

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017**



St. Patrick Church
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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

Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and our passage from Isaiah includes the end of one chapter and the beginning of another; and there is a clear shift in focus. It dates to about 721 BC just before the northern kingdom of Israel (also called Ephraim) falls to Assyria. The land belonging to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphthali, the northernmost part of Israel, was the first area seized by the Assyrians. This area was inhabited by a significant number of non-Israelites, considered pagans. But the prophet expresses hope for the future in beautiful poetic images of light and joy. In the verse that follows today's reading, Isaiah described a future king of Judah who will never waver in his reliance on God. He will be a true son of David, completely reliant on God rather than foreign powers. When such a king appears, darkness will give way to divine light, the gloom of foreign oppression to the joy of freedom that only God can bring. He is so confident of this that he speaks as if it has already happened.

Paul established the church in Corinth about 15 years prior to writing this letter. He has received reports of factionalism, openly immoral behavior and aberrations, even in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It seems that some of the people have aligned themselves with a particular teacher or preacher but Paul insists that Christians belong to no one but Christ.

In today's gospel, Matthew introduces some of the challenges facing the early church. The Jewish element had a great difficulty in letting go of the rules and laws while a growing element of the early church are Gentiles who have no interest in these things. Prior to this passage, John called the people to repentance; Jesus will do the same but addresses his words whom many Jews consider outside of God's plan of salvation. Quoting Isaiah, MT notes that Jesus takes up

residence in the part of Galilee known for its large Gentile population. Without asking their conversion to Judaism, Jesus announces that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." MT has Jesus bring the law and prophets to fulfillment by not only including Gentiles, but by proclaiming the kingdom to them before approaching his fellow Jews. Then MT turns to Jesus approaching the fishermen. This is unheard of: a rabbi never approached students; they always approached him. MT is presenting Jesus as reinterpreting the teachings of Judaism.

Father Peter Cauley, who built St. Patrick's Church, had a great love for angels. I recently tried to count all of the angels in church and I came up with 61 of them! Some are relatively hidden and difficult to find but they're there. Sometime (not during Mass or the homily!!) see if you can find them.

Pope Francis recently made two interesting statements: "Women are more important in the church than bishops and priests." "I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else—God is in this person's life."

Our Homeless Shelter week will be here before we know it. Chairperson Angie Kontur already has dinners and breakfasts covered, has all of the volunteers that she needs, etc. What we are in need of now are contributions to help with the cost of the week. It costs us approximately \$6,000 to host the week. We're very fortunate that our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity allow us the use of their Social Center to host the Shelter. Just the utilities alone for the week cost a thousand dollars. There are envelopes at the entrance to church if you would like to help with this project. I continue to marvel at how generous you are with the poor & needy.

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

We have all of the evening dinners covered as well as a light breakfast for guests. Once they wake up in the morning, they can go to the Upper Room at 10th & Peach for the Bishop's Breakfast. This daily meal is funded through Catholic Charities and the monies come from what you donate each year in the Catholic Service Appeal.

Each parish in the diocese is required to form a Transition Team for Pastoral Planning whose purpose is to assure that the parish continues with the process whether it be a stand-alone parish (St. Patrick) or a merged parish (St. Hedwig.) The members of the St. Hedwig Team are Tom Kurpiewski, Judy Pentz and Mary Jo Sulecki. The members of the St. Patrick team are Forrest Mischler, Mary Pat Schlaudecker and Dennis Michalski.

A large number of our priests received new assignments this past week in conjunction with the reorganization of parishes which is underway in the diocese.

I will offer two Scripture classes during Lent this year. The first will be on Thursday, March 9, and again on Thursday, March 16 with class both at 10 AM and 6 PM. This year we'll explore the Infancy Narratives, the stories of the birth of Christ, as found only in Luke & Matthew.

