

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016**



The Advent Wreath  
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 first Sunday of Advent and we begin a new church year. This past year our gospels came from Luke and this year they will be from Matthew. Matthew writes to a Jewish community in present day Syria who accepted Jesus as the Messiah. You will constantly this year hear MT cite Old Testament prophets and prophecies to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of them. For example, before he writes of a miracle or an event in Jesus' life, he might begin by saying, "As foretold by the prophet Isaiah..." and then quote a prophecy and show how Jesus fulfills it. He is also acutely aware that the majority of the church is now becoming Gentile (remember he writes in the mid 80s), and he is particularly sensitive to an understanding and acceptance of them as he notes that salvation comes for all through Jesus.

In our first reading, the opening verses of the Book of Isaiah recount the kings who reigned in Judah during Isaiah's time, indicating that the prophet's ministry spanned four decades, ending about 700 BC. During this time, Judah regularly turned to foreign alliances for protection against the expanding might of Assyria, which led an unsuccessful attack on Jerusalem in 701. The prophet repeatedly called Judah to trust in divine rather than human power, but with little success. He also speaks clearly of God's coming judgment and that is what we hear today. Nearly identical to a prophecy of Micah, his contemporary, this passage envisions God enthroned in the Temple at Jerusalem, drawing all Israelites into one righteous people.

Paul composed his letter to the Romans near the end of his life and it is more a treatise or essay than a letter. In earlier passages he explains that no one is saved through the law, but by God's utterly free, unearned gift of divine love poured out to us in Jesus. He notes that the final

fulfillment of God's plan for salvation is near at hand. Early Christians felt that Christ's return was immanent and Paul stresses that they must live in accord with that expectation and not according to the way most Romans live.

Our gospel comes from what is called Matthew's apocalypse, chapters 24 & 25. This view envisioned numerous calamities on earth and in the heavens signaling the arrival of the end times, followed by divine judgment to determine who would or would not be part of God's new world. In an earlier part of chapter 24, MT reflects several characteristics of apocalyptic thinking. Jesus speaks seated on the Mount of Olives, the place Zechariah associates with God's final coming, and warns of impending wars, persecutions and other earthly calamities, along with cosmic disturbances. Today's gospel stressed that the time of God's coming is unknown; therefore believers must be always be prepared. Matthew uses the Greek word *Parousia*, which in Roman society, referred to a ruler's visitation to a city or the arrival of a deity bringing salvation to the people.

The Vatican has issued a new document on Christian burial noting that the church prefers burial of the deceased but that cremation is permitted. It has been this way since 1963. However "the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases in a church." The document goes on to state that "it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed, nor may they be divided and distributed to people."

Cardinal Walter Kasper, retired papal theologian, argues that *Amoris Laetitia*, the papal letter on marriage and the family, represents a "paradigm shift" in Catholic teaching on marriage, divorce and access to the sacraments. It "does not change one iota of the teaching of the church, yet it changes everything." He went on to say that

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the encyclical by Pope Francis shows that in life "there is no black and white but only different nuances and shadings." He rejected the idea that it would create scandal to allow divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion. In some cases, he said, "not the admission but the denial of the sacraments is creating scandal."

Pope Francis recently spoke to a group of a thousand Lutherans and Catholics from Germany when he hosted them at the Vatican and even had a statue of Martin Luther in the hall with him. He said that Luther was a "religious hero who found the way to a more true form of Catholicism."

In a recent talk at a gathering of all of the Italian bishops in Florence, Pope Francis said, "It can be said that today we do not live in an age of change but in a change of age. Therefore the situations we are living in today pose new challenges which for us at times are difficult to understand. Our times require that we live problems as challenges and not as obstacles: the Lord is active and at work in the world. Therefore you must go out to the streets and to the crossroads; call all those you find; exclude no one. Above all, accompany the one who remained at the side of the street.....Where ever you are, never build walls or borders, but squares and field hospitals."

