

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016



Cross on top of main
Altar at
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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Book of Nehemiah narrates events following the Babylonian Exile, when the Persian conquerors of Babylon are inspired by God to assist in the restoration of Israel. They send Jewish leaders back to Judah to restore the city and the temple. After they have done so, the people ask Ezra to read the Law of Moses to them. Because they have opened their hearts in prayer, the Word penetrates them deeply, moving them to tears. Their eyes are opened to realize that the Law was given not to condemn Israel but to teach and lead them. Convinced now of their own shortcomings, they begin to weep, but Ezra and Nehemiah encourage them to take heart.

The Christian community in Corinth, founded by Paul himself, had become fractured and mired in controversies. Some felt their God-given gifts were better than others. In last week's reading, Paul addressed a controversy over the gifts of the Spirit. Today, he goes further, talking not about the gifts, but about the members themselves. Paul presents the image of the community of believers as a body comprised of many parts, all of them necessary. He concludes by reminding them that they are together as the body of Christ and as individuals, we are its parts.

Luke, not an apostle but a later disciple undertakes to tell his story and addresses it to Theophilus, who may be a contemporary of his or may be intended for all of us. He notes that many have undertaken to tell this story. Recall that Luke uses Mark's gospel as his basis, but here he takes an event that Mark has at the end of his gospel and puts it at the beginning. We will hear familiar themes throughout: the spread of Jesus' fame, the role of the Spirit, the fulfillment of prophecy and great concern for the poor. He

ends today's excerpt by quoting Isaiah to show how Jesus is the fulfillment of that prophecy.

St. Patrick's Parish will again host a week-long Homeless Shelter Feb. 10-16 at the Church of the Nativity Social Center. There is a great deal of expense involved with this project including a thousand dollars for utilities & maintenance at the Center, renting dumpsters, plates and utensils, milk, juice, coffee, clothing for some of the guests, etc. There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to make a donation. It can also be made in memory of someone and we will list those in the bulletin.

We are also in need of additional volunteers. If interested, please contact the parish office. Someone will mentor you to you know exactly what is expected. Last year we accepted about 50 homeless people a night; this year the various shelters are accepting 70 people so our needs are even greater than last year. All of the meals are covered, so we don't need to worry about that. We simply need people to staff the program.

Gary and Becky Johnson, chairs for our 2016 Irish Festival, have been hard at work preparing for the big September event. Of course, we're always in need of volunteers, and I'm hoping that some of our younger parishioners will step up.

On Wednesday, March 2, March 9 and March 16, I will offer two Scripture classes. The 10 AM class will address the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus as presented very differently in the four gospels. The evening class will be an Introduction to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. All I ask is that people attending the classes call in for a reservation so that we know how many hand outs to print. If you're interested in the evening class, please also indicate a preferred time and we will go with the majority. Either 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30 or 7 PM. It looks like 6 PM is the preferred hour.

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

In a recent interview, Pope Francis was asked about homosexuality to which he responded, "I am glad that we are talking about homosexual people because before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity. And people should not be defined only by their sexual tendencies: let us not forget that God loves all his creatures and we are destined to receive his infinite love."

When we undertook the restoration of the church in 2012, we had pledges of \$1,1024,000. You may recall, we went \$200,000 over budget as the Committee felt we should do things right and then we can pay that balance out of the Irish Festival and the excess from the Catholic Service Appeal. I have been putting money into that account over the years, but I'm happy to tell you that to date, we have received \$1,119,000. There are still outstanding payments to be made which will end this year, but we are at this point because of our adding to the Restoration Account. We originally borrowed \$760,000 from the diocese to complete the work and, to date, we owe the diocese \$200,000. We will be able to pay that down within 2 1/2 years.

