

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2016



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Jeremiah. In a world that permits the taking of life from the womb, the words God speaks to Jeremiah are especially striking: "in the womb I knew you." The words mean more than Jeremiah being set apart, dedicated to the Lord before he was even born. Before God gives Jeremiah any title, he is already in a relationship with him. Today's reading leaves out the section where Jeremiah argues that he is too young to undertake this role. Often the sign of a true prophet is his or her unwillingness to accept the role because it is a thankless job that brings more suffering and sorrow than reward. In response to Jeremiah's hesitancy, God reassures him for the task he will embrace. Notice that the words God uses are military in nature: "gird, stand, I command you, fortified city, pillar of iron." God speaks as if Jeremiah is preparing for war. And, in a sense he is as he will battle his brother priests and Jewish officials. The final line became a battle cry for the Jewish people when God told Jeremiah, "I am with you."

Today's words from Paul are his most poetic and perhaps the most poetic in all Scripture. He tells the Corinthians to seek the greatest spiritual gifts, not the showy gifts like speaking in tongues. He says that without love nothing matters.

Jesus is now home and he's just proclaimed an Isaian text declaring release to prisoners and sight to the blind. But his own neighbors react with a peculiar kind of blindness. Luke tells us they were amazed, but then they shift asking how a hometown boy could be so bright. They know his family and they wonder how he could have such insight. Luke is cleverly showing us that what happens in Jesus' hometown—praise followed by condemnation—will happen later in

Jerusalem. Because the liberation he will bring is not what the people expect, Jesus already knows that his message will not satisfy many. They seek signs and wonders; he brings truth. Jesus then cites two prophets who were rejected and who then turned to the Gentiles. Like a match tossed among tumbleweeds, Jesus' words ignite their passions and they drive him from their midst.

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to donate and help us with the expenses of our upcoming Homeless Shelter. The week costs us several thousand dollars. We need a thousand for utilities, etc. for the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center, we need to rent dumpsters, hire a cleaning service, purchase plates, utensils, some of the guests will need a new pair of pants or shoes, etc.

If you are also interested in volunteering to help with the Shelter please call the parish office and someone will contact you. All volunteers are mentored.

I will offer Scripture classes on Wednesday, March 2, March 9 and March 16. The 10 AM class will cover the dramatically different presentations of the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus as found in the four gospels. The evening class will be an Introduction to the Four Gospels. All I ask is that people call in with a reservation so that we know how many handouts to print. If you are interested in the evening class, please also indicate a preferred time and I will go with the majority. It appears that people are preferring that class be at 6 PM.

We recently cleaned out the vault at St. Patrick's rectory and you wouldn't believe what all we found. There is a bill for a 1900 funeral from the Quinn Funeral Home (which at that time was located across the street from the rectory). Also in the vault was Pierre Hamot's will. Pierre Hamot

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was one of early Erie's wealthiest citizen's and was the maternal grandfather of Charles Strong. The Strong mansion at 6th & Peach is now Old Main of Gannon University. Hamot owned a huge amount of property in the First Ward and gave one of those lots to St. Patrick's at the time of his death in 1846. Later his family would donate his home at the foot of State Street to become the first Hamot Hospital. We also found the assets of the estate of Fr. Joseph Cauley, youngest of the four brothers who died suddenly in 1919. His estate was valued at \$180,000 which gives you an indication of the enormous wealth of the family.

The four Cauley brothers served here from 1892 until 1954 and were extremely generous to the parish. They built the present 34 room rectory out of their own money in 1915.

Our 2016 Catholic Service Appeal drive will get underway in mid-February and this year I am particularly appealing for your help. Our assessment at St. Patrick's has increased from \$44,000 last year to over \$64,000 this year. Any money we raise above and beyond the assessment can stay in the parish, and those are the funds we use to pay down the debt on the restoration of the church. I'm hoping that you will help me with this appeal when you receive the mailing from us in February.

