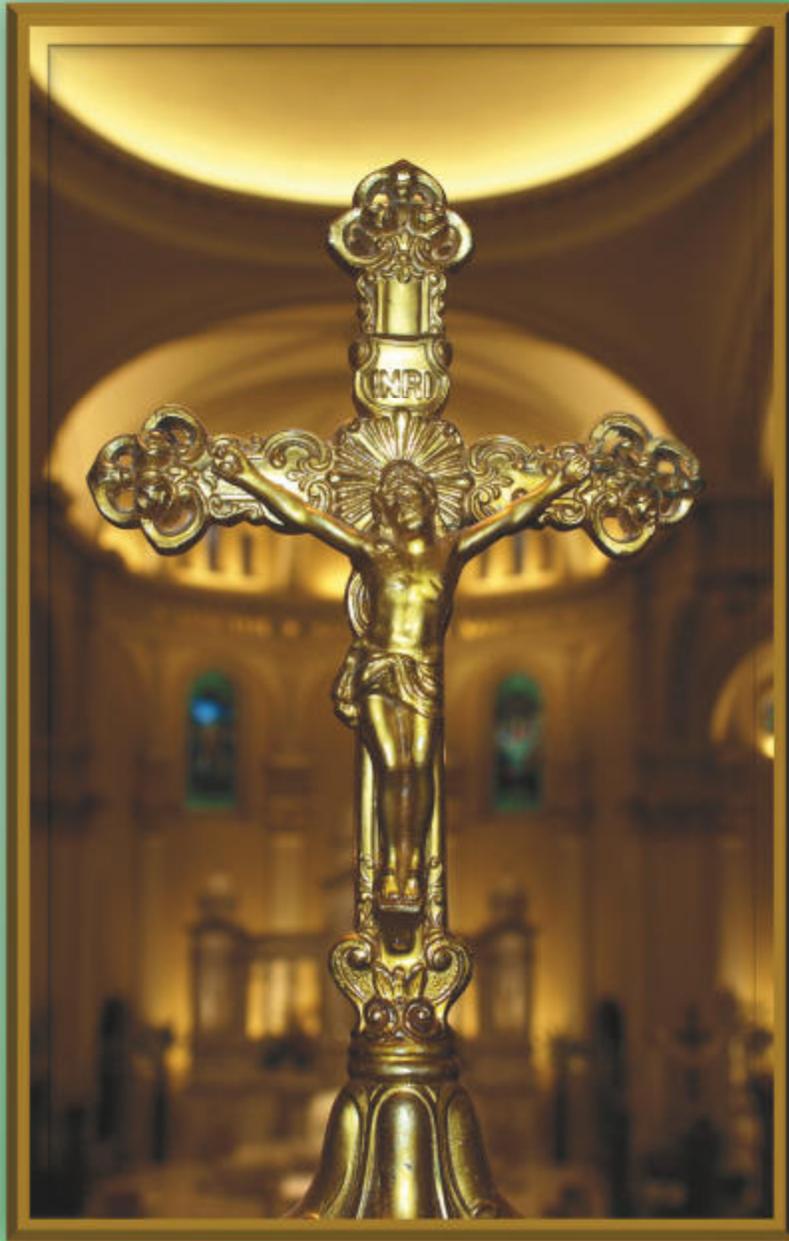


Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 12, 2021



Crucifix-St. Patrick Church  
"The Exaltation of the Cross"  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021  
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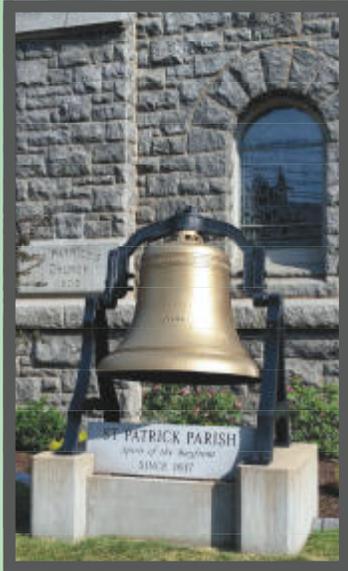
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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

