

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2016



Statue in East Garden
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

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Written nearly 200 years before Jesus by a teacher named Ben Sira (the Greek form of the name is "Sirach") this book was accepted as canonical by the Church even though it never became a formal part of the Jewish Bible. It is also not part of the Protestant Bible. It's not difficult to imagine Jesus reading these words as they echo his own teachings. That humility leads to favor in God's sight and that those who are greatest are those who serve others are certainly familiar themes in Jesus' teachings. The book is filled with wise sayings, often not connected to one another. It's one of my favorite books in the Bible.

Imagine a young person on the eve of a major life event that is both thrilling and daunting, like a wedding. A bride or groom might be intimidated by the anticipated pageantry or the commitment. A wise parent or friend might speak to them much as the author of Hebrews does today. Asking them to consider a similarly thrilling but more daunting experience like entering the military or starting a new job, the friend or parent might say "This is nothing like that. You had reason to fear and feel alone, but this is just the opposite. You have the embrace of someone who loves you, the support of family, the experience of knowing this person with whom you'll now be one." Making the same point, the author contrasts the old covenant made with thunder and fire on Mt. Sinai, a sight that filled people with fear, with the new covenant where we stand with Christ in the company of angels and saints. Rather than fear, this setting fills us with peace.

Sirach recommended humility as a means to win favor with God. Here, Jesus teaches us that it is the route to "esteem" even among neighbors and colleagues. Only Luke records this banquet

where Jesus is being closely scrutinized. While the first part of the gospel seems like some rules of etiquette, the second half is typical of Luke—it reveals Jesus' concern for the poor and his attitude toward the rich. He counsels that we should do for those who can't do back for us, and he predicts no earthly honor, but an eternal reward.

The parish office has been closed on the Fridays of July and August and will now be open on Fridays. I am going to meet with the Parish Finance Council and propose that we close the office on Fridays all year. Several parishes in the diocese do that, and I am going to suggest that we do it here also. At present we are open on Fridays from 8:30 AM until noon, and there is very little business conducted.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 18,761 pounds of food during the month of June at a cost to the parish of \$292,25. We served the smallest number of families we have served in over two years—573. I assume that is because it is summer and that we will see the number increase dramatically once the weather changes. Once again I need to remind you that the actual cost to the parish is nothing because you so generously support this ministry. And remember—God never forgets those who care for the poor.

When she was a pastoral minister at St. Patrick's in the 1970, Sister Mary Fromknecht, SSJ saw a great number of homeless men in the neighborhood. To help them in their plight she founded St. Patrick's Haven, an old home on East 12th St. where 24 men can come in the evening, get a shower, have a clean bed, and leave by 7 AM the next morning. Initially the project was funded by parishioners, but Sister Mary quickly found other avenues of support. The Haven now finds itself in the difficult position that the building they have been using is structurally unsound. As such, they are undertaking a capital campaign to raise the

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needed money to build a new St. Patrick's Haven on East 12th Street. Construction is underway while the capital campaign is also underway. The parish Finance Council voted unanimously to make a \$1,000 donation from the parish to St. Patrick's Haven to help them with this project.

In addition to our own Food Pantry, St. Patrick's also makes a \$100 monthly donation to Emmaus Soup Kitchen to help them with their expenses. We are going to begin to send St. Patrick's Haven \$100 a month also. Your care and concern for the downtrodden and needy is unmatched in any other parish. We also tithe 10% of our Christmas collection and give it to St. Martin's Center. Many of our parishioners also volunteer at these three organizations. Remember that God overlooks a lot of our faults and failings when we care for the least of his people.

We recently received a check for \$848.75 from CROP for our Food Pantry. This is part of a distribution of funds to area food pantries from the annual CROP walk.

I try to notify people of all volunteer positions in the parish in case you are interested. We are presently revamping the schedule for Sunday offertory counters. Teams of 4 people count and bank the offertory after the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. It usually takes about an hour and a half. If interested, please contact the parish office. I don't know that I will be able to accommodate everyone who might apply, but we'll try.

If you tire of Erie or its weather, you can retire to New York City where you can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but you can't find Wisconsin on a map. Where you believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multilingual. Or where you think eye contact is an act of aggression. Or you can retire to Florida where you eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon, where everyone can recommend an excellent cardiologist, dermatologist, proctologist, podiatrist or orthopedist, or where cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people. Or you can stay in Erie and enjoy the change of seasons.

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** from Kathy & Mike Genous.

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

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** from Dolores & David Dombkowski.

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

The offertory for last week was \$885.00.

