

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 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 of Lent and we read from Joshua. There is a similarity to this reading and our gospel, the story of the Prodigal Son—one of the most powerful stories of forgiveness in all of the scriptures. Both narratives proclaim the faithfulness of God who waits, merciful and forgiving, for the return of the one who lost his way, and then returns home. In this text, it is Israel who returns. Having fled to Egypt in a time of famine, they have been enslaved for centuries until Moses led them back to God's promise. But because of their disobedience and lack of faith, they wander for forty years. A fuller reading of this story notes that none of those who left Egypt were allowed to enter the Promised Land because of their lack of faith; only those born in the desert eventually entered. Today is Laetare Sunday, Latin for "rejoice" because we are reminded that God will care for us despite our lack of faith and that he will forgive and welcome us when we recognize our failings.

Paul reminds us that ours is not the novelty of new land celebrated in Joshua, but a newness that is total and complete in Christ. We are a "new creation." Like the father in today's gospel, God is overeager to reconcile, for while we were disobedient, he sent his Son to reconcile us to himself. Discord is part of human life and it was evident at Corinth, which Paul addresses as he encourages them to reconcile with one another.

Today's gospel speaks of the inexhaustible mercy of God. There is a strange twist in this story and that is with the older brother who takes the stage at the end of the story. The love of the father cannot penetrate a heart unwilling to receive it. We never learn of the elder boy's decision. It is possible he spends the night in a den of anger rather than feasting with the others. Note that in both cases, it is the father who goes out to the sons. As the elder, the angry brother was entitled

sons. With the younger, the sight of the boy brings him running; with the elder, his absence sparks the father's initiative. As the story points out so very well, the father is always ready to embrace and forgive us. The crucial question is: are we ready to accept it?

Our second Scripture classes will be held this Wednesday with the morning session at 10 AM in the church and the evening class at 6 PM in the church. The morning session will address the passion and crucifixion as found presented quite differently in each of the four gospels. The evening session will be an introduction to the four gospels. Each class is 45 minutes to an hour.

I hate to nag on something, but I really need your help with this year's Catholic Services Appeal. At St. Hedwig's, we have to raise over \$10,000 and at St. Patrick's over \$63,000. You can make a pledge and pay it over the coming 12 months or you can pay in full.

Contribution statements have been mailed out from both parishes for 2015. If you would like one and have not received it, please call the parish office, and we will send one.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick will sponsor their annual St. Patrick's Day parade next Saturday.

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick's will hold their 2016 initiation of new members next Sunday with a 5 PM Mass in church followed by a cocktail hour and dinner at the Cathedral Center.

Among Lenten programs being offered by parishes in the East Erie Deanery is a program on Tuesday from 6:30—8:30 in the Ward Center at St. Mark's Parish, Lawrence Park. Barbara Edwards, licensed psychologist, will speak on the psychological/spiritual approach to dealing with

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anger. Anyone interested in attending should contact St. Mark's Parish (899-3000).

Polish/English confessions will be offered on Palm Sunday at 2 PM at St. Stanislaus Parish. St. Stanislaus is also offering Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays during Lent at 7 PM.

As part of our Pastoral Planning process, we are all attempting to do more things together, to share our programs, etc. with other parishes. We're all in this together; we're not in competition.

I read recently that over 60,000 people received ashes at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Ash Wednesday. By the time I finished here that day, I felt we were running a close second!! On a serious note, I have to tell you how impressive it was to see all of the Erie Insurance, Hamot and other professional people who work downtown attend the noon Mass. I always love it when I look out from the altar and see St. Patrick's Church completely full.

We're continuing with some ongoing maintenance work at St. Patrick's. At the same time we are insulating the rectory attic, we are also putting insulation around all of the pipes in the basement of the church. If you go down there in the winter, it is boiling hot; and they tell me that we will recover 20% of the cost of this in the first year alone by saving on heat. And, finally, we're doing work in the rectory kitchen. You may recall the ceiling collapsed earlier this year. That has been repaired, the tile work on the walls restored and three new windows have been ordered which, again, will make a big difference with heat.

