

**First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**



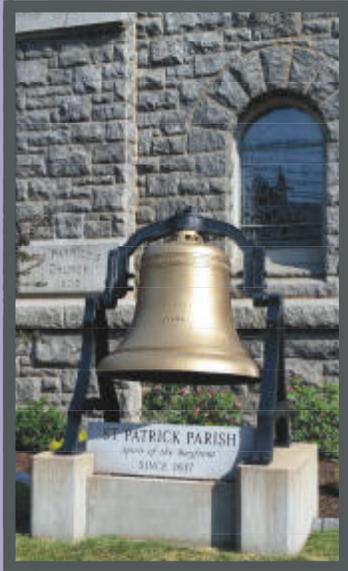
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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 First Sunday of Advent. This year our gospel readings will come from Luke, my favorite gospel author. I will use my homily this weekend to introduce us to Luke's gospel and its overriding theme of forgiveness. Luke is a great storyteller, moreso than any of the other gospel authors. Luke also tells us more about Mary than all of the other gospels combined.

Our first reading comes from Jeremiah, a prophet during the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in the latter part of the sixth century BC. In this dark moment, all seemed lost and it appeared that God had turned away from the chosen people. Yet Jeremiah offers a message of hope and he announces the emergence of a shoot or sprout from David's line. Justice or righteousness are attributes usually given to God; this sprout of David's mirrors an essential characteristic of God and is a prediction that, from David, will come the savior of Israel.

Our reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians also anticipates the future manifestation of God's reign. Paul has been encouraging them not to lose hope over the delay of the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. He also tells them how they ought to live during this time of waiting and does so in the form of a prayer. He asks that they love one another so that they might strengthen each other and be ready to present themselves as pure and holy before God when he returns in glory at the end of time. By doing this we will reign with Christ one day forever.

Our gospel focuses on how believers will recognize the coming day of the Lord. Jesus and his disciples are in the precincts of the temple and Jesus made a prophecy about the destruction of the temple. When the disciples ask when this will happen, Jesus answers by talking about signs of the end of time, typical of apocalyptic literature of his time. First there will be wars, earthquakes and cosmic phenomenon and people will run to hide from the impending disaster. But then he describes the Son of Man coming in a cloud with

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

power and great glory to rescue believers. And the believer should stand tall with heads held high because redemption is at hand. Jesus uses the title "Son of Man" to describe himself and if we go to the visions of Daniel in the OT, all of which took place during the Babylonian captivity, he describes seeing God's court convened in heaven and the beast, the symbol of the empire persecuting Israel, being destroyed in God's burning fires. He then sees "One like a Son of Man," that is, someone who resembles a human being, coming from heaven on a cloud. Someone riding on a cloud seems strange to us, but in ancient times, people believed that clouds were sky vehicles used to transport angels and spirits. Who is this "Son of Man?" The prophet doesn't tell us but he is equated with "the holy ones of the Most High," whose kingship will be everlasting.

I mentioned that Luke is my favorite gospel for a number of reasons. First of all and foremost, Luke's Jesus is all forgiving, more-so than in any of the other gospels. It is only in Luke that Jesus' last words on the cross are "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Contrast that to Matthew's Jesus who cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Luke also gives us more information about Mary than all three of the other gospels combined. Either Luke personally knew Mary which may be because Luke didn't write until about the year 85 and he could have known her in that time. Scripture scholars are of one mind that John the Beloved Disciple took Mary out of Jerusalem after Jesus' death and resurrection and took her to a remote area in present day Turkey. Several of you have been with me on one of our trips when we have gone up to Mary's house which is way up in the mountains. Luke is the only gospel author to tell us the story of the birth of Christ in a stable with shepherds and animals, the only one to tell us of Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth who would later give birth to John the Baptist, etc.