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Seeking Members—

The St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary extends an invitation to all Catholic women interested in supporting St. Mark Seminary, spiritually and financially. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the chapel at St. Mark Seminary, Erie.

The Next meeting is September 13. The evening includes Mass and a meeting, with refreshments and an opportunity to meet seminarians. The auxiliary has one fundraising event per year. Dues are \$5 per year or \$25 for a lifetime membership. For further information, contact the seminary office at 814-824-1200, Dawn Schaaf at 814-450-6761, or Patricia Straub at 814-520-6477.

Diocesan Rosary March scheduled in October—

The public is invited to attend the 22nd annual Diocesan Rosary March Oct. 9 at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico will participate in the event, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral. Participants will process through a 10-block area and then return for a homily by Father Jerry Priscaro and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year's Rosary March celebrates the Marian Jubilee in the Holy Year of Mercy. The diocesan division of the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors the event.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

September 3, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Patricia Mielnik
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,328.00
Online Giving	<u>1,215.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,543.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Anthony Joseph Daoust

son of
Joseph & Elizabeth (Snook) Daoust
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy

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

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of the **Winiarczyk & Nemergut Families** from John & Irene Nemergut.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Ella Cunningham** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **Nick Caccavo** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney and Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Mr. & Mrs. Paul Causgrove
- ♦ **Charles & Jeanne Hagmann** from Deborah Musloff
- ♦ **Attilio Chimenti** from Mr. & Mrs. Merle Painter

Also donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biebel, Christa Blose,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan, Edward Chizewick,
Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Patricia Donnelly,
Mary Flanagan and David Sanner

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

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.



MSGR. KRIEGL'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.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli, Yvonne Gersims

CUP: Chris Sanner, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan & Collin Hudson

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

Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae,
Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Patty Jackson, Mike Vehec

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

Marriage Moments—



"Conduct your affairs with humility." (Sirach 3:17)

Who is the more humble—you or your spouse?

Now that's a fool's question! Don't debate this, just try to defer to your beloved today in quiet ways.

A Family Perspective—

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Aug. 27** *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:00 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P
- Aug. 28** *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM CYNTHIA MCLAUGHLIN (GERRY RYAN) - ST.P
 10:30 AM NOREEN ANDRZEJEWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.P
- Aug. 29** *Monday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 30** *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM ANTHONY KANTOROWSKI
 (THE JUCHNO FAMILY)
- Aug. 31** *Wednesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM MICHAEL BROSS (JIM SPIEGEL)
- Sept. 1** *Thursday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN (MARILYN KACPROWSKI)
- Sept. 2** *Friday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM JOHN & MARY FULLER
 (THE NOWOSIELSKI FAMILY)
- Sept. 3** *Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:00 PM REGINA LONCKI - ST.H
 (GRANDSON, BOBBY SULECKI)
 5:00 PM LOU CARVER (THE ANGELOTTI FAMILY) - ST.P
- Sept. 4** *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM MARY WALKER (THE MCENERY FAMILY) - ST.P
 10:30 AM JOCKO MALONEY (RAY & PATTI FIORELLI)-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

- 08/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 08/30** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 08/31** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 09/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

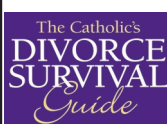
Time is running out! Faith Formation will begin on Sept. 11. Please take the time to register your children if you have not yet done so. Also, remember that students would like to be confirmed in grade 11 must have attended Religious Education in grades 9 & 10 **OR** have attended a Catholic High School. Call the office at 454-6322 for questions or to register.

Women of Prayer—

Join us for a light supper and some time together in prayer. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary. Our next meeting is September 14. All ladies are welcome.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

New! Catholic's Divorce Healing Program—



The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week Group to help those who are separated or divorced begins on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke School Library in Erie (Cost-\$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call St. Luke Church, (814) 825-6920, the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1261, or email: familylife@ereicd.org for more information.

FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH-5K RUN/WALK—



Our Lady of Peace Parish 5K Run/Walk, proceeds benefit OLP Scholarship Fund

Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Presque Isle State Park; Erie Runners Club Pavilion, Beach 1. Race starts at 8:00 am. \$20.00 registration fee before September 2nd w/T-shirt. \$25.00 registration fee on or after September 3rd (T-shirt not guaranteed). To register online go to www.runsignup.com. For more information contact Cynthia Berarducci at cynthia.berarducci@olp.org - (814) 833-7701 x 201 (Cell: 814-392-9130) or Fr. David Renne at fr.david@olp.org - (814) 833-7701 x 205

FATHER PETERSON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MARIA HOUSE PROJECT—

