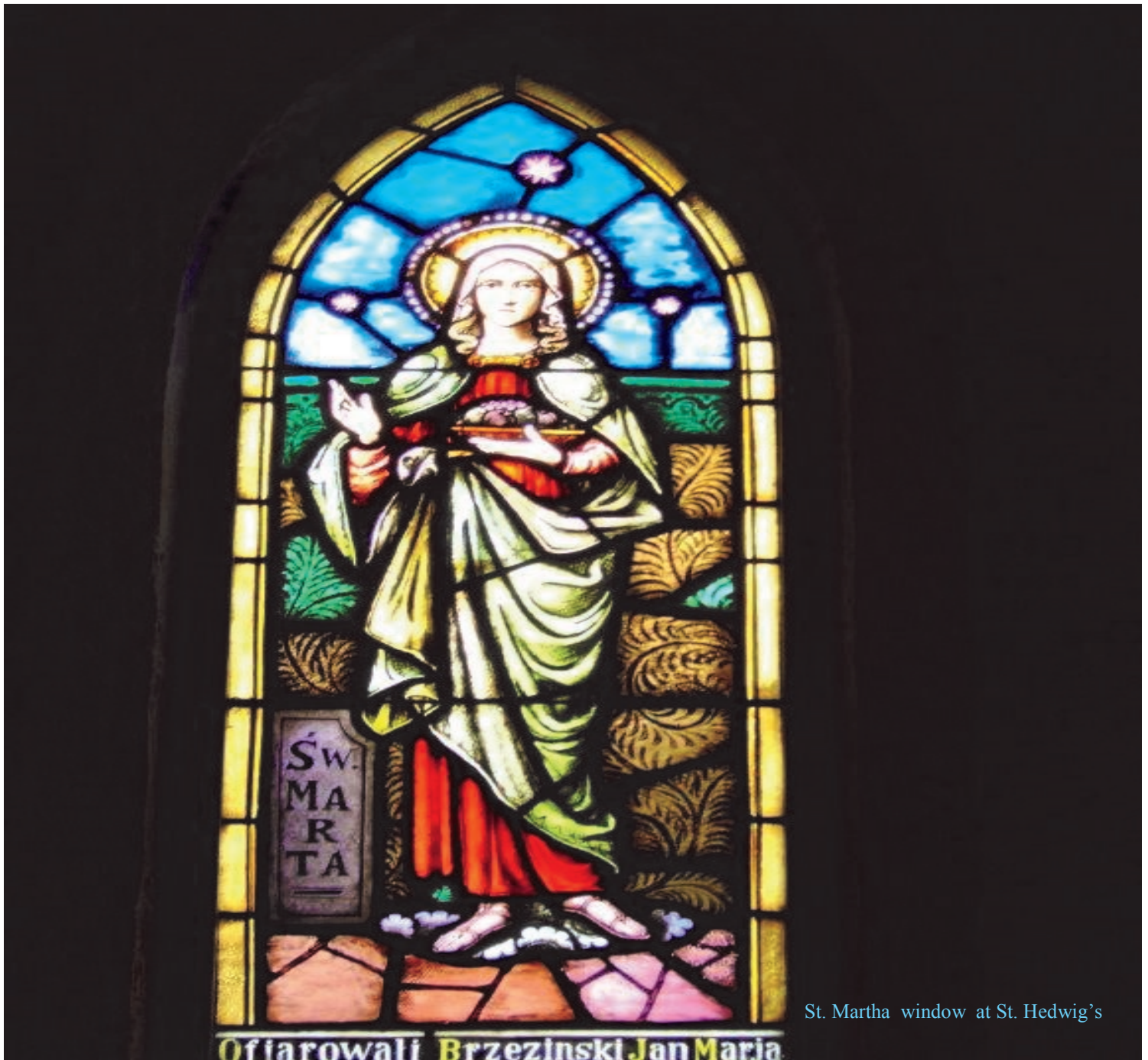


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8, 2015



St. Martha window at St. Hedwig's

Saint Patrick Parish

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*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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the Book of Job. Written some-time between the seventh and sixth centuries BC, the Book of Job is considered one of the finest work's of Israel's wisdom tradition. The main question raised in Job is: why do innocent people suffer? The plot of the story is established in the opening twelve verses: Job, a wise man, blameless and upright with many blessings from God, including children and wealth, is suddenly put to the test by Satan. Will Job remain strong in his faith when all is lost and suffering endures? His response makes up the remainder of the book. Today's reading is part of Job's reaction to a friend, Eliphaz, who attempts to comfort and console Job, but Job finds no relief in his words. At the end of the book, Job will find resolution and reward, but that is not expressed today.

