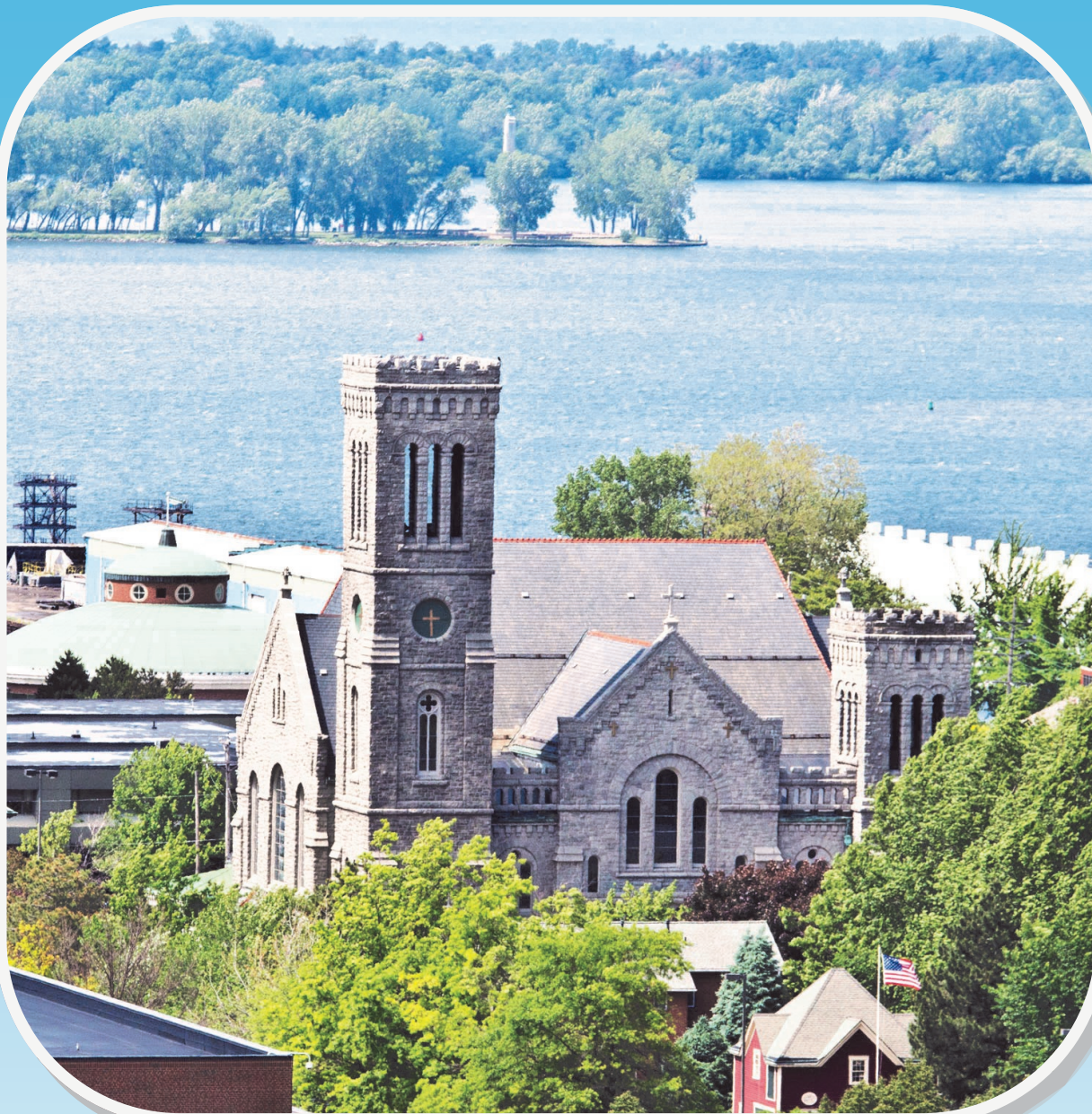


Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016



Saint Patrick Parish

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Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ecclesiastes" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name of this book, *Qoheleth*, which means a collector of wisdom. The singularly pessimistic perspective of the book seems foreign to everything else said in the Bible. While an occasional ray of sunlight breaks through the author's gloom, the book's overall message reeks of skepticism and argues against finding any lasting value in the things of life, not money, not fame, not pleasures, nothing. The author sees life as futile and pointless. Death awaits us. It's no wonder this is the only time we read from this book in the Sundays of the year. But remember that it is written by a man of faith. There is no denying the truth that nothing endures; we can't take our wealth or fame with us for our favorite possessions. Jesus will say the same in today's gospel.

The chief difference between our first two readings today is that Paul offers a clear alternative to the things of this world that he says lead to futility and meaninglessness. Like Ecclesiastes, he tells us that worldly things don't sustain us and don't endure. In baptism we experience the saving death of Christ as well as a share in his resurrection. He notes that our new life is hidden from a world that doesn't understand us and from the devil who would take it from us. It's even hidden from ourselves if we lose heart. Paul concludes by noting that differences have been removed in Christ. It's our oneness in him that makes us distinct, not our differences in color or nationalities.

