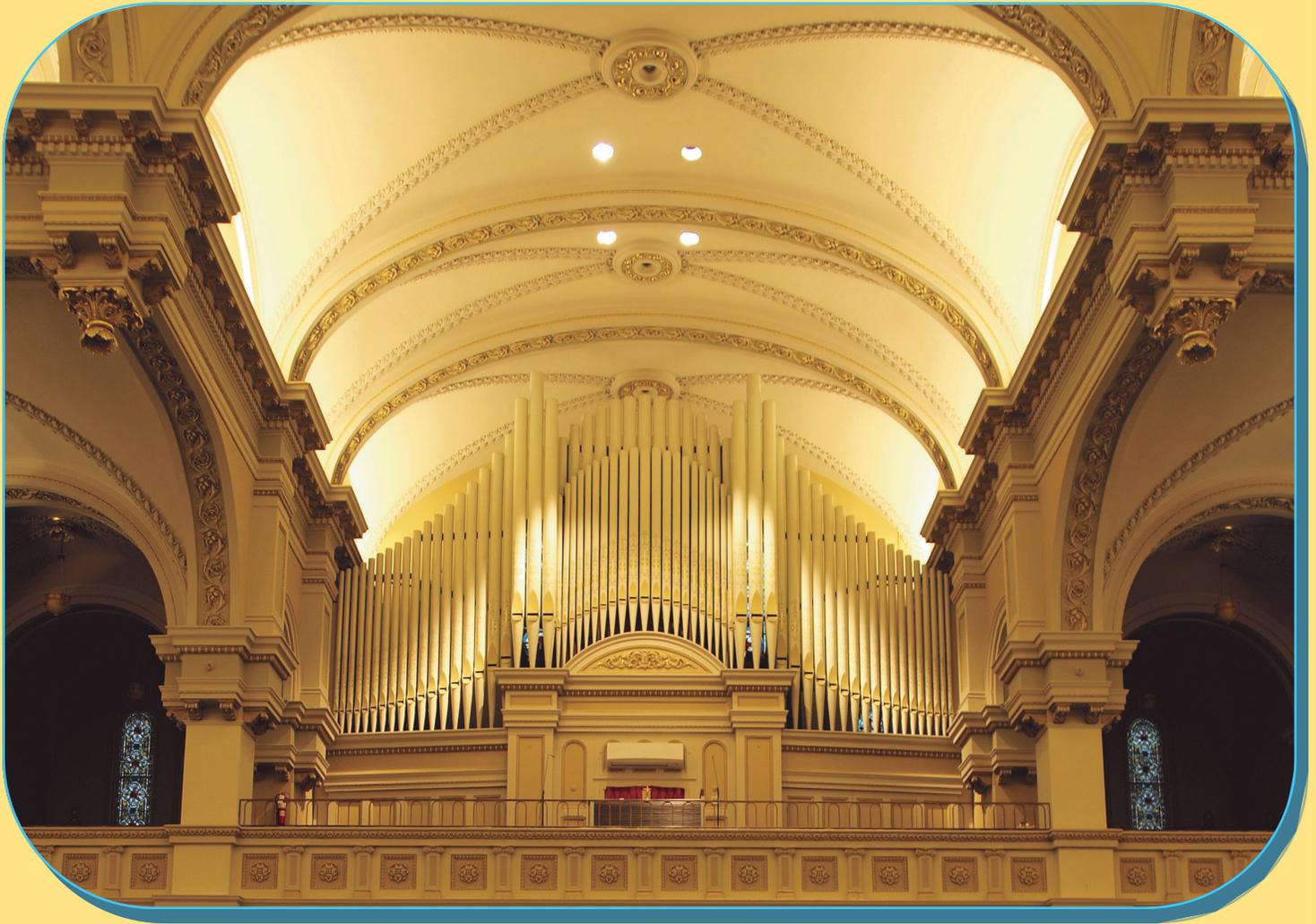


Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Organ

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

Saint Patrick Parish

130 East Fourth Street
Erie, PA 16507
454-8085 FAX 459-8685
stpats@neo.rr.com
www.saintpatrickparisherie.org
Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9AM-Noon,
1 PM - 4PM; Friday 9AM - Noon

Saint Hedwig Parish

521 East Third Street
Erie, PA 16507
454-6232 FAX 454-8096
sainthedwig@neo.rr.com
www.sainthedwigparisherie.org
Office Hours: Tuesday 8AM—3:30PM

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read about the call of Isaiah. Today's text, in which Isaiah's fear and sense of unworthiness is overcome by visions of God enthroned in glory, is paired with the story of Jesus' call for the first disciples. For various reasons, true prophets are typically reluctant to embrace their call. Jeremiah thought he was too young; Isaiah believes he is unworthy and the experience he will encounter to convince him otherwise is mystical and mysterious. Earth and heaven meet when the heavenly song shakes the door frame and divine smoke fills the house. Isaiah responds in terror, but God ministers to him through the angel who sears his lips with purifying fire. God's announcement is one we all long to hear: your wickedness and sins are wiped away. And yet, God leaves him free to make his own decision as he does with each of us.