Today's reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is a continuation of his response to various questions raised by the Corinthians. This short excerpt is somewhat disjointed as it includes Paul's rationale for not charging for his preaching of the gospel and his freedom as an apostle.

We continue in our gospel to hear about Jesus' many healing and exorcisms at the start of his public ministry in Galilee. Mark begins his gospel account with a strong emphasis on Jesus' powerful deeds. In fact, in Mark, the emphasis in the Galilean ministry (chapters 1-8) is much more an emphasis on Jesus' deeds more than his words. There are four movements in today's reading: the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, evening healings of the sick and possessed in Capernaum, Jesus at prayer and his departure from Capernaum. We learn not only that Peter was married but that he and Andrew lived in Capernaum, a town about 20 miles northeast of

Nazareth where Jesus was raised. An interesting play on words occurs when he heals Peter's mother-in-law as we are told Jesus "helped her up." The Greek word is the same word used for resurrection. She is raised up and immediately becomes a disciple who serves others. The section concludes with Jesus talking to the disciples after he prays to the Father and tells them that he comes to "preach." That it is not his deeds but his words that are important.

A week from Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence for those between the ages of twelve and sixty-two. No meat should be eaten and only one full meal with two smaller meals.

There will be an 8 AM Mass and a 12:05 Mass at St. Patrick's. I will distribute ashes after the 8 AM Mass, from 11:40 until noon and again after the 12:05 Mass. I will also distribute ashes at 4 PM.

Did you know that only 6.7% of the population of the city of Erie are under the age of 5; 20% are ages 6-19; 35.9% are ages 20-44; 22.7% are ages 45-64 and 13.6% are 65 and older. In another statistic recently presented to the Erie County Historical Society, the population of the city has been declining every year since 1970. At that time there were 129,231 people living in Erie; today there are 101,786.

A one hour Scripture class will be offered in the church on February 26, March 5, 12 and 19. We ask that you call the office if you are planning to attend so we can have enough hand-outs for everyone. After I give the class, I will give you very detailed notes on what I said so that you might be able to revisit the topic. I'm going to do one on Mary of the Scripture (quite different from the popular image), Who Wrote the Gospels?, Who are the Apostles? and the final class will be sort of a show and tell!!!! What was life like in Jesus'

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

time, what were homes like, what did the temple look like, etc. The handout will be filled with illustrations.

St. Patrick's Parish recently sent the Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity a check for \$1,000 to cover utility costs, etc. for the two week homeless shelter that we will staff using their Parish Center. In addition to utility costs, the Russian parish supplies coffee, coffee cups, etc. To help with this, we have purchased all of the cups, plates, utensils, etc. that we will use during our two week shelter. People have been very generous in giving me money to help with these costs. In addition, Saint Jude's Parish is hosting the last three nights of the shelter and they recently brought in a check for \$650 to help with all of the supplies. Another parishioner went to Sam's Club and bought a ton of underwear, socks, etc. to be distributed. We also have a great deal of winter clothing which you brought in and will be greatly appreciated by the homeless people.

I hope we can make a commitment to do this again next year. It is what the gospel is all about and certainly what Pope Francis is asking us.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, archbishop of Boston, was celebrant and homilist January 22nd at the annual Mass for Pro-Life in Washington, D C. He made a plea that pro-life people change their tactic from confrontational to one of love and outreach. He noted that we achieve much more with honey than with vinegar, and he hoped they would tone down their rhetoric.

Doug Smith is on his deathbed with a nurse, his wife and 3 sons around him. He asks for witnesses for his last wishes and says, "My son, Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses." "Samuel, you take the apartments at the east end." "And Jamie, you take the offices over in the City Centre." "Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the bank of the river." The nurse and witnesses are blown away at the extensive holdings he has. As Doug died, the nurse said, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been an incredibly hard working man to have accumulated all this property." Sarah replies, "Property? The idiot had a paper route."

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary Alice Madonia** requested by the Juchno family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Edward & Mary T. Miller** requested by Lou Ann & family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$926.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### **Catholic Services Appeal - 2015**

Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal is February 15th. We ask our parishioners to make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. We must pay this year's assigned goal of **\$11,804**. If you help, we will not have to take the money out of our parish savings. By now you should have received your pledge envelope. You can drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. The parish depends on your generosity.

### **Praying with Perseverance**

*Even if our petition is not immediately granted, we should not stop praying. "We must always pray, and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1).* Our Lord Himself told the parable of the man who continued knocking, and thus actually forced his friend to give him what he wanted. St. Monica prayed for eighteen years for the conversion of her son; after that he became a Doctor of the Church and a great saint—St. Augustine. Our Lord also gave us the example in this; after having labored all day, He frequently passed the night in prayer.