In addition to all of that, Luke is a great story teller. I LOVE someone who can tell a good story and who can hold you captive and leave you with a message in that story that you can take with you. Luke alone among the gospel authors does that. It is only in Luke that we get the story of the Prodigal Son, only in Luke that we get the story of the Good Samaritan rescuing the injured man on the way, etc. Pay attention to Luke this year and you'll get insights into Christ's healing and

forgiveness that you won't find in any of the other gospels. You will also gain insights into who Mary is and the role she played in Jesus' life. Much of what we know about Mary today has been romanticized throughout the centuries, but Luke will give us the truth.

The diocese is responding to Pope Francis' call that we become a church of synodality. As I have tried to explain, this calls for an entirely different kind of church than we are used to. It will no longer be one man making decisions for a diocese, a parish, etc., but we will all journey together. I'm in need of two facilitators who would be willing to help coordinate this effort. What is required? 1) Being accessible via e-mail from November 2021—March 2022; 2) Reading the documents sent about the synod; 3) Attend a Zoom training in December to learn more about the process; 4) getting information for the bulletin so we can keep the parish aware of everything; 5) Schedule listening sessions in January so people can give their views on the church and governance; 6) Organize the listening sessions and advertise them; 7) Complete the forms which the diocese will provide. A six hour training day will be held in January for facilitators to have an experience of synodal listening. The training days will be on a Saturday or Sunday. Flyer templets will be provided so we can inform the entire parish

Synodality is about journeying together. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey. It's like a family meeting where everyone listens. I'm hoping that a couple of people will be interested in taking on these roles.

A man and a woman were having a quiet, romantic dinner in a fine restaurant. They were gazing lovingly at each other and holding hands. A waitress working a table a few steps away, suddenly noticed the man slowly sliding down his chair under the table but the woman stared straight ahead. The waitress watched as the man slid all the way down his chair and completely out of sight under the table. Still the woman stared straight ahead. The waitress, thinking this behavior a bit risqué and that it might offend other diners, went over to the table and, tactfully began by saying to the woman, "Pardon me ma'am, but I think your husband just slid under the table." The woman calmly looked up at her and said, "No, he didn't. He just walked in the door."



Saint Patrick News



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Let us Welcome Grayson Nicholas Toscano

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Nicholas & Samantha (Mizikowski) Toscano
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Saturday, November 27, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Kearney
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Kathy Sertz,
Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey
Ushers: Jim Sertz, Rob Oligeri, Chris Lampe,
Phil Rewers

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds, Barb Fischer,
Steve Scutella, Ann Scutella
Ushers: Chuck Straub, John Maloney, Mike Nies,
Dave Korn

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Smith, Luke Gilmore,
Kathleen Pae, Tim Scully
Ushers: Chuck Agresti, Dave Taccone, Jim Wehan,
Randy Pristello, John Purvis, Tom Welch (4)
Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

2022 Lector Books can be picked up in the Sacristy or make arrangements with the Parish office.

St. Martin Center Shining Stars

It's that time of year for the Shining Star program at St. Martin's Center.

St. Patrick Church is asking for donations to purchase 150 -\$100 Walmart gift cards for the children who participate in the Shining Star Program at the Center.

You can either purchase yourself or provide a monetary donation.

All donations must be received by Monday, December 13th.

Any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 814-454-8085



Thank you!!!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Nov. 27 Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM HAROLD BENDER
(DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)

Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM JERRY EMLING, ANNIV. 11/27
(ELIZABETH EMLING)

10:30 AM YVONNE GERSIMS (SR. MARIE)

Nov. 29 Monday, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN & BESSIE WEBER FAMILY (ESTATE)

Nov. 30 Tuesday, Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM HENRY WEISENFLUH, JR.
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)

Dec. 1 Wednesday, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM KEVIN ANDRZEJEWSKI, (NANCY ANDRZEJEWSKI)

Dec. 2 Thursday, Advent Weekday

8:00 AM YVONNE GERSIMS, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGIE KONTUR)

Dec. 3 Friday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Dec. 4 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM HERBERT DIETZ (PATTY DAILEY)

Dec. 5 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM BETTY GAMA (PATRICIA WHEELER)

10:30 AM PHIL FATICA (KATHY FATICA)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.P=St. Patrick, CP=Chapel, PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory

