

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 2015



St. Hedwig's Baptismal Font

Saint Patrick Parish

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Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and we again hear first from Isaiah. This "Servant of the Lord" oracle was first spoken by Second Isaiah around the year 550 BC while Israel was still in captivity in Babylon. It is, in fact, a song of unimaginable hope for a people in exile. Scholars are unsure who he was referring to as "my servant," but early Christians interpreted it as Jesus. Some of the early people may have seen King Cyrus of Persia as this servant because he defeated the Babylonians and freed the Israelites.

I'm not sure why the Church sets up such confusion in choices of readings for today, but let us read from Acts of the Apostles. We hear part of a speech that Peter gave in the house of Cornelius, the Gentile centurion. The entire speech can be summed up in Peter's opening remarks, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." No phrase better captures the tension between Jewish and Gentile believers in the early church. For many ethnic Jews, their fundamental religious and cultural identity was defined by being separate from other nations, i.e., Gentiles. For many Gentiles, the Jewish law was viewed as an impediment to their newfound faith in Jesus. In his talk, Peter attempts to find common ground for Jews and Gentiles by focusing on Jesus as Lord of all. He reminds us of the baptism that unites us all.

In Mark's account of John the Baptist we are led to believe that John baptized and preached for months or perhaps years prior to his encounter with Jesus. Mark offers only a brief character sketch of John. He is fully aware of his duty, proclaiming a baptism of forgiveness and baptizing repentant Jews in the Jordan River. Despite his popularity, he is also aware of his subordinate role: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stop and loosen the thongs of

his sandals." The baptism led to an early heresy in the church called Adoptionism, the belief that Jesus was "adopted" as God's son only after his baptism. The description of Jesus coming out of the water, a dove descending and God speaking would make any devout Jew see this as the fulfillment of the prophecies in Isaiah. For Mark, the baptism is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He then tells us nothing more about John except the circumstances of his death.

The Catholic Church of Ireland has coupled with the National Library of Ireland and are putting almost 400,000 digital images of baptismal and marriage entries from Irish parishes between the years 1740 to the late 1880s on line. The records come from over 1,100 parishes. Most census records were destroyed in the Four Courts fire of 1922, so these parish registers are the most comprehensive surviving source of information on Irish families in the 1700s and 1800s. When the free dedicated website is launched this summer, anyone can go online and search out your ancestors. Estimates put the number of people around the globe who claim Irish heritage at some 80 million, including more than 36 million Americans.

I recently had an announcement in the bulletin about an upcoming trip to Paris and a river cruise out to Normandy, but I had the wrong dates. The correct dates are May 17 - 25, 2016. There are only a few openings left on this trip as well as only a few openings in our September 2015 cruise in the Greek Isles. If interested, contact the office.

I had a note from the family that so many of you responded to at Christmas time. They wrote, "Dear friends at St. Patrick's Church. Thank you for your generous gifts! We cannot express what they mean to our family. Please know that everything is very helpful and will be put to good use. We are especially touched by the thought behind these gifts. We have faced difficult times and are

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

very thankful for the support that you have provided us. We didn't expect this and will remember your kindness always. Thank you again."

Your response to that family was beyond anything I could have anticipated. God will certainly bless you for caring for those in need. In addition to all of those gifts, we provided Christmas gifts for 75 children at St. Martin's Center. Finally, a parishioner brought me 40 \$50 gift cards for Wegman's which were distributed through St. Martin's Center. The St. Patrick Finance Council also approved a motion to tithe 10% of our Christmas collection and give it to St. Martin's Center to help the poorest of the poor. As a result we sent a check for \$2,000.

Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, archbishop of Vienna, Austria, noted that during the recent Synod of Bishops, some of the very conservative cardinals held up Vladimir Putin as a model of someone who espouses family values!! He said he told these cardinals, "There is a certain temptation at the moment to dream of a powerful church, a longing for political Catholicism which will impress people like in the 1930s. These cardinals get extremely worried when they think they see signs that the power of the papacy is diminishing and that the pope, as it were, descending from his throne." He also said he asked the pope if he thought the controversies had become too heated and the pope replied, "It is the Lord who leads the church and will lead us through these controversies."

A teenage boy passed his driving test and asked his dad if he could have the car. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut, and we have a deal," said the father. The boy agreed. After six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I notice you've been studying the Bible, but you haven't had your hair cut." The boy responded, "You know, dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in the bible that Samson, John the Baptist and Moses all had long hair, and it even looks like Jesus did." To which his dad responded, "Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

Saint Hedwig News



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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Wanda Damico** requested by the Juchno family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Dolores and family. St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Alfred Tyler** requested by Dolores.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$1060.00** plus **\$140.00** Campaign for Human Development. Offertory for 12/21/14 was **\$947.00** & offertory for 12/25/14 was **\$1500.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Masses Celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Dorothy Glembocki (the Jenrack family), Theodore Widomski (John Warus), Mary L. Zielinski (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Walter Grabinski (Keith & Anna Mc Lean), Anna Schwartz (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Chet Loncki (James Gorski), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Theresa Sutula Agostine).

Fuel & Heat

To help defray heating costs, envelopes are in the packets you receive. Your generosity is appreciated.