Paul is an extremely complicated character. He commissions himself with the title apostle and admits that he is the only one who has not seen Christ; yet he claims that he is an apostle. Today he is writing the Corinthians to remind them to stay faithful to what he taught them. They have strayed from him and he is reminding them to return to the truth.

In both Isaiah and the gospel we hear a call in which the one called is painfully aware of sinfulness. In each, the one called is overwhelmed, almost speechless, certain only he's unworthy to be in the presence of the divine power that is both calling him and healing him. Note the difference between Isaiah's call shrouded in temple majesty and Peter's call—tired and dirty after a night of fishing. God has now come to live among us and we meet him mostly on the streets and the in the alleys of our lives. It's when our hands are full of dirty fish or diapers or whatever

that God asks us to reprioritize and follow him. Jesus enters uninvited into Peter's life. Jesus steps into the boat and makes it his pulpit. Peter is a businessman, he has partners, he knows where and when to fish. Has Jesus upstaged him? Hardly. Peter's reaction shows awareness that no mere man could have done what Jesus did. Divinity and humanity are not intended to mix and so Peter says, "Depart from me, I am a sinful man." Peter doesn't yet realize that Jesus comes to draw sinners to him.

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. People over the age of 14 should not eat meat and people between the ages of 18 to 58 should fast and eat only one full meal and two partial meals. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 and older. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 and older. The U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops highly recommend the traditional abstinence from meat, together with fasting, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

There will be a Mass on Wednesday in the weekday chapel at 8 AM with distribution of ashes immediately following. There will also be a Mass in the main church at 12:05 PM with ashes distributed after. I will also distribute ashes beginning at 11:45 until noon. I will again distribute ashes at 4 PM though there is no Mass with that distribution.

I will offer two separate Scripture classes for three consecutive Wednesdays during Lent. A morning 10 AM class will explore the Passion and Death of Jesus as it is presented quite differently in each of the four gospels. An evening class, beginning at 6 PM, will be an Introduction to the four gospels. Each class will last from 45 minutes to

hour. You do not need to bring a bible with you, but we ask that you call the parish office and register so we know how many handouts to print.

While the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops hopes we will adhere to the traditional forms of fast and abstinence during Lent, they also state that an individual can substitute another form of penance. I would only hope that you would take advantage of this Lenten season to spend some time in prayer as well as some form of penance.

We're installing insulation in the attic of the rectory. There is a huge attic — one of the largest rooms I've ever seen in my life; but it is freezing cold up there. Our custodians are now installing insulation which should make a major difference.

Just a reminder that, in the Diocese of Erie, there is no longer any charge for an annulment. Anyone wishing to seek an annulment should contact their parish priest who will give them a packet to get started with, a full explanation of what is involved and who will then help guide them through the process until the paper work is ready to go to the Marriage Tribunal at the diocese. We're fortunate in this diocese with the quality of people at our Marriage Tribunal. They are genuinely people who care and go out of their way to help people.

The early church had the Sacrament of the Sick which was given to anyone who was seriously ill or aged. In the Middle Ages, that sacrament somehow became the Last Rites and was administered as someone was nearing death. Vatican II restored the Sacrament of the Sick, and I would urge anyone who is elderly or seriously ill to receive the sacrament; do not wait until someone is near death.

Guiseppe excitedly tells his mother he's fallen in love and that he is going to get married. He says, "Just for fun, Mama, I'm going to bring over three women and you try and guess which one I'm going to marry." The mother thinks it's a good idea. The next day, he brings three beautiful women into the house, sits them down on the couch and they chat for awhile. He then says, "Okay, mama, guess which one I am going to marry." Mama says immediately, "The one on your right." "That's amazing, Mama, your right, but how did you know?" Mama replies, "I don't like her."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Ed & Mary Miller** requested by the Nowosielski Family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Children & Grandchildren.

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

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

Our offertory for last week was \$925.00. Thank you and God bless.

