

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 17, 2016



Christmas 2015  
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Bill Legler

**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

## Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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

Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear again from Isaiah. No longer languishing in exile, Israel basks in the mercy of the Lord. Her sin of idolatry is behind her and God speaks to her like a lover longing for his beloved. Though spoken originally to the Israelites, these words convey a much larger message that extends to all people for all time. They remind us that bad times don't last forever; vindication and glory follow times of hardship, even those we bring on ourselves, because God is never stingy with mercy. Both this reading and the gospel tell us of God's ability to take a painful past and turn it into a glorious future, to transform lack into abundance. Knowing no matter what we have done, God can remake and rename us.

As a family can lose its center and splinter, so some of the Christians in Corinth began to lose their way. The community which Paul founded finds many of its members worshipping false idols, issues of sexual morality and the role of the various gifts such as prophecy and speaking in tongues. From across the sea, Paul writes to them to restore peace and right teaching. He reminds them that their gifts come from God for the good of all. He also emphasizes the community's need for a variety of charisms. He reminds them that all gifts come from the same Spirit so they're equally valuable; each person has something to offer which makes him or her indispensable to all.

Though our reading omits it, John begins this story with "On the third day," a reminder of the resurrection and a signal that we should expect the unexpected, and we're not disappointed. Only twice does Jesus address his mother as "woman," here at the start of his ministry and from the cross where it ends. Note that Jesus is using the water set aside for ceremonial washing

to transform it into wine. He shifts focus from ritual to the heart of the gospel. Rather than ties to old laws, Jesus introduces his disciples to the superabundance of God's grace and freedom. And, finally, Mary's words to the servants are the very last words she will speak in the gospels.

St. Patrick's Parish will once again host a Homeless Shelter in February at the Church of the Nativity Social Center. If you would be interested in volunteering to help, there are a number of things you can do. All volunteers are mentored so you are not left on your own. We also incur a great deal of expense with this. Envelopes are in the back of church if you would like to make a donation to help with the expenses. Your gift can be a memorial which we will list in the bulletin.

I paid the November gas bill recently and it was \$404. The same period last year cost the parish \$2,846.

All of the priests of the diocese met this past Monday with Bishop Persico to be updated on upcoming changes in parish reconfiguration. The bishop noted that the Pastoral Plan will not close a single parish; instead parishes will be merged, partnered or stand alone. If a parish is merged, for example, the parish church might be able to be used for funerals or weddings. However, the Finance Council of the parish into which it is merged is then responsible for the maintenance and all costs affiliated with those buildings. If that Finance Council feels they can no longer afford to maintain them, then they will approach the bishop and ask that the parish be closed.

On April 12 representatives of the parishes in the East Deanery of Erie will meet to review the proposed plan. The plan, at the present time, is to put the changes into effect in September of this year. This will also involve reassignment for some of our priests as well as changes of residence.

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

Father Justin Pino, archivist of the diocese, made an interesting observation that I was unaware of. He noted that in the 150 year history of our diocese, we have closed 120 parishes.

At the request of the diocese, we are closing the office at St. Hedwig's Parish and all of the office work will now be handled through St. Patrick's office. We already do a great deal of it through St. Patrick's (recording the contributions, etc.) and this will be the final step. If you have any business with St. Hedwig's Parish, such as scheduling Masses, etc., please call St. Patrick's office and we will take care of it.

I want to add a special thank you to Dolores Dombkowski who has been doing the secretarial work at St. Hedwig's for over 30 years and has done an excellent job. She's not only efficient but she is very pleasant to work with and very patient and helpful with parishioners. We all owe her a debt of gratitude.

This change in office structure was recommended by the diocese this past May, but we decided to wait until changes in staff took place at St. Patrick's before we initiated the change. I know you will find the staff there more than happy to help you with any questions or concerns you have.

In conjunction with the diocese, our office will be closed on Monday, Martin Luther King day.

A rich man walks into a crowded bar and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy wearing a Jewish cap, a prayer shawl and traditional locks of hair. So he shouts over to the bartender loudly so everyone can hear, "Drinks for everyone but not for the Jew over there." Soon after the drinks have been handed out, the Jew smiles, waves at him and says, "Thank you!" in an equally loud voice. This infuriates the Arab who orders a second round for everyone. The Jewish man continues to smile and again yells, "Thank you." The Arab does this a third time and by now is steaming mad and asks the bartender, "What is the matter with that Jew? I have ordered three rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar—all 200 of them, but him, and all he does is smile and thank me. Is he nuts?" "No," replies the bartender, "He owns the place."

