

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 5, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Aerial View

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 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Imagine Elijah's dismay when the son of the starving widow (the woman who has been so good to him and trusted him), grows ill and dies. In her grief, the woman fears that the prophet has come to expose her sins and bring God's punishment down upon her. Elijah believes God led him to her door, so we can imagine him trying to make sense of this. He has a relationship with God that is based on trust and so he stretches out three times on the dead boy's body and begs the Lord to bring him back to life. Three times, not once, he makes this prayer before the boy revives. When the mother receives her son back, she says, "Indeed I know you are a man of God," she may as much be speaking for Elijah who likely was as awed by God's mercy as she was.

In our second reading, Paul writes to converts he himself won to the faith, noting that they have false notions that they need to add aspects of Jewish law, namely circumcision, to their faith. The false missionaries preaching this even question Paul's authority, saying he was not instructed by Jesus and that his teaching differs from that of the Apostles. Here Paul is legitimating both his status as an Apostle and his teaching of the faith. Paul here discloses that after God called him, he went to Arabia for three years to pray in solitude, like many of the great biblical figures. Paul ends his explanation saying he spent fifteen days with Peter and consulted only one other, James.

Remember how our first reading and gospel are always connected. Today we have two widows losing their only son. In each, a man of God intervenes and restores the son to life. But the differences reveal the nature of Jesus' ministry and open a window into the kingdom he proclaims. Unlike Elijah, Jesus is a model of composure; he

is centered and peaceful. He doesn't climb stairs to be alone with the boy and God and cry out in desperation. Instead, before all he takes full control. On his own authority and through a power that resides in him, Jesus speaks the young man back to life. The crowd responds, as did the widow in 1 Kings, with the realization that the miracle worker is a man of God. But here the crowd was seized with "fear." Luke's crowd senses the shift in human history that Jesus represents. The world is about to turn and Jesus is the one pushing it.

All of the parish feedback on the draft of a pastoral plan for the diocese has been received and is being studied by the diocese. It's noteworthy that Bishop Persico has listened very carefully to reasoned responses which differ from earlier proposals. When the diocese proposed Middle Schools for the city of Erie, parents sought another solution and it was achieved. When Venango Christian HS was to close, again a reasoned group of people showed how they think they can keep it open. A couple of parishes have presented again reasoned responses as to why they think the proposal for their parish is less than adequate. It is a sign of the life and vitality of the church when people can differ in opinion, but sit together with reasoning and faith, and come to new solutions.

Once all of this data is studied, a final plan will be released in September to be implemented on February 17, 2017. We're living in a moment when the church which was so familiar to us is rapidly changing. Parishes in the southeast and southwest are booming as people move to those areas; but primarily in the northeast, the churches are emptying and closing. It is both a matter of demographics and the unsettling reality that many of our children are no longer participating in the faith in which they were baptized. There will certainly be more changes in the future.

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

People who attend Mass at a church in Florida, South Carolina, etc. all talk about the huge numbers of people who are present, the size of the parishes, collections, etc. But, look more carefully and, once again, you will see very few young people present. It is but a matter of time that many of these parishes are going to face the same realities that we are now facing. The Spirit is taking us somewhere—I don't have a clue where.

St. Patrick parishioner, Jamie Power, will be ordained a priest on Friday evening at St. Peter's Cathedral, and I know you join me in congratulating him and thanking God for the gift of a young man willing to give his life for the church. He will celebrate his First Mass here next Sunday afternoon at 2 PM. The public is welcome at both events.

Beginning in the early 1890s and continuing well into the 1960s, St. Patrick's Parish published an "Annual," which listed all of the individual donations of parishioners as well as a financial report of the parish, etc. A column that appeared for years titled "Musings of the Pastor," included this little tale in 1916. "An Indian named Man-Afraid – of-Nothing, married a white woman recently in Montana. A week later he went to the tribal leadership and asked to change his name.

When we finished the restoration of the Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick's recently, the company took a look at the collection of fragile wooden "Cauley Angels" which we have—30" tall statues which are in the sanctuary— and we are going to have them repaired and restored also.

