

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017



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St. Patrick Church
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Saint Patrick Parish

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Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today the church celebrates the manifestation of Christ to all the world, beginning with a reading that overflows with light, radiance and glory. This passage comes from the last section of Isaiah (chapters 56-66) which was written about the time of Judah's release from Babylonian captivity and their return to the Promised Land, around 586 BC. Twice in the first two verses, Isaiah uses the Hebrew word *kabod*, translated "glory." This term indicates an outward manifestation of divine presence, nearly equivalent to God himself. The earlier prophet Ezekiel, deported among the first wave of exiles to Babylonian, saw a vision of the glory leaving the temple, a sign that Judah's final desolation had begun, because without God's saving presence, the city lay vulnerable to attack. But Isaiah now announces that not only will they return to their land but that the "glory" of God will again dwell in their midst; and that foreign lands will notice this new glory.

Though our second reading is labeled "Ephesians," the letter does not focus on a specific community, but was written for circulation among a number of local churches in Asia Minor. It stresses that the Israel of the new age embraces both Jew and Gentile. Paul speaks of the mystery of the gospel; but the Greek word *mysterium* points to much more than something difficult to understand. The mystery encompasses God's plan of salvation, ultimately revealed in Jesus, and it is completed in one united Body of Christ on earth, both Jew and Gentile.

Matthew addresses a Jewish audience, many of whom did not envision Gentiles as part of salvation. Jewish purity laws of the first century prohibited all contact with non-Jews. By the time MT writes in 85 AD, many Gentiles had converted, but tensions remained. Listen and you will hear MT show how Jesus fulfills the prophecies. The

Magi come from the East which makes it clear that they are Gentiles. In ancient times, a great star heralded a royal birth. MT quotes Micah that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the city of David. In a few sentences he shows how Jesus is the fulfillment of all OT prophecies. He very cleverly includes both Jew and Gentile in the birth of the Messiah.

During a recent homily, Pope Francis said that eternal damnation is not a torture chamber but distance from God. And those who will not be received in the kingdom of God, he said, it's because they have not drawn close to the Lord. These are the people who journeyed along their own path, distancing themselves from the Lord and passing in front of the Lord but then choosing to walk away from Him. "Eternal damnation," he said, "is continually distancing oneself from God. It is the worst pain, an unsatisfied heart, a heart that was created to find God but which, out of arrogance and self-confidence, distances itself from God."

Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego has asked his priests to encourage Catholics who are divorced and remarried to consider whether "God is calling them to return to the Eucharist." He instructed pastors to post notices in parish bulletins, inviting divorced and remarried Catholics to "utilize the internal forum of conscience" in making their decisions whether they should receive Communion. He also said that parishes should welcome gay and lesbian couples and couples cohabitating before marriage. He said that the recent diocesan Synod "pointed to the need to invite young couples lovingly, non-judgmentally, and energetically into Catholic marriage and to provide mentors for them." The Synod said that parishes should provide a supportive environment for these couples and that this attitude might require reconsideration of "practices which, while they have a certain legitimacy, alienate

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many people.

The coming year is going to prove to be an exciting one for all of us living in the East Bayfront neighborhood. Erie Insurance recently announced the construction of a new \$132 million office complex just two blocks south of us. In addition, UPMC Hamot just announced the construction of a seven story \$111 million addition to the hospital which will be located just two blocks north of us. What was once a highly blighted neighborhood is coming miraculously back to life. Drive through the neighborhood and see some of the improvements. Over 60 blighted homes have been demolished; others have been restored; two grand old mansions at 6th and Parade have been meticulously restored by Erie Insurance; there are over 35 new homes in the neighborhood and Erie Insurance transformed a boarded up armory into a gleaming office complex. And two of the anchors in the neighborhood are St. Patrick's church and the neighboring Russian Church of the Nativity. If you have never seen the inside of that church, make sure you do sometime. It is one of the gems of Erie with magnificent icons and paintings, and it's onion shaped gold leaded dome is visible throughout the entire neighborhood.