## Saint Hedwig News



January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary & Ed Miller** requested by the Nowosielski family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by her family.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$1012.00. Thank you and God bless.

### Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Sigmund Gorski (Mrs. Dorothy Glembocki), Frank Olszewski (Richard & Susan Kubiak), Raymond Ruffley Sr. (Mrs. Helen Zielinski), Theodore Widomski (Anne Marie & Eileen Ropelewski), Edward Bukowski (Linda Zausen), Martin Mikeska (Joseph Krineski Jr.), Hedwig Lynch (Gary & Laura Borowy).

### Website

Bobby Sulecki has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church. He is looking for old photos, memories, etc. You can view his site at: <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com>. His email is [suleckibobby@gmail.com](mailto:suleckibobby@gmail.com)

Bobby is also working on a site on the history of Erie's Polish Community. Call after 3pm at 899-2731.

*"God of all goodness, grant us the desire ardently, to seek wisely, to know surely and to accomplish perfectly thy holy will, for the glory of thy name."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

#### January 23

Saturday  
4:00 PM

Lector	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



*Pray the Rosary*





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,155.00
Online Giving	\$ 862.00
Total Income	\$ 9,017.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let Us **Welcome**

*Londyn Meara McCullough*

daughter of

Brian & Leanne (Turner) McCullough

who will be baptized after the

5:00 PM Liturgy



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory  
**Betty Firch Flanagan, Anniversary**  
from Mary & Bill Flanagan*

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:

### **Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry**

- ♦ In honor of **Our Children and Grandchildren** from Theresa & Fred Gabler
- ♦ In honor of **Tom Toale, Merry Christmas!** From the employees at Frontier Pharmacy
- ♦ In honor of **Gary & Kathy Goodelle, ("40" Anniversary)** from Patty & Ray Forelli
- ♦ In memory of **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney, and Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Anne & Paul Causgrove
- ♦ In memory of **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach
- ♦ In memory of **Family** from Deborah Musolf
- ♦ In memory of **Owen & Teresa Toale** from Tom Toale

Also donations from:

Judy & Phillip Kelly, Sarah & Ryan Palm,  
Linda & Tom Anderson, Patty & Michael Dailey  
Alice & Ken Daub, and Gretchen & David Durney

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



## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Food Pantry is accepting Children's Books for their children's library.



## 243 DAYS TO THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL!

Meet the amazing **Mary Wegelin**, who not only heads up the food committee, but is a downright institution at St. Patrick's.

Mary joined St. Patrick's at birth. Beginning with her grandparents, St. Patrick's has baptized, wed, and buried many of her family members. Her elders can be found in the Parish books paying their "pew fees." Mary graduated from St. Patrick grade school and she got to send her daughter off to first grade there before the school closed, making her the 4th generation of Mary's family to attend!

Mary's involvement with the festival began on August 26, 1993, a 90 degree moving day for her family, when she answered a phone call from Genevieve Taccone asking her to head up the new "Half Way" festival...the rest of the story is Parish history. Twenty three years later, she still at it and as enthused as ever. In Mary's words, "The festival has been a great source of pleasure to me over the years. Staying connected to the people that I came to appreciate many years ago, watching it morph year after year. There is an excitement that bubbles inside you. You know it is time consuming, for me down right exhausting at times, but also FUN!"

If you have compliments, suggestions, or offers of assistance or sponsorship, you can reach Mary at [mmwegelin@gmail.com](mailto:mmwegelin@gmail.com).

Gary and Becky Johnson, 2016 Festival Chairs  
([gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckykj@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckykj@neo.rr.com)).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Michelle Tortorelli** who has completed the 2 year agrégée (French word for "attached to" or "aggregated with") program with the Sisters of St. Joseph. As an agrégée, women take a vow of fidelity to the spirit and spirituality of the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2016.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Jan. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
(HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOFFER - ST.P  
(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)**Jan. 17** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR) -ST.P

10:30 AM JOHN LOREI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

**Jan. 18** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR MASS

**Jan. 19** *Tuesday, Weekday*8:00 AM LAWRENCE ZIELINSKI  
(DOROTHY SNIDER & FAMILY)**Jan. 20** *Wednesday, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

