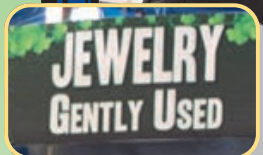


Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2016



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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In all three of today's readings we find elements of the conviction that spirituality does not consist only in one's personal relationship with God, necessary as that is, but also in concrete and just relationships with one another. Amos was a prophet in the northern kingdom during a time of great economic growth and he challenges the greed of many of the people. Religious festivals that afforded the poor a brief respite from their labor, were seen by the rich as obstacles to moneymaking. The text today verbalizes the secret thoughts of the greedy, but Amos declares that God is neither unaware nor unconcerned about the plight of the poor. The closing line reveals that God is ready for action.

In our second reading Paul is tapping the wisdom that Jesus demonstrated when he advised the Pharisees to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." But that advice does not include worship of the emperor, which was expected. Praying for the emperor laid a blanket of protection over the early Christians. The practice of praying for kings was ancient, but Paul is calling for selfless prayer that ultimately contributes to the common good. He notes that God is the God of all and that he desires justice and peace to prevail.

Jesus was sometimes dismayed that disciples lacked the will, determination and resources to work as effectively for the kingdom as non-believers worked for their interests in the world. To inspire this initiative he shares today's parable. Normally we meet people in the parables who are likeable; but not today. The steward is stealing; he is maneuvering and building a great deal of good will for later when he will need it. Jesus encourages us to emulate that initiative, becoming as proactive with resources for eternal life as we are with the wealth we have in this

world. Remember, it is the steward's prudence, not his dishonesty, which Jesus praises. The bottom line today is that we must own our possessions, not let them possess us. Only if money is used with a view to our heavenly destiny (and that requires sharing with the poor) can we be sure it has not become an idol that has usurped God's rightful place at the center of our lives.

Excuse the chaos this weekend, but it's fun to have all of this excitement in our neighborhood as well as the large number of people. Gary and Becky Johnson and their committee chairs have put in endless hours preparing for this weekend, and it looks like their efforts were well worth it. We are fortunate with the large number of volunteers that we have. Several of the local ethnic festivals simply do not have enough volunteers left in their parishes to staff the event. As a matter of fact, several of our parishioners volunteer each year at Holy Trinity's festival because they do not have enough people.

One advantage to having the festival here is that people can tour the church. I continue to be amazed at how many people have never seen the interior of the church and are overwhelmed by its beauty. People keep saying, "I never knew there was such a beautiful building in Erie."

This Tuesday evening, the representatives from all of the Erie parishes will meet at Our Lady of Peace for the final presentation on the reconfiguration of parishes in the city. The following night, the bishop will travel to the eastern end of the diocese to present the reconfiguration there and then the following night to the western end of the diocese. According to what information we have at present, everything will take effect in early February. There will be some pain and some tears shed; mourning is part of this letting go. But we have no choice. We can't continue as we have been and we should have undertaken this



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

process 25 years ago. All of our neighboring dioceses have gone through this process years ago and are now settling into the new alignment.

I'm grateful to so many of you who have volunteered to help staff the festival this weekend. One of the great things that the festival achieves is that it helps build community, ie., we get to know one another better and will be better able to be there for one another when need arises. We have an incredibly diverse parish membership (practically no one lives in this neighborhood and some people drive 45 minutes to get here for a weekend Mass. Working together at the festival breaks down the barriers between us and helps us get to know one another better.

Before winter sets in we are replacing several more windows in the rectory. Two of the windows are in the living room on the ground floor and those windows are so big that the replacements cost \$1,600 each! Once we replace those two and two in an adjoining copy room, we will be finished with the first floor windows. In addition, we are replacing 3 windows on the third floor. Next spring we will finish the third floor, and then we'll start to wrap up the second floor. About half of the windows on the second floor have already been replaced. It's an expensive project, but it will make an incredible difference in heating bills.

In the recent Erie Gives, Saint Patrick's was number 22 out of 354 non-profits. \$30,385 was donated and coupled with what we got from the matching fund, we received a check for \$31,935. Again, I thank you for your generosity.

If anyone is interested in helping count the Sunday offertory, please contact the office. We count after 10:30 Mass and it takes about an hour and a half.

Senior hearing problems: Three old guys are out walking. First one says, "Windy, isn't it?" Second one says, "No, it's Thursday." Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer." .....A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?" "Twelve-thirty."

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **William Hayes** from Eugene & Laura Tomczak.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Zielinski** from St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** from Ed & Mary Ann Stankiewicz.

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

The offertory for the week of 9/3 was \$975.  
The offertory for the last week was \$536.

### **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.

### **Concert Series begins at St. Peter Cathedral**

St. Peter Cathedral in Erie begins its 2016-17 Concert Series on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. with an organ concert by Kevin Dill, an adjunct member of the faculty at Allegheny College, Meadville, and music director at First Presbyterian Church of Meadville. The concert is free and open to the public.

### **Recite the Rosary in October—**

Recite the rosary every Saturday in October at 9:15 a.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 60000 Lake Pleasant Road, Erie. Call Erie Diocesan Cemeteries at 814-838-7724 for more information.

