

First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016



Jesus preaching
to the Apostles

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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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 First Sunday of Lent and we read from Deuteronomy. For its author, people and identity are one. There can be no such thing as people without memory because it is not enough to share a common history; that history must be kept alive in memory if it is to bind us together. The same holds true for religion: it is our memory of what God has done for us in history that draws us together to celebrate and enables us to live in hope. That is precisely what is happening in the ritual in today's text. The ritual is one of the oldest in the Bible and is to be repeated by each successive generation. Those repeating it will remember those who lived the story and become one with their ancestors. The event today is the annual Harvest Festival. The "basket" offered contains the ritual offering of "first fruits" reserved for God. It is a story of God delivering his people from Egypt and bringing them to a land flowing with abundance.

Our excerpt from Romans is a joyful declaration of faith which should apply to both sides of the brain because it uses both logic and the compelling influence of the heart. Paul is both teacher and evangelist. Some people respond better to the tugging of their hearts, but others need persuasive logic to draw them into faith. Belief in Christ, he tells us, is transformative. It eliminates the distinction between Jew and Greek but it also transforms us from here and now to committed doers of God's word. What we speak with our lips and believe in our hearts turns into concrete action.

Following his baptism, Jesus enters the desert to pray and ends up doing battle with the forces of evil. In scripture, the desert is always a place of trial. Jesus is strengthened in his relationship with his Father but weakened by his fasting and the devil seeks to take advantage. Notice that

each time Jesus rejects a temptation, Satan offers no rebuttals, only new temptations.

Parishioners at both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's are in the process of receiving mailings from the parish concerning the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. Money raised in this annual appeal helps with the costs of Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, retirement costs for diocesan priests, and now the added cost of the Marriage Tribunal because we have eliminated all fees for annulments. At St. Hedwig's, the assessment this year is \$10,910. At St. Patrick's, the assessment is \$63,542. Those are both going to be tough goals to meet, but I'm hoping that you will help me and make a pledge. Pledges can be paid over the course of the coming year or paid at once. A monthly billing is sent out for balances. To help kick off the appeal, I will personally pledge \$1,000 toward the goal.

I will offer two Scripture classes during Lent on March 2, 9 & 16. The 10 AM class will address the Passion and Death of Christ as found in the different gospels. The 6 PM class will be an Introduction to the four gospels. Each class lasts from 45 minutes to an hour. No bible is needed. We will provide handouts. Simply call the office (454-8085) and let us know if you will be attending so we know how many handouts to prepare.

Several weeks ago I put an announcement in the bulletin that St. Patrick's Haven was in need of volunteers to prepare a Sunday evening dinner for 21 men. Twenty-three people from the parish stepped forward and are now in the cycle of people helping with this. I've never been in a parish with a social conscience like you have. Makes a pastor's heart skip a beat. In addition, several of you stepped forward to help with the Food Pantry at St. Martin's Center. And remember that this is on top of all of the people who volunteer for our own Food Pantry and our Homeless Shelter.

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

This past Tuesday evening, we hosted parish ministers for Mardi Gras to thank all of those who minister in the parish. We hosted a 5:30-7:30—cocktail party for all of our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, choir, greeters, Station Keepers and chairs of our various events. The invitation included spouses because, if one party is giving time to the parish, the other is picking up some slack. It's a way not only to say thank you but also to get parishioners to know one another better. We held the event in the Yehl Room at Gannon University. Why not consider becoming part of one of our ministries and joining us next year for a fun evening?

My biggest challenge at St. Patrick's is trying to build community, getting people to know one another, and events like this gathering of parish ministers is one way to accomplish that.