Echoes of our first reading can be heard in the gospel, but the impact is quite different. First, Jesus refuses to arbitrate a quarrel between brothers because it is driven by greed. He notes that possessions don't substitute for the real things of life. The theme of the first reading continues as

we hear a parable about someone fretting about their wealth, while Jesus warns that we must store up treasure not for ourselves but instead become rich in the kingdom of God.

Should a homeless person approach you and ask for money, please do not give them anything. We have programs in place to care for their every need: meals, shelter, medical care, haircuts, dental care, etc. Any money you give them is only going for alcohol or drugs. By giving them money you are worsening their situation, rather than bettering it.

Pope Francis recently visited Armenia and gave a homily on how we deal with life situations that are unsettling and difficult. As I read his words, I thought of so many of our people going through the transition from the parish they have known their whole life to a new parish setting. As we experience this pastoral planning and parish reconfiguration, let me share a few points he made. He suggests that when faced with such situations, the first foundation is *memory*. We cannot forget all the good that we experienced in a situation such as our parish. Memory is incredibly important lest we forget all that was accomplished in a situation. Second, he says, is *faith*. He notes that change and danger can dim the light of faith and there arises the temptation to remain in the past, to hang on to something that belongs in another age as if faith were an illuminated book to be kept in a museum. He noted that once we get locked in history, faith loses its power to transform. Faith is constantly born and re-born from the living moment; not the past. And, finally, he said we need a *merciful love*. We are called, he said, to build and rebuild, to create paths of unity not division. He noted that the journey of life includes constant change, but a change that is most clearly marked by charity, love and unity. The Christian doesn't fight change. We cannot live in the past, he concluded.

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

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Rebecca Styn who was selected as one of "Erie's 40 Under 40" by the Erie Reader. The list is composed of individuals in leadership roles in the community who are also involved in volunteer work. They are identified as the future leaders of the community. Rebecca is the Foundation Director of the Regional Cancer Center.

We start a new marriage ritual on December 8. For some reason it's being kept very much under wraps, and I don't know anyone who has seen it. Supposedly, the new books will be available by mid-September, and we can then begin to use it whenever we want.

Thank you for your generous response to last week's Mission Appeal. At \$3,300, that is the largest mission collection we have ever had. I apologize for how difficult it was to understand the priest who was here. He spoke on Saturday evening, but Sunday morning I spoke on his behalf and had him thank the congregation for your prayers and support.

Erie Gives Day is Tuesday, August 9. Any gift to St. Patrick's Parish that day receives a share of the fund established to provide more dollars.

Pope Francis has greatly expedited the annulment process, and Bishop Persico has added staff to the Marriage Tribunal to help process cases in our own diocese. In addition, he has waved all fees connected with an annulment, so there is no charge. If anyone is interested in pursuing an annulment and have questions, please contact me and I'll help in whatever way I can.

Some random thoughts in this political season: "Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel." (John Quinton) "Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, but promising to protect each from the other." (Oscar Ameringer). "A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country." (Tex Guinan) "I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." (Charles DeGaulle) "If you want a real friend who you can trust in Washington, get a dog." (Harry Truman)

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Regina Loncki** from Helen Zielinski

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Living & Deceased**.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** from Dick & Nancy Feeney.

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

The offertory for last week was \$605.00.

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Albert Mabie (Don & Diane Jarzowski)

Zabawa needs volunteers—

Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the summer and be involved in one of the most well-attended events in the Diocese of Erie? Holy Trinity's Zabawa festival needs help with serving food. Organizers are looking for 10 to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) for each shift. Shifts are as follows:

- Aug. 26 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. High school students in need of service hours are welcome.

A Family Perspective— 18th Sunday

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

August 6, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Ron Helminski
Eucharist	Ron Helminski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,100.75
Online Giving	<u>1,265.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,365.75

Mission Appeal \$ 3,300.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Save the Date!!!

Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 9th!
Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor and memory the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach
- ♦ **Teresa Iavarone** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Margaret Klan** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Dorothy McMahon** from Rosemarie McMahon
- ♦ **David C. Schmidt** from Dennis D. Schmidt
- ♦ **Nan Held & Phil Fatica** from Ed & Jennifer Smith
- ♦ **Clarence & Lucille Peterson** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Linda Winkleman** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **McGraw & Lynch families** from Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch
- ♦ **Beverly Wright** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Stan & Jan L. Godish** from Charles & Wendy Weber
- ♦ **James, Genevieve & William Villella** from Karl & Virginia Kelm, Jr.

Also donations from:

Mary Anne Ashworth, Rev. John Bauer,
Tammy Birkmire, Vikki Scully, Mark & Susan Sullivan,
Mark & Barbara Sargent, Delene Thompson

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

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan & Collin Hudson

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

Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ryan Palm, Kathleen Pae,
Michelle Tortorelli

CUP: Colleen Welch, Tim Scully

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

Jewelry and Purse Raffle Basket—



Take a chance on the beautiful gift basket after all Masses this week-end. Benefits the Erie Irish Festival!