Some questions and answers at a recent AARP Forum: Q. "Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?" A. "Try a bookstore, under Fiction!" Q. "How can I increase the heart rate of my 70-year-old husband?" A. "Tell him you're pregnant!" Q. "How can I avoid the curse of elderly wrinkles?" A. "Take off your glasses." Q. "Is it common for 70-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?" A. "Storing memory is not the problem. Retrieving it is."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** requested by the St. Hedwig Rosary Society .

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Dorothy Mielnik.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$530.00. Thank you and God Bless.

Lenten Dinners

Polish Falcons—

Every Friday at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons serving from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Blessed Sacrament Parish—1626 W 26th St.,
Friday, March 11th from 4:30 -7 pm

Saint Stanislaus Church—516 E 13th St.
Friday, March 11th from 4 - 7 pm

Final Call: Register for the 2016 Catholic men's conference in Erie

2232 Men, the third annual conference for Catholic men in the Diocese of Erie, is scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 12, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. (registration at 8). Based on our Lord's exhortation to Peter (Luke 22:32), the day is designed to help me reflect on deepening their faith so they can be a source of strength for their families and others. Hear inspiring national speakers and enjoy opportunities for adoration and reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. For more information and to register, visit www.2232Men.com or call (814)455-7364. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>March 12</u>
	Saturday
	4:00 PM
Lector	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie



*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,582.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,170.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,752.00

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:

The Restoration Fund

- ♦ In memory of **Lady Dorothy Griffin** from Mary Daly
- ♦ In memory of **Dorothy "Aunt Dot" Griffin** from Madeline Chapman
- ♦ In memory of **Dorothy Griffin** from Mary Fabrizio McCarthy, and Tom & Jean Peterson
- ♦ In memory of **Janet Nelson McDonald** from Jane Carney, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Swahon, Elaine Boetger, Carol & Art Hood

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ♦ In memory of **John Mack** from Cheryl Goetz, and Maggie McMahon Collins
- ♦ In memory of **Dorothy Griffin** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ In memory of **Maryann & Jim Mahoney, and Norma & Pat Causgrove** from Anne & Paul Causgrove
- ♦ In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski & John Black** from Frances Sokolowski

Also donations from:

Irene & John Nemergut, and Candy & Mark Bukowski

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

(Additional)

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Bill & Mary Flanagan

IMO John & Violet Waldron, Bill & Betty Flanagan

Dennis & Marie Gritzer

IMO Bill Rosa

Elisa Guida

Mary Guida

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Don & Marilyn Tuberson

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel*

Greeters: *Angie Kontur*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

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

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney*

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Brown*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Cyndi Pristello, Ed Brown, Colleen Welch*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan*

It would be greatly appreciated if you know your availability for the Easter Holiday. Please contact the office at 454-8085 or email at stpats@neo.rr.com

In celebration and in honor of our patron saint, we hope you'll join us for all the March celebrations as we bring the spirit of Saint Patrick to the Erie community.



This year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12th, beginning at 2 pm. If you'd like to be included with a float or wish to march in the parade, please contact Michele Wheaton at (814) 824-2086 or at mwheaton@mercyhurst.edu.

In addition, on Sunday, March 13th, the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick will host a Mass and induction ceremony at 5 pm at St. Patrick's Church.

A dinner following the liturgy will take place at Saint Peter Cathedral School, 11th and Sassafras. Calamari's will cater the dinner and the menu will include corn beef, cabbage and other traditional Irish fare.

All parishioners are most cordially invited and encouraged to attend the parade, Mass, induction, and dinner. These events are great ways to build community in the parish and enjoy all that is Irish.

Please RSVP for the dinner and purchase tickets by contacting Colleen Welch at (814) 455-8571. Dinner tickets are priced at \$20.