Have you ever thought of including your parish in your estate planning? Both the church and the rectory at St. Patrick's are over a hundred years old and require constant maintenance at great expense. The church is one of the most beautiful in the diocese, and we want to maintain it that way. A remembrance in your will could help.

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving all over the road. A cop pulls him over. "So," says the cop, "where have you been?" "Why I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk. "Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quire a few to drink this evening." "I did all right," says the driver with a smile. "Did you know," asks the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few blocks back your wife fell out of the car." "Oh, thank heavens," sighs the driver. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Theodore Widomski from Ann & Al Adamczyk.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of Carol Kurpiewski from Sean & Bernadette Carroll.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of Chester Loncki from Mrs. Jeanette Borowy.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

The offertory for December 24, 2016 was \$1,020.00.
The offertory for December 31, 2016 was \$1,210.00
The offertory for the Solemnity of Mary \$ 35.00

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials—

From: Tom Kurpiewski

IMO: Carol Kurpiewski, Stanley & Helen
Kurpiewski, Albert & Mary Skibicki

Parishioner, **Bobby J. Sulecki** has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church and Erie's Polish Community and Churches and still needs your help. He is looking for your old photos (such as class pictures or any school pictures, church related, church wedding pictures, pictures of immigrant families, neighborhood pictures, corner stores, etc.) All items will be returned to you. If you would like to share your memories of St. Hedwig's growing up Polish, etc., there will be memory sheets located on the display table in the vestibule of the Church. Your stories need to be told. Your memories matter, no matter how big or how small.

Bobby's sites at: <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com> and <http://eriepoloniahistory.com/> Email at suleckibobby@gmail.com Phone 899-2731 after 3pm.

Dziękuję!

A Family Perspective—

Epiphany

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 14, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	12/25/2016	\$ 32,401.00
Online Giving		<u>1,206.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 33,607.00

Offertory Collection	01/01/2017	\$ 6,580.54
Online Giving		1,354.00
Solemnity of Mary		<u>1,565.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,499.54

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 memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in honor of:

- ♦ **Our Children & Grandchildren** from Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gabler

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Dr. Paul Ward Peterson, Dr. Bertl M. Weber** from William J. Carney
- ♦ **Jack & Dorothy McManus** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale
- ♦ **Jimmy Hayes** from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nies
- ♦ **Mary Nies** from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nies
- ♦ **Emilio Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ **William Lacy** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Joan Rupp** from Yvonne Gersims

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Kathleen Horan, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz, Karl & Virginia Kelm, James & Margo Kuhn, and Mark & Barbara Sargent

Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &**
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS



Let Us *Welcome*
Jonathan Matthew Arrington
son of
Hallie Arrington
who will be baptized
after the 10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Pat Schlaudecker**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Ray Fiorelli**

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

Ushers: **Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, 1 NEEDED**

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Fred Olds**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Audrey Reigel**

Ushers: **John Maloney, Chuck Straub, 1-2 NEEDED**

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Dario Cipriani**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Dario Cipriani, Cyndi Pristello, Kathleen Pae**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: **Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Jim Wehan**

Offertory Counters: **Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey**

Thank you! The response to our collection of toiletry items for use at the overflow homeless shelter was overwhelming. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.



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.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

Trip Down Memory Lane #16. It is the middle of winter cold in the northern hemisphere. What was your first winter living together like? Do you have newer, better ways of keeping warm enough today?