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

### **SAINT HEDWIG MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 14**

**4:00 PM**

**LECTOR**

**RON HELMINSKI**

**EUCARIST**

**RON HELMINSKI**

**USHERS**

**TOM KURPIEWSKI**

**ART BLUM**

**ALTAR SERVER CHARLOTTE MABIE**







# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,236.00
Second Harvest Food Bank	781.00
Online Giving	<u>1,161.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,178.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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 **Colleen Gressley** from Barb & Mike Cross

Donations to the **Food Pantry**:

In memory of **Paul Ashworth & Sr. Marie Paul Ashworth** from Mary Anne Ashworth.

In memory **Isabella Painter** from Marjory & Merle Painter.

In memory of **Violet Eck** from Carol Lee Restifo and Kathleen Horan's Book Club.

In memory of **Michael Cummings** from Elaine Lamm and Andy & Sandy Yurak.

In memory of **Joyce Langer McGee** from Pauline Stevens & Family.

In memory of **Nancy Gallagher** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon.

In memory of **Maloney & Fiorelli Families** from Patty & Ray Fiorelli.

In memory of **Josephine Smith & Dorothy Kwitowski** from Rebecca & James Pianta.

In memory of **Helen Wright** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski.

In memory of **David Mattingly** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper.

Also donations from:

Dotty & Michael Schloss, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz, Denise & Phillip Rewers, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Alice & Kenneth Daub and Patricia Donnelly, AOH Fathers Cauley Divisions and Sisters of St. Joseph

## Saint Benedict Joseph Labre— Patron Saint of Homeless People



We would like to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who have donated clothing, personal hygiene products and many other items for use at the homeless shelter this month. We had an overwhelming response of donations, and truly appreciate everyone's compassion for this undertaking.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Mary Duncan*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli, Yvonne Gersims*

*Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner*

*Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack*

*Ushers: Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, 1 NEEDED*

**Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Mary Williams*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch, Michelle Tortorelli*

*Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell*

*Altar Servers: Logan Kearney*

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

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

### A Moment of Reflection

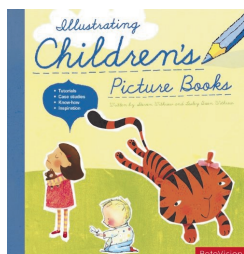


Reading I: Job:1-7

Reading II: 1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Though we live in a culture that often thinks either/or saying: it's dark or light, good or bad, happy or sad, the spiritual journey invites us to live a both/and life that holds together both light and dark, good and bad, happiness and sadness. This week's Gospel shows Jesus living out a both/and life: he prays in community and alone; he prays during the day and at night; he preaches with words and with actions. Prayer and service are two sides of the same coin. The spiritual life is about being both a contemplative and an activist: we are called to be contemplatives-in-action. How have you experienced this?



**FOOD PANTRY** is in need of More donations of books especially children's books.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Feb. 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM PETER WERNICKI (KAREN DODSON) - ST.H

5:00 PM THERESA MERSKI (RON MERSKI &amp; FAMILY) - ST.P

**Feb. 8** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES SCHAFFNER - ST.P

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF THE BLESSED MOTHER - ST.P

**Feb. 9** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 10** *Tuesday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 11** *Wednesday, Our Lady of Lourdes*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 12** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 13** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 14** *Saturday, Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM WALTER SCHWARTZ (THERESA WALKER) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARILYN WEYLAND, ANNIV. - ST.P

(DAVE &amp; JOAN HEUBEL)

**Feb. 15** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JASON SNYDER (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM WILLIAM J. &amp; JANE WARD CARNEY - ST.P

(FAMILY)

**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

**02/07** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**02/08** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7,8,9 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

**02/10** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/11** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/14** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**02/15** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary

**"SOUPER" THANKS** – to all who supported the **"Souper" Event** Jan 25th held by the Jr. and Sr. High students of our faith formation ministry. Because of your generosity, **\$500.00** was raised for **Heifer International** as part of their mission outreach this year! Those who came to the event were treated to three delicious homemade soups: *Chicken Noodle*, *Vegetarian Vegetable* and *African Bean*. In addition Mr. John Macumi, father of two of the students made "Mandazi" bread – a "must have" at all special celebrations within our African community in Erie.

**FIRST EUCHARIST SESSION** – A reminder that the *First Eucharist* session for **parents and child** is **Saturday, February 21st at 10 am** in Hasting Hall on the HolyRosary campus.

**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.



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See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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