A few minutes before the church services began, people were sitting in their pews talking. Suddenly Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon there was only one elderly man sitting calmly in his pew. Satan walked up to him and asked, "Do you know who I am?" The old man replied, "Yup. Sure do." "Aren't you afraid of me?" asked Satan. "Nope," he replied. "Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute," the old man replied. "Don't you know I can cause you profound agony for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yes," was the calm reply. "And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope," came the reply. More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?" The old man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Chester Loncki** from Jerome & Jolie Ropiecki

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Kurpiewski** from Caroline Rowinski, Kathy Driggers, Connie Rowinski

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwiecki** from Tim & Antoinette Herbstritt.

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

The Offertory for January 14, 2017 was \$848.00.

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.

Dziekuje!

A Family Perspective—

Third Sunday

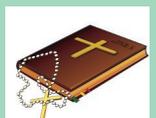
When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 28, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Ron Helminski
Eucharist	Ron Helminski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Art Blum
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection 1/15/17	\$ 8,328.00
Online Giving	<u>1,520.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,848.00

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 memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in honor of:

- ◆ **Katie Abbott** from Mary Beth & Ryan Abbott, Elli Veres & Ashley Wilcko
- ◆ **Mary Ann Anderson** from Barbara Brairton
- ◆ **Chris Cuzzola, Dan Carroll, Mary Anne & Jim Maloney, Norma & Paul Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ **Michael Cummings** from Donna Cummings
- ◆ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Luke Purvis** from John D. & Cynthia Purvis, and Mary McCarthy
- ◆ **Marion Randazzo** from Mary Abbott, Angie Kontur, Theresa Catalano-Christou, Dennis & Danna Hartwig, Michael & Patty Dailey, Cheryl Heintz, Mary Sciarrino, and Jim & Kathy Sertz
- ◆ **Michael Schloss** from Bill & Renee Lyden, Patrick & Jane Gallagher, Scott, Sue, & Paul Ewen, Mary Jane McLaughlin, William Lillis, Rosemary DeSantis, Tom & Michele Ridge, and John & Carolyn Bauman

Also donations from:

William & Mary Flanagan, Dave & Julie Sanner, Jay & Carol Habas, Philip & Judy Kelly, Christa Blose, Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz, and Eugene & Kathleen Polaski

Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD & HABCREEK 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.



Welcome New Parishioners

Tyler Kirkwood
 Patricia Jean Kolodziejczak
 Kevin & Vicke Marz
 Travis & Anna Lindahl
 Mary Louise Mullen
 Michael Wiertal & Tera Deniziak
 Mary Beth Abbott
 Elli Veres
 Micaela Maria Young
 Fallon Causgrove
 Mark & Susan Demski
 William & Renee Lyden
 Mike & Carol Picheco
 Joe & Judy Pitetti
 Tom & Michele Ridge
 Tim & Anne-Marie Welsh
 Jay & Beth White
 Eileen Agresti
 Dennis & Danna Hartwig
 Andy J. Sisinni

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kaleigh Hubert
 Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, **1 NEEDED**
 Altar Servers: **NEEDED**
 Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, **1 NEEDED**

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
 Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Audrey Reigel
 Ushers: John Maloney, Chuck Straub, **1-2 NEEDED**

Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani
 Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin
 Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello
 Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Jim Wehan
 Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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)**Jan. 23** *Monday, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*8:00 AM PETER JOSEPH DUBOWSKI
(FRED & KATHY LANE)**Jan. 24** *Tuesday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM DOLORES ELLIS (HUSBAND, WILLIAM)

Jan. 25 *Wednesday, The Conversion of Saint Paul the
Apostle*

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (VIKI WEBER)

Jan. 26 *Thursday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKY" MABIE
(HARRY & LYDIA BIERLEY)**Jan. 27** *Friday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 28 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(CARMIE HOGAN MUNSCH)5:00 PM MICHAEL SCHLOSS - ST.P
(BILL & KATHY MASEK)**Jan. 29** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DANIEL ALESSI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST. P

10:30 AM BETTY MASEK (DON SONNTAG) - ST.P

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

- 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
- 01/24** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/25** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

St. Paul urged the Corinthians to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." (1 Cor.1:10). Marriages can survive many differences of opinion as long as you hold basic values in common. What heartfelt values do you share?

