

# Saint Patrick

*Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of Erie*

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*+ Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Bishop Emeritus of Erie*

*Rev. Msgr. John J. Herbein, Pastor*

**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. - Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - M, T, W, Th, F, 9:00 a.m.**

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## CATHOLIC RURAL MINISTRY 814-677-2032

**Sr. Tina Geiger, RSM, Sr. Marian Wehler, OSB**

<https://www.eriercd.org/crmoilcitydeanery.html>



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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**MISSION STATEMENT**—The mission of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish is to establish Christian discipleship through worship, ministry, and evangelism, and to serve a people who seek to grow in faith and love of God.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Sacrament is also available by request.

Penance Services are held during each Advent and Lenten season.

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Following Diocesan guidelines, Catholic parties should contact the Parish before any plans are made. At least six months are needed before the wedding to allow time for evaluation and sacramental preparation.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Preparation classes are held bi-monthly. Call the Parish Office for the schedule. Parents must be registered and active members of St. Patrick Parish.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Anointing and Holy Communion are available to hospitalized and home-bound upon request. **Families are asked to notify the Parish Office to arrange for hospital and home visits.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Saturday, April 25**

**No Confession**

**Patricia Sporer** (Brian & Jan Bowen)

(Mass intention rescheduled on 12-19-20)

**Sunday, April 26**

**Intentions of all our parishioners**

**ANNIV) Norma Lusher** (Ronald Lusher & family)

(Mass intention rescheduled on 11-22-20)

**Monday, April 27**

**Celestino Vega** (Rick & Maloy Shrout)

**Tuesday, April 28**

**Leo Eckel** (Lori Weller)

**Wednesday, April 29**

**(ANNIV) Forest, Foster, & David Witherup** (Family)

**Thursday, April 30**

**Ira T. & Margaret E. Jones** (Marge Scott)

**Friday, May 1**

**M/M Anthony Michaels** (Patricia Flick)

**Saturday, May 2**

**No Confession**

**Kathy Snyder** (Doug & Maria McGee)

(Mass intention rescheduled on 7-17-20)

**Sunday, May 3**

**Intentions of all our parishioners**

**Margaret "Peg" O'Leary** (Tom, Bonnie, & Sherri)

(Mass intention rescheduled on 7-24-20)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS - Sunday, May 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

**Sunday collection** - Due to the suspension of all Masses for the time being, there will not be a regular Sunday collection. I humbly ask you to please make your weekly and monthly offertory contributions. Your generosity is what helps us keep the business of the parish going from day to day. This is what pays our bills, the salaries of our staff, and ongoing maintenance and programming cost here at the parish. Thank you so much for your understanding and continued generosity!



**The list of winners from the St. Patrick School 2020 Luck of the Irish Raffle** is posted on the door to

the school and the door to the parish office.



**Confession has been changed to "by appointment only."** To make an appointment, please contact Msgr. Herbein by calling the parish office.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Our Parish Library** will be open to church members and school families as soon as possible. We have books for spiritual reading, biographies, fiction, and nonfiction on all levels and interests. Please come and visit and use the library. Opening hours will be announced in the church bulletin. - Jean Bajorek

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month: Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are considered mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. To read the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese, visit <https://www.eriescd.org/childprotection/>.

**St. Patrick Cemetery Information** - The cost of opening and closing a burial site at St. Patrick Cemetery is changing as of May 1, 2020. This is due to the increase in the cost for the backhoe equipment needed to dig a grave. The last cemetery price change was made on February 1, 2014. Listed below are the new amounts for interment:

Opening/closing (weekday) is \$850

Opening/closing (Saturday) is \$1,000

Opening/closing (Sunday) is \$1,100

For any questions regarding cemetery costs, please contact Mike Kiesel, Cemetery Director, or the parish office.

## **Catholic Rural Ministry – Oil City Deanery Statistics for year 2019:**

**Aided Families in our Families in Need Program:** We have helped 478 persons in 172 families with financial literacy and assistance. \$38,448.74 was distributed in rent, utilities, medical RX, medical co-pays/bills, food, gas, household items, car repairs, and license fees. The average per family was \$224.

**Enriched Spirituality and Religious Education Programs:** The sisters held 166 programs serving 2332 persons. These programs included:

- ADULT Spirituality programs- including Bible Studies, Spiritual Direction/Companioning, Retreats/Spiritual talks, teacher in –service
- YOUTH retreats for pre K- College students and Christian service day/service week opportunities
- RESIDENTIAL Spirituality groups at Pathways Adolescent Facility and Forest SCI Men's Maximum Prison

**Visitations and Pastoral Presence:** We estimate that over 3000 people were touched by our presence at home visits, wakes, funerals & luncheons, festivals, and conversations sharing faith, personal struggles and issues related to disciple based response to our life's journeys.

**Tuition Assistance:** We have facilitated a tuition grant for our deanery catholic schools for the past six years. Our deanery total income has been \$129,500.00! Our Deanery schools include VRCS (St. Stephens, former St. Pats, VCHS), Immaculate Conception in Clarion and St. Joseph in Lucinda. For the past two years St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Meadville has been part of this collaboration.

**Thank you** for all you are doing for all of us in these times. May GOD's Continued Promise of Easter Joy and New Life in the Presence of the Risen Christ be yours to the fullest!

