

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017



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St. Patrick Church

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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 is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and our passage from Isaiah is one of four poems that describe the mission of an unnamed Servant of the Lord. Dating from the end of the Babylonian Captivity, the figure appears as God's obedient instrument in the people's restoration. As in today's reading, in some texts the prophet describes the Servant as the community of Israel, elsewhere as an individual. Isaiah intends the Servant to present an ideal: the person or people that truly serves God, despite the cost, and empowered by God's spirit. Today's reading addresses a chastened community that no longer has political power, but are captives in a foreign land. If they are to be truly restored, they must live out their true calling: to reveal the glory of the Lord as true servants who worship the Holy One of Israel alone. Isaiah calls them to return, not only to their land, but to their true calling: to serve and worship the one true God.

Paul uses a customary opening in a letter but with some significant changes. He addresses them as the *ekklesia* (church) of Corinth, indicating an assembly, a community of believers. Word has reached Paul that there are factions in the church, something he will address sternly later in the letter. Here, he indicates why such divisions are unworthy of any group that is an *ekklesia*.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to all peoples. Our gospel presented the infant made known to Gentile magi. Today multiple meanings of Christ are made known to Jesus' Jewish contemporaries. Two major characteristics of John's gospel are his insistence on Jesus' primacy over the Baptist, and his penchant for using multiple names, titles or descriptions of Jesus in one event. This gospel is written about 125 AD and is not concerned with historical realities but with the present reality of

the Risen Christ. Some of John's contemporaries regarded the Baptist, not Jesus, as the Messiah. The Baptist states clearly and emphatically that Jesus "ranks ahead of me" and John's purpose is to make Jesus, his identity and role, known to Israel. The Greek word used here for "baptize" means to wash or immerse; Jesus, the Risen Christ immerses believers in the Divine Presence.

I don't know what you got as a Christmas gift, but I can tell you a number of women received diamond rings!! Requests for 2018 wedding dates are off the chart. There are still a few weekends left in 2017 but they are disappearing fast.

In conjunction with the diocese, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King day.

The parish office is working on preparing your 2016 contribution reports so that you have that information for tax purposes. If anyone needs the information before we are able to get it all together and mailed, please contact the office and we can print yours out for you.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioners Ryan and Autumn Atzert on the opening of their new restaurant for Erie: Federal Hill Smokehouse. Ryan rises before dawn to get the smoking process underway for brisket, pulled pork, spare ribs, turkey and sausage. The 26th and Peach Street restaurant is open for lunch.

When Father Stephen Cauley died in 1954 (the last of the four brothers who served here from 1892 until 1954), he established a trust with the diocese. Income from that trust is sent to the parish at the end of each calendar year and is intended to help the poor and needy. Last week I received a check from the trust for \$1,890. this annual gift helps us serve the poor better.

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

It seems late to be thanking you, but the schedule of when we have to send the bulletins over the holidays meant they had to be prepared several weeks in advance. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible generosity in our Christmas collection. That collection totaled \$34,000, and I hope you know my gratitude for your generosity. Please also remember that we tithe that collection each year and give ten percent of it to St. Martin's Center, and I have already given them that check.

St. Patrick parishioner Attorney Andy Sisinni again spearheaded a drive among local judges and attorneys to help the poor in our city. The attorneys and judges in the city of Erie contributed to a pool which allowed us to have 99 \$60 gift cards to Wegmans to give to needy people. That pool of money totaled almost \$6,000 and is an incredible outreach for the poor. We work in concert with St. Martin's Center to see that families can have a Christmas dinner. This is the third year in a row that local attorneys have contributed to this cause.

Our Homeless Shelter week will be here soon. Chairperson Angie Kontur already has dinners, breakfasts, volunteers, etc, lined up. What we are in need of now are contributions to help with the \$6,000 cost of the week.

A woman is in a supermarket following a grandfather and his badly behaved grandson. He has his hands full as the child screams for sweets, etc. The grandfather is saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long." Another outburst and she hears the grandfather calmly say, "It's OK William, Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here." At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the cart and the grandfather again says, "William, relax, buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes." Impressed, the woman goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the little boy is in the car. She says, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it but you kept your composure. William is very lucky to have you as his grandfather." "Thanks," said the grandfather; "but I am William, this little monster is Kevin."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Peter Joseph Dubowski** from Fred & Kathy Lane.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hattie Gleba** from Jack Auer.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Edward Bukowski** from Dave Duska.

