

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Station of the Cross

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and read from Genesis. God had previously promised Abram that he would become a great nation. In the verses before this reading, Abram is lamenting the fact that he has grown old and still has no heir. So God reassures him by comparing his future descendants to the number of stars in the sky. But when God promises land, Abram asks for a sign. God complies with an ancient contract ritual that's as alien to us as it is bloody. Animals are cut in half and the people walk between the two halves to signify their willingness to suffer the fate of the animals is either should break to contract. The birds of prey represent threats to the covenant just enacted, but Abram stands guard. Then the "theophany" of divine encounter deepens. Abram enters into a trance and in the "terrifying darkness," Abram's interaction with God has shifted from dialogue to immersion in awe-inspiring mystery. Abram emerges with no proof of what God will do, but with a deeper faith.

Paul has heard that his hard work among the Philippians is being threatened by false teachers and he writes urgently from prison. Those who argue for ritual of the old Law are negating the efficacy of Christ, and Paul won't stand for it. He asks them to imitate himself who let go of the law to stand on the rock that is Christ. Paul wants to free them from focusing on earthly things via the law and turn their attention to heaven, the place from which will come the savior.

Today we encounter one of the most startling events in the gospels. The man the disciples knew as friend and rabbi is suddenly revealed to a privileged three as God's Son. Remember in the gospels that Peter, James and John enjoy a unique relationship with Jesus and he takes them into his confidence more than anyone else. Today's experience leaves them utterly silent as

they try to digest what has happened.

We welcome Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, retired pastor of Our Lady of Peace, as celebrant of the Masses this weekend.

On Wednesday, March 2, I will begin the first of a three-part Scripture series for Lent. The morning class, from 10—11 AM, will be held in church and will focus on the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of Jesus. We will explore the rather dramatic differences between the four gospels and try to reconcile them so that we might better understand what happened. The evening class, to be held from 6-7 PM, will be an Introduction to the Four Gospels. We will look at the different portraits of Christ which each of the evangelist gives, sometimes dramatically different approaches. There is no charge for the class; all I ask is that you call the rectory office and register so that I know how many hand-outs to give.

If you think Mass attendance among Catholics is down, a recent report shows that less than 2% of the English population now worship in an Anglican church on the average Sunday. Only 12% of births are marked by a baptism and only 31% of deaths were marked by a church funeral.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal, can I plead with you to consider doing so? This annual appeal raises funds for Catholic Charities, St. Martin's Center, the diocesan Marriage Tribunal (remember we no longer charge for annulments and so the expenses of this office are coming from the CSA), the added costs of priests retirements, etc. At St. Hedwig's, we have an assessment this year of \$10,910. At St. Patrick's, we have an assessment of \$63,542, up from \$44,000 last year. In light of that sharp increase, I really need your help. Would you consider making a gift. Pledges can be paid at once or over the course of the year.

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

Monthly reminders are mailed to all people who are paying on their pledge over a period of time.

If you happen to stop in at St. Patrick's rectory, you will notice that our offices are shining like they haven't in a long time. That is thanks largely to Erie Insurance who have donated new desks, chairs, file cabinets, etc. to us. In addition, we had the main office re-carpeted for the first time in over twenty years. The centerpiece of the main office is a hundred year old desk that belonged to Father Peter Cauley, pastor here from 1892 until his death in 1934 and the priest who built the present church and rectory. That desk had fallen into disrepair, drawers wouldn't open, etc. We've had it completely restored and it is now again being used.

You may also have noticed a large chandelier in the main hall of the first floor of the rectory. Rather dull looking, it dates to 1915 when the house was built. We discover that it is an amazing Waterford crystal chandelier that probably hasn't been cleaned in 50 years. We are restoring it, and you might need sun glasses when it is finished. It is a rather spectacular piece of art.

The next thing to be sent out for restoration is going to be the pastor!

The Young Adults group will meet Sunday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 PM at the Millcreek Brewing Company, 4102 West Lake Road.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 16,314 pounds of food during December. The pantry served 780 families which included 436 elderly and 1,063 children. Total cost to the parish was \$1,942.61, all of which was covered by your ongoing generous support of this work. For the entire year of 2015, we distributed 206,314 pounds of food at a total cost to the parish of \$12,921. Again, your generosity made all of this possible.

The young couples' church discussion group was studying the story of Abraham and Sarah, who in their nineties were blessed with a child. Among other things, the teacher asked, "What lesson do we learn from this story?" A young father raised his hand and said, "They waited until they could afford it!"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Theresa & Barb Juchno.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Dorothy Marie Dowd** requested by George & Shirleen Dowd.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Bob & Rosemary Dunsmore.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$380.00. Thank you and God bless.