Our Homeless Shelter ended this past Wednesday evening, and a special thanks to B J Lechner and his team of volunteers for organizing and directing the week. We had up to 70 guests on various evenings, served them a hot dinner, provided a shower, clean bed, coffee, etc. Volunteers staffed the event from 7 PM until 7 AM the following morning. It was a great deal of work and sacrifice on the part of everyone, but thanks to these volunteers, it was a great success. A special thanks also to all of you who supported this effort with your donations. Those donations totaled almost \$6,500, all of which was spent for rent, utilities, cleaning service, dumpster, milk, coffee, bread, etc.

An atheist sat next to a little girl on an airplane as she read her book. "Would you like to talk?" he asked, "it makes the flight go faster." "What do you want to talk about?" she asked. "Well," he replied, how about the fact that God does not exist and that there is no heaven or hell." "I have a question for you," asked the little girl. "A deer, a cow and a horse all eat the same grass. Yet a deer excretes pellets, a cow a flat patty and a horse clumps. How do you explain that?" "I have no idea," answered the atheist to which the little girl picked up her book and said, "How can you talk about God and heaven and hell when you don't know crap?"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gary & Laura Borowy.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Rose Nesdore

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

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

Our offertory for last week was \$777.00. Thank you and God bless.

What is the purpose of observing Lent every year?

It is a time of preparation and purification for Easter. We prepare ourselves by prayer, fasting (self-denial), and almsgiving (works of mercy). Lent is a time to get to know Jesus better.

Lenten dinners

Every Friday at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons serving from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Parishioner, Bobby J. Sulecki has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church and Erie's Polish Community and Churches and still needs your help. He is looking for your old photos (such as class pictures or any school pictures, church related, church wedding pictures, pictures of immigrant families, neighborhood pictures, corner stores, etc.) All items will be returned to you. If you would like to share your memories of St. Hedwig's growing up Polish, etc., there will be memory sheets located on the display table in the vestibule of the Church. Your stories need to be told. Your memories matter, no matter how big or how small.

Bobby's sites at: <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com> and <http://eriepoloniahistory.com/> Email at suleckibobby@gmail.com Phone 899-2731 after 3pm Dziekuje!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 20

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Bobby Sulecki

Eucharist

Tom Zielinski

Ushers

Ron Helminski

Richard Mielnik

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family



*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,223.27
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,205.00</u>
Total Income	\$10,428.27

Thank you for your generosity!



We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Griffin, Ginny McGinnis and Rose Chilleli who passed away last week.

Welcome new parishioners to St. Patrick's Church!!!



Christopher Sofranko, James Donnelly, Tracy Ozimek, Theresa & Richard Zamboldi, Julie & James Fetzner, Katie Frank, Frances & Ronald Rectenwald, Matt Walkowiak, Lauree & Michael Schloss, Mary Ann Walker, Jennifer Gornall & Tim Zieziula, Pamela Konieczko, Terese & Tim Augustyniak, Eileen & Mark Behringer, Leslie Stinson-DiFrank and Jay DiFrank, Kelly & Steve Karns, and Heather & Joe Kimball



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Jennifer Johnson
from Family*

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 this week by Kathy Alessi

- ◆ In memory of **Isabella Painter** from Marjorie & Merle Painter
- ◆ In memory of **Charles & Jeanne Hagmann and Mary Mason** from Deborah Musolff
- ◆ In memory of **Joseph M. Ward** from Danielle Ward
- ◆ In memory of **Dr. Bill Brereton** from Dr. & Mrs. Don Zone
- ◆ In memory of **Bill Riker** from William J. Carney
- ◆ In memory of **Ron Homicz** from Joanne Homicz
- ◆ In memory of **Barb Slomski** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Also donations from:

Karen Dubowski & Tim Grode, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, Kathy & Pierre McCormick,

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.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Long, Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney

Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Karyn Polaski

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller and Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

It would be greatly appreciated if you know your availability for the Easter Holiday. Please contact the office at 454-8085 or email at stpats@neo.rr.com

A Family Perspective—First Sunday of Lent

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work.

Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?



215 DAYS UNTIL THE IRISH FESTIVAL

Valentine's Day. Time for a love story.

