

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022



“Baptism of the Lord”  
Stained Glass Window  
St. Patrick Church  
photo by Tom Golab

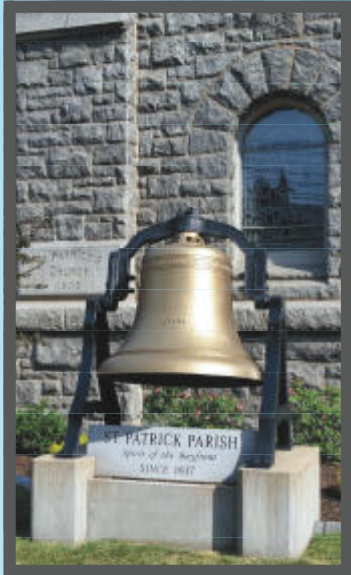
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday 8 AM

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Office Hours:

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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our first reading is from Isaiah 40, written during the Babylonian Exile when the morale of the Judeans was shattered by the loss of the Jerusalem temple, the deportation of the people and the termination of their king. They had suffered greatly for their failure to keep covenant with God, even thinking that God had abandoned them. Now the prophet proclaims, "Comfort, give comfort to my people," which indicates that God has not abandoned the covenant. When the author says he speaks to the "heart of Jerusalem," the Hebrew word is *leb*, which refers to the heart, mind or inner self of the people. The prophet is telling them that God will take the lead in a new exodus, clearing the way for Israel to return from slavery to the soon-to-be-restored Jerusalem.

Our second reading is from Acts of the Apostles and is part of a conversation Peter has with a Roman centurion named Cornelius at his home. Remember that Peter is a Jew and adhered to a strict diet and would never enter a Gentile's home. Cornelius had received a vision from an angel telling him to send for Peter while Peter has a vision of a threefold large sheet coming down from heaven filled with all kinds of animals, birds and reptiles. When he was told to slaughter and eat them he refused because not all of the creatures were kosher, or approved for Jews to eat. But a voice from heaven tells him that what God has made clean you are not to call profane. Peter concludes that God was giving permission for him to interact with Gentiles and thus he goes with Cornelius' servants. Peter's speech begins with "God shows no partiality," and in the Gentile context, spoken by a Jew, the message is radical: God does not play favorites. Peter wants everyone to know that Israel's salvation reaches all.

Prior to our gospel reading, John is preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. His message excited the crowds and ALL were thinking he might be the messiah or the "anointed one." Therefore John addresses ALL, a small word but very important here because it indicates that the

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

message of repentance for the forgiveness of sin is intended Jews and Gentiles, tax collectors, soldiers, in fact, for everyone.

Thank you for your incredibly generous response in our Christmas collection this year. That collection was \$72,548.00 and, as you know, we tithe that collection each year and give ten percent directly to the poor. We have sent checks to St. Patrick's Haven (which takes in 27 homeless men every night, gives them a warm place, a shower, a clean bed); Emmaus Soup Kitchen (which is under the auspices of the Benedictine Sisters and feeds up to 500 people a hot cooked meal every day at noon) and St. Martin's Center (located at 17th and Parade, this organization reaches out to the poor and displaced like no other organization in the city. They have a small Food Pantry, a distribution place for clothing, assistance with rent and utilities, help people understand the basics of a budget, balancing a checking account, etc. Many of the people they serve suffer from mental illness and are not basically able to take care of themselves. St. Martin's Center steps in and helps these people.

Remember that whenever we help God's poor, he smiles on us in a way that he never otherwise does. Jesus came to proclaim the good news to the poor, and it is our obligation to continue to do the same thing.

As you know, we send a monthly check for \$100 to both St. Patrick's Haven and Emmaus Soup Kitchen to help them with their ongoing expenses. In addition, thanks to your generosity we are able to help them in an even larger way. Know that God will bless you for your generosity.

In a few weeks I will send a mailing to every family in the parish outlining the 2022/23 Catholic Services Appeal. This annual appeal raises the necessary funds to operate the Diocese of Erie. Each parish is assessed a set amount which we are required to pay, and anything above and beyond that remains in the parish. Thanks to your generosity, this past year we had almost \$25,000 raised over our assessment and that remained to help us with expenses in the parish.

Because of your generosity, we now have the fifth highest income of any parish in the diocese. The highest is Our Lady of Peace, second is St. George's, third is St. Jude's and fourth is St.

