

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016



Christmas at
St. Hedwig Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass 8 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and our first reading brims with brightness, radiance and glory. The passage comes from the last section of Isaiah, most likely written about the time of Judah's release from exile in Babylon and the return to the Promised Land. Repeatedly the prophet stressed that God's act of restoration will be witnessed by foreign nations, who will thus recognize the saving work of the Lord. Twice in the first two verses Isaiah uses the Hebrew word *kabod*, translated "glory." An earlier prophet, Ezekiel saw a vision of the glory of the Lord leaving the temple, a certain sign that Judah's final desolation had begun. Isaiah now announces not only will they return to their land, but more important, the "glory" of God will again dwell in their midst in a new temple, in a new Jerusalem.

Though commonly called the letter to the Ephesians, important early manuscripts of this Pauline letter do not carry that designation. The letter does not focus on a specific community, but on the unity of the entire church. Most scholars believe it was written for circulation among a number of churches in Asia Minor. It is uncertain that Paul authored it, but it clearly expresses his perspective. He is announcing that the new age of salvation includes Jews and Gentiles.

Matthew, a Jew who came to faith in Jesus as Messiah, addressed a Jewish Christian community that also seemed open to a Gentile mission. Matthew will constantly reference the Old Testament to show how Jesus fulfills the OT prophets. The fact that the Magi come from the east means they are Gentiles. He cites Balaam's oracle that "a star shall advance from Jacob" and giving a reason for Christ's birth in Bethlehem he quotes Micah which states that the messiah will come from the town of David's birth. Matthew alone

relates the story of the Magi; it is not found anywhere else in the gospels.

We have a small group of parishioners who were trained and take care of cleaning and maintaining the Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick's Church. As they were cleaning them before Christmas they pointed out to me the growing number of places where there is damage. Paint is peeling, there are some very fragile and cracked pieces, ie., a finger, etc. Now that the holidays are over, we are going to employ a restorer who will begin to work on them and get them completely restored. One of the problems we face is that people insist on touching them or even kissing them. The oil from hands as well as kissing causes a great deal of damage, and we're constantly asking people not to do that. We do have security cameras on them and when the office staff sees someone touching them, one of us goes over to church immediately to stop it. Hopefully we can get this work done over a period of time. These Stations are much too precious to allow them to deteriorate.

Those Stations were hand-carved in Munich, Germany in 1892 by the same company who made the stained glass windows in St. Patrick's Church (the Franz Meyer Studio which is still in existence). At the time, the Stations were life-size. Look at them and you can see how much we have grown in the intervening 125 years. At the time they were purchased each one of them cost \$600. About 10 years later, Father Peter Cauley hired a distinguished church architect, William Ginther, to design the church around the Stations with one strong stipulation: there be no pillars in the room. Ginther designed over 100 churches including St. Andrew's and St. Ann's both in Erie, St. Stephen's in Oil City; Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg, St. Anthony, Combridge Springs and the motherhouse of the former community of Benedictine nuns in St. Mary's.

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

Often times when we have a funeral, other priests will come to con-celebrate. The only problem is that we don't have a nice set of matching con-celebration vestments. We now have a beautiful set of four matching white vestments that have been donated to the parish in memory of Frank L. Clancy. The vestments were made in France and are beautiful.

Beginning with Lent in early February we will once again conduct the annual Catholic Services Appeal., Monies raised in this annual drive help support the charitable works of the diocese as well as care for elderly priests, etc. Each parish is assessed a set amount which must be paid to the diocese. Anything raised above that remains in the parish.

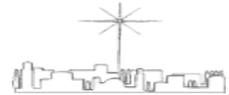
I almost had a stroke when I got our 2016 assessment for Catholic Services Appeal. Our assessment went from \$44,000 in 2015 to \$64,000 for this year. I will be writing all of you in a few weeks hoping that you will participate and help me raise this money. Anything we raise above and beyond the assessment can be applied to our debt reduction. I'm going to really be begging for your help this year.

A Jewish man was leaving a convenience store when he noticed a most unusual Italian funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse. Behind the second hearse was a solitary Italian man walking a dog on a leash. Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking in single file. The Jewish man couldn't contain his curiosity. He respectfully approached the Italian man walking his dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and I hate to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. "Whose funeral is it?" "My wife's," he replied. "What happened?" "She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her." He inquired further, "But who's in the second hearse?" "My mother-in-law. She came to help my wife and the dog turned on her and killed her also." A very poignant and touching moment of Jewish and Italian brotherhood and silence passed between them. Then the Jewish man asked, "Can I borrow your dog?" The Italian man replied, "Get in line."

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Feast of the Epiphany



"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72) The light that shines forth from Jerusalem radiates throughout the entire expanse of Creation with its healing, guiding and life-giving brilliance. No obstacle is able to extinguish the radiance this light casts on life.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Joe Leone** requested by Peter & Judy Pentz.



Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Deceased St. Hedwig Rosary Society** members requested by Rosary Society.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$625.00, Christmas Flowers \$570.00. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Betty Graham (Frank & Nancy Hodas), Walter-Schwartz (Richard & Debbie Muio), Robert T. Niedzwiecki (Bob & Grace Guelcher), Jane Filipkowski (M/M Robert Richardson), Clara Waida (Dolly & Larry Bargielski), Theodore Widomski (Liz Jarzomski Clark), Edward Bukowski (A. Duchini, Inc.).