Representatives from all of the parishes in the Erie Vicariate will meet on Tuesday, April 12, at Our Lady of Peace for the next meeting of the Pastoral Planning process. It is expected that this meeting will present a draft proposal of the reorganization of parishes in the diocese.

The lawyer is cross-examining the doctor about whether he checked the pulse of the deceased before he signed the death certificate. "No," he said, "I didn't check his pulse." "And did you listen for a heartbeat?" asked the lawyer. "No, I did not," replied the doctor. "So," said the lawyer, "when you signed the death certificate, you had not taken steps to make sure he was dead." And the doctor replied, "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was in a jar on my desk, but for all I know he could be out practicing law somewhere."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention.**

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Alice Madonia** requested by the Juchno family.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$642.00. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Frances "Pat" Trojanowski (Theresa Koby Demski), Helen Zielinski (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Elizabeth "Betty" Jarzomski (Charlotte Mabie), Walter Grabinski (Nancy Duskus), John Spiegel (Jennie Pazdziesz), Robert T. Niedzwiecki (Kathleen Kennedy), Deceased St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members (Rosary members).

Celebrate Year of Mercy

10-day Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Portugal, Spain & France. May 8 - May 17, 2016. \$2,995 Fr. David Renne, Spiritual Director. \$300 deposit due at registration. www.tektonministries.org

Prayer For Those with Profound Disabilities

Lord Jesus Christ,

You know the pain of brokenness, You took our weaknesses upon Your shoulders and bore it to the wood of the cross. Hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters whose bodies fail them and whose minds are crippled by the ravages of disease. Implant a love for them deep within our hearts, that we, disfigured and disabled by our sin, may treasure and nurture the gifts of their lives. May we find You in their weakness, and console You in our care for them. For You are Lord, forever and ever. Amen

LENT BEGINS....ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 10

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 6

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Art Blum

Eucharist

Judy Pentz

Ushers

Ron Helminski
Richard Mielnik

Altar Servers

Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection 1/24/2016	\$ 7,925.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,170.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,095.00

CSA 2015 is now closed

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 honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

- ◆ In memory of **JoAnne Abbey Church and Nick Caccavo** from Michael Callaghan
- ◆ In memory of **JoAnne Barbara McCormick** from Patricia Heasley
- ◆ In memory of **Charles W. Weis** from Sarah & Todd Humphrey
- ◆ In memory of **the Vets** from Virginia & Karl Kelm
- ◆ In memory of the **Wegner family** fro Lynne Long
- ◆ In memory of **Edw. Masek & Elizabeth Sonntag** from Kathy & William Masek
- ◆ In memory of **Bill Muck** from Scott Muck
- ◆ In memory of **Geraldine Ciacchini and Dr. Quentin Orlando** from Dr. & Mrs. Q. Gregory Orlando

Also donations from:

Anne Lynch, Judy & Phillip Kelly, Marilyn Garfield
Scott Little, Judy Emling, Jill & Tom Fessler,
Kathleen & Eugene Polaski and Kathleen Horan

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.



You're invited to the St. Patrick's Day festivities sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. A letter detailing the events has been printed for each family and is on the table in the back of the church Please pick up your envelope and join the Knights and Ladies in honoring our patron saint.



229 DAYS UNTIL THE IRISH a FESTIVAL

Kathy Sertz can be found most Saturday evenings at 5:00 Mass with her husband, Jim. Kathy is another great example of what a caring, giving parish we have— she answered a plea in the bulletin to replace the chairperson for Festival decorations when he couldn't continue back at Rainbow Gardens. She recruited Jim and their good friends Ray and Patty Fiorelli to help out, and they've been handling it ever since. It's a big job—making sure all of the signs are right and more importantly, actually where they are needed. She photographs every booth and tent to make sure nothing is forgotten the following year and sorts and packs everything away when the festival closes. You can usually hear her during festival set up, "A little more to the right, Jim!"

Kathy and her crew can always use help for set-up and tear-down, and you won't find a more delightful boss to work for, so please consider volunteering. Tall people are especially good, but we do have ladders.