Peter's Cathedral. We are then the next highest of all of the parishes in the diocese. As a consequence, our assessment is much higher than most parishes. I remember when I first came here twelve years ago, our assessment was around \$14,000. Today it is \$103,000. I know that you will once again rally to support this appeal. We all have an obligation to help support the diocese in addition to the support we give our own parish. In addition to this support for the diocese, which incidentally, is their largest source of income, every parish pays what is called a *cathedraticum*, a tax that is levied on every parish to help with the expenses of the diocese. Our tax this year is \$32,908. In addition to that, we have the assessment for Priest Retirement which is \$16,103, and finally, our Catholic School assessment which this year is \$105,671. These assessments are determined by a formula using the income in each parish over the previous three years. That is a lot of money which you contribute each year, and again—as I keep telling you—I only hope you know my gratitude. You make my work very easy. I have never not been able to pay bills, etc. And all of that is because of your continued generosity to the parish.

I need to take a moment to also thank you for your incredibly generous support of the December collection for the retirement fund for our Women Religious. As you know, those sisters staffed our schools for years and until the early 1980s, the parish paid \$25 a month for each sister who was on the staff. Because of that, the motherhouses of these sisters are now full of elderly, ill and retired sisters who can no longer work and no longer earn income for the community. The communities simply do not have the needed funds to care for all of these elderly nuns. (The median age of a Catholic woman religious in the United States right now is 77 years old!). Thanks to your generosity and that of so many others in our diocese, there is a growing fund to help with these expenses.

Some thoughts on old age: "And what is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure." ... "I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought diabetes, am half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, but thank goodness, I still have my driver's license."



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Christmas	12/25/21	\$64,492.00
Online Giving	12/25-12/26	<u>8,056.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 72,548.00
Offertory Collection	12/26/21	\$ 12,286.00
Total Income		
Offertory Collection	1/2/22	\$ 5,118.00
Online Giving		<u>4,441.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,559.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

### **The Foundation Fund**

In memory of **Michael Durkot** from Thomas & Shirley Dugan

### **Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry**

Donations to the Food Pantry were made in memory of:

- ◆ **Mary Corbett** from Richard & Margaret Bonniger
- ◆ **Paul & Norma Causgrove, Betsy Watson, Bobby Wheeler, Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ **Paul, Betty, Dan McLaughlin** from John & Patti Jugenheimer
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Let us Welcome  
**Lillian Louise Ogden**

child of  
Jonathan & Stephanie (Kelly) Ogden  
who will be baptized on  
January 9, 2022



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
burns in loving memory of  
**Jennifer Johnson**  
from family

### **Additional Christmas Flower Offering...**

**Roseann Brown...**

*IMO Carullo & Brown families*

**Gina Fulgenzio...**

*IMO Mary Lou Fulgenzio, John Pitonyak,*

*Bunny Foster*

**Elizabeth Groenendaal...**

**BJ & Barb Lechner...**

*IMO Dan Rodeno, Jo & Jack Rodeno,*

*Dot & Vincent Lechner*

**Anthony & Laurie Peyronel...**

*IMO Hub & Sarah Shunakym, James & Phyllis*

*Peyronel*

**Kathleen Teubert...**

### **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,  
Shirley Winschel, Vickie Lampe

Ushers: Jim Sertz, Rob Oligeri, Chris Lampe,  
Phil Rewers

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Dan Bergell

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Gloekler, Noelle Colpoys,  
Joseph Schneider, Barb Fischer

Ushers: Chuck Straub, John Maloney, Mike Nies,  
David Korn

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Mary Kearney,  
Nancy Gittere, Megan Bomba

Ushers: Chuck Agresti, David Taccone, Jim Wehan,  
Randy Pristello, John Purvis, Tom Welch (4)

Offertory Counters: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Phil & Denise Rewers

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Jan. 8 Saturday, Vigil: *Baptism of the Lord***

5:00 PM WANDA WIENCZKOWSKI  
(TOM & SHARON YELKOVICH)

**Jan. 9 *Baptism of the Lord***

8:00 AM JOHN HARDNER (JEFFREY HARDNER)  
10:30 AM MARTIN HANHAUSER (JACK BERTGES)

**Jan. 10 *Monday, Weekday***

8:00 AM ANDREW ADAM (MICHAEL & TINA DONIKOWSKI)

**Jan. 11 *Tuesday, Weekday***

8:00 AM IRENE MACK (NANCY MACK)

**Jan. 12 *Wednesday, Weekday***

8:00 AM KEVIN ANDRZEJEWSKI (NANCY ANDRZEJEWSKI)

**Jan. 13 *Thursday, Weekday***

8:00 AM BILL WHIPPLE (JAY & CAROL HABAS)

**Jan. 14 *Friday, Weekday***

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 15 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

5:00 PM JENNIFER JOHNSON (FAMILY)

**Jan. 16 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00 AM MARIE CHAMONI  
(MARK & CHELSEY WEISENFLUH)  
10:30 AM LYNCH FAMILY (MARY LEE LYNCH)