### **St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule**

September 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector  
Eucharist  
Ushers

Art Blum  
Judy Pentz  
Ray Nowosielski  
Tom Kurpiewski

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 9/04-2016 \$ 9,230.87  
 Online Giving 1,410.00  
 Total Income \$10,640.87

Offertory Collection 9/11/2016 \$ 7,354.06  
 Online Giving 1,105.00  
 Total Income \$ 8,459.06

*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 and memory the donations were made:

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Stephen Cash** from Frontier Pharmacy
- ♦ **Gayle Branch McCormick** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey and Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Lavina Wenrick** from Joseph Bohrer
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **John & Elizabeth Perry** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Matthew J. Gress, Sr.** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **John & Mildred Barber** from Patricia Heasley
- ♦ **Frances Lish** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Linda Winkelman, Ed Snyder, Ed Kupniewski & David Snyder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long

Also donations from:

Ray & Patti Fiorelli, Philip & Judy Kelly, Anne Lynch  
 Kathleen Horan, and Mark & Annette Rennie

A Special Thank You!!!  
 to **PANERA BREAD &**  
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## A Family Perspective—

Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

**CUP:** Bill Power, Carolyn Power

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *Dave Korn, 2-3 NEEDED*

**Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch,  
*Forrest Mischler*

**CUP:** Dario Cipriani, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

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

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

We are currently seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for the Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email at [stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpats@neo.rr.com) for more information.

## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



### Diocesan Child Protection Policies:

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to yearly in servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm> For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

## 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.





# IRISH FESTIVAL WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN EXTRAORDINARY TIME

The Craic:

We hope you've really been enjoying the festival. How about that band Friday night, Corned Beef and Curry? We hope you found your socks after they got knocked off. And that Fish Fry, we hope you didn't miss that. And the Rince Na Tiarna dancers and the bagpipers and the beer and the Pub Grub! Mountain Thyme Ramblers. Wow.

And Songs of Exile and Emigration from County Mayo on Saturday afternoon—and Roseanne Higgins, and Al Mazing the magician! Awesome stuff. Bangerzz? Can they rock or what? Celtic Hooligans and more Irish dancing?

How'd your kids (or your grandkids) like the Leprechaun Village? They loved it right? The caricature—that's a keeper! The piñata, the face painting. They loved it all, including the Mc and Cheese with hot dogs. And the Shamrock Soda, wasn't that a treat?

Well, it ain't over until it's over. So, it's Sunday, take a left out of church, linger a bit in the vendor village (yes, you do need that claddagh ring!), then head into the dining hall tent for some great Sunday fare—Shepherd's pie, or Irish Stew, or both. Grab a bloody mary, grab a seat, listen to some fantastic Irish traditional acoustic music right in the dining hall! We've saved the tradition for last, because Sunday is a day of tradition in Ireland, church, friends, family, food, no work, a pint, and those fantastic Irish songs, the one's your great grandfather whistled when he was a young man walking from Castlemaine to Cloonmore to visit a pretty young lass who ended up becoming your great grandmother.

So, the craic, the news, is that we've got Mo Chairde and City Fiddle and food and fun and spirits all in the dining hall tent for a traditional acoustic lunch. So get in there. But wait until mass is over.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com). We're glad you came. It wouldn't have been the same without you.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Sept. 17** *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM CHET LONCKI (IRENE MIELNIK) - ST.H

5:00 PM HELEN LAROCCA, ANNIV. - ST.P  
(ANGIE KONTUR)

**Sept. 18** *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NAN HELD, ANNIV. - ST.P  
(GARY & MARY PASQUALICCHIO)

10:30 AM RAY CICERO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(EMIL J. CHIMENTI)

**Sept. 19** *Monday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM PETER JOSEPH DUBOWSKI  
(CHRIS & MARY MICHALSKI)

**Sept. 20** *Tuesday, Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM CHESTER LONCKI (JANICE MOSKEL)

**Sept. 21** *Wednesday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

8:00 AM CAROLYN QUIRK, ANNIV. (WILLIAM QUIRK)

**Sept. 22** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW, (CARLOW FAMILY)

**Sept. 23** *Friday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 24** *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM EDWARD BUKOWSKI (LINDA ZAUSEN) - ST.H

5:00 PM MILDRED KRAUCHEN - ST.P  
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

**Sept. 25** *Twenty-Sixth Day in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM HOWARD "BUZZ" CROSS - ST. P  
(DAN & ELLEN FORD)

10:30 AM CATHIE QUICK -ST.P

(AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)

## 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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| <b>09/17</b> | 3:30 PM  | Confessions - St.H                |
|              | 4:30 PM  | Confessions - St.P                |
| <b>09/18</b> | 9:30 AM  | Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary |
|              | 1:00 PM  | Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary        |
| <b>09/20</b> | 11:00 AM | Food Pantry - PR                  |
| <b>09/21</b> | 12:00 PM | A.A. - PR                         |
| <b>09/24</b> | 3:30 PM  | Confessions - St.H                |
|              | 4:30 PM  | Confessions - St.P                |
| <b>09/25</b> | 9:30 AM  | Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary |
|              | 1:00 PM  | Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary        |

## Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Please keep our catechists in your prayers. **THANK YOU** to the catechists from our parish: Kyle McMahon, Juliette Morales, Barbara Nealon. We are grateful for them and thank them for sharing their talents and faith with our children.





September 6, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The news of late has been filled with pictures and stories of the historic flooding in Louisiana. It is the worst natural disaster in the United States since Hurricane Sandy. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged and nearly 20,000 people have been rescued from the flood waters. Many of our brothers and sisters have lost their livelihood, as well as their worldly possessions.

In this Holy Year of Mercy, our attention has been directed to helping our brothers and sisters in need with both our prayers and our material means. I know you join me in prayer for those who are suffering from the devastation in Louisiana. Let us also show our Christian mercy toward them by giving generously to the special collection called for by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of September 24-25.

As always, I am grateful for the generosity shown by the people of the Diocese of Erie. You and your families remain in my prayer as the summer comes to a close and the new school year begins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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



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# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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