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 7 Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 PM MARY ANNE DOMOWICZ (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM VIOLA AMATANGELO - ST.P
(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)**Jan. 8 The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS) - ST.P

10:30 AM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Jan. 9 Monday, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM IRMA & MATT LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN)

Jan. 10 Tuesday, Weekday8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKIE" MABIE
(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)**Jan. 11 Wednesday, Weekday**8:00 AM SISTER ANGELA HELSLEY
(CLASS OF 1953, ST. BENEDICT)**Jan. 12 Thursday, Weekday**

8:00 AM THEODORE WIDOMSKI (BILL DZURICKY)

**Jan. 13 Friday, Saint Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 14 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time4:00 PM FRANK FABIN - ST.H
(SISTERS, ANGIE, MARIAN, IRENE)5:00 PM JENNIE KOZESKY - ST.P
(WEILAND & POPKA FAMILIES)**Jan. 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM GERIE CIACCHINI - ST.P
(Q GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)10:30 AM MILDRED DEDIONISIO, ANNIV. - ST.P
(BERNIE & PAUL)**DATES TO REMEMBER**St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent

- 01/07** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P\
- 01/08** No Religious Education Classes
- 01/10** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/11** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/14** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/15** No Religious Education Classes

HOMELESS OVERFLOW SHELTER—

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have meals and volunteers covered for the overflow homeless shelter we will be hosting February 1-8. However, we are in need of monetary donations for the many expenses we incur including dumpster, daily cleaning service, supplies and a donation to Church of the Nativity to cover utilities and miscellaneous items. Contributions can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to the rectory. Envelopes are available next to the bulletins in the back of the church. Thank you for your support of our community members who are in need. If you have any questions about this project contact Angie Kontur 434-9653 or angiekontur@gmail.com.

**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 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.
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. 454-8085

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments:

Five Steps to Safer Environments: The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Pro-Life Breakfast—

People for Life's Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 14 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speakers will be Ruth Graham and her daughter Windsor Bauders. Ruth is the daughter of Evangelist Billy Graham and Ruth Bell Graham. Tickets are \$15 for ages over 12, \$7 for ages 3 to 12, and free for children under 3. Free childcare will be available. Payments can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2017.

Erie March for Life—

People for Life invites you to participate in the Erie **March for Life** on Saturday, January 21. Gather at the stage in west Perry Square by 10:45 a.m. The March will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. with a brief program in Perry Square. This is good opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless and a witness for the sanctity of human life close to home. For more information call (814)882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org/january2017.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School's Performing Arts Department presents *The Miracle Worker*. *The story is about a young blind, deaf and mute Helen Keller and her attempt to conquer the challenges of communication.*

Performances will be held in the newly renovated Performing Arts Center on January 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 - adults, \$7 - seniors and \$6 for students. Alumnus David Mitchell '87 is directing the play. MPS is located at 538 East Grandview Blvd.

Natural Family Planning Seminar—Erie



"Going Green" for the body—Natural Family Planning: No chemicals, no side-effects, small investment, marriage preserving - lifetime benefits. Natural Family Planning - Give it a try. For more information, call Annette at 814-866-0122 for classes beginning Thursday, Jan. 26th at 7:00 PM in Erie.

Consider Engagement Encounter—

Planning for your marriage in 2017? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for January 27th through 29th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@eriercd.org. Visit our website at <http://www.eriercd.org/ee.htm> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



2017 Great Lakes Hospice Support Groups—



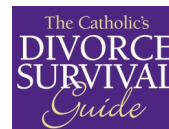
Meetings are free of charge and open to the public, doors open at 5:00 pm; meeting starts promptly at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served, courtesy of Hamot Health Foundation, promptly from 5-5:30 pm the first of every month. Please RSVP by calling Cathy McKenzie at 814/877-6527 no later than the day before the scheduled meeting.

Scheduled meetings:

- January 5th (dinner), January 19th (snack)
- February 2nd (dinner), February 16th (snack)
- March 3rd, (dinner), March 23rd (snack)
- April 6th (dinner), April 20th (snack)
- May 4th (dinner), May 18th (snack)
- June 1st (dinner), June 15th (snack)

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program—

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced begins on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Luke School Library in Erie (Cost-\$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call St. Luke Church, (814) 825-6920, the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1261, email familylife@eriercd.org or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

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305 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507
814-452-6800
for advertising in our parish bulletin.