Kathy's email is marysertz@yahoo.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs,
gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com



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.

HOMELESS SHELTER

DONATIONS:

January 31, 2016 was the last day to drop off your personal hygiene items.

VOLUNTEERS:

Seeking women or couples who would be willing to work the 2nd shift (11 pm - 3 am). Please call the Parish office at 454-8085 or email the office at stpats@neo.rr.com.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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
- Feb. 1** *Monday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Feb. 2** *Tuesday, The Presentation of the Lord*
 8:00 AM MARY WALKER (THE MCENERY FAMILY)
- Feb. 3** *Wednesday, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
 Saint Ansgar, Bishop*
 8:00 AM WILLIAM HAYES (THERESA AND BARB JUCHNO)
- Feb. 4** *Thursday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM JOHN LOREI (PAT & JUDY MASTRIAN)
- Feb. 5** *Friday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*
 8:00 AM DOROTHY MARIE DOWD
 (GEORGE & SHIRLEEN DOWD)
- Feb. 6** *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:00 PM ALBERT, SOPHIE, & ALEX ZALEWSKI
 AND THOMAS ZALEWSKI - ST.H
 (ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI)
 5:00 PM LEO ZIELINSKI - ST.P
 (DOROTHY SNIDER & FAMILY)
- Feb. 7** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM ISABELLE MALONEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 10:30 AM IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER - 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.



ART CONTEST: open to all children in the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry in grades K-11 (3 age divisions). Submit your original artwork illustrating either a parable about mercy or one of the Words of Mercy. Details can be found at the church entrances or by calling the Faith Formation office at 454-6322. Winners in each division will receive a \$25 gift card and have their artwork hung in the parish.



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
- 01/30** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/31** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 01/31** 6:30 PM Young Adult Group January Event
 Molly Brannigan's
- 02/02** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/03** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/06** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/07** 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Monday, February 1st until Wednesday, February 3rd.

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.



Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm**
Lector: Kathleen Haslett
Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino, Yvonne Gersims
Greeters: Judy Kelly
Altar Servers: Ryan & Colin Hudson
Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers
- Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 8:00 am**
Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds
Ushers: John Maloney
- Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 10:30 am**
Lector: Mary Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Williams, Colleen Welch, Katie Froehlich
Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner
Altar Servers: Juliette Morales
Ushers: David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun
Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

A Family Perspective

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.





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



Support the RINCE NA TIARNA dancers **PUB NIGHT** on **Thursday, February 4, 2016** at Molly Brannigans! The Fun starts at 5:00 PM and continues to 8:00 PM. The dancers will perform at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 PM.

This years celebrity bartenders are John Bongiovanni, Dave & Terry Grab from Lillis, McKibben, Bongiovanni & Co., Beth Zimmer from Innovation Collaborative, Michael McGinnis from Desko Masonary, Father Mike from Cathedral Prep, Cheryl Heintz from Tipperary Irish Tours, Dr. Brad Fox from Saint Vincent Medical Group and Curt Smith from Harborcreek School Board. Music by Mike Kuhn of Jackson Station. 50/50 & Raffles featuring: Kindle Fire HD, Craft Beer, and Irish Accessories!



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.

Open house scheduled at Our Lady's Christian, January 31st.

Our Lady's Christian School, 606 Lowell Ave., Erie, will host an open house Jan. 31 from noon to 2 p.m. School tours and refreshments will be available. One \$500 scholarship will be given out for a child entering kindergarten through eighth grade in the fall.

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.



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



The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is committed to the yearly in-servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environment. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>. For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tip for Parents & Kids:



Place the computer in a well-trafficked area in the home where the whole family can use it. While this practice can help with younger children, parents need to realize that children today access the Internet in many ways: school, library, coffee shop, work or a friend's house. Devices such as cell phones, smart phones, consoles like Xbox and Play Station enable them to go online almost anywhere. Be aware of any other computers your child may be using. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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

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