Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016



Saint Patrick Parish Saint Hedwig Parish

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent and we read from Exodus. Moses' unexpected encounter with God allows us to learn about who God is and how God interacts with his people. We learn that God takes people by surprise and calls those who least expect to become his instruments. God's promises are always fulfilled but seldom according to human expectations. The Israelites have spent 500 years as slaves to the Egyptians and now God will fulfill a 600 year old promise and lead them to the Promised Land. Although raised like a prince in Egypt's royal household, Moses is now an outcast because he killed an Egyptian. His attention is drawn to the burning bush but it is the divine voice coming out of it that convinces him he is in God's presence. He immediately hides his face for they believed one risked death to look at God. God identifies himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In biblical times, something was considered real only if you could name it; knowing someone's name created a bond and a degree of control over it.

Pride is the worst of sins and Paul cautions his readers to look at their ancestors. They were favored by God during their desert journey, yet they wound up in destruction. He warns his readers that their knowledge of Christ is no guarantee they won't fall. Paul notes that their ancestors were guided by a cloud, escaped through the sea and dined on spiritual food. Even their thirst was taken care of. Despite all this, very few survived and entered the Promised Land. Paul is warning his readers to be careful lest they fall victim to the same fate.

Jesus asserts two major principles today: those who suffer have not necessarily sinned; but those who sin will eventually reap the fruit they have sown. In biblical times it was common to

believe that misfortune was a sign of God's disfavor. Jesus disputes that false notion in two examples today. His goal is like the Lenten goal, to remind us of an elusive truth: there's not as much time as we think. If we want to be right with God, today is the day and now is the hour to take the first step.

Our Lenten Scripture classes begin on Wednesday. The 10 AM class will address the Passion, Death and Crucifixion of Jesus as told in the 4 gospels. The 6 PM class will be an Introduction to the Four Gospels. You do not need a bible; I will have handouts for each person. We only ask that you call the office and register so we know how many handouts to prepare. Each class will last from 45 minutes to an hour maximum.

Please think seriously about making a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. Our assessment at St. Hedwig's is \$10,910 and the assessment at St. Patrick's is \$63,542. Those are enormous amounts of money to raise, and I'm hoping you will help me. Our assessment at St. Patrick's increased from \$44,000 last year to almost \$64,000 this year. Any money we raise beyond the assessment will stay in the parish, and I use those funds to pay down the debt on the restoration. You can make a pledge and pay it over the course of the next year. Monthly reminders will be sent to you.

Many of you are physically unable to help with the recent Homeless Shelter which we hosted for almost 70 people each night. However, many of you reached in your pockets to help us with the costs of that project, and your generosity brought in over \$6,300! There is a great deal of expense involved with the Shelter. We have rent for the Church of the Nativity Social Center, utilities, a dumpster, a cleaning service to come in each morning and scour the bathrooms and showers, daily purchase of coffee, bread, milk, etc.

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

Thank you for your generous support to cover these costs. I'm also grateful to chair, B J Lechner, and his committee for their hard work. They have endless hours to making this happen.

ISIS recently completely bombed St. Elijah Monastery in Iraq, a monastery which has been in continual existence since the mid 500s when it was built. In 1743, its monks were given an ultimatum by Persian forces to convert to Islam and, when they refused, 148 of them were massacred. This brings to more than 100 churches and monasteries that have been destroyed by ISIS.

St. Patrick's Church is open Mon-Thurs. from 7 AM until 3 PM (entry through the handicapped entrance at the Southwest tower). It is also open on Friday from 7 AM until noon. Particularly during Lent, it is impressive to see the large number of people going in and out to make a visit or to say the Stations of the Cross.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 15,485 pounds of food during January to a total of 489 families. Among them were 668 children and 281 elderly people. Total cost to the parish was \$726.01, all of which again has been covered by your ongoing generosity and support of this project. Thank you on behalf of those in need.

If you are elderly and there is extreme weather with ice or snow, please don't risk coming out for Mass. God does not want you to fall and break a bone. You are not bound by any obligation if the weather is threatening to your health. You can say a few prayers at home and then come to Mass when the weather is more cooperative.