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 13,585 pounds of food in September at a cost of \$2,157.94 to the parish. We served 584 families including 774 children and 314 elderly.

A man suffers a heart attack and has bypass surgery. When he awakens, he finds himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. A nun asks him how he is going to pay for his treatment. "Do you have health insurance?" she asks. "No," he replies. "Do you have money in the bank?" "No," he replies. "Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" she asks. "I only have a spinster sister and she is a nun," he replies. The nun becomes agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **John Gorski** from Bob & Jeanne Dymanski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** from Sean & Bernadette Carroll.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwiecki** from Bob & Grace Guelcher.

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

The weekly offertory for Saturday, November 12 was **\$751.00.**

Because of early publishing deadlines the weekly offertory for Saturday, November 20th will be published in the December 4th bulletin.

### **Christmas Flower Memorials—**

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

### **Additional All Souls Day Remembrances:**

*from: Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Bargielski*  
**IMO—Clara & Emil Waida,**  
*Casimir & Helen Bargielski*

*from: Mr. & Mrs. Roland Henderson*  
**IMO—Joseph & Sophie Kowalewski,**  
*Howard & Annabel Henderson,*  
*Henry & Bernice Konkowski,*  
*Joyce Joint, Theresa Shreve,*  
*Jennie Pazdziesz,*  
*Szewczyk families,*  
*Kowalewski families,*  
*Edward & Maxine Szewczyk,*  
*Tess Kaminski*

### **A Family Perspective—**

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your grounds" when fearful and bewildering signs appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful," fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

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

December 3, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Bobby Sulecki
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family







# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 11/13/16	\$ 7,817.00
Online Giving	<u>1,085.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,902.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Because of early publishing deadlines the offertory for the week of 11/20/16 and will be published in the 12/04/16 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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Bill Liscinski** from Eugene & Kathleen Polaski
- ♦ **Barb Sadoski** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **deceased family members of the Walkiewicz & Randazzo families** from Stan & Roselle Walkiewicz
- ♦ **Lu/Rein Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Mark & Annette Rennie, Mark & Barbara Sargent, William & Rebecca Ruprecht, Mark & Susan Sullivan, Joel & Jill Blaga-Walz and Carla Orlando

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

## Welcome New Parishioners

Marissa Dewey  
Brandon Gibbs  
Betsy Gossage  
Frank & Christine Altadonna  
Nichole Klemm  
Eric & Rebecca Bowman  
Adam Miller  
Stephen & Diane Merski  
William & Lisa McLaughlin  
Margaret Stolley  
Hallie Arrington  
Nancy Arrington  
Nina Arrington  
Linda Dettart  
Rosa Olivia Nuriulu-Tipacamu  
Christopher & Kristen Sinnott  
Charles & Lisa Straub



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Clive Taewon Steadman**

son of

Harrison & Yoonhe (Suh) Steadman  
and

**Lucas Frederick Fetzner**

son of

Richard & Laura (Reitinger) Fetzner  
who will be baptized after the 5:00 PM Liturgy

**Georgina Pearl Perez**

daughter of

Michael & Molly (Snyder) Perez  
and

**Luke Robert Bowman**

son of

Eric & Rebecca (Lelonek) Bowman  
who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy



Please keep **Quinlan Cullen**  
in your prayers today as she  
makes her **First Confession**  
before the 10:30 AM Mass

## St. Martin Center 2016 Shining Stars—

**The shining star tree begins today, the  
1st Sunday of Advent.**



- 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.**

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

4:00 PM IRENE SZYMANSKI (FAMILY) -ST.H

5:00 PM JIM &amp; 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

**Nov. 28 Monday, Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM JEANNE T. TUZNIK (FR. LOUIS GRIDER)

**Nov. 29 Tuesday, Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM VICCI WALKER (CHERYL VISNOSKY)

**Nov. 30 Wednesday, Saint Andrew, Apostle**

8:00 AM SALVATORE "SAM" RANDAZZO

(STAN &amp; ROSELLE WALKIEWICZ)