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

The offertory for January 7, 2017 was \$415.00.

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.

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The St. Andrew Parish Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mary Arundel Hall, 1116 W. 7th St., Erie. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and free for kids 4 and under. The total cost for individual families is \$20.

A Family Perspective—

Second Sunday

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 21, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Art Blum
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection 01/08/17	\$ 13,289.00
Online Giving	<u>1,376.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 14,665.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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:

- ♦ **Dr. & Mrs. Bill Wilco, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Fatica, and Dr. & Mrs. Rob Geiger** from Dr. Richard & Nancy Fatica

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Patrick Doyle** from Judy Emling
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Pat Karle, Joe McClellan** from Tom & Mary Beth Gala
- ♦ **Trish, James, Jerry & Tom Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner
- ♦ **Ann Cuzzola** from Mr. & Mrs. James Marnella
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Robert Wienczkowski** from Mark & Susan Sullivan

Also donations from:

David & Diane Lauer, Mark & Candy Bukowski, Joanne Homicz, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Mark & Annette Rennie, Mark & Barbara Sargent and Frontier Pharmacy

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

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Patty Dailey**

Greeters: **Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan**

Altar Servers: **Emilio & Gemma Filippi**

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

Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Joe Schneider**

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

Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Karyn Polaski**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Colleen Welch, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler**

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Ryan Jubulis**

Ushers: **Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Baczun**

Offertory Counters: **Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, May Duncan, Deb Slusarz**

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Jan. 14 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 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)

Jan. 16 *Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

8:00 AM CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 17 *Tuesday, Saint Anthony, Abbot*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)

Jan. 18 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JENNIFER JOHNSON (MARY PAT SCLAUDECKER)

Jan. 19 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 20 *Friday, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 21 *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM NELLIE & WALTER KOZLOWSKI - ST.H
(MARY ANN KOZLOWSKI & FAMILY AND
JOANNE FINN)

5:00 PM FORREST SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

Jan. 22 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM CYNTHIA G. MURPHY - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. DICK SQUEGLIA)

10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD, ANNIV. - ST.P
(DAN & OPIE WUENSCHER)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

01/14 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/15 No Religious Education Classes

01/16 **Church & Office Closed—
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

01/17 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

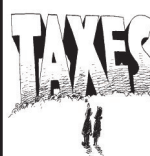
01/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

01/21 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/22 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary



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

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.

Families Always Matter

Looking for resources for your family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at: <http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

Openings Remain for Engagement Encounter

Next to your own wedding day, Engagement Encounter is a weekend you will never forget! EE still has a few openings for its January 27th through 29th weekend at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or visit www.eriercd.org/ee.htm for more information or to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.





January 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Communication, wherever and however it takes place, has opened up broader horizons for many people. This is a gift of God which involves a great responsibility. I like to refer to this power of *communication as ‘closeness.’*” - Pope Francis

Pope Francis’ latest reflection on the life-giving role communications plays in our lives reminds us that all of the technology, new channels, networks and devices we enjoy today are merely tools. We are truly fortunate to have all these means to accomplish the mission we have been given to Help Spread the Faith.

In the Diocese of Erie, our communications professionals are constantly looking for ways to capture the imagination as they inform and inspire. The staff has been an integral part of pastoral planning, keeping you apprised during each step of the process. They have just finished photographing all of our parishes and churches for the January 2017 edition of FAITH magazine, which will provide a comprehensive overview of the final plan for parish restructuring. The coming year will bring more improvements as they launch an updated version of our website, www.ErieRCD.org.

All registered households receive Faith magazine free of charge. The award-winning FaithLife newspaper, distributed in parishes every other week, draws us closer to each other within our 10,000-square-mile diocese. Have you “liked” our Facebook page yet? Our online efforts are increasing, too, as more and more people integrate social media into their lives.

Please—support the Help Spread the Faith collection January 21st and 22nd so we can continue to share the Gospel message, growing in our faith as well as in the closeness our Holy Father encourages.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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