A criminal pleaded with the judge, "Your Honor, I'm not guilty. I know I can prove it if you just give me some time." "Sure, said the judge, "How about ten years. Next."Judge: "The last time I saw you, I told you I didn't want to ever see you again." Defendant: "I told that to the policeman, but he didn't believe me."Several security guards were scratching their heads in the aftermath of a bank robbery. "But how could they have gotten away?" one guard wondered aloud. "We had all the exits covered." "I think they must have gone out the entrance," suggested another.

Saint Hedwig News





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** requested by the St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Dorothy Mielnik.

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

Our offertory for last week was <u>\$869.00</u>. 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, March 11th form 4:30 - 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Featuring Baked Scrod Dinner, Cheese Ravioli Dinner and Macaroni & Cheese. Adults: \$9.00 Fish or Cheese 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 Friday, 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.

Sacred Heart Annual Spaghetti Dinner—

Corner of 25th & Liberty Streets—Church Auditorium Sunday, March 13th serving from 11:00 am-6:00 pm Adults: \$8.00, Children (6-12) \$4.00, Under 6—Free Carry-outs available from 11:00 am (Bring Containers)

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

March 5 Saturday 4:00 PM

Lector Dave Widomski Eucharist Dave Widomski Ushers Ray Nowosielski

Tom Kurpiewski

Pray the Rosary
Daily

Altar Servers Nowosielski Family



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection \$6,919.00Online Giving \$1,105.00Total Income \$8,024.00

Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Carl O. Rimpa from Helen & Mary Lou Rimpa

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 memory of Regina Lewis from Alice & Ken Daub
- In memory of Gingenbach & Armour Families from Barbara Gingenbach
- In memory of John & Barb Jacquel,
 George Zack, Eddie Joint from Phyllis Zack
- ◆ In memory of Dominic & Mary Masenas from Denise & Phil Rewers
- In memory of **John Barber** from Patricia Heasley
- In memory of Norman Murphy Sr., Ruth Janoski, and Ronald Chesko from Patrick Murphy
- In memory of James Fitzgibbon from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon

Also donations from:

Huzar Club, Carol & Jay Habas, Patty & Ray Fiorelli, Charla Leehmuis, Thomas Fontecchio, Claire Russell, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Rev. John Bauer, and Susan & Mark Sullivan

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

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.



Ministry Schedule Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli,

Shirley Winschel Greeters: Angie Kontur Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney

Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Dario Cipriani,

Charla Leehmuis Greeters: Charla Leehmuis Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

Ushers: David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,

Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,

Gail Smith

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, pleases 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 Sassafras. 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2016

201 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

Born and baptized here, the Brunner sisters, Patty and Debbie, have over 50 years of combined worship right here at St. Patrick's

Church where they have built wonderful lifetime friendships and where they look forward to meeting new friends. They've been mentored in their faith by Sr. Marie, were part of the early 1990's 'Kid's Club" group, and have volunteered countless hours at church events and ministries, and even spent Saturdays working in the rectory office back in the day. Patty and Debbie truly love seeing everyone come together here as a church family and we truly love their passion and lifelong dedication to St. Pats.

Patty, a licensed Funeral Director, understands the necessity of accuracy, attention to detail, and timeliness, which makes her a natural to take over the important task of money collecting and counting at the festival from the capable hands of long-time volunteer Michele Wheaton. She looks forward to seeing everyone at the festival again this year. Comments, suggestions, and offers of assistance can be sent to Patty at pmbrunner0001@yahoo.com.

Deb is a Graphic Designer who is dragging some of us older parishioners kicking and screaming into the 21st century with her Irish Festival website redesign and the promotion of our online presence through social media outlets. She is using all her marketing skill to get the word out in other areas as well, including the design of our promotional flyers. If you would like to help or have other ideas for other advertising outlets, please feel free to contact Deb at dbrunn95@yahoo.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.

Correction to February 21st Irish Festival Column: It was incorrectly stated that Dick Wachter was a teacher at St. Pats School, he was a student.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for

use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something online makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

http://www.eriercd.org/protectvouth.htm

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Feb. 29 Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 1 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM MICKEY MABIE (DAVID ROMANOWICZ)

March 2 