**236 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL**

Only 236 days! How will we ever get ready in time?

That's a very good question. Thank you for asking. Here's the plan:

Last year we introduced you to all of the fantastic people who work so hard to put the festival together. They are already hard at work to ensure that this year's festival will be bigger, better, tastier, classier, and more exciting than ever. This year, we're going to focus on getting the rest of you involved. We're going to turn this little column into the want ads. We'll give you the job descriptions for every position we need filled and we'll ask for a pledge of your time to fill it. And we know you'll respond and we know you will love working the festival—it is flat out fun! Ask anyone who's done it. Flat out fun.

Last year you all came through with donations of jewelry and whiskey and Irish-themed decorations. We're going to give you the opportunity to continue with all of that. Your donations make a difference—a big difference. The jewelry and purse sales and the whiskey bar had their biggest year ever and we used every single decoration that was donated by those savvy shoppers who comb through all of the dollar and discount stores and buy up all of the stuff that's on sale after St. Patrick's day. We wouldn't want to take all of that pleasure away from you. We'll tell you what we need—give you a wish list—and you eagle-eyed bargain hunters can run wild over the city and share your great finds with the whole parish.

Last year you sold raffle tickets—man, did you sell raffle tickets! Twice as many as the year before—twice as many! Ten thousand dollars worth just by parishioners! You are awesome, give yourselves a pat on the back. And a parishioner sold the winning ticket! This year we want to double that again. So practice your sales pitch.

Last year you came and ate the great new food, drank the great beers, tasted the great whiskeys, sipped the great Irish coffees, played the great games, brought your kids to the great leprechaun village, listened to the great music, and bought the great stuff our vendors had for sale. And that was...well, great. So let's do all of that great stuff again (Without the rain please! Start praying now.) This year we're kicking that all up another notch and working on the logistics so everyone can eat, drink, and be Irish without waiting in line for an hour (Even though that food was worth the wait—how about that Guinness Cheese Sauce on everything—or the fish and chips—we're definitely doing more of that this year). So do not make plans for the weekend of September 15 to 17 that do not include spending every minute at the 2017 Erie Irish Festival.

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 or beckykj@neo.rr.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 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016.
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

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.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick are grateful for



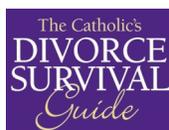
the continued and generous support of the St. Patrick parishioners. Your annual participation in the Irish sweepstakes raffle helps fund the St. Patrick day weekend festivities including the parade. Please consider supporting this year's parade by purchasing the sweepstake raffle tickets again. To cut down on the mailing expense, tickets will be available at the rear of the church the weekend of January 28th / 29th and again on the weekend of February 4th/5th. Cead mille failte!

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.eriescd.org/ee.htm for more information or to register. Space is limited; register today! Interfaith couples are encouraged to apply.

DIVORCED? The Catholic' Divorce Survival Guide



(CDSG) 12-week group begins on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke School Library in Erie. Cost of \$15 per person includes "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call St. Luke, 814-825-6920, the Family Life Office, 814-824-1250, email familylife@eriescd.org, or visit www.eriescd.org/cdsg.htm for more information.

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Pre-registration is required. Call the Family life Office at 814-824-1261 or 800-374-3723 ext. 261 to register. The next **NOVA** is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th in Erie.

The Divine Mercy Encounter retreat program is inviting applications for their upcoming retreat February 10, 11, & 12. The retreat will be held at Saint Joseph Church in Erie, PA. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome to apply. To find more information or to apply online, go to www.divinemercyencounter.com

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.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

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