Some random thoughts: "I might wake up early and go running. I also might wake up and win the lottery. The odds are about the same."....."Some days you eat salads and go to the gym. Some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put pants on. It's called balance."....."Walmart is closing 269 stores in 2016 putting 14 cashiers out of work."....."Some things are better left unsaid, which I generally realize right after I have said them."....."Why don't I have any tattoos? For the same reason you don't put a bumper sticker on a Ferrarri."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski from Dr. Joanne Finn.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of Genevieve Gorski from Tom & Sharon Zielinski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of George Michael Dowd from George & Shirleen Dowd.

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

Due to early publishing deadlines the weekly offertory for May 28th will be published in the June 11/12th bulletin.

Raffle—

Holy Name Society will be conducting a raffle of 2 theme baskets, baked goods basket and gifts cards. Tickets are available before and after 4:00 Mass through June 18.

Tickets are 1 for a \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Special Thanks—

On Saturday, June 11, the Rosary Society will host a get-together after the 4:00 PM Mass in the meeting room under the church to show our appreciation to our lectors, ushers, money counters, Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers of St. Hedwig Church.

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Peter Zielinski (Kathleen Mahonen), Chet Loncki (Cindy & Ed Koval), Robert Osmer (Leo & Diane Weber), Peter Dubowski (Mr. & Mrs. William Thompson), Albert Mabie (Matt & Maria Smith)

Effective July 1, there will no longer be telephone service at St. Hedwig office. The office is closed and is now located at St. Patrick's Parish office. To help save expenses, we are eliminating the telephone at St. Hedwig's. If anyone has business with St. Hedwig's, want to request a Mass intention, etc. please call St. Patrick's office at 454-8085.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

June 11 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Art Blum	<i>Pray the Rosary</i>
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	<i>Daily</i>
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski	
	Tom Kurpiewski	
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	



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Stewardship

Due to early publishing deadlines the weekly offertory for weekend of May 28/ 29th will be reported in the June 11/12th Bulletin.

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Marjorie McDonald** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Iona M. Runiewicz** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Father "Tex" Hilbert** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
- ♦ **Mary Nason** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ **Jamie Tomczak** from John & Barbara Reitingner
- ♦ **Gail Masenas Orbanek and Joan Rewers** from Phil & Denise Rewers

Also donations from:

Eugene & Kathleen Polaski, Rev. John Bauer,
Barbara Brairton, John & Irene Nemergut,
Mark & Barbara Sargent, Michael & Dotty Schloss,
Dave & Julie Sanner and Bill & Mary Flanagan

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



Let Us *Welcome*
Maeve Josephine Yaple
daughter of
Wellie & Jeanne (Rennie) Yaple
and
Jacob Zach Cardona
son of
Rodolfo & Sheila (Valdez) Cardona
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
Jim Sertz

Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae,
Michelle Tortorelli

CUP: Forrest Mischler, Ed Smith

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Michelle Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Susan Merski, Mary Frick



The SSJ Neighborhood Network provides emergency food and supplies for residents of Little Italy. Below is a list of items that they are desperately low on. They would appreciate any contribution.

Toilet Paper	Non-perishable food items such as:
Paper Towels	Ramen Noodles
Multi-Purpose Cleaner	Mac & Cheese
Window Cleaner	Canned Food (soup, meals,
Diapers—all sizes	vegetables, tuna, chicken)
Bath Soap	Spaghetti Sauce
Liquid Dish Soap	Pasta
Liquid Hand Soap	Large cans of fruit drinks
Shampoo	
Deodorant (Men's/Women's)	

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday 9-4 and Friday from 9-Noon or at the SSJNN, 425 W 18th St, 454-7814.

A Family Perspective—



The widow in today's gospel was in deep trouble. Her husband and her only son were dead. In that male dominated society woman owned nothing and were totally dependent on men for their livelihood. She would be reduced to begging. Restoring her son to life, Jesus also restored the woman to life.

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.





103 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

A SNEAK PEEK AT SOME FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

You already know that Friday night is Irish Fish and Chips night with Harp Battered fish and fresh cut fries. And that sounds awesome, you say, but what else can I expect?