**Dec. 1 Thursday, Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ (FAMILY)

**Dec. 2 Friday, Advent Weekday**

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec. 3 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00 PM ANTHONY WERNICKI (WERNICKI FAMILY) -ST.H

5:00 PM SYLVESTER CARLOW (FAMILY) -ST.P

**Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent**

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

10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD (LESLIE JENNINGS) -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=Rector, CV=Convent

**11/26** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

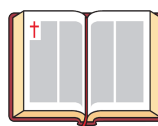
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**11/27** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**11/29** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/30** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**12/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**12/04** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

**Ministry Schedule****Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00 pm****Lector:** Bill Power**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Kay Mannino**Greeters:** Phil & Judy Kelly**Altar Servers:** Collin & Ryan Hudson**Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,**Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 8:00 am****Lector:** Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Audrey Reigel**Ushers:** John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub**Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 10:30 am****Lector:** Michele Wheaton**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Wheaton, Kathleen Pae, Colleen Welch**Greeters:** Mary Alice Hartwell, **1 NEEDED****Altar Servers:** Ryan Jubulis**Ushers:** Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun**Offertory Counters:** Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick**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](mailto:stpats@neo.rr.com). Thank You!****The 2017 Lector Books** are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Be sure to pick up your book today!**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.**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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.**Additional All Souls Day Remembrances:****From: Florence Heibel in memory of the Schmitt family and the Heibel family**

# DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

## Advent resources available online



The Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life is offering resources for individuals and families for the Advent season. These resources include weekly Scripture for reflection, service suggestions and additional resources for assisting families in preparing for Christmas. Access these resources at <http://www.ErieRCD.org/justice.htm>.

## 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:

- Dec. 3—Beth Adams, OSB
- Dec. 10—Elizabeth Oettel, OSB
- Dec. 17—Mary Miller, OSB



## 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 held during Advent

The Community Outreach Group, established by a men's Cursillo group, will host its annual Clothing Distribution Party Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, W. 22nd and Peach streets, Erie. Free clothing will be distributed and visitors are invited to enjoy a free, hot lunch. Santa and some of his helpers will be on site to distribute toys to children. Patrons may enter on the north side of St. John's. Students who need service hours are welcome. For more information, visit “Community Outreach Group of Erie, PA” on Facebook, email [TimWWJD@AOL.com](mailto:TimWWJD@AOL.com), or call 814-566-6435.



## African Children's Choir to perform at St. Jude the Apostle



The African Children's Choir, a nonprofit humanitarian and relief organization dedicated to helping Africa's most vulnerable children, will perform Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. The program features children's songs, traditional spirituals and Gospel favorites. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs.

## Order Polish delectables from Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Enjoy the holidays with homemade items from the kitchen at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie. Items from the menu include: *czarnina*—duck soup, potato pierogi, *golumbki*—pigs in blankets, *kapusta*—baked cabbage and bacon, pin wheels, Polish caviar-ring bologna, Italian wedding soup and cheese-stuffed shells. Prices and order forms are available at [www.OLMC-erie.org](http://www.OLMC-erie.org) or at [www.olmcerie.org](http://www.olmcerie.org). Orders are due by Dec. 4. For information, call Sue Rinderle at 814-825-2822, ext. 9.

## Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

The Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Education Program will sponsor its annual Christmas Market on Dec. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holy Trinity Social Center—The Gathering Place, 2220 Reed St., Erie. Food items are limited during the market due to pre-orders. Order in advance to ensure that you get your Christmas favorites. Pre-orders will be accepted through Dec. 5. Payment is due with orders. Items to be sold include: *chrusciki*, *oplatki*, pierogi, sweet bread and nut rolls. Order forms are available at [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org). Orders may be submitted in these ways: fax to 814-461-1150, call 814-456-0671, or mail to Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie, PA 16503.



# 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

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