Prayers, Love & Easter Blessings,  
Sr. Tina and Sr. Marian

## **A note from Catholic Rural Ministry (Sister Tina and Sister Marian)**

During this time of the COVID 19 pandemic, we are asking for your help. Our diocese has designed a link to assist organizations such as CRM to assist families in need. The Catholic Rural Ministry- Oil City Deanery link for the IGIVECATHOLIC Campaign is: <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/organizations/catholic-rural-ministry-of-oil-city-deanery#>.

For your information: In 2019, through grants and generous donations specified for the needy, the Sisters used over \$38,000 to assist 172 families in need. An average amount of \$224 went directly to help 478 adults, elderly and children in those families suffering from emergency needs such as utilities, rent, medical bills, food shortage, gas, household items such as beds for children, and car repairs. Due to unemployment and the overall economic fallout, we anticipate the 2020 need to be ever greater.

Please help us to assist families in need. God bless you! THANK YOU!

To learn more about CRM, go to our diocesan website:

<https://www.eriecd.org/crmoilcitydeanery.html>

**Give Catholic Now! Give Catholic Together!**

## St. Patrick School Apparel Sale

Want awesome commemorative SPS gear?  
(T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.)

Shop online at -

<https://stpatrickschool.itemorder.com/>

- This online store will close May 15th.
- Production & delivery is conditional upon business reopening due to COVID-19 regulations
- The proceeds of this fundraiser will go to the VRCS fundraising goal
- \$5.00 earned for each item sold
- Option to have shipped to school or individually (additional shipping cost)
- Additional items added to this order, so check it out even if you ordered in February

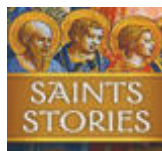
**Marriage Moment** - "Jesus himself drew near and walked with them..." (Luke 24:15) Take a walk together today or soon and while you are walking imagine Jesus walking with you and talking through your beloved to you.

**Bulletin deadline dates** - All bulletin articles should be received in the Parish Office by the dates given below. You may email your information to [pkahle@stpatrickfranklin.org](mailto:pkahle@stpatrickfranklin.org).

Info. to Parish Office	Bulletin Date
May 1	May 10
May 8	May 17

**Use Your Time Wisely** - Those who are in quarantine or not in school, whose work is now closed due to COVID-19, use some of your newfound time for spiritual endeavors.

- Pray a little longer now that you aren't rushed.
- Learn something you couldn't beforehand due to the daily grind.
- Set aside a bit of time to reflect (*if your kids allow you to!*).
- We must never pass by opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection; this may be just that time.



## Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

(Feast day, April 28)

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he, in his goodness, sends to us day after day."

Saint Gianna was born in northern Italy, near Milan. Her family was devout, and Gianna learned the value of prayer and Christian service very early. At age twelve she became involved in Catholic Action. As a young adult she joined the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Gianna began studying medicine during World War II, and afterward became a doctor, specializing in pediatrics. After marrying Pietro Molla in 1955, they had a son and two daughters. While pregnant with her fourth child, Gianna was diagnosed with a uterine tumor. She resolved to save the life of her unborn child despite the risk to her own life. Her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was born on April 21, 1962, and Gianna died seven days later as a result of complications of the tumor.

In his homily on the occasion of her beatification on April 24, 1994, Pope John Paul II offered Gianna Beretta Molla as a model for all mothers: "By holding up this woman as an exemplar of Christian perfection, we would like to extol all those high-spirited mothers of families who give themselves completely to their family, who suffer in giving birth, who are prepared for every labor and every kind of sacrifice, so that the best they have can be given to others." Gianna was canonized on May 16, 2004.

Saint Gianna understood the realities of being a wife, doctor, and working mother. She believed deeply in the holiness of the family and in the sanctity of human life. It was this deep belief that gave her the courage to entrust herself and her family to God's loving hands.

*What are the responsibilities of life that you juggle? Spend some time reflecting on what these responsibilities require of you. Ask God for help to know your life's sacred purpose.*



**Memorials to St. Patrick Community Food Pantry:**

- ♦ **Kathy Reed** by Dan & Deb Drayer
- ♦ **Jim McNamara** by Dan & Deb Drayer

**Memorials to St. Patrick Building Fund:**

- ♦ **Jim McNamara** by Carolee Michener
- ♦ **Cathy Berry** by Carolee Michener

**OUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING GIFT BOX**

**March Online Collection \$3,817.02**

**Due to the current circumstances, we will not be posting our weekly collection, but will post a monthly amount.**

*Thank you for using your envelopes or giving electronically at [stpatrickfranklin.weshareonline.org](http://stpatrickfranklin.weshareonline.org).*



**St. Patrick Food Pantry News...**

- The next food distribution is on Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- May's Team Leaders are Piedad Gent & Jeanne Klinger.
- If you would like to help with the food pantry, please contact Deb Drayer, 432-7867.
- **Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry!!**



**Prayer Network** - If you have a prayer request, please call Diana Boal at 437-6107.

**Donations have been made to the St. Patrick Food Pantry** by Helen Parquette, Mike Moss, Pat O'Polka, and Michael & Christine Collers.

**A Family Perspective** - In today's gospel, the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us, either. Today's gospel tells us to pause and open our eyes to "see Christ" in each other.

**Getting married?** Contact the church at least six months in advance to arrange to meet with Msgr. Herbein or one of the Deacons. As a couple, you must meet with a priest or deacon in order to be given a wedding date.

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- Pope Francis**



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