How about **Corned Beef and Curry**? No, not to eat—to listen to. One of the hottest Irish bands in our neighbor to the south, the Burgh, is composed of two Irishmen and an Indian—like from India—who plays Irish fiddle like a Dublin native while dancing through the crowd and firing up the audience like we've never seen. Don't wear your favorite socks Friday night unless you want to lose them.

And Friday is the return of the **Sports Bar** with a new pub menu that includes the introduction of the Erie Irish Festival's New Signature **Guinness Beer Cheese**—or Irish Gold as we call it. You can get the Irish Gold on soft pretzels, Irish Nachos (with corned beef or course), and Irish Hounds—how about a dog with corned beef and Irish Gold? And you can still catch your favorite game on our big screen TVs.

Saturday, try an **Irish Burger** with Guinness Beer Cheese and **Jameson Whiskey Sauce** on fresh, Erie-baked rye bread for lunch. Or have our killer **Reuben**, or our new **Rachel** (turkey, swiss, and cole slaw grilled on fresh Erie-baked rye).

And while you're enjoying your lunch, join in a celebration of our local Irish roots as Buffalo author **Roseanne Higgins**, who has written three novels on the subject, talks about Irish immigration to our part of the country, followed by a set of songs of exile and emigration by Irish band **County Mayo**. And later that night, enjoy a pint and some pub grub, while County Mayo returns to headline the evening bill with pub songs and Irish favorites.

Sunday it's a traditional **acoustic brunch** with Ohio's **Mo Chairde** and Buffalo's **City Fiddle**. And on the menu? How about a plated Irish Breakfast of corned beef hash, eggs, and Irish soda bread with real Irish butter. No? Well then try the return of **Bangers and Mash**, prepared in the old Irish fashion with Guinness stout braised onions and colcannon. Oh, and be sure to start your brunch with one of our signature **Bloody Mary's** and end it with a an **Irish Coffee**.

As if all this isn't enough, there's other stuff—magicians, the world's tallest leprechaun, Irish step dancing, the Leprechaun Village, an Irish joke telling contest, new Irish ice cream sodas, Irish whiskey tasting, gourmet mc and cheese, and all those fabulous vendors. And remember, admission is free! And we're working really hard to make all our menu items family affordable. No wonder we're excited—you should be too.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. How can you not afford to be part of this fantastic event?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

June 4 *Saturday, Vigil: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, - ST.H
LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM JOSEPH D'ANDREA, ANNIV. - ST.P
(SUE & JERRY VERGA)

June 5 *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DOLORES GILES, ANNIV. (JOE GILES) - ST.P

10:30 AM HUGH KEARNEY - ST.P
(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY)

June 6 *Monday, Saint Norbert, Bishop*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 7 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PATRICIA WEHAN (EDWARD HESS)

June 8 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM RON HALDER
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER & FAMILY)

June 9 *Thursday, Saint Ephrem, Deacon and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM IRMA LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN)

June 10 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM T. JOSEPHINE JUCHNO (JUCHNO FAMILY)

June 11 *Saturday, Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM RALPH & JANET SCHAUBLE - ST.P
55TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

June 12 *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P

10:30 AM JIM BUCKLIN - ST.P
(MIKE & CHERYL STEPHANY)

2:00 PM REVEREND JAMIE POWER — FIRST MASS - 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

06/04 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/07 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

06/08 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

06/11 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Anniversary Celebrations—



The 2016 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Harborcreek and Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Queen of the World Church, St. Mary's. To register, please go to <http://www.eriercd.org/anniv.htm> or contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814) 824-1250 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 250.



Rev. Mr. James Patrick Power

will be ordained to the

Sacred Order of the Priesthood

by

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico,
Bishop of Erie

Friday, June 10
7 PM

St. Peter Cathedral

First Blessing and light reception will follow in St. Peter School.

He will celebrate his

First Mass

Sunday, June 12
2 PM

Saint Patrick Church

First blessing and a light reception will follow on the church lawn.

The public is invited to attend both ceremonies.

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

Want Envelopes

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