

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Originally written in Hebrew about 200 BC, the Book of Sirach was translated into Greek about a century later. The author announces the prevailing perspective of the wise in Judaism: all wisdom comes from God and thus endures forever. For God's people, the gift of wisdom was practical knowledge of how to live well in all relationships. By this time in Israel's history, exposure to various cultures, especially that of the Greeks, led to much more emphasis on individual responsibility. The author notes that trustful following of divine commands brings life, while disobedience earns death. He notes that God, the source of all wisdom, observes all human actions.

Last Sunday's reading from Paul acknowledged that the wisdom of the gospel he proclaims does not appear wise to his hearers. Today he notes that his proclamation contradicts the wisdom of his contemporary time and mentality. But that is because his message originated not from human reason but from the eternal, hidden plan of God. So impenetrable is divine wisdom that "rulers of this age" did not and could not know it; what God intended for humanity can be grasped only by divine disclosure. For Paul, God's plan is revealed in Christ's passage through the humiliation and agony of the cross to his conquest of death in the resurrection.

Today's gospel begins one of Matthew's primary Christological views; as a true Son of Abraham, Jesus does not abolish the law; but brings it to completion. Since Matthew's audience comprised mostly Jewish converts, Jesus' relation to the law of Moses was a matter of great importance. Continuing the Sermon on the Mount began two weeks ago, today's scripture continues to present Jesus as a teacher true to Jewish tradition. What follows are the first four of six

antithetical statements, contrasting the prevailing understanding of the law ("You have heard...") with that of Jesus ("But I say to you..."). Jesus takes his audience beyond the letter of the law to an understanding that a change of attitude must take place in the heart.

A newly released document from the Vatican on Christian Unity states that "Catholics are now able to hear (Martin) Luther's challenge for the Church of today, recognizing him as a witness to the gospel." There is speculation that Pope Francis may allow intercommunion for Protestants in certain limited cases. The speculation emerges from a visit of the pope to a Lutheran parish in Rome. At that time he responded to a Lutheran woman who asked about receiving communion with her Catholic husband; and the pope replied that she should "go forward" guided by individual conscience. The suspicion was given greater momentum last month when Cardinal Walter Casper, one of the pope's closest advisors, said he hoped that the pope's "next declaration opens the way for shared Eucharistic communion in special cases."

Celebrant of the weekend Masses this weekend is Father Jason Mitchell. Father Mitchell is on the faculty of Gannon University and also helps on weekends either at St. Patrick's in Franklin or at the Cathedral.

The bishops of Malta have issued guidelines which say that "divorced and remarried Catholics should receive Communion if, after a careful consideration of their situation, they are at peace with God." The guidelines continue, "If a separated or divorced person who is living in a new relationship manages, with an informed and enlightened conscience, to acknowledge and believe that he or she is at peace with God, he or she cannot be precluded from participating in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist."

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

The Sisters of St. Joseph recently made a donation of \$1,000 to our Food Pantry. The funds came from extra money generated in their 28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Fund.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal is currently underway in our parish. Because of the reconfiguration of parishes, each parish can conduct the appeal this year on their own timeline. We have decided to continue doing it in the regular time frame of Lent. We are required to make our first of four payments to the diocese on our assessment in early April, and so I will need funds by that time. Our assessment this year is \$74,000 which means I have to send \$18,500 to the diocese at that time.

I know this seems like we're sending the diocese a great deal of money, but we're also very fortunate at St. Patrick's with your generosity. All of our bills are paid, our assessments are current, we are able to provide programs, etc. as well as maintain these hundred year old buildings. We also have to help the broader church.

A police officer pulls over a speeding car and the officer says, "Our patrol helicopter clocked you at 80 mph." "The driver says, "Gee, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60." Not looking up from her knitting, the wife says sweetly, "Now, don't be silly, dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control." As the officer writes the ticket, the driver looks at his wife and says, "Can't you keep your mouth shut for once?" The wife smiles and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did." The officer makes out a second ticket for the radar detector. The officer frowns and says, "I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt. That's an automatic \$75 fine." The driver says, "Well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so I could get my driver's license out of my back pocket." The wife quietly says, 'Now, dear, you know very well that you never wear your seat belt when you're driving.' As the police officer is writing out a third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "Would you keep your big mouth shut!" The officer looks at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way?" "Oh heavens no, officer, only when he's drinking."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members, Living & Deceased.**

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Helen Kurpiewski** from Charlotte Mabie.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Edward Bukowski** from A. Duchini, Inc..

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

The offertory for Saturday, February 4 was \$895.00.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Valentine's Day



Jesus continually urges us to go beyond the letter of the law. He interprets "You shall not kill" (Mt. 5) as "Don't be angry." "You shall not commit adultery" might be interpreted as "Show your spouse that they come first and you love him/her wholeheartedly. Go the extra mile for your beloved today. Find a way to stretch your love.

Openings remain for NOVA—

Openings remain for NOVA, scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Lawrence Park. NOVA is a one-day premarital program designed for couples seeking remarriage or convalidation in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1265 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org to register.

