

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017



Altar Angels
St. Patrick Church

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Book of Zephaniah was written during the reign of King Josiah of Judah (640-609 BC). One of the few righteous Israelite kings, Josiah attempted to reform Judah's regression into idolatry and its choice to depend upon foreign alliances rather than trusting the Lord. Much of Zephaniah's prophecy speaks of the impending day of judgment, but today we hear him address those who have faithfully served the Lord by worship of God alone in their rituals and in their daily lives. The reading is taken from two different chapters. The opening addresses the faithful in Judah while the remaining lines appear after a lengthy description of God's wrath. After describing God's judgement on the unfaithful, the prophet describes God's promise to the faithful.

Last Sunday's passage from First Corinthians briefly noted the importance of the Cross of Christ. In today's reading, Paul grapples with those who cannot or will not see God's wisdom in a crucified Savior. Because Corinth was such a large port city, members of the church there had been exposed to varied religions and philosophies. Paul, Jewish apostle to the Gentiles, must attempt to present Jewish views of wisdom to those influenced by Greek philosophy. While philosophy relied on human reason and abstract propositions, Jewish wisdom saw God as the sole source. Paul notes that God reversed the status quo of human wisdom, which placed great value on power and rank resulting from accidents of birth. Instead, divine wisdom on the lowly and despised emphasizes redemption as a gift, unearned and unmerited.

Matthew, writing to a Jewish audience, is aware of the growing presence of Gentiles in the church and stresses today that Jesus comes to both Jew and Gentile. Today's familiar reading—the

Sermon on the Mount - is the first of five sections of extended teachings of Jesus, whom Matthew portrays as a true teacher and interpreter of the Law of Moses. Like OT encounters with God, it takes place on the mountain and Jesus sits—assuming the posture of a rabbi.

Pope Francis said recently, "The Big Bang, that is considered to be the origin of the world, does not contradict the creative intervention of God; on the contrary, it requires it."

CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) is headquartered at Georgetown University and does surveying, etc. of the laity. Their new report is the most frightening I've read as it claims that young Catholics are leaving the church at an early age, often before the age of 13, and it is much more than being bored with Mass. They are leaving, says the report, and opting for no religion. Of those who have left, 63 percent said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17, and 23 per cent say they left the faith before the age of 10. The most common reason given is that they stopped believing in God or religion. The study reveals they want proof of what they are being taught about God. The study concludes that "it's a trend in the popular culture to see atheism as smart and the faith as a fairy tale."

Each year the diocese conducts the Catholic Services Appeal. To achieve their goal, each parish is assigned an assessment which we are required to pay. Any money raised above that assessment amount can stay in the parish. Last year our assessment was \$64,000 and we generated over \$100,000 which mean that \$36,000 remained in the parish. Our assessed goal this year is \$74,000, and I'm hoping that we can generate funds above and beyond that so that we can begin the restoration and rebuilding of our pipe organ. The income from this drive is the largest

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source of revenue for the diocese, and we all have an obligation to support the work of the diocese. We will conduct our appeal this year again during Lent with the kick-off on the first Sunday of Lent. You know I will not talk about money from the pulpit, but each of you will receive a letter and pledge card and I'm hoping you'll be able to help us with this appeal.

Msgr. Joe Wardanski retired Dec. 31 after 30 years as chaplain at St. Mary's Home. In anticipation of that, he moved into St. Patrick's rectory in early October and has been living in the former housekeeper's suite on a back wing of the second floor. That apartment includes a large living room with fireplace, large bedroom and bath. It has been nice having someone in the house; but because of health issues, he has moved into the Priest Retirement Home. So, if any of you have a tiff with your spouse, remember that I have 12 empty bedrooms here!!!! This house has 11,800 sq. feet, 34 rooms, 11 bathrooms, 12 fireplaces and me!!!!