8:00 AM MARY LOU SPINELLI (BOB &amp; RITA LYLE)

**Jan. 21** *Thursday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 22** *Friday, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*

8:00 AM REGINA LONCKI (IRENE MCCLELLAN)

**Jan. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM EUGENE & MARY CIERI - ST.H  
(PEGGY & JIM GORSKI)5:00 PM MICHAEL ANTALAK - ST.P  
(JOE & BARBARA BROWN)**Jan. 24** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TONY &amp; IRENE IZBICKI (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P

10:30 AM BRIAN AULT - ST.P  
(DR. JAN & BARBARA ROTHMAN)

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. If you know of anyone in a Long Term Care Facility needing conversation or a friendly visit, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085.

**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.

**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."

**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

- 01/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/17** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 01/18** **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED**
- 01/19** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/24** 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

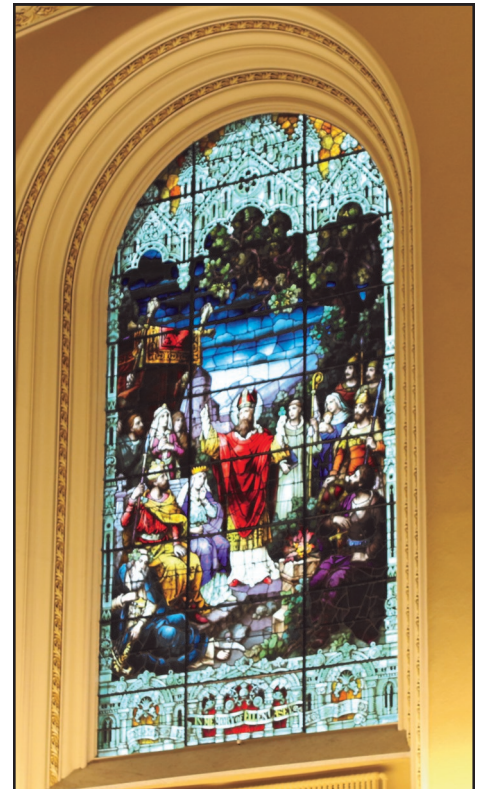
**Ministry Schedule****Saturday, January, 23 2016 at 5:00 pm****Lector:** Rick Filippi**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ray Fiorelli, Yvonne Gersims,  
Kathy Sertz**Greeters:** Tom & Linda Brunner**Altar Servers:** Gemma & Emilio Filippi**Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers**Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 8:00 am****Lector:** Nick Straub**Eucharistic Minister:** Kathryn Olds**Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 10:30 am****Lector:** Michele Wheaton**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michele Wheaton,  
Mary Williams, Colleen Welch**Greeters:** Arlene Miller**Altar Servers:** Juliette Morales**Ushers:** David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan  
Paul Balcun**Offertory Counters:** Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick**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!

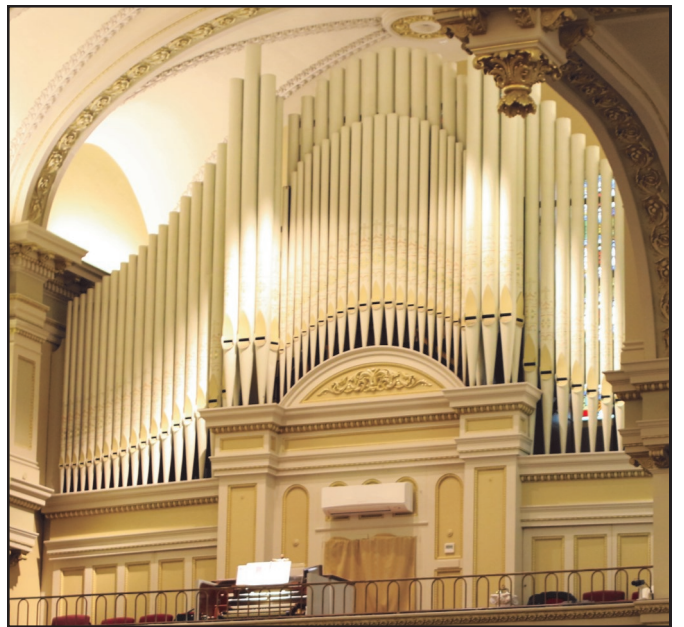


# *Christmas 2015 at St. Patrick Church*

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# 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

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**

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For advertising in our parish bulletin.