

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016



Rectory Pen Drawing
by
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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 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. There are two opposing theological ways of speaking about God, the "cataphatic" and the "apophatic." The cataphatic attempts to assert what is true about God: God is being, justice, love; while the apophatic approach, convinced that anything we say is incomplete and falls short of the reality of God, insists, that, therefore, we can only say what God is *not*. While the historical books of the Old Testament try to make affirmative statements about who God is based on Israel's experience of God, the Wisdom literature understands that those efforts ultimately fail because God transcends every category humans have ever devised or ever will. That's the simple point of this text. It is hard enough for us to understand human affairs, so seeking to probe those of heaven becomes the sheerest folly. Often the best way to teach is through questions that make the student come to his or her own conclusion. The author today poses four questions with the final one being addressed to God himself.

This is a complicated letter written by Paul in prison about a runaway slave whom Paul has met and converted to Christianity. His encounter with Onesimus has resulted in a father-son bond. He would rather keep him with himself but he sends him back. Onesimus has become a brother in the Lord and to Paul it is inconceivable that Philemon would overlook that fact and treat him as any less than a brother. He is not longer a slave, but a man in the Lord.

Our gospel is unique to Luke who speaks often of total detachment. Luke gives us the impression that Jesus had met too much praise from the faint-hearted, perhaps as with the rich young man whom Jesus loves but who nonetheless went off after hearing such hard words. Jesus

wants total dedication from his disciples.

Congratulations to Saint Patrick parishioner Kathy McCormick who has been elected to the Board of Directors of BEST (Bayfront Eastside Task Force). This organization works in concert with Erie Insurance and UPMC Hamot to improve the lower eastside from French to Parade and the Bayfront to East Sixth Street. Take a drive through the neighborhood sometime and see the improvements in the neighborhood, ie., blight is being eliminated, there are 28 new homes, others have been restored, etc.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Thank you for your incredible generosity in the recent Erie Gives Day. St. Patrick's Parish received over \$31,000 in donations that day in addition to two parishioners who came to the office and donated an additional \$2,500. Out of 354 churches and non-profits, St. Patrick's was number 22 on the list. Thank you.

On September 20, the Pastoral Planning teams from all of the Erie parishes will meet to hear the final reconfiguration of parishes as well as a multitude of changes in clergy assignments to meet the new alignment.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 11,536 pounds of food in July at a cost of \$455 to the parish. There were 529 families serviced, the smallest number in over 3 years.

Over 500 London churches have been turned into luxury homes in the past five years. Recently, one such church converted into a luxury home including a swimming pool in the crypt sold for \$50 million euros! Throughout England former churches are being converted into bars and restaurants as religious practice takes a nose dive

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

and dwindling congregations are unable to pay for upkeep and maintenance. One such famous cathedral, York Minster, gets rubbed down with olive oil to protect against acid rain. Costs of maintaining that thousand year old historic and architectural church is \$20,000 per day! In addition to the maintenance costs is the fact that religious practice in England is on a downward spiral. A recent poll shows 49% of Britons saying that have no religion while only 43% say they are Christian. In the past five years, baptisms are down by 12%, marriages down by 19% and funerals down by 29%.

Both the St. Patrick Finance Council and Parish Councils met this past week and approved the 2015/16 Spiritual and Financial report which now will be submitted to the diocese. I will publish both of these, as well as the same from St. Hedwig's Parish, in a future bulletin. One of the most amazing notations in that report is the fact that the number of families at St. Patrick's has increased in the past year from 737 families to the present 852. And, unlike most parishes in the diocese, the number of baptisms far exceeded the number of deaths.

We have to make a differentiation at St. Patrick's when we report deaths. We have a large number of funerals here, but 70% of them are not parishioners. I will get a call from a family that their mother who belongs to such and such a parish, was baptized here, went to school here, was married here and always told her children she wanted to be buried from St. Patrick's. And, of course, we oblige.

The Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act. *The Law of Random Numbers:* If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers. *The Law of Close Encounters:* The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with. *The Law of Biomechanics:* The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach. *The Coffee Law:* As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** from Tom & Sharon Zielinski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** from Leo & Diane Weber.

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

The offertory for last week was \$331.00.

Parishioner, **Bobby J. Sulecki** has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church and Erie's Polish Community and Churches and still needs your help. He is looking for your old photos (such as class pictures or any school pictures, church related, church wedding pictures, pictures of immigrant families, neighborhood pictures, corner stores, etc.) All items will be returned to you. If you would like to share your memories of St. Hedwig's growing up Polish, etc., there will be memory sheets located on the display table in the vestibule of the Church. Your stories need to be told. Your memories matter, no matter how big or how small.

Bobby's sites at: <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com> and <http://eriepoloniahistory.com/> Email at suleckibobby@gmail.com Phone 899-2731 after 3pm.

Dziekuje!

Saint Stanislaus Church—

516 E 13th St. Erie, PA 16503

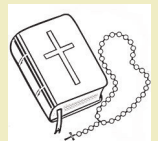
Annual Parish Day, **Sunday October 2, 2016** from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A delicious "Polish Platter Dinner" will be served from 12:00 PM-5:00 PM. Cost for Adults is \$10; Children(6-12) is \$5; and Children under 5 are free. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 E 13th St. Raffles and Children's games, fun for all ages. A fun afternoon to get together with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Parish.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

September 10, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,818.00
Online Giving	<u>1,040.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,857.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Education Collection September 17—18

The 2016 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 17– 18. The Catholic Faith, which we believe and practice, has been handed on through twenty centuries and counting and now reaches our present generation in fullness, richly faithful to Jesus and the Gospel message. Our challenge as Catholic faithful is the same: to hand on the Catholic Faith to succeeding generations. Your help is needed to assist in this challenge. Please give generously to this year's Catholic Education Collection. One half of this collection stays here at St. Patrick Parish to help support our own religious education programs.