By death the soul is separated from the body, but in the resurrection God will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no 1016)

When? Definitively "at the last day", "at the end of the world" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1001)

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 9

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Barb Juchno

Eucharist

Tom Zielinski

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum

Altar Servers

Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



Pray the Rosary



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection(12/20/15)	\$12,668.00
Online Giving	\$ 1064.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 170.00
Total Income	\$13,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Because of early publishing deadlines the offertory for 12/27/15 and 1/03/16 will be published in the 01/10/16 bulletin.



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
Young Soon Park
from Annie & Brain Candela*

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

Restoration

- ◆ In memory of **Phil Fatica** from Dick & Patti Heasley

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ◆ In memory of **Dr. Bertl M. Weber** from William Carney
- ◆ In memory of **Debbie Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ In memory of **Trish, James, Jerry, & Tom Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner
- ◆ In memory of the **Wegner family** from Lynne Long
- ◆ In memory of **Margaret MacMurdy** from Kathleen MacMurdy

Also donations from:

Joseph Bohrer, Mr. & Mrs. William Gloekler, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gorgacz, Kathleen Horan, and Carol & Jay Habas

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.



Let Us *Welcome*

Lincoln Christopher Elliott
son of

Christopher & Courtney (Czerwinski) Elliott
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Beth Pinto, Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers*

Altar Servers: *Addie & Owen Babinsack*

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

Sunday, January 10 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae, Forrest Mischler*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun*

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

HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS:



St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the homeless overflow shelter of February 10th –16th at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. The outpouring of generosity last year was greatly appreciated.

This year, we are in need of personal hygiene toiletry items, *i.e.*, shampoo and bath products, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene and hand sanitizers. Items can be dropped off on the rectory side porch, or placed in containers in the church's main entrance at each Mass **ONLY** during the month of January. We sincerely appreciate your donations!

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials:

In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DeBello Sr. & Anthony DeBello Jr.** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dailey

In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. John A. Nies & Mr. & Mrs. Ed Kneidinger** from Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nies

In memory of **Kathy Biletnikoff Olesky** from Karol Martin

In memory of **Len, Pat Spitzig, Sissy & Papa Russ** from B. J. Spzig

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Jan. 02** *Saturday, Vigil:*
 4:00 PM MARY ALICE MADONIA - ST.H
 (JUCHNO FAMILY)
 5:00 PM CHARLOTTE SERTZ (FAMILY) - ST.P
- Jan. 03** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 8:00 AM WENDY KILGALLON (MCKEE FAMILY) - ST.P
 10:30 AM KATY ANKE (KATHLEEN & JIM WEHAN) - ST.P
- Jan. 04** *Monday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan. 05** *Tuesday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop*
 8:00 AM JAMES MCCARTHY, ANNIV. (WIFE, MARY)
- Jan. 06** *Wednesday, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious*
 8:00 AM DAVID TOWER (MARY DRISCOLL & CREW)
- Jan. 07** *Thursday, Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
 8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)
- Jan. 08** *Friday, Christmas Weekday*
 8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW (FAMILY)
- Jan. 09** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*
 4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
 (HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)
 5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOFER - ST.P
 (JOHN & CAROL GRADY)
- Jan. 10** *The Baptism of the Lord*
 8:00 AM ROSE FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 (PATTI & RAY FIORELLI)
 10:30 AM GERRI CIACCHINI - ST.P
 (Q. GREGORY ORLANDO & FAMILY)

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
- 01/02** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/10** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Five Steps to Safer Environments: The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonlin.org/virtus)

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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.



Marriage Moments

Epiphany: The Magi (kings or wise men) recognized power in the unlikely person of a baby. Indeed it is wisdom that helps us see the Godliness with the ordinary people in our lives. Our beloved may seem pretty ordinary today. Look for the Godliness within.

Family Perspectives

Epiphany
 After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from wise men, there's always another way."



Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners!

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DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST sponsored by the Erie Knights of Columbus in the school cafeteria at St. Boniface, Rt.8, 3 miles South of I90 - Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice and Coffee.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHOOL ELEVATOR FUND.

Cost per individual is \$8.00. Children 12 and under \$5.00. Children under 3 are Free.

Cost per family is \$25.00 (Mom, Dad, and children under 18).

Carry Out available!

Interfaith prayer service planned in Erie:

Increasing street violence and the City of Erie's growing murder rate have prompted various religious leaders to plan an interfaith prayer service January 17th at 4:00 PM at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico will join leaders of other faiths at the event, titled "Unity In Faith - A Time for Hope, a Demonstration of Love."

Planning your wedding?



An Engagement Encounter weekend is scheduled for January 22nd through 24th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the church. Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend. Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261, or by email at familylife@erieRCD.org or visit our Website at <http://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, marriage is for a lifetime".

Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michael Adamus at 814-824-1257 or email him at madamus@eriecd.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

Erie Area Pro-Life Events ... January 2016

Erie March for Life

People for Life invites you to participate in the Erie March for Life on Saturday, January 9. Gather at the new stage in west Perry Square by 10:45 a.m. The March will begin at 11 a.m. and conclude with brief remarks in Perry Square. This is a good opportunity to be a voice for the voiceless and a witness for the sanctity of human life. For more information call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org.

Pro-Life Breakfast

People for Life's Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 16 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speaker will be Steven W. Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute. Mr. Mosher is an expert on world population, China, forced abortions in China, and abusive population control programs in various countries. Tickets are \$15 for ages over 12, \$7 for ages 3 to 12, and free for kids under 3. Free childcare will be available. Payments can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org.

March for Life Bus Trip

Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 22, 2016. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on Thursday evening, January 21 at 11 p.m. and return about 2 a.m. on January 23. Students and families on tight budgets are encouraged to inquire about sponsorships. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Send \$55 per seat to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to use a credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org.

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Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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