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...***



Today is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Most of the prophecies in the work known as Second Isaiah (Is: 40-55) are oracles of sal-

vation. Interwoven are four poems that trace the life of the "Servant of the Lord," a man who suffered and died to fulfill his divine calling. Some of these poems identify him as Israel, but others as an enigmatic figure who is rejected, killed and assigned a grave among the wicked. In today's reading, the third poem, the servant insists that his teachings come from the Lord. Though his calling places him in danger, he does not rebel; does not run away. What gives him the courage? He is convinced that the Lord is with him. For the servant, his experience that God is helping him to persevere is more desirable than the transient peace and security that would be his if he abandoned his call. He wants his persecutors to know that he does not see himself as disgraced; he is not a helpless victim. He lays down his life trusting that the Lord is using his suffering and death to accomplish a divine purpose, that for which he was born.

Today James warns Christians that profession of faith alone is not "saving" them. Words are cheap. He asks them to imagine a scenario. In it they hear about someone who is poorly clothed and ill fed. Instead of providing food or clothes for the destitute person, they say heartily, "Go in peace. Keep warm. Eat well." James insists that this type of response will not save them.

In Mark's gospel, after Peter acknowledges that Jesus is God's Messiah, or Christ, Jesus begins to talk about the path his life must take. He will suffer greatly, be rejected by the religious leaders, be put to death and rise in three days. Mark notes that Jesus is now speaking plainly, not metaphorically as in his earlier parables. The divine plan for Jesus greatly disturbs Peter. It conflicts with his presumption about God and divine ways. Shouldn't God reward those who carry out his will with a peaceful and pleasant life? Shouldn't God save those who love him from suffering? Jesus rebukes him because he is not thinking like a disciple, but like the crowds. Further, Jesus

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

says Satan is using Peter to try to sway him to reject God's will. Jesus' final saying clarifies the core and cost of discipleship. Whoever wishes to follow him must "deny," "disown," or "renounce" himself for Jesus' sake. They also must be prepared to suffer, be rejected and put to death—all the while proclaiming that they will be raised up and live with the Lord in eternity. Jesus emphasizes that they must permit their life to disappear so that he can work through them. Few can do this.

Pope Francis' recent document permitting women to be lectors and servers goes much, much deeper than it appears. It points eventually to the possible ordination of women. Others will point out that Pope John Paul II "closed the door" on the ordination of women. But this Jesuit pope knows that closed doors can always be opened. There is no theological rationale or divine command to allow women access to some ministries, but then deny them access to others. There are man-made dispositions, especially because Jesus never ordained anyone. The only criterion that allowed the church to lift the reservation to men alone in these other ministries, the pope says, was "fidelity to Christ's mandate and the desire to live and proclaim the gospel...so that it may be listened to in a religious manner and faithfully proclaimed." Either men and women are equal through baptism or they are not. Paul says "there is neither male nor female." Through baptism, all are called to holiness. But for centuries, the priesthood and religious life were considered "higher states in life" compared to the "merely baptized." But Vatican II confirmed the doctrinal development of what is called the "universal call to holiness" based solely on being baptized in Christ. Yet two classes of distinction of church ministry remain and women remain the only baptized members who are excluded from the first class status of the ordained.

The Catholic church will eventually ordain women because it is the right and holy thing to do. And also because a church that excludes half of its members from fully responding to God's call to ministry is a crippled church. BUT it is important to note that you have not read anywhere where the bishops are beginning this process of preparing women as lectors and servers. In other words, the bishops are once again rejecting what the pope is asking them to do: open the ministries of the church to both men and women.

Pope Francis has said that he would grant permission for the ordination of women deacons, but he knows that the bishops will not ordain them!! The days of the church treating women as second class citizens is long past, and it's time we open all ministries to them. We are missing out on their wisdom and insight for a better church.

