

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016



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St. Patrick Church



Saint Patrick Parish

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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 last Sunday of the church year and it is always celebrated as the feast of Christ the King. Jesus was often called "Son of David." David was Israel's king and Jesus claims his throne as king of Israel. This first reading celebrates Christ's kingship by looking back at his ancestry and linking him with David, who was Israel's greatest king, a man after God's own heart.

It is almost impossible to read this second reading without seeing cosmic images of stars being born and comets hurtling through space. Christ is presented as the eternal Word through whom God created the world. This text jumps from images of Jesus accomplishing the work of salvation by winning forgiveness of our sins to grand images of the eternal Christ, "the firstborn of all creation," bringing all things, "visible and invisible," into existence and reigning over the angelic powers of heaven. The structure of this passage is that of a liturgical hymn, in use at the time of this writing, which sings of Christ as "firstborn" of both creation and our salvation. He preceded all things and all things are held together by him. This primacy is discussed because false prophets had taught in Colossae that Christ was inferior to angels. Paul tackles this problem from prison by asserting that through Christ even the angles were created. His supremacy is underscored by the repetition (six times) that "all things" are under him.

In our gospel Jesus teaches from the cross. In the other liturgical years, from Matthew and John, we meet a Jesus totally in control on the cross. But here we have a nearly mute Jesus who is mocked and even condemned as a criminal. While he speaks no words to defend himself, he speaks only words promising salvation to one who is as much an outcast as he is. Even here Jesus demonstrates his kingship, for his pain

and seeming helplessness are no impediment to pronouncing a sentence of life for the so-called "good thief." This man recognized and confessed his sins and ask for forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross. He calls Jesus by name and asks, as should we, "Jesus, remember me." Just prior to today's reading, we hear Jesus say to his father of his tormentors, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Forgiveness is a central theme of Luke's gospel from whom we have read this past year.

Our gospels this coming year will come from Matthew and will give us a very Jewish Jesus, one who is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies. We will also hear more gospels from John than we do in the years when our focus is on Luke, as it was this past year, or on Mark, as it will be following year.

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Gannon University students participate in a school club called OPEN which addresses homelessness and poverty in our city. The organization educates its members about homelessness and how people deal with it on a daily basis. They also address how refugees adapt to this country and how Gannon can play a role in helping them. The group is now preparing baskets of food, school supplies, clothing, etc. to help refugee families. They are also connecting with homeless students enrolled in the Erie public school system. Nice to see college students so deeply aware and involved with the poor and the needy. Gannon's presence in our downtown community is indeed a blessing; even moreso when students reach out like this.

Michael DeSanctis teaches art at Gannon and on a regular basis brings his students to St. Patrick's and conducts a class in and on the church.

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

Now that the weather has turned cold and wintry the bus tours of St. Patrick's come to an end. During the spring, summer and fall, I think you would be amazed at how many tours we host. In the past, Sister Marie has been the docent giving those tours and Mark Alloway, our organist gives an explanation and a demonstration of the pipe organ. Now that Sister Marie has retired, Ken Daub is giving the tours.

Sister Marie also conducted the baptismal preparation class for new parents before the baptism of their baby. That project is now under the direction of Anne Causgrove. Another thing that Sister Marie did was entering the information about a marriage in the marriage register. That is much more than simply entering the information because we have to send notice of the marriage back to the church of baptism and then they return a form to us assuring us that they have entered the information next to the baptismal entry for that person. That work is now being done by Jan Gervase. And finally, Mary Kearney is now taking the children during the 10:30 Mass. If anyone would like to help with this project, please contact the parish office.

It seems every day I discover one more thing that Sister Marie did here, and I'm grateful that so many people have stepped forward to fill those roles. I won't say "fill her shoes," because no one is going to do that.

A conversation at Cheers. "Well, you see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers!"

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Chester Loncki** from Elaine Ropiecki Gilchrist.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hattie Gleba** from Jack Auer.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Theodore Widomski** from Fred Vanos.

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

Because of early publishing deadlines the weekly offertory for Saturday, November 12 will be published in the November 26/27th bulletin.

Christmas Flower Memorials—

Please return your Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes no later than Monday, December 13th.

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!

Looking for Resources for your family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at: <http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 26, 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

Because of early publishing deadlines the offertory for the week of 11/13/16 will be published in the 11/27/16 bulletin.

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

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **James Fitzgibbon** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Linda Winkelman, Edward Snyder, Brian Snyder** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Jim Walker** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Birthdays for Peter Reinhardt & David Reinhardt** from David & Kathy Wagner

Also donations from:

John & Carolyn Bauman, Mark & Candy Bukowski,
Judy Emling, Bill Hertel, Kathleen Horan,
Joe & Heather Kimball and James & Debra Murray

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



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

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

Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Joseph Schneider

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: May Williams, Cyndi Pristello,
Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Charla Leehmuis, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

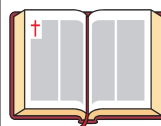
Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary Williams

Please let the office know of your availability as soon as possible for the Christmas Services

(Saturday, December 24th 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM and

Sunday, December 25th 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM)

Call the office at 454-8085 or email the office at
stpats@neo.rr.com. Thank You!



The **2017 Lector Books** are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. The readings begin November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent. Be sure to pick up your book today!

A Family Perspective—

Christ the King

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and the love of one's enemy.



Marriage Moments—



Trip down Memory Lane #15. In every human life eventually tragedy strikes. It may not be life threatening or frequent, but it causes us to pause and reflect. What has been a significant misfortune of your life together so far? How do you support each other.