In the sacrament of Baptism the Lord Jesus unites a soul to Himself. He does this by washing away Original Sin and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the soul. This union between God and any soul united to Him is maintained on God's side by His Holy Spirit within us; and our side, the union is maintained by exercising our free will. Using our "free will" we avoid mortal sin; choose what is good; pray; receive the Sacraments; and perform works of mercy and good towards others...all things building up our union with Christ.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 17

Saturday 4:00 PM

Lector	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Tom Zielinski Ray Nowosielsk
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



PRAY THE ROSARY



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	Dec. 20/21	\$ 9,272.01
Online Giving		<u>1,047.00</u>
Total Income		\$10,319.01

Offertory Collection	Christmas	\$20,977.00
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Offertory Collection	Dec. 27/28	\$ 7,787.00
Online Giving		<u>872.00</u>
		\$ 8,659.00

Offertory Collection	Jan. 3/4	\$11,915.00
Online Giving		<u>1,167.00</u>
		<u>\$13,082.00</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Lynne Long

Greeters: Kathleen Horan, Jane Carney

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oliveri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Patty Jackson,
Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Norann Brugger, Charla Leemhuis

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch,
Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

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

ADDITIONAL FLOWER MEMORIAL:

From: Jean Wroblewski

In Memory Of: Frank & Mary Ann Wroblewski, Frances Dolores Gress, All Loved Ones, All Souls, and Veterans



Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

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:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Gerri Ciacchini** from Q. Gregory Orlando Family

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Erie Restoration, Inc.**

Donations to the Food Pantry:

In memory of **Michael Cummings** from Gregory & Virginia Zomick, Cindy, Linda, Georgia, Robert, & Pat-tie, George & Elizabeth Zehner, Daniel & Jacqueline Kensinger, Herbert & Michele Eichenlaub, Ron & Jackie Orelski, Mary Ann White, Neal & Daria Devlin, Jim & Judy Dibble, Tom & Teresa Hoffman, Walter & Joyce Polach, Thomas & Judy Zelina, and Debi & Richard Custer

In memory of **Margaret MacMurdy** from Kathleen MacMurdy

In memory of **Joe Spak** from Jeffrey O'Hara

In memory of **George Zack, John & Barb Jacquel, & Cathie Quick** from Phyllis Zack

In memory of **Winifred Mischler** from Dr. & Mrs Forrest Mischler

In memory of **Joseph & Cecelia Vitron, Robert & Marjorie Wenstran** from Roberta & Robert Vitron

In memory of **Paul Homan Carlson** from Kathy & Phil Fatica

In memory of **Dennis Bailey** from Patricia Schmidt

Also donations from:

Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Dotty & Michael Schloss, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Nancy Yochim, Cynthia & John Purvis, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz

HOMELESS SHELTER—As mentioned previously, St Patrick's Parish is hosting a homeless overflow shelter February 11-24 at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. We are in need of WINTER clothing (new or clean used) for men and women, *i.e.*, underwear, socks, sweat-shirts, jeans, hats, gloves, shoes, boots, coats, etc. We also need personal hygiene items, *i.e.*, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, bath products, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products and hand sanitizer. The shelter also is in need of disinfectant sprays and wipes, trash bags (large black & tall kitchen w/drawstrings), paper products (plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, napkins, paper towels & toilet paper) and black permanent markers. Items can be dropped off on the rectory side porch, or they can be placed in a box at the entrance to the church at each Mass.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 10** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*4:00 PM DOLLY BURDIS, ANNIV. - ST.H
(BROTHERS & SISTERS)

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (JUDY PONTERIO) - ST.P

Jan. 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*8:00 AM MARY JEAN CIOCCIO - ST.P
(TOM & SHEILA HIGGINS)

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. 1-06 (FAMILY) - ST.P

Jan. 12 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 13 *Tuesday, Saint Hilary, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*8:00 AM ROSE FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(PATTI & RAY)**Jan. 14** *Wednesday, Weekday*8:00 AM TESSIE KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(DAUGHTER, ANN)**Jan. 15** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARTIN MIKESKA (DIANE & DAN JARZOMSKI)

Jan. 16 *Friday, Weekday*8:00 AM ANN KRUSZEWICZ
(ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)**Jan 17** *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV.- ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)

5:00 PM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. 01-06 (FAMILY) - ST.P

Jan. 18 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK (SISTER, ANN) - ST.P

10:30 AM BETTY SONTAG - ST.P

(CARL & MICHELE CARLOTTI)

We thank **JOHN J. QUINN FUNERAL HOME INC.**
728 West Ninth Street, Erie, PA 16512
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

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

01/10 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/11 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Jr./Sr. High - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

01/13 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/14** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**01/17** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/18 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Grade 6 - Holy Rosary***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



Mark's depiction of the Lord's baptism allows us to see, feel, and hear the drama of it all. Jesus' Baptism was the beginning of his public ministry; he was baptized to sanctify the waters of baptism for us. This feast today is OUR feast, a celebration of our new identity, as a child of God, a new creation in Christ. How have you experienced a call to ministry of some kind? How deeply do you feel yourself to be beloved by God?

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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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