February 7, 2016 is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Our assigned goal is \$10,910. Please be generous in determining your pledge. Any money raised beyond our assessment this year will go toward paying our monthly bills, etc.

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,
February 10, 2016

The following are regulations for all Catholics in the Diocese of Erie

- Traditional Lenten Practices of PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING and other forms of self denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
- ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from meat for those 7 years and older.
- ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are all permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 13

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Ron Helminski

Eucharist

Ron Helminski

Ushers

Ron Helminski

Richard Mielnik

Altar Servers

Charlotte Mabie



*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,433.51
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,005.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,438.51

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp in memory of
William J. Rennie
 from wife, Dorothy*

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

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

- ◆ In memory of **Barbara Reitinger** from Barbara & John Reitinger
- ◆ In memory of **Eleanor Marie Weisenfluh** from Mark Weisenfluh
- ◆ In memory of **Phyllis & Robert, Gail & Tim Williams** from Mary Williams
- ◆ In memory of **Bernard Reske** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske
- ◆ In memory of **K Wright** from Nancy Yochim
- ◆ In memory of **Mary L. Duncan** from Mary Duncan
- ◆ In memory of **Jim Greenaway** from Patty & Bill Jackson

Also donations from:

Joel Wlaz & Jill Blaga-Walz, Julie & Dave Sanner, Patricia & William Gloecker, Mary & Bill Flanagan, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Cynthia & John Purvis, And Sisters of St. Joseph -Thanksgiving Fund

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.



Let Us *Welcome*
Maddox Anthony Olson
 son of
 Jared & Elise (Bailey) Olson
 who will be baptized after the
 5:00 PM Liturgy
 and
Connor William Nick
 son of
 Scott & Stephanie (Chlebus) Nick
 who will be baptized after the
 10:30 AM Liturgy



You're invited to the St. Patrick's Day festivities sponsored by the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. A letter detailing the events has been printed for each family and is on the table in the back of the church Please pick up your envelope and join the Knights and Ladies in honoring our patron saint.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney

Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers: Charla Leehmuis, Ryan Palm, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Norann Brugger, Charla Leehmuis

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

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

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.





222 Days to the Irish Festival!

When Gail Smith, who had been running the jewelry booth for the last 8 years decided to retire after last year's festival, there were some big shoes in the festival committee that needed to be filled. Running the jewelry booth isn't a 3 day festival commitment, it's an all year collecting, sorting, storing, cleaning, repairing commitment.

One Saturday before 5:00 Mass, the nice woman who usually sits in the pew behind us tapped Becky on the shoulder and asked if she could help. Becky told her we needed a jewelry chair and wondered if she knew anyone. The next week she said she did know someone—herself. That's how Patty Dailey stepped up and that's the kind of great parishioners we have here at St. Pats.

Patty and her two lovely daughters have jumped in with all six feet, collecting from friends and friends' friends, setting up a jewelry connection in Florida, getting watches, and children's rosaries. She and former chair, Gail, are meeting every Monday to sort, clean and organize.

And Patty has decided to add purses to the mix this year, so start rummaging through your closets, ladies.

Patty would love to have some help along the way and during the festival. Please consider volunteering your time. You can call her at 814-461-9845 or email her at mikeandpatty50@yahoo.com.

JEWELRY AND PURSE COLLECTION

February 20 and 21:

Ladies, and some of you gentlemen, it's time to recycle your old unwanted jewelry: that watch in the back of your sock drawer that hasn't had a battery in 6 years, those earrings that don't match any of your outfits, that necklace that just reminds you of that horrible old boyfriend, that "what was I thinking when I bought it" purse.

Patty Dailey and her Festival Crew will be collecting gently used jewelry, including watches (even ones that need a battery), and purses at the front of church before each Mass on Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21. They will sell the jewelry at a wonderful total profit at this fall's Irish Festival; and you unwanted items will become someone else's treasure, while you support the good work of our church.