## 250 DAYS TO THE 2022 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



### THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL! TIME FOR AN IRISH COFFEE.

Just watching the snow swirl outside your window can give you a pretty good chill and what better way to alleviate that blue winter feeling than with a nice hot Irish coffee? This stuff works on so many levels. First, that warm mug cupped in your cold hands immediately begins to bring relief. Heck, just watching the rising steam and smelling that awesome fresh-brewed coffee makes you feel warmer. Then you take a sip and it's sweet, and bitter, and creamy, and the whiskey finish burns a bit and immediately you feel the warm glow radiating from your happy belly. It's Irish heaven on a cold, cold Erie afternoon. **But, is Irish coffee really Irish or is it just coffee with Irish whiskey in it?**

Well, turns out it was invented in Ireland in 1942 by a guy named Joe Sheridan who was the chef at Foynes Airport. Back then, Foynes was the major seaport for County Limerick and transatlantic flying was done in flying boats—large seaplanes—so the “airport” was actually a dock and the “runway” was the bay. Flying could be a cold and bumpy business and when a US bound plane had to turn back that night in 1942 because of bad weather over the Atlantic, Joe thought the cold, disappointed passengers needed a little something extra to warm them up. So he added some dark sugar and some whiskey to the coffee and floated some freshly whipped cream on top. It was a huge hit that he took with him to the Shannon Airport when it opened in 1945, but the drink went ballistic in 1952 when a restaurateur from San Francisco flew through Shannon and had one of Joe's coffees.

Irish coffee was tailor-made for an evening in the chilly fog of Frisco and soon after it made its appearance at the Buena Vista Café they were making upwards of 2,000 per day—still do. And from there it spread throughout America. Now, just about every bar in the country has its own recipe or technique or twist on the original.

Here, as near as we can tell, is Joe's original recipe: *"Cream, rich as an Irish brogue; Coffee, strong as a friendly hand; Sugar, sweet as the tongue of a rogue; Whiskey, smooth as the wit of the land."* So now you have Joe's recipe, brew one up. Or, if you want us to make you one at the 2022 Erie Irish Festival we'll be more than happy to do it. You just need to wait 250 more days (it's worth it).

If you would like to help, offer suggestions, praise, comments, or concerns, you can reach Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**01/08** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**01/11** 9:00 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**01/12** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**01/15** 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

## ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S "ON-LINE GIVERS"

Donors can pull their own tax statements in Online Giving.

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on **"My Online Giving History**. View a detailed History of your past Online Giving.
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021.
5. Change the report type to **"Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)"**.
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **"Print"**.
8. Your report will open a new window
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report. (To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDF and will let you print the report).

**PARISHIONERS WHO USE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** We will be sending tax statements to you shortly. If you received a statement last year, you are on our list and will receive one this year. If you have not received one, please call the office and we will get one to you. 814-454-8085

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—Online Gaming:** 72% of teens, both male and female (ages 13-17) play video games. More than half of those teens said they have made new friends online. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children analysis of Cyber Tipline reports has found that gaming platforms are more often used in the online enticement of young boys than any other group of children. It is important for parents to talk to their child about safety in online gaming. Some important questions to ask are: Have you ever been cyberbullied while gaming? Do you know what information is OK to share about yourself while gaming? Has anyone talked about sex while you were gaming or asked you to send pictures of yourself? If your child answers yes, report the matter to law enforcement. Visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/) for additional resources

**Engaged couples: Plan ahead for a happy, healthy marriage—**Engaged couples are invited to attend an Engagement Encounter this January 28-30, 2022. Engagement Encounter is a restful retreat designed to provide engaged couples the tools for a happy, holy, and lasting marriage. Here’s what folks have loved in the past: Time as a couple to focus on their relationship, a community that prays and has fun together, a non-judgmental atmosphere, the chance to set a good foundation for their marriage, and the opportunity to retreat from busy wedding details and enjoy each other. Learn more or register at <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/ee.html>. We would love to welcome you this January!



**First Fridays**  
for **Families**

Join Blessed Sacrament parish during the 2022 year in a unique prayer experience!  
**Every First Friday of the month,**  
 we will offer a guided Eucharistic Adoration program geared toward children and families of all ages on Friday evening at 6pm.  
 Everyone is welcome to this experience to be with Jesus in a very real and unique way.

**2022 Schedule**

January 7th	July 1st
February 4th	August 5th
March 4th	September 2nd
April 1st	October 7th
May 6th	November 4th
June 3rd	December 2nd

Contact Jen Durney, [jdurney@bserie.org](mailto:jdurney@bserie.org), with any questions

**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.



**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Saint Patrick Parish**

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