LENTEN DINNERS

Polish Falcons—

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

Blessed Sacrament Parish—

1626 W 26th St. 454-0171

Invites you to their LENTEN DINNERS, Friday, February 26th, and March 11th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm 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.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

February 26

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie



*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6821.89
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1025.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7846.89

Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Dr. Angelina Fabrizio
 in honor of her birthday (2/22)
 from her sister, Mary

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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

- ◆ In memory of **JoAnne Barber McCormick and Kaye & Joe Barber** from Dr. Maureen Barber-Carey and Ryan Carey
- ◆ In memory of Carol & Debbi Donnelly from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ In memory of **Norman Murphy and Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ◆ In memory of **Donald C. Pastore** from Janice & Donald Pastore
- ◆ In memory of **Paul M & Norma Causgrove and Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Anne & Paul Causgrove

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Kathleen Horan, Kevin & Margaret Cohick, Barbara Brairton, Patty & Michael Dailey and Carol & Jay Habas

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.



A **BIG** Thank You to **Lena Walz** for sharing her birthday presents with the Food Pantry, instead of presents for her, she asked all her friends to donate a non-perishable item to the Food Pantry. You should see the big box!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY LENA!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Jay Habas, Carol Habas*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney*

Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully, Kathleen Pae*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

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

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

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

In celebration and in honor of our patron saint, we hope you'll join us for all the March celebrations as we bring the spirit of Saint Patrick to the Erie community.



This year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12th, beginning at 2 pm. If you'd like to be included with a float or wish to march in the parade, please contact Michele Wheaton at (814) 824-2086 or at mwheaton@mercyhurst.edu.

In addition, on Sunday, March 13th, the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick will host a Mass and induction ceremony at 5 pm at St. Patrick's Church.

A dinner following the liturgy will take place at Saint Peter Cathedral School, 11th and Sassafra. Calamari's will cater the dinner and the menu will include corn beef, cabbage and other traditional Irish fare.

All parishioners are most cordially invited and encouraged to attend the parade, Mass, induction, and dinner. These events are great ways to build community in the parish and enjoy all that is Irish.

Please RSVP for the dinner and purchase tickets by contacting Colleen Welch at (814) 455-8571. Dinner tickets are priced at \$20.

208 DAYS TO THE FESTIVAL



Mary Beth Wachter has been honored as a Lady of St. Patrick and her husband, Dick, was a grade school teacher at St. Pats (won't say what years), so it was natural for them to join the Parish in 2009.

Mary Beth is a do-er, sleeves rolled up, jump in with both feet kind of gal. When Arelene Barlekoff retired from the big job of running the bake sale at the festival after many, many years, Mary Beth stepped up to the challenge of keeping it going, building on Arlene's great success and growing the sale. Because all the delicious bakery items for sale are donated by parishioners, this generates pure "profit" for the church and has been a great way for Mary Beth and Dick to meet so many of you and to really feel connected to the Parish.

For the Wachters, this is a family affair: Dick, three sons, and two daughters-in-law help put it all together and even the grand-kids can be found scampering about the festival wearing "Junior Helper" t-shirts.

The bake sale is a huge undertaking and we are looking to find more space for it and perhaps set up a satellite sale near the stage this year, so in addition to thanking all of you who have donated baked goods and your time volunteering in the past, Mary Beth is asking for even more help this year— more baked goods, more volunteer time.

If you are interested in helping, you can contact Mary Beth most Saturdays after Mass or by email at mbwachter@gmail.com.

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.

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, 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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Feb. 22 *Monday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 23 *Tuesday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 24 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 25 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 26 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 27 *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*

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

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

Feb. 28 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM CAROLYN QUIRK (WILLIAM QUIRK) - ST. P

10:30 AM SANDRA BIRKMIRE, ANNIV. - ST.P
(HUSBAND & CHILDREN)

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

- 02/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/21** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
- 1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary
- 02/23** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/24** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/28** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary

Mark your Calendars!



Some of the Faith Formation students in grades 7-10 will be performing a Living Stations of the Cross at Holy Rosary after the 5:50 p.m. Mass on March 9th. There also will be a free soup supper available. ALL are welcome!

MARDI GRAS PARTY
AT THE YEHL BALLROOM
GANNON UNIVERSITY



THANK YOU TO ALL THE
PARISH MINISTERS
WHO SERVE SO
FAITHFULLY.







NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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