A woman was having her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to her hairdresser who said, "Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. So how are you getting there?" "We're flying United," said the woman. "That's a terrible airline and they're always late." "Where are you staying," asked the hairdresser. When the lady named the hotel, the hairdresser threw a fit. "That's a dump. I've been there. Don't waste your time." "And we're going to the Vatican and hope to see the pope," said the woman. "You and a million other people," said the hairdresser. A month later the woman came in for a hairdo and the hairdresser asked her about the trip. "It was wonderful. First of all the plane was overbooked so they put us in first class; the hotel just had a \$15 million makeover and it was also overbooked so they put us in the penthouse suite. And then there was the best surprise of all. When we were touring the Sistine Chapel, a Swiss guard came over and said, "The pope likes to meet people and if you would be so kind, I'll take you to him." "I knelt down and he blessed us and then spoke to us," she said. "Oh really," said the hairdresser, "What did he say?" "He said, "Where did you get that awful hairdo?"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Edward J. Bukowski** from Patricia & John Sienicki.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for the **St. Hedwig Rosary Society members, living & deceased.**

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Theodore Widomski** from Rick & Ron Bolla.

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

The offertory for January 21, 2017 was \$570.00.

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— Fourth Sunday

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and peaceful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

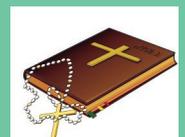


St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 4, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Bobby Sulecki
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,962.81
Online Giving	<u>1,497.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,459.81

Thank you for your generosity!

2016 CSA will close on Monday, January 30, 2017

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 memory of:

- ◆ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ◆ **Bonita West** from Thomas & Ali Schneider
- ◆ **Rose Fiorelli** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ◆ **Msgr. Lawrence Franklin** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis
- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Beverly J. Brown** from William Carney
- ◆ **Dan Carroll, Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney, Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ◆ **Dorothy A. LaGuardia** from Dario & Donna Cipriani
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Also donations from:

Timothy & Mary Margaret Mackey, John Godish, May Ellen Demyanovich, Karl & Virginia Kelm, Jay & Carol Habas, Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz, Dan & Beth Biletznikoff, Bill & Patty Jackson Vikki Scully and a Woman's Bingo Group

Special Thank You!!!

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MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

Which of the Beatitudes most typifies your spouse—living simply, grieving, humility, hunger for righteousness, merciful, acts with integrity in the face of temptations, peacemaking, works for justice despite personal attacks (Mt 5:1-12)



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Beth Pinto, Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Collin & Ryan Hudson*

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

Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joe Schneider*

Ushers: *John Maloney, 2 NEEDED*

Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Kearney, Tim Scully, Charla Leehmuis*

Greeters: *Charla Leehmuis*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

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

Offertory Counters: *Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary Williams*



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

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 28 Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:00 PM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(CARMIE HOGAN MUNSCHE)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

Jan. 30 Monday, Weekday8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKY" MABIE
(GUARINO ENTERPRISE)**Jan. 31 Tuesday, Saint John Bosco, Priest**8:00 AM MONICA ZAWADZKI
(KATHY & JACK CIERCERSKI)**Feb. 1 Wednesday, Weekday**8:00 am ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI
(CASS & BOB DENNING)**Feb. 2 Thursday, The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 AM CAROLYN QUIRK (FAMILY)

Feb. 3 Friday, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
Saint Ansgar, Bishop

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 4 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM THEODORE WIDOMSKI (BILL DZURICKY) - ST.H

5:00 PM LYNNE LONG - ST.P
(MICHAEL & PATTY DAILEY)**Feb. 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM CYNTHIA ROSE MCLAUGHLIN - ST.P
(PETE & JOAN PETRUSO)10:30 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN)**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

- 01/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/29** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
- 01/31** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/05** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

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.

**229 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL
THE CROSS OF ST. BRIGID OF KILDAIRE.**

Don't mean to be preachy, but this coming Wednesday, February first, just happens to be the feast day of the patroness of Ireland, St. Brigid. All over Ireland, schoolchildren will be making a cross just as Brigid did some 1,500 years ago, out of reeds. It is said that the cross, along with the Shamrock and the Harp, is one of the three symbols of Ireland.