Natural Family Planning—



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 on classes beginning Wednesday, March 15th in Erie, call Gretchen at 814-866-3008.

A Family Perspective

Sixth Sunday

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,312.00
Online Giving	<u>1,797.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,109.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Georgia Lee Wachter
 daughter of
 David & Emily (Hartwig) Wachter
 who will be baptized
 after the 10:30 AM Liturgy



*The Sanctuary Lamp
 burns in loving memory of
 William J. & Jane Ward Carney
 from family*

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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert Denny and Keith Sweeney** from Sue Gushie
- ♦ **Chris DiLoreto** from Rob & Patti Oliveri
- ♦ **Debby & Carol Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Lynne Long** from Judy Emling
- ♦ **Barbie Coughlin and Ann & Chris Cuzzola** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **William J. and Jane M. Ward Carney** from William J. Carney
- ♦ **Ronald Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Nancy Gallagher** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon

Also donations from:

Phil & Judy Kelly, Phil & Denise Rewers,
 Ken & Alice Daub and Jay & Carol Habas

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Kaleigh Hubert,
 Alex Vinesky*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *Emilio & Gemma Filippi*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oliveri, Phil Rewers,*

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Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab,, Lisa Straub,
 Joe Schneider*

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

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dario Cipriani, Ryan Palm,
 Colleen Welch*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
 Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey*

Annual Jewelry and Purse Collection

2017 Erie Irish Festival

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's time again to recycle your unwanted jewelry and purses. Because of your generosity last year, we were able to raise over \$2,500 for the church.

The sale was so successful and so popular that this year we are doubling the size of our jewelry and purse area!

Please bring your gently used watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and purses to our special collection before masses on **February 18 and 19**. If you are interested in volunteering at our booth for the festival, please contact Patty Dailey (814) 461-9845.

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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

Feb. 13 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 14 *Tuesday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 15 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 16 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 17 *Friday, The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 18 *Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*5:00 PM MARILYN WAYLAND, ANNIV. - ST.P
(JOAN & DAVE HEUBEL)**Feb. 19** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM DEBBIE & CAROL DONNELLY - ST. P
(JAMES DONNELLY & FAMILY)

10:30 AM PHIL FATICA (FAMILY) - ST.P

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

- 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
- 02/14** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/19** No religious education classes

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.

**Families Always Matter**

Looking for resources for your family?
Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:
<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

**215 DAYS TO THE 2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL****TRY A LITTLE TENDERNESS--AND A LOT OF JEWELRY.**

Remember that great old soul song, "Try a Little Tenderness?" It reminds us all that "women do get weary wearing the same old shabby dress."

Well, if women get weary wearing the same old shabby dress, just think how weary they get wearing the same old shabby jewelry or carrying the same old shabby purse. So, as the song tells us, men, try a little tenderness—in the form of a Valentine's Day gift of some shiny new jewelry or a new purse. Or, for even more tenderness, a new purse and some new jewelry.

And all of you weary women out there need to make room in your jewelry boxes for that beautiful new ring, or bracelet, earring or necklace, or watch, and room on your closet shelf for that new Italian leather purse that your man is going to buy you. And the best way to make room is by donating all of that old, shabby jewelry and those old shabby purses (Look, we know they're not really shabby, but he doesn't need to know that) to the Irish Festival Jewelry Sale.

And, men, we know you get weary too—with shabby watches and shabby cuff links and shabby earrings (come on, some of you do). So when that beautiful Valentine of yours gives you a new watch, donate the old one.

Next weekend Jewelry Chairperson, Patty Dailey, will be here to collect all of your beautiful, lightly used jewelry and purses for this year's Irish Festival Jewelry and Purse Sale. Last year was a great success, thanks to Patty and her helpers, but just as much, thanks to your donations.

One of the most fun and profitable items in the booth last year was the high-end purse auction—Kate Spades, Coaches, Dooney & Bourkes. A couple of lucky winners got some real purse bling to wow their friends. This year we need more of those great designer purses, so, ladies, what do you say? Can you help us out? The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

So, try a little tenderness this Valentine's Day and please bring your gently used jewelry and purses to mass next weekend, February 18 and 19. You can always buy them back at the Festival if you have second thoughts, and if you forget, you can always drop them off at the gift shop all year round. But please, don't forget.

If you would like to help or donate time or money, you can contact us, Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.

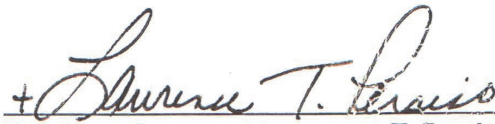


Lawrence T. Persico
Bishop of Erie

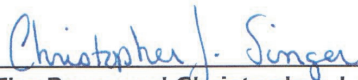
I hereby re-appoint the Reverend Monsignor Henry A. Kriegel as Pastor of Saint Patrick Parish, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Your appointment will take effect on Monday, February 13th, 2017.

Given at the Chancery in Erie, Pennsylvania this 2nd day of February in the Year of Our Lord, 2017.



The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FOR Saint Patrick Church

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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