If you can't bring in your jewelry or purses on those days, the St. Patrick's gift shop will accept donations all year round.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Feb. 6** *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00 PM ALBERT, SOPHIE, & ALEX ZALEWSKI
AND THOMAS ZALEWSKI - ST.H
(ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI)
- 5:00 PM LEO ZIELINSKI - ST.P
(DOROTHY SNIDER & FAMILY)
- Feb. 7** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM ISABELLE MALONEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
10:30 AM IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER - ST.P
- Feb. 8** *Monday, Saint Jerome Emiliani;
Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Feb. 9** *Tuesday, Weekday*
8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY
(ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)
- Feb. 10** *Wednesday, Ash Wednesday*
8:00 AM VIOLET SCOLIO WALDRON
(MARY & BILL FLANAGAN)
12:05 PM MARION BORKOWSKI (DAUGHTER, PAT)
- Feb. 11** *Thursday, Our Lady of Lourdes*
8:00 AM TIM BLUMISH
(EILEEN CONLEY & BARRY PUBLICOVER)
- Feb 12** *Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday*
8:00 AM PATRICIA WERNICKI (PETER & JUDY PENTZ)
- Feb. 13** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*
4:00 PM BERNARD & JANE KUTZ, ANNIV. - ST.H
(TORBIC FAMILY)
5:00 PM WILLIAM J. AND JANE WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(FAMILY)
- Feb. 14** *First Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM THOMAS R. KAMINSKI - ST.P
(CAROL & FRANK VONA)
10:30 AM MARILYN WAYLAND, ANNIV. - ST.P
(JOAN & DAVE HEUBEL)

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

- 02/06** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/07** 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary
- 02/09** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/10** 11:45 AM Ashes
12:05 PM Mass
4:00 PM Ashes
- 02/10** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/13** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/14** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary



ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S "ON-LINE GIVERS":

Donors can pull their own tax statements in Online Giving.

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "**My Online Giving History**". View a detailed History of your past Online Giving.
3. On the right side, click the "**Print**" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.
5. Change the report type to "**Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)**".
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click "**Print**".
8. Your report will open a new window
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report. (To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDF and will let you print the report).

PARISHIONERS WHO USE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

We will be sending tax statements to you shortly. If you received a statement last year, you are on our list and will receive one this year. If you have not received one, please call the office and we will get one to you. 454-8085



To inform parishioners about the Code of Conduct

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf>

For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

ART CONTEST: open to all children in the Eastside

Catholic Faith Formation Ministry in grades K-11 (3 age divisions). Submit your original artwork illustrating either a parable about mercy or one of the Words of Mercy. Details can be found at the church entrances or by calling the Faith Formation office at 454-6322. Winners in each division will receive a \$25 gift card and have their artwork hung in the parish.



LENTEN DINNERS

Blessed Sacrament Parish—

1626 W 26th St. 454-0171

Invites you to their LENTEN DINNERS, Friday February 12th, February 26th, and March 11th from 4:30 - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria. Featuring Baked Scrod Dinner, Cheese Ravioli Dinner and Macaroni & Cheese. Adults: \$9.00 Fish or Chees Ravioli Dinners, \$5.00 Macaroni & Cheese. Children under 12, \$5.00 Fish or Cheese Ravioli Dinners and \$3.00 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner. Take outs available!

Saint Stanislaus Church—

516 E 13th St. 452-6606

Annual Lenten Fish/Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, February 12, 26, and March 11 in the Parish Hall, serving from 4:00 PM—7:00 PM. Cost: adults - \$10.00; children (6-12) - \$5.00; children 5 and under are free. Take-out dinners are \$10.25. Come and enjoy delicious home cooked dinner with you family and friends.

Lenten vigils scheduled at monastery

Lenten vigils will be held at 7 p.m. every Saturday during Lent at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery in Harborcreek. The public is invited. Reflections will be offered each of these evenings:

- Feb. 13—Oblate Marlene Trambley
- Feb. 20—Sister Jean Wolbert, OSB
- Feb. 27—Sister Dorothy Stoner, OSB
- March 5—Sister Pat Lupo, OSB
- March 12—Sister Judith Trambley, OSB
- March 19—Sister Katherine Horan, OSB.

Are you receiving Faith magazine?

Faith magazine of the Diocese of Erie is published every other month and is mailed directly to registered parishioners in the diocese. A new issue is coming out soon. If you don't receive a copy, ask your parish office to be sure you're on the mailing list. Sometimes a change of address or a name change is not reported to the Office of Communications and the U.S. Postal Service will not forward the magazine. Questions may be directed to Brenda Williams, circulation manager, at 800-374-3723, ext. 161, or to bwilliams@ErieRCD.org.

Erie Philharmonic presents a Celtic Celebration

Featuring Cathie Ryan of "Cherish the Ladies"

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8:00 pm at the Warner Theatre

For more information call 814-455-1375 or eriephil.org/march1



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

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank LOESEL-SCHAAF INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

3537 W 12th St. Erie, PA

Patrick G. Wachter—814-833-5433

pwachter@LSinsure.com

For advertising in our parish bulletin.