194 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

Another born & raised Erie couple, Terry and Linda Pfeffer, were married in 1967 at St. George's. They spent 40 years in Pittsburgh, making a living, Terry in accounting and investments, Linda as a paralegal, and raising their two sons, Glenn and Gregg (who was married at St. Pat's to Jen Verno). When Terry retired in 2007, they moved back. Terry spends his time hunting and fishing and keeps his hands in accounting a bit, and Linda paints and gardens, and they both golf and enjoy time with friends and family, including two grand-daughters, Nena and Paige. And, oh yes, Terry overseas festival set-up and Linda is in charge of ticket sales. I think they work harder at being retired than they did at their careers.

Set-up is a big, big job with lots of grunt work and brain work, too many details to mention, and did I mention grunt work, and Terry gets it done, done right, and done in time for the bagpipers to open the festival. He's in the street for a solid week—set up starts on Tuesday, tear down usually finishes the following Tuesday. Sure, he gets a lot of help, but, he can always use more.

Linda takes responsibility for ticket sales—something in the range of 35,000 tickets get passed around the festival from Friday afternoon to Sunday night. And of course shows up for set-up as well and keeps an eye on Terry.

We'll set up the official volunteer website a bit closer to the festival, but if you have questions, concerns, comments, or offers of help and support, you can reach Terry at tlpfef5@gmail.com and Linda at tlpfef@gmail.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, gjohnson@brotolosouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. We welcome your comments, suggestions, questions, or blank checks made out to the Erie Irish Festival.



A heartfelt thank you from Patty Dailey to all who donated jewelry and purses for the Irish Festival.

Forgot to bring yours last week? Don't worry, Patty and her committee will continue to accept your donations up to festival time, just drop off your treasures in the Trinity Gift Shop before or after masses! THANKS!

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

March 5 *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(SON, TOM & FAMILY)

5:00 PM TIMOTHY KINDLE (LAMPE FAMILY) - ST.P

March 6 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM THOMAS CICCHETTI (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ALFRED J. SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.P

March 7 *Monday, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 8 *Tuesday, Saint John of God, Religious*

8:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI, (HERBERT & MARY BROWN)

March 9 *Wednesday, Saint Francis of Rome, Religious*

8:00 AM RUTH "DOLLY" & JOE HIGGINS
(JEANNE O'BANION)

March 10 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM MARTIN MIKESKA (THE DUBOWSKI FAMILY)

March 11 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK (DONNA WASKIEWICZ)

March 12 *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM REGINA LONCKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS - ST.P
(FAMILY)

March 13 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM RAY FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(PATTY & RAY FIORELLI)

10:30 AM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH-ST.P
(FAMILY)

5:00 PM KNIGHTS & LADIES - 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

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| 03/05 | 3:30 PM | Confessions - St.H |
| | 4:30 PM | Confessions - St.P |
| 03/06 | 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 |
| 03/08 | 11:00 AM | Food Pantry - PR |
| 03/09 | 12:00 PM | A.A. - PR |
| 03/12 | 3:30 PM | Confessions - St.H |
| | 4:30 PM | Confessions - St.P |
| 03/13 | 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 |

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.





WEDDINGS AT ST. PATRICKS 2016

Jacob Campanini & Ashley McCoy

Conor Connell & Larissa Cubero

Derek Connors & Amanda Bivens

Jeremy Haibach & Lindsay Caputo

Thomas Meighan & Alyssa Kozik

Christopher Slusarz & Debra Brunner

Anthony Weaver & Danielle Azirici

Richard Wilcko & Christina Scutella

Matthew Williams & Amy Schulz

Robert McFadden & Jacquelyn Podrasky

Michael Wolf & Courtney Marsteller

Ryan Butters & Jennifer Widomski

Matthew Grennan & Jillian Popadak

Robert Boldon & Rebecca Schuster

Adam Sobenko & Amber Johnson

Andrew McIntosh & Jessica Maxumczyk

John DeMarco & Aubry Regan

Ethan Lopez & Sarah Erichson

William Gerhold & Amanda Steff

Joshua Kissell & Alyssa Harpst

Kevin Pollock & Carly Carroll

Nathaniel Ehrman & Nicole Englert



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☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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