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

Donation made in honor of **Sr. Marie Kebort, SSJ, 60 years of service** from Ed & Jennifer Smith

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Robert Lindenberger** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Karl & Josephine Kelm Sr.** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Paul & Norma Causgrove and James & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Paul & Anne Causgrove
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald

Also donations from:

Tammy Birkmire, Mark & Annette Rennie,
Phillip & Judy Kelly, Eugene & Kathleen Polaski,
William & Patricia Gloekler and Kathleen Horan

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

Let Us *Welcome*
Evelyn Jean Gallina

daughter of
Gregory & Elizabeth (Williams) Gallina
and

Oliver Callan Kim

son of
Jeffrey & Sara (Callan) Kim
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in memory of
Janet McDonald
from Ginny & Jim Spoden
in honor of her birthday.*



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Angie Kontur**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: **Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz, Yvonne Gersims**

CUP: **Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella**

Greeters: **Angie Kontur, Diane Boeh**

Altar Servers: **Addie & Owen Babinsack**

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

Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Kathryn Olds**

Ushers: **John Maloney, Dave Korn**

Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Brown**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: **Dario Cipriani, Forrest Mischler,
Michelle Tortorelli**

CUP: **Cyndi Pristello, Ed Brown**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin**

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Sept. 5 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 6 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM WENDY KILGALLON
(JERRY, CAROL, & MICHELE DEAN)

Sept. 7 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 8 *Thursday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 9 *Friday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 10 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(MR. & MRS. ROBERT MCDANIEL)

5:00 PM EDWARD ANGELOTTI (FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 11 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JEAN YEZZI (HUSBAND & FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO)

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

09/03 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/05 **OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY**

09/06 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/07 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/10 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 NEWS & EVENTS

Make A Difference—Volunteers Needed

Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving children, adolescents and their families. The peer support group programs offered at the Caring Place are provided at no cost to families in the Erie County Community, but rely on the dedication of a large group of caring adult volunteers.

We are currently recruiting volunteers. No particular experience is needed—just an ability to truly listen to others and to support them through their heartache and their healing. Volunteers are provided with the necessary training which gives them an understanding of how children grieve, and of how the Caring Place program works.

If you would like to join a team of compassionate, caring individuals who support grieving children and families, please call Kristen Huber, Volunteers Services Coordinator at (814) 528-0934 or kristen.huber@higmark.com.

Villa Maria Elementary School will hold the third



annual **Smile Mile** on Saturday, September

17th, on the Villa Maria Campus (2551 W 8th Street). Check-in will begin at 9:00 am,

and the run will begin at 10am. The **Smile**

Mile is a 1-mile, un-timed walk/run for children. Participants are encouraged to wear white as they will be doused with color along the walk. Cost is \$20 per entry and includes a t-shirt. For more information visit our website:

www.vmelementary.com or register at

www.runsignup.com

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*



12 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

HOOLIGANS AND SLOBS IN THE PADDY WAGON!

In the course of our history almost 5,000,000 Irish immigrants came to our shores. Most, at least in the early days, spoke Irish (a Gaelic language) and many spoke only Irish. Today, some 33.3 million of us are descended from them. So how come we don't have more Irish words in English? Well, that's a complex and socially awkward question. In general, though, it has to do with power and prestige, of which the Anglo-Saxon Protestants in America had much and the Irish Catholic immigrants had little. There was no need for the Americans to learn or speak even a single word of Irish, but a great need for the Irish to learn American English fluently, at least if they wanted to get ahead. Those English Americans did, however, adopt a few Irish words, but the most common of them are a bit unruly and downright insulting.

"Hooligan" and "slob" both come from the Irish, used to describe the rowdy and unkempt. Not very flattering that they might be the most common Irish words in English. "Slob," by the way, meaning a messy person or boor, has no relation to slobber, which is an old English word. If you look up synonyms for "slob" you find a host of strange and obscure words like "slatern, sloven, ragamuffin, tatterdemalion, and draggletail." No wonder we borrowed "slob," it's so much easier to say—can you imagine your wife taking the time to call you a tatterdemalion?

"Paddy Wagon," of course, comes from the name Paddy, from Padraig, the common Irish variant of Patrick. But is it called a Paddy Wagon because of the riders or the drivers?

Back in old New York, many, many Irish found work in public service jobs: street, fire, and police departments. The stereotype of "Clancy," the Irish beat cop speaking Irish brogue (another Irish borrowing that comes from the shoes the Irish used to wear) is not far from the truth in most big cities in the early 20th Century. By the 1860's about half of the people arrested in New York were Irish born or of Irish descent, but so were half of the police force! When large numbers of New York Irishmen were arrested during riots against the draft in the Civil War, the wagons that they hauled them away in began to be called "Paddy." But to this day, no one knows if it was because Irish policemen were driving them or Irish hooligans were being thrown into them. By the early 1900's, five out of every six New York City policemen were Irish born or Irish descendents. That's 83 percent. In the 1960's they still comprised half of the force and in 1973, half of the Boston police force joined the newly formed Emerald Society—the police fraternity of Irish descendents.

Oddly enough, Padraig, the long form of Paddy, isn't a native Irish name at all. It comes from the Latin word "patricius," meaning "of the patrician class" or "aristocratic" and became popular in Ireland because of St. Patrick, who, after all, was a Roman.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Twelve days to the greatest celebration of Irish culture in Erie yet!

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!

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.

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 4th. That is the absolute latest that you can get your ad in because we go to print that week!

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

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank CALAMARIS SQUID ROW
1317 STATE STREET
814-833-3033 CALAMARIS-SQUIDROW.COM
for advertising in our parish bulletin.