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

Nov. 19 *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

4:00 PM ANTHONY WERNICKI (VAHEY FAMILY) - ST.H
5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST

Nov. 20 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE DICARLO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(PATTI & RAY FIORELLI)
10:30 AM CINDY MCLAUGHLIN - ST.P
(CHRISTIANE GORNDT)

Nov. 21 *Monday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM ANNA SCHWARTZ (DOLORES DOMBKOWSKI)

Nov. 22 *Tuesday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN
(DOLORES PALMER & JIM WHEELER)

Nov. 23 *Wednesday, Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot;*

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
8:00 am ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI (BRUCE BAUMAN)

Nov. 24 *Thursday, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*
Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 25 *Friday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 26 *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM IRENE SZYMANSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H
5:00 PM JIM & KATHY SERTZ - ST.P
ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 27 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM ARTHUR C. SCHULTZ - ST.P
(ROLAND CIACCHINI)

10:30 AM RICHARD JOHN ECCHER (FAMILY) - 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

11/19 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
11/20 NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
11/22 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
11/23 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
11/24 OFFICE CLOSED—THANKSGIVING DAY
11/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
11/27 NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:



CyberTipline Fights Internet Crimes against Children - *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other government agencies all work together to fight Internet crimes against children.*

They've established "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week - online at www.cybertipline.com

Or by calling (800) 843-5678. To see what the Diocese is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

HOMELESS OVERFLOW SHELTER - COLLECTION OF DONATIONS:

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the homeless overflow shelter on February 1 - 7 at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. The outpouring of generosity the past couple years has been amazing. This year, in addition to collecting personal hygiene toiletry items (shampoo, bath products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products & hand sanitizers), we are also seeking cough drops, lip balm and hand warmers.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT. Collection bins will be located in the church's main entrance at each Mass beginning in November. We greatly appreciate your donations.



St. Martin Center 2016 Shining Stars—

The shining star tree begins the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

- 1) Please place gifts in gift bags, rather than wrapping them. Gift bags are much easier to transport and wrapping paper gets torn up very quickly when moving gifts. Feel free to use grocery store bags, too!
- 2) Please securely attach the star to the gift (tape, tie, etc). Place multiple gifts in one bag and attach the star to the outside.
- 3) We ask that only stars that can be fulfilled on time be taken.
- 4) Gift receipts are highly encouraged. This will help if the child has an item that you purchased or if clothing does not fit. Feel free to buy gift cards, also (please include the child's name and star number on envelope).



All gifts need to be returned to the Church or Parish Office by Sunday, December 11, 2016.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Transitions Support Group—

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 2:00 –5:00 p.m. for Catholic Charities annual gathering, “Coping with the Holidays After Loss.” at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. RSVP’s not necessary. Visit our website at www.eriercd.org/transitions.htm. Come as you are; you are always welcome.

St. Peter Cathedral presents Merry Merchant Marketplace—

St. Peter Cathedral in Erie presents its shopping fundraiser, “Merry Merchant Marketplace,” on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Center, located at the corner of W. 11th and Sassafras streets, Erie. Shop local vendors, crafters and foods at this family friendly event. Free admission and free parking.



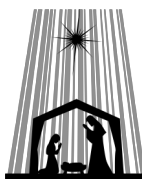
Benedictine Sisters to share Advent reflections

The Benedictine Sisters of Erie are hosting Advent vigils in the chapel at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie. The public is invited to attend the vigils, each beginning at 7 p.m. on the following dates and with the following Benedictine Sisters offering reflections:

- Nov. 26—Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski, OSB
- Dec. 3—Beth Adams, OSB
- Dec. 10—Elizabeth Oettel, OSB
- Dec. 17—Mary Miller, OSB

Nativity set raffle benefits Catholic education—

The 12-inch, 17-piece Fontanini Nativity set from the former St. Peter Cathedral School in Erie is being raffled in time for Advent. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the parish Catholic Education Endowment Fund. Tickets are available from Women's Council members after any Mass at St. Peter Cathedral, or may be purchased at the rectory office, 230 W. 10th St., Erie, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for tickets is \$10 each, or three for \$25. The drawing will be held Nov. 27 at noon at St. Peter Cathedral. For more information, contact Sally DiBacco at 814-825-3639.



Annual Christmas dinner/dance planned by Our Mother of Sorrows—

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish—which includes Holy Family, St. Ann and St. Casimir—will sponsor its annual Christmas dinner and dance on Dec. 3 at the Polish Falcons, 431 E. 3rd St., Erie, from 6 to 10 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served. The cost is \$12 per person; advance ticket sales only. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 30 at the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, after weekend Masses, or by calling 814-452-4832. The polka band “The Marvels” will provide entertainment.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY—

Saturday, December 3, 2016 at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, West 22nd & Peach Streets, Erie



The FREE coat and clothing giveaway takes place from 10 am-2pm. A free lunch is also offered.

Santa and/or some of his special helpers will also be on hand to distribute toys to the children. Those interested in volunteering at the event or during the set up process the week prior may contact Tim Nowakowski at TimWWJD@AOL.com.

The Community Outreach Group is a caring, non-profit group of individuals involved in being of service to our less fortunate neighbors in our community. We seek nothing for ourselves—only to share coats, clothing, a hot lunch, and a contagious smile. Our volunteers collect clothing throughout the year and on the first Sunday in December we host a Clothing Distribution Party to give it all away. We are supported through community donations and generous businesses. We make use of everything we receive. All leftover clothing and food goes to charities such as Erie Family Center, the Erie City Mission, etc. Originating in Ripley, NY, C.O.G. was re-established in Erie in 1999 by our co-founder and a group of men after they had participated together in a Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Cursillo Movement weekend. Matthew 25:40 remains our inspiration.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

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