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Union City Country Club. 4-person golf scramble, dinner prizes. For golf or sponsorship information, call 814-438-2810 or 814-665-0021.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH FALL FESTIVAL—



1626 West 26th St., Erie, PA

Sunday, September 18th from Noon-5:00PM

Children and Adult Games—Bake Sale—Theme Basket Raffle—Sale of Fall Plants...Pumpkins...Cider
 Delicious Pulled Pork Dinner from Noon till 5:00 pm
 \$500. Drawing every half hour from 12:30pm - 3:00pm.
 At 3:30pm \$1,500...4:00pm \$2,500...4:30pm \$3,000
Grand Prize Drawing \$5,000. At 5:00pm \$50. Additional prize if winner is present. Tickets are \$5 each

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ROSARY SOCIETY— FALL HARVEST CARD PARTY



Parish Center Route 99 in McKean, PA
 Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 2-5 PM
 3 Cash Awards! \$250, \$100, \$50
 Chinese Auction-Special Awards-50-50-Door Prizes

FESTIVAL NEWS *2016*



19 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL HONEY

Remember the song, "Honey?" She planted a twig and then it grew into a tree and then the angels came and took her away and then his life became an empty stage? Sad, really sad—an actual tear-jerker song.

Well, here's another sad "Honey," song:

"Honey, I want to go the Irish Festival and have some great Irish inspired food, listen to some great Irish music, and maybe pick up some Irish gifts, some gently used jewelry or a nice purse, and find out if we won that trip to Ireland."

"But, Honey, I want to stay home and watch the football game!"

Sad, really sad—and so unnecessary.

Because that exact football game is playing at the Erie Irish Festival Sports Bar on a big screen TV, and although your couch may already have your groove in it, the Sports Bar has a better groove.

Irish Beer—all of your favorites and then some. Harp, Guinness, Smithwicks, and our own Irish Red Ale—cold and crisp and fresh from the tap. And since the wife's off shopping, she'll never know you had a wee taste of your favorite Irish whiskey as well. Yes, technically you have to walk across the sidewalk to the beer tent for the beer and whiskey, but you have to walk to the fridge at home, right?

And, brother, stale chips on your couch cannot compare to our Pub Grub menu. We've got Irish Nachos—warm salty crispy corn chips with our own Guinness Beer Cheese sauce topped with chopped scallions—and if you're really hungry, we'll add some tender, juicy corned beef to that order. Or how about a hot dog—all the way with corned beef, Guinness Beer Cheese, and scallions—oh, man, how about two of those! Or our own signature corned beef balls—you love Stanganelli's pepperoni balls, right? Well the great folks over at Stanganelli's are making us our own signature rye bread corned beef and swiss balls! Only place to get them—Irish Festival 2016. And, we can serve you up a fresh Reuben or Rachel (you know Rachel, right? Turkey and cole slaw on grilled rye.) so you don't even have to walk to the dining tent (we're always thinking of you).

And, if your team's not doing so hot, we have pull tabs so you'll still have a chance to be a winner.

So let's turn that "Uh, uh, Honey Don't" song into a genuine Honey Do song. Watch that college or NFL game in the privacy and convenience of your own sports bar, drinking your favorite beer, munching on great Irish-American fusion pub grub, safe in the knowledge that our gently used jewelry booth doesn't take credit cards.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Don't let your life be an empty stage—come on down to the 2016 Erie Irish Festival and fill it up.

BAKE SALE:



Who doesn't like **COOKIES, PIES and CAKES** for dessert! If you would like to donate to the Festival Bake Sale with all proceeds benefitting St. Patrick's Church, we would love to have them. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items arrive on Saturday and Sunday. They are also looking for volunteers to work the booth. Please contact Mary Beth Wachter at 454-6140 for more information.

RAFFLE TICKETS:



Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two or \$3,000 in cash. Raffle tickets have been sent to parishioners. **Please** return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. **YOU** may be the winner! But you can't win if you don't turn in your tickets. Last year's winner was a member of St. Patrick's! The office has more tickets if you need them. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

PROGRAM SPONSOR:



If you would like to sponsor an ad for the festival booklet, there are forms in the back of the church. It is the perfect opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to say congratulations to someone who has entered college, high school or a new job. Any reason to give credit and attention to a loved one! Check it out! Deadline has been extended to September 3rd. That is the absolute latest that you can get your ad in because we go to print that week!

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. PATRICKS:



During the Irish Festival and weeks leading up to the Irish Festival, The Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick will be collecting school supplies for the City of Erie Schools. Bins will be set up in the back of the church.

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."

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

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