Abby Lechner is one of our newest festival committee members. She stepped forward when the call for a volunteer to handle the newly reconstituted children's program went out a couple of months ago. Abby, a consultant at Decision Associates and the mother of toddler twins, Kathryn and Meridith, is charged with coming up with interesting programs and fun activities to toddlers, tweens, and teens, as well as putting together a baby-sitting program for young parents who want to volunteer time at the festival but need somewhere safe and fun to park junior.

It's a herculean task, but Abby is an old hand at community involvement, helping create events and fund raising for the art museum and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network, among others.

So welcome to Abby and thanks for stepping up to the challenge. Abby would welcome your suggestions, your support, and your help. You can reach her at (843) 412-0275 or Abigail.Lechner@gmail.com.

So where's the love story? Well, turns out the lovely Abby Gallo, and Erie native moved to Charleston, SC after college. She came home for a visit and bumped into a charming fellow named Matt Lechner—on Valentine's Day, 2009. "Oh, oh, oh, it's magic," as the song goes, and all that's left of Charleston is the area code on Abby's cell phone. Both families, by the way, were delighted.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, gjohnson@brotolosouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. We welcome your suggestions or comments or offers of time, money or support.

JEWELRY AND PURSE DONATION EVENT

FEBRUARY 20 & 21—Front of church before each Mass

Let's be honest, the best way to ensure someone buys you new jewelry on Valentine's Day is to get rid of your old jewelry—"Honey, I have nothing to wear!" And the best way to rationalize buying that new hand-made Italian leather purse is to donate your old one—you can't live without a purse, right?

Please bring your gently used jewelry, watches (we'll put the batteries in), and purses to church before Mass on Saturday or Sunday, February 20 or 21, and one of the wonderful people from the Irish Festival jewelry sales committee will be very happy to accept your donation.

Your donated jewelry or purse will become someone else's treasure, just as it was once yours, when it is sold for a modest price and a great profit at the Irish Festival this fall, and you will be helping to support the good work of our great church.

If you have questions, give Patty Dailey a call at 814-461-9845. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Feb. 15 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR MASS

Feb. 16 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 17 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 18 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 19 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM ROSE PLIZGA (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM ANTHONY OLSEN - ST.P
(ANGELA & TOM BERRINGER)

Feb. 21 *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM DEBRA & CAROL DONNELLY - ST.P
(JAMES DONNELLY & FAMILY)

10:30 AM TOM WALKER, ANNIV - ST.P

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

- 02/13** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/14** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 02/15** OFFICE CLOSED - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 02/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/21** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 02/21** 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

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.





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

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. 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.

Sacred Heart Grade School in Erie plans its 50th reunion

Erie's Sacred Heart Grade School Class of 1966 is planning a 50th reunion this year. Classmates are encouraged to contact Tim Edkin at tedkin@edkin.net

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.

LENTEN DINNERS

Blessed Sacrament Parish—

1626 W 26th St. 454-0171

Invites you to their LENTEN DINNERS, Friday, 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 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.

Come to Holy Rosary's Soup/Chili Cook-Off



Holy Rosary Parish in Erie is hosting its Soup/Chili Cook-Off Saturday, March 5, at 5 p.m. at Hastings Hall, E. 28th Street and East Avenue. The cost is \$8 for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$5 for children 6 to 12; and free for children 5 and under.

Catholic Men's Conference scheduled for March 12

Be a part of 2232 Men, a half-day event based on the theme of Luke 22:32, "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

This year's 2232 Men's Conference, sponsored by the Reason for Our Hope Foundation, will be held March 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Warner Theatre in Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers—including Deacon Ralph Poyo, Matt Birk and Tim Staples—along with lunch, adoration and the opportunity for reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Discounts are available for groups of eight or more, and for high school and college students. Visit www.2232Men.com or call 814-455-7364 for more information and to register.

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

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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