The next project we need to look at in terms of long term planning is the pipe organ.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Novia Scotia back country. Unfamiliar with the area, I got lost, and by the time I got there, the funeral guy was gone and the hearse was no where in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I apologized for being late, went to the grave and saw that the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play. The workers put down their lunch and gathered around. As I played Amazing Grace the workers began to weep. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. As I opened the door, I heard one of the workers say, "I've never seen anything like this before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for over 20 years."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jim & Peggy Gorski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Eugene & Mary Cieri** requested by Jim & Peggy Gorski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by his wife and children.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$880.00, Campaign for Human Development \$110.00, Religious Retirement \$230.00. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Peter Joseph Dubowski (John Gorski), Jeanette Borowy (Gloria Sullivan), Richard Moskel (Children), Frank Olszewski (M/M Joseph Chriest), William Hayes (Mary Kress), Martin Mikeska (Dan & Diane Jarzomski), Peter Zielinski (Wanda & Tony Salvia).

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!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 30

Saturday

PRAY THE ROSARY

4:00 PM

DAILY

Lector

Russell Robison

Eucharist

Charlotte Mabie

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum



Altar Server

Charlotte Mabie



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection (1/17/2016)	\$ 7,160.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,120.00
Total Income	\$ 8,280.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Special collection today for domestic disaster relief

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked us to take up a special collection on behalf of our brothers and sisters in the South and Midwest regions where major flooding has impacted the quality of life. With the onset of colder weather, these flooded areas may freeze, causing further damage.

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored by
Kathy Alessi.

- ♦ In honor of **Mercyhurst University Sports Medicine Facility** from Sue Gushie
- ♦ In memory of **Mary Beth Regan** from Pat Heard
- ♦ In memory of **William Lacy** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ In memory of **Patricia Ann Coan** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ In memory of **Emilio Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ In memory of **Joe Donato** from Karen Dubowski & Tim Grode
- ♦ In memory of **Jane Buchanan** from Candy & Mark Bukowski

Also donations from:

Julie & Dave Sanner, Mary & Bill Flanagan, Constance Brereton, Roland Ciacchini, Scott Little, Patty & Ray Fiorelli, Susan & Thomas Elliott, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Karen & Don Kalivoda, and Jill Bлага-Walz & Joel Walz

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.



Let Us *Welcome*
Elizabeth Grace Gatton

daughter of

Adam & Kathryn (Lampe) Gatton
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy



236 DAYS UNTIL THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

If you haven't already, you need to meet Tom and Colleen Welch, a Knight and a Lady of St. Patrick with 42 years in the parish. They've been working the festival since it was at the Cauley Center 17 years ago, and their kids can be found in the kitchen and the beer wagon as well. Tom is a member of the Irish Cultural Society and president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, so his Irish roots go deep, and Colleen has been working the kitchen since 1999—somewhat famous for her bangers and mash (the secret has something to do with onions steeped in Guinness Stout). Tom also works at the food pantry here. The two of them enjoy traveling, camping, boating, and family activities and Tom's a woodworker while Colleen quilts and knits.

Tom is in charge of lawn signs and the large road signs that he totes about town. He also helps with set-up and tear-down. Colleen and Tom are another couple who show up before the festival and don't leave until there's no trace left of it. If you have suggestions or questions, or if you would like to offer some help, you can reach the Welch's at tcwelch404@yahoo.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs,
gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com
Please email with your ideas or questions and thanks to Betsy Trocki for her security questions.

2016 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL - CALL FOR VENDORS



The 2016 Erie Irish Festival will be held September 16-18. We have a limited amount of booth space available for vendors and are offering first choice to businesses of St. Pat's parishioners. If you are interested in a vendor booth for this year's festival, please call Roselle Walkiewicz at 881-3035.