So here's the story. In brief.

Brigid was born into pagan Ireland in 451, the daughter of a slave and, so, a slave herself, although it is said her father was a chieftain. He wasn't a very nice fellow as he apparently sold Brigid's mother when he found out she was pregnant. Brigid was born, the property of another chieftain, but would hold no food down that he gave her because he was impure. She was fed by a white cow with red ears instead. She was a wonderful giving person who always helped the poor and because of her loving nature was eventually freed and joined the church, reportedly becoming a good friend of St. Patrick.

One day, she had been called to the deathbed of a pagan chieftain, some say her dear old dad, in order to preach the word of Christ. The dying fellow was delirious and while ministering to him, Brigid picked up some straw from the floor of the hut and wove it into a cross. As she did so, the chieftain's delirium subsided and he requested to be baptized before he died. Brigid herself died on February 1, 525, of natural causes and this became her feast day. It is, coincidentally, also the pagan holiday Imbolc, which is the celebration of the pagan goddess, Brigid. St. Brigid, among other things, is the patron saint of eternal flames and her cross is said to protect homes from fire. Oddly, she is credited with the invention of a whistle used for calling others in the night. Originally buried in Kildaire, her body was plundered more than once and her skull (or most of it, at least) is in a church in Lumiar, Portugal.

If you are in Meadville with nothing to do, you might stop in at St. Brigid's Church there which dates originally from 1881 and say a prayer to Ireland's patroness.

And, if you come to the Erie Irish Festival, we'll have some reeds on hand and we'll offer a class in how to make your very own St. Brigid's Cross.

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.

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!



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – a new 8-part study featuring Jeff Cavins. This study helps you see an easier way to understand the Bible. It uncovers the story woven through Scripture in eight video and discussion sessions, and includes a study guide and timeline chart for you to keep. **Registrations must be in by Feb. 5** in order to have enough study guides delivered for the class. There are two session times available: Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. or at 6:30 p.m., beginning on Feb. 14. Both sessions will be held at Holy Rosary school. The cost is \$20 for the study guide. Contact the Faith Formation office for more information: 454-6322. Please note: we have plenty of Bibles available if you do not have one.

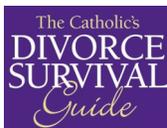


**Rince na Tiarna
Pub Night**



Molly Brannigans
Thursday, February 2, 2017
from 5-8 P.M.
dancer performances at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30
Celebrity Bartenders, 50-50 Raffles,
Craft Beers and more!!!

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@eriercd.org, or visit www.eriercd.org/cdsg.htm for more information.



Blessed Sacrament School, 2510 Greengarden Blvd. will hold its annual **open house** on Sunday, January 29, 2017. The school will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for tours and classroom visits. Registration and scholarship applications will be available, meet the faculty and administration. Student shadowing days are also available upon request by calling the school office at 814-455-1387.

Our Lady's Christian to host open house— Our Lady's Christian School, 606 Lowell Ave., Erie, will host an open house Jan. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call the office at 814-833-0927.



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

Book Signing at Werner Books, 3514 Liberty St. Liberty Plaza by local author Paul E. Fischer, Saturday, February 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **"Making Music" The History of the Organ and Piano Industries in Erie, Pennsylvania** features the St. Patrick Church Organ on the front cover.

American Spiritual Ensemble to perform at Mercyhurst— The Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture in Erie will host several of the world's finest classically trained singers when the American Spiritual Ensemble performs Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center on the campus of Mercyhurst University in Erie. Since its formation by Dr. Everett McCorvey in 1995, the ensemble's repertoire has ranged from spirituals to Broadway numbers. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students/youth. For more information, visit <http://miac.mercyhurst.edu/> or call 814-824-3000.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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