You have probably noticed that the work on the exterior of the rectory is underway. We have to repoint all of the brick and replace all of the mortar. I'm going to do one side each year as our finances permit. We probably should have started with the north wall (back side of the rectory) because that takes the brunt of the weather that comes off the lake; but I did the south wall (the front of the rectory) first because I want you to see the difference and understand why we have to undertake such an expensive venture.

The annual Catholic Education collection is next weekend. As you know, we only take two second collections a year: the Retirement for Women Religious and the Retirement for the Clergy. Aside from those we simply ask that, if you are going to support a second collection, you put the envelope in with the regular collection. This Catholic Education collection raises money to help support the diocese's efforts at Catholic education and Religious Education. Half of the funds raised remain in the parish, and that money helps us with our costs of Catholic education. Our assessment for Catholic education this year is \$102,000!!! I have to pay that from wherever I can find the funds, but your support of this collection will help us.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, VA is working with the Afghan refugees who have been brought to the United States because their lives are in danger if they remain in their homeland. These are people (and their families) who worked as translators for the Americans. Some of the incoming families will settle within the Arlington Diocese and many have connections with friends or family in the area. For up to five years after their arrival, Catholic Charities will help them enroll their children in school, get health care and find employment and a place to live. Stephen Carattini, president of diocesan Catholic Charities, said "These are folks who helped our government in good faith and now we have an opportunity to return that favor."

Did you know that in the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And in the Virgin Islands? The same thing—there is not one canary there either!!



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines, the offertory for September 5, 2021 will be posted in the September 19th bulletin.

Catholic Education Collection  
Next weekend is the 2021 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sept. 11 Saturday, Vigil:**  
5:00 PM JOSEPH HABAS (BOBBIE VITRON)
- Sept. 12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM JANICE (MICKEY) PASTORE  
(DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)  
10:30 AM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)
- Sept. 13 Monday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
8:00 AM HAROLD BENDER (CHRISTINE ANDERSON)
- Sept. 14 Tuesday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
8:00 AM DAN LYNCH (MARY LEE LYNCH)
- Sept. 15 Wednesday, Our Lady of Sorrows**  
8:00 AM LOIS SLIKER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH, 9/16  
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)
- Sept. 16 Thursday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishops, Martyrs**  
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sept. 17 Friday, Weekday**  
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sept. 18 Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM BEATRICE E. CARCH, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)
- Sept. 19 Twenty-Fifth Day in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM HELEN LAROCCA (ANGIR KONTUR)  
10:30 AM TERRY PFEFFER (DARIO & DONNA CIPRIANI)

The Diocese has asked all of the parishes in the Eastside of Erie to come together and evaluate our Catholic presence in this area. How many Catholics are there? How many are attending Mass? How many parishes do we need? Should we reconfigure the present structure. I'm in need of 4-5 parishioners who would be willing to go to a September 28th 6:30 PM meeting to begin this discussion. Each parish is bringing members to be part of it. The project is being chaired by the chairman of the Theology Department at Gannon, and he's probably the finest person I've witnessed lead a group through a process. It moves right along, ideas are exchanged, a consensus is formed and conclusions are drawn. If interested in participating in this process, please contact the parish office at 814-454-8085



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
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**Let us Welcome**  
**Melanie Rae Howell**  
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Sunday, September 12, 2021

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Barbara Brairton  
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Brairton, Kathy Sertz,  
Phyllis Marchinetti, Roseanne Brown  
Ushers: Jim Sertz, Rob Oligeri, Chris Lampe,  
Phil Rewers

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Lisa Straub  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Straub, Joseph Schneider,  
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella  
Ushers: Chuck Straub, John Maloney, Mike Nies,  
David Korn

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Michele Wheaton  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Megan Gilmore,  
Candy Bukowski, Mary Williams  
Ushers: Chuck Agresti, Dave Taccone, Jim Wehan,  
Randy Pristello, John Purvis, Tom Welch (4)  
Offertory Counters: Vinnie & Ann Halupczynski

Counters are needed to count weekly offertory on  
Sundays after 10:30 Mass and volunteers to  
livestream the Sunday 10:30 Mass. If you are  
interested, please contact the office at 814-454-8085

## Marriage Moments—

Are you in a "mixed marriage"? Often this term has been used for Catholic/Non-Catholic marriages but it could mean mixed races, mixed ethnicities or even mixed technology (PC vs MAC). How has your life been enriched by the difference your spouse brings?

## NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor and memory the donations were made:

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The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi.

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### **369 DAYS TO THE 2022 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL THE WAR OF THE REUBEN: OMAHA V. NEW YORK CITY.**



If you haven't had a Reuben at the Erie Irish Festival, you haven't had a Reuben. It's our thing—it's what we are known for—it's what draws throngs and throngs of hungry fans from all over. I reckon we've gone through a metric ton of corned beef satisfying all those Reuben lovers in just the last 10 years. But it begs a question—where did the Reuben come from? Who invented the Reuben sandwich?

Well, that is a point of considerable and rather heated debate. You see, two places claim the Reuben—New York City and Omaha, Nebraska—and they are both willing to take up arms to defend their claim to the invention. (In a funny twist, Omaha says it was invented by a man whose first name is Reuben and New York says it was invented by a man whose last name is Reuben.)

Picture it: Omaha, 1925, the Blackstone Hotel. A group of late night poker players call for sustenance so they can keep the game going. In steps local grocer, Reuben Kulakofsky. He whips up a quick, hearty sandwich consisting of layers of corned beef, Swiss cheese, and sauerkraut on rye. The sandwich is so good that the owner of the Blackstone puts it on the menu at the hotel's restaurant and names it after its inventor. Fast forward 30 years and an ex-waitress from the Blackstone, Fern Snyder, wins a national sandwich competition with the Reuben—seeming proof of the Omaha claim.

Or, picture this: Manhattan, ca. 1930, Arnold Reuben, Jr. is working virtually non-stop at his father's restaurant, "Reuben's." He's so busy he has no time for a sit down meal so he eats burgers on the go. One night, the restaurant's chef says he eats too many burgers and makes him something new with some of the day's menu items—some nice fresh corned beef, a pot of sauerkraut, he puts it on some buttered, toasted rye and throws some Swiss cheese on for the heck of it. And voila—the first Reuben. (Oddly, Arnold Jr.'s sister claims the "Reuben Special" was created for a very hungry Charlie Chaplin in 1914—but that sandwich seems to have had turkey, ham, and coleslaw).

So no one knows for sure, but in the end, New York and Omaha can go on fighting over who was first—the Erie Irish Festival will take the title of who is best. I know it's a year away, but my guess is your mouth is already watering for one of our famous Reubens.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com). We'll save a Reuben for you.

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Dine In and Takeout  
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**The Helping Hands Gala** benefits affiliates and agencies of Catholic Charities in the 13-county diocese, as well as all parishes and people of the diocese. This year's event will be hosted in-person for a smaller number of people but will be livestreamed and is launching of our most exciting silent auction yet! Now everyone can bid on items prior to our Gala, and from home if you cannot attend. Mobile and online bidding is fun, active and completely secure! You can view and bid on our unique silent auction items by using your smartphone or tablet. All are invited to bid, whether at the event or from afar! Auction is open from October 1st - October 9th. To bid from home, make sure to register at <https://hhgala21.givesmart.com>. For more information, contact Tina Espin at 814-824-1260 or [tespin@CCIncErie.org](mailto:tespin@CCIncErie.org).



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**Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021**

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35  
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17[1 Cor11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf.7b]/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 10[2]/Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5[2]/Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday Wis 2:12,17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5,6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



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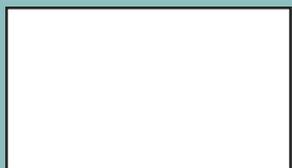
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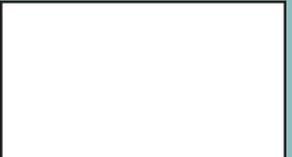
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