Vendor booth reservations will be open to non-parishioners February 1st on a first come, first served basis. Some restrictions apply.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM EUGENE & MARY CIERI - ST.H
(PEGGY & JIM GORSKI)5:00 PM MICHAEL ANTALEK - ST.P
(JOE & BARBARA BROWN)**Jan. 24** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P

10:30 AM BRIAN AULT - ST.P
(DR. JAN & BARBARA ROTHMAN)**Jan. 25** *Monday, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 26 *Tuesday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

8:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI (LOU ANN & FAMILY)

Jan. 27 *Wednesday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*8:00 AM PATRICIA WEHAN HAWLEY
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER & SR. MARIE)**Jan. 28** *Thursday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MIEDY PLIZGA, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Jan. 29 *Friday, Weekday*8:00 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(MRS. ISABEL GRAZINA)**Jan. 30** *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)5:00 PM MARY LOU SPINELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(RON & CAROL CONRAD)**Jan. 31** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR. ANNIV. OF BIRTH -2/06
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)-ST.P

10:30 AM NANCY J. JACKSON (SR. MARIE) - ST.P

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound. If you know of anyone in a Long Term Care Facility needing conversation or a friendly visit, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085.

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.



St. Patrick Young Adult Group will have their January Young Adult Event on January 31st at 6:30 pm at Molly Brannigans Irish Pub & Restaurant.

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

- 01/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/24** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary
- 01/24** Festival Chair meeting after 10:30 Mass
- 01/26** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/30** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/31** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

Ministry Schedule**Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm****Lector:** Angie Kontur**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patty Dailey, Carolyn Power, Bill Power**Greeters:** Angie Kontur**Altar Servers:** **NEEDED****Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers**Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 8:00 am****Lector:** Fred Olds**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Olds**Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 8:00 am****Lector:** Dario Cipriani**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Charla Leehmuis**Greeters:** Norann Brugger, Charla Leehmuis**Altar Servers:** Ryan Jubulis**Ushers:** Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis**Offertory Counters:** Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith**HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS:**

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the homeless overflow shelter of February 10th -16th at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets.

The outpouring of generosity last year was greatly appreciated. This year, we are in need of personal hygiene toiletry items, i.e., shampoo and bath products, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene and hand sanitizers. Items can be dropped off on the rectory side porch, or placed in containers in the church's main entrance at each Mass **ONLY** during the month of January. We sincerely appreciate your donations!

NEWS AND EVENTS



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



January 31—Concert at St. Peter Cathedral

Concert Series at the Cathedral Sunday, January 31 at 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Come hear nationally known organist from California, Sean Coburn O'Neal. He was born and raised in Long Beach, CA. He began musical studies with the piano at age 10, and then with the organ at age 16. Sean has received various musical honors and awards from various musical organizations, most notably having been awarded the first place performance prize in two regional American Guild of Organists competitions.

Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or Divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 2-4pm. This month's topic is: "Technology—Oh the places you will go" with Guest Presenter, Kathy Brugger. Visit our website at: www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp



VME to hold open house January 31st.

Villa Maria Elementary School, 2551 W. 8th St., Erie, will hold an open house on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 1 to 3 p.m. VME accepts co-ed students from 2-year-old preschool through eighth grade. Tour the campus and athletic center (including the pool), meet with current families and faculty members, and enter to win a \$500 scholarship. For more information, call 814-838.5451 or email jessica.nelson@vmelementary.com.

Catholic publisher announces essay contest

The Catholic Textbook Project has announced its 2016 history essay contest for Catholic students in Grades 5 through 12. Contest submission deadline is March 23, 2016. There are cash prizes for winners; Catholic schools and homeschools benefit as well. See contest rules and guidelines listed on the essay contest page at www.catholictextbookproject.com/essay-contest/.

Holy Trinity Church accepts pre-orders for Lenten foods

Holy Trinity Church in Erie is accepting pre-orders through Feb. 5 for special Lenten foods. Payments are due with orders. For more information call 456-0671. Order pick-up dates are Feb. 7 after Mass, and Feb. 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Social Center, E. 23rd and Reed streets, Erie.



PREPARING FOR REMARRIAGE IN CHURCH? 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 1-800-374-3723 ext. 261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Erie.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SEMINAR - ERIE

Married and Engaged Couples: Would you like to gain a better understanding of yourself as man, woman, and couple? Learn about your gift of fertility and true love. Attend a Natural Family Planning series and realize your potential. For more information, call Annette, (814)866-0122 for classes beginning Thursday, February 25th from 7-9 pm in Erie



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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