

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017



Wedding at Cana
Stained Glass Window
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

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and today's first reading is part of an oracle that belongs to the third and last section of the Book of Isaiah. These chapters reflect a significant time in the history of God's people: the end of their long Babylonian captivity and a new beginning. The prophecies in these closing chapters include words of hope and comfort, reminders of the lapses that led to the downfall, and exhortations to a more faithful living of the covenant with God. In today's reading God is reminding them to be aware of their past insincerity. While they carried out rituals of praise and repentance, these rites were, in fact, empty gestures. Through Isaiah, God reminds them that religious words and gestures must signal deeper, broader realities. What God wants is not ritual, but concrete action on behalf of the needy, the poor and the oppressed.

Today's second reading is the fourth of seven readings we will hear from First Corinthians. Some of Paul's major convictions are mentioned briefly or suggested in today's reading. Though Paul had spent over two years preaching and teaching in Corinth, once he left many people fell back into old ways. The imperial culture of this large port city valued power, wealth and status, while various Greek philosophies exalted knowledge. Among all of these realities, Paul preached the wisdom of a Redeemer who died on a cross—the shameful instrument of public execution imposed upon revolutionaries and slaves. Paul's message offers not human but divine wisdom. One of Paul's major themes is that redemption results not from any human action but from divine grace.

Today's gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount which we heard proclaimed last Sunday. To hear Jesus' teaching and fail to act upon it is

worthless., like salt that has lost its flavor. The final line of today's gospel foreshadows important lessons that Jesus repeatedly emphasizes in the Sermon on the Mount. To be effective, words must be accompanied by deeds.

We are now in the very final stages of merging St. Hedwig Parish into St. Stanislaus. We have now transferred all of the names to St. Stanislaus. If you do not want your name included, please contact St. Stanislaus Parish. As part of this transition, the sacramental records have all been transferred, the accounting and bank records, the checkbook, etc. Starting next week, St. Stanislaus Parish will be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings at St. Hedwig's as well as paying the bills. Any monies that remain in the St. Hedwig checking account automatically will become part of the bank account at St. Stanislaus. In fact, there is very little money left to be transferred.

During the month of December, St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 8,884 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$1,914. During that month we served 294 elderly people, 661 children and 743 adults.

Our Homeless Shelter gets underway this Wednesday, and thanks to the leadership of Angie Kontur, it appears that everything is in order. Terry & Linda Pfeffer are coordinating getting any clothing, etc. that clients need; Carm Tellers has lined up all of the evening meals; Bill Welsh has collected personal items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, etc. In addition, we have volunteers lined up to staff the shelter each night. If you would like to help with the costs of the shelter we are still accepting donations.

American Catholics are an incredibly generous group of people. During 2016 they contributed \$7.3 million to special collections in response to

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domestic natural disasters. You donated \$3.2 million in response to storms in the south and Midwest in January. Later in the year, you donated \$3.8 million in the wake of the flooding in Louisiana and \$326,000 in response to Hurricane Matthew.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we will begin our annual Catholic Service Appeal. This annual appeal is the largest source of revenue for the diocese and it funds Catholic Charities, costs of our Marriage Tribunal as we no longer charge anything for annulments, it helps fund the priest retirement home, etc. To raise these funds, each parish is assessed based on an average of the income over the last three years. When I came to St. Patrick's in 2009, our assessment was \$22,000. Last year it was \$64,000, and this year it will be \$74,000. That is a lot of money, but we are also fortunate here in that our offertory income has grown in leaps and bounds, and it affords us the opportunity to reach beyond ourselves to help the diocese in their work. Each family in the parish will receive a letter from me with an envelope in the hope that you will make a pledge payable over the next 12 months. All I ask is that each of us, myself included, try to do what we can. I ask nothing more.

Among things that are financed by the CSA is St. Martin's Center, which St. Patrick's Parish also helps finance as well as provide volunteers. The CSA also finances a thing called the "Bishop's Breakfast." This breakfast is provided seven days a week at the Upper Room on Tenth and Peach and provides a hot breakfast and coffee for the homeless. Volunteers come in every day and help prepare and serve over a hundred people. Your support of the Catholic Services Appeal helps make this project a reality. If you are interested in volunteering there, contact our office.

The pope decided to visit the sick in a nursing home outside of Rome. He came to the room of an old man who showed no excitement or even any recognition that this was the Holy Father standing in his room. So the pope asked him, "Do you know who I am?" "No," replied the old man, "but if you ask the nurse at the desk, she'll tell you."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Helen Kurpiewski** from Caroline Rowinski, Kathy Driggers & Connie Rowinski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Living and Deceased Members.**

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwiecki** from Bruce Bauman.

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

The offertory for Saturday, January 28 was \$469.00.

On **Saturday, February 11, 2017** our native sons, Father John Santor and Father Thomas Alexa will co-celebrate the 4:00 PM Mass. The Mass intention is for the living and deceased members of St. Hedwig. A reception will follow in the handicap-accessible rectory.



St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family



Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michele Inter at 814-824-1257 or email at d&dministry@erieRCD.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

A Family Perspective—

Fifth Sunday

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our community. Parents shine their own guiding light by their actions, inviting their children to follow the light of their "good deeds."





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,307.25
Online Giving	<u>1,322.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,629.25

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Henry Patrick Cross

son of
Patrick & Nicole (Cangemi) Cross
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

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Kathy Alessi**.