11/27 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/30 9:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

12/01 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

12/04 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Changes to the Communion Rite

Since 2003, the posture of the people during the Communion Rite in the Diocese of Erie has differed from the practice of most dioceses in the United States. Since that time, much has changed. After much reflection, Bishop Lawrence Persico has determined that the time is opportune for us to return to the practice of kneeling after the singing of the Lamb of God. Once the people return after receiving Holy Communion, they may kneel or be seated. All will stand at the "Let us pray" for the prayer after Communion. This restored practice is intended to help to unify posture and assist those parishioners who are unable to stand for long periods of time, as well as bring our practice into union with our neighboring dioceses. Those who are unable to kneel should feel free to sit instead. This directive goes into effect the First Sunday of Advent, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

NEED PRAYERS?



Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **814-454-5908** 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.

299 DAYS TO THE 2022 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL HOOLIGANS AND SLOBS IN THE PADDY WAGON!



In the course of our history almost 5,000,000 Irish immigrants came to our shores. Most, at least in the early days, spoke Irish (a Gaelic language) and many spoke only Irish. Today, some 33.3 million of us are descended from them. So how come we don't have more Irish words in English? Well, that's a complex and socially awkward question. In general, though, it has to do with power and prestige, of which the Anglo-Saxon Protestants in America had much and the Irish Catholic immigrants had little. There was no need for the Americans to learn even a single word of Irish, but a great need for the Irish to learn American English fluently, at least if they wanted to get ahead. Those Anglo-Saxon Americans did, however, adopt a few Irish words, but the most common of them are a bit unruly and downright insulting.

"Hooligan" and "slob" both come from the Irish, used to describe the rowdy and unkempt. Not very flattering that they might be the most common Irish words in English. "Slob," by the way, meaning a messy person or boor, has no relation to slobber, which is an old English word. If you look up synonyms for "slob" you find a host of strange and obscure words like "slattern, sloven, ragamuffin, tatterdemalion, and draggletail." No wonder we borrowed "slob," it's so much easier to say—can you imagine your wife taking the time to call you a tatterdemalion because you didn't pick up your socks?

"Paddy Wagon," the vehicle that takes hooligans to jail, comes from the name Paddy, from Pdraig, the common Irish variant of Patrick. But is it called a Paddy Wagon because of the riders or the drivers?

Back in old New York, many, many newly arrived Irish found work in public service jobs: street, fire, and police departments. The stereotype of "Clancy," the Irish beat cop speaking Irish brogue (another Irish borrowing) is not far from the truth in most big cities in the early 20th Century. By the 1860's about half of the people arrested in New York were Irish born or of Irish descent, but so were half of the police force! When large numbers of New York Irishmen were arrested during riots against the draft in the Civil War, the wagons that they hauled them away in began to be called "Paddy." But to this day, no one knows if it was because Irish policemen were driving them or Irish hooligans were being thrown into them. By the early 1900's, five out of every six New York City policemen were Irish born or Irish descendants. That's 83 percent. In the 1960's they still comprised half of the force and in 1973, half of the Boston police force joined the newly formed Emerald Society—the police fraternity of Irish descendants.

I actually saved the most common Irish borrowed word for last—whiskey. The Irish invented it, perfected it, and named it. And we'll have it in abundance at the Erie Irish Festival, but we warn you, be careful—no hooligans or slobs or it's off in the paddy wagon with you.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. They'll be whiskey in the jar.



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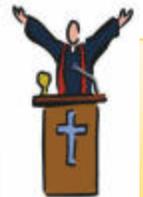
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Christmas 2021

Dear Parishioner –

Once again, the sanctuary of St. Patrick’s Church will be festively decorated for Christmas.

You may wish to memorialize a family member by listing them below and returning this list to the parish office NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 6th. A complete listing of all of these memorials will be included in the bulletin of the weekend of December 18 & 19. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Msr. Henry Kriegel

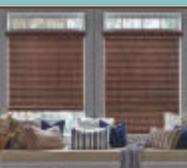
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