Calling all Volunteers—

"To Volunteer to work this year's Irish festival, go to the website:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>.

Under the "Search By Email" section, type in the email address - fischers6@roadrunner.com. After clicking "Search" you will see the box to click for the Irish Festival sign-ups. Scroll through the days, times and areas for volunteering and check the slots that you wish to work. You will be asked to enter your contact information and will receive email reminders about your time slots."





47 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

"I WILL ARISE AND GO NOW, AND GO TO INNISFREE"—BUT ONLY IF I BOUGHT A RAFFLE TICKET.

Poets have glorified it, patriots have died for it, tenors sing its praises—and there's a reason why. When we think of Ireland sometimes we run to the clichés—the rowdy pubs of Temple Bar, the beautiful green eyed girls with fiery red hair and the tempers to match, the lilting brogue and the friendly smile of the local shopkeeper—and to be sure, that's all there. But there's more, so much more. If you've been, you know. If you haven't, you need to know. And the only way to know, is to go, and go deep—off the beaten path, along the warren of hedge-row fringed back roads, through those impossibly green fields rimmed with white stone walls, to that little village over the rickety bridge that doesn't even seem to be on the map, where everyone turns and smiles when you walk into the dark little pub for directions, and where you find yourself, still sitting, four hours later, chatting like a local, over a pint, with your new Irish friends. Well that's the trip that we are raffling off this year at the Festival.

This year's trip is truly special—an opportunity to get lost and found at the same time: It's a self-guided, self-driven tour that includes a car, bed and breakfast accommodations at any of 800 3 and 4 star B&Bs, heavy on the second B with full Irish breakfasts, guide books to help you navigate (but plan to get lost, it's more fun!), and discount vouchers for attractions. The tour is provided by CIE Tours International, one of the most experienced and trusted travel companies around. And St. Pats picks up the airfare. Six nights, two people, heaven on earth—and yours perhaps for the price of a raffle ticket. Can we guarantee you will win? No. But we can guarantee you won't if you don't have a ticket.

Each family in the parish has been sent 12 raffle tickets to sell (or buy—hey, no one says you can't buy your own raffle tickets). They are 3 for \$10. If every family sells (or buys) their 12 tickets, we'll have \$32,000. And it's easy: once you sell (or buy, we're okay with you buying them), fill out the stubs, stick them in the envelope provided, along with the cash or check, and mail them or, even easier, drop them in the collection basket at any mass. If you can't sell all of your tickets, please drop them back in the collection basket so others can try to sell them.

If you are the lucky winner, and we're sure you will be, but you absolutely cannot make the trip to Ireland during 2017, you can opt to take a cash payout of \$3,000. Although we recommend that you do indeed arise and go to Innisfree, as W.B. Yeats did 125 years ago, we understand that three thousand bucks is a lot of money that could help do a lot of things. The choice is yours.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Did we mention you can actually buy your allotted raffle tickets and that we are perfectly fine with that?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

July 30 Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM MARY ZIELINSKI (ROSE NIEDZWIECKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM RUTH "DOLLY" HIGGINS, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(PATTI & KELLY HELSEL) - ST.P

July 31 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 AM SANDRA BIRKMIRE, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P
(HUSBAND & CHILDREN)

10:30 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR., ANNIV. - ST.P
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Aug 1 Monday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug 2 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM VINCENT & SOPHIE DOBRY
(ESTATE OF MONICA DOBRY)

Aug 3 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM DEBRA & CAROL DONNELLY
(JAMES DONNELLY & FAMILY)

Aug 4 Thursday, Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI, ANNIV.

Aug 5 Friday, The dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE NIEWOLAK
(ST HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)

Aug 6 Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM THEODORE WIDOMSKI - ST.H
(RAY PRZYBYZEWSKI)

5:00 PM JENNIE KOZESKY - ST.P
(WEILAND & POPKA FAMILIES)

Aug 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM JOHN BROKOS JR. (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

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

07/30 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/02 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/03 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/06 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

It is time to register for the 2016-2017 faith formation classes. Please call the office at 454-6322, or stop by to register your children. Don't forget that students not attending a Catholic high school that wish to be confirmed as 11th graders must attend 9th and 10th grade classes before entering the Confirmation class. Students at Villa Elementary must also register for Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist at their home parish faith formation program.



July 18, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Year of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis encourages us to be merciful to those in need. He reminds us that we extend God's love to others when we reach out in compassion and care, because "mercy is God's caress".

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 7-8, 2016, assists our brothers and sisters in the Latin American and Caribbean regions. Proceeds from this year's collection will help to assist dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and missions, including our own Mission of Friendship in Yucatan, Mexico.

I am grateful for your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please be generous with your prayers for the people of that region as well.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

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



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