Donation made in honor of **Terry Lynch's 80th Birthday** from Anne Lynch.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Barbara Coughlin** from Mary Anne Ashworth & Helen Zimmerman and Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Luke Purvis** from Tom & Colleen Welch
- ♦ **Mike Schloss** from Harold & Jeanne Bender, Jane Carney, BJ & Barbara Lechner, Marian Kahle & Jane Sundberg, Bonnie Tansey, Emily Sertz, Richard Fischer Family
- ♦ **Richard "Dick" Quadri** from Terry & Janine Sliker
- ♦ **William J. & Jane M. Carney** from Gary & Mary Pat Froehlich
- ♦ **Joey Deutsch** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Geo. Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield

Also donations from:

Ken & Alice Daub, William & Patty Gloecker, Robert & Carolyn Schenker, Dave & Julie Sanner, William & Mary Flanagan, Robert & Mildred Biebel, and Joe & Heather Kimball

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Kathleen Haslett**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Patty Dailey**

Greeters: **Tom & Linda Brunner**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

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

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Tom Golab, Lisa Straub, Audrey Reigel**

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

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Michele Wheaton**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Michele Wheaton, Ed Brown, Cyndi Pristello**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

Ushers: **Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Chuck Agresti**

Offertory Counters: **Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick**

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 February 4th/5th. Cead mille failte!



MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "you tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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)**Feb. 6** *Monday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 7 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 8 *Wednesday, Saint Jerome Emiliani;
Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 9 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 10 *Friday, Saint Scholastica*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 11 *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ST. HEDWIG CHURCH - ST.H5:00 PM BILL & MARY WHIPPLE - ST.P
(CAROL & JAY HABAS)**Feb. 12** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM ARTHUR CASEY (SR. MARIE) - ST.P

10:30 AM SARA CARLOW (FAMILY) - ST.P

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

- 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
- 02/07** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/08** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/12** 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.

**222 DAYS TO THE
2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL****THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS
FRIGHTFUL! TIME FOR AN IRISH
COFFEE.**

Just watching the snow swirl outside your window can give you pretty good chill and what better way to alleviate that blue winter feeling than with a nice hot Irish Coffee? This stuff works on so many levels. First, that warm mug cupped in your cold hands immediately begins to bring relief. Heck, just watching the rising steam and smelling that awesome fresh-brewed coffee makes you feel warmer. Then you take a sip and it's sweet, and bitter, and creamy, and the whiskey finish burns a bit and immediately you feel the warm glow radiating from your happy belly. It's Irish heaven on a cold, cold Erie afternoon. But, is Irish coffee really Irish or is it just coffee with whiskey in it?

Well, turns out it was invented in Ireland in 1942 by a guy named Joe Sheridan who was the chef at Foynes Airport to warm up the passengers of a transatlantic flight that had been turned back because of weather. Back then, Foynes was the major seaport for County Limerick and transatlantic flying was done in flying boats—large seaplanes—so the “airport” was actually a dock and the “runway” was the bay. Flying could be a cold and bumpy business and when a US bound plane was turned back that night in 1942, Joe thought they needed a little something extra to warm them up. So he added some dark sugar and some whiskey to the coffee and floated some freshly whipped cream on top. It was a huge hit that he took with him to the Shannon Airport when it opened in 1945, but the drink went ballistic in 1952 when a restaurateur from San Francisco flew through Shannon and had one of Joe's coffees.

Irish Coffee was tailor-made for an evening in the chilly fog of Frisco and soon after it made its appearance at the Buena Vista Café they were making upwards of 2,000 per day—still do. And from there it spread throughout America. Now, just about every bar in the country has its own recipe or technique or twist.

Here, as near as we can tell, is Joe's original recipe: *“Cream, rich as an Irish brogue; Coffee, strong as a friendly hand; Sugar, sweet as the tongue of a rogue; Whiskey, smooth as the wit of the land.”*

So now you have Joe's recipe, brew one up. Or, if you want us to make you one, we'll be more than happy to do it. You just need to wait 222 more days (it's worth it).

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.



2017 Weddings at St. Patrick's

Christopher Allen & Leslie Ridge

Steven Barr & Lindsey Carney

Robert DiPlacido & Jacqueline Masek

Shawn Gilronan & Kathryn Cook

David Harrington & Kristen Gehrlein

Cody Harris & Kathleen McCarthy

William Hilbert & Helena Fustine

Richard Jones & Sara Nevel

Andrew Michalak & Alexandria Nichols

Sean Nutter & Katelyn Kaveney

Jonathan Ogden & Stephanie Kelley

Anthony Poletti & Sarah Steen

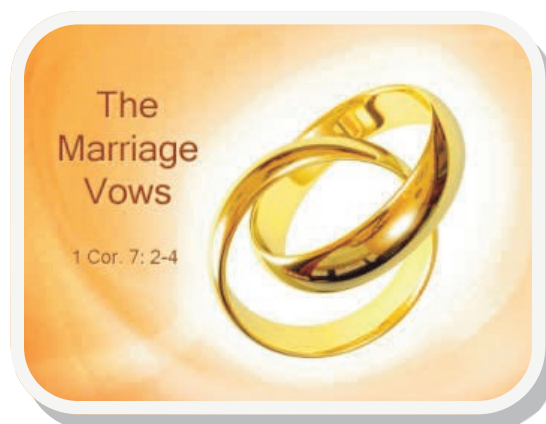
Blake Pennock & Amy Langer

Blake Ragghianti & Danielle Downey

Dylan Russell & Amanda Johnson

Aaron Tellers & Amy Kooser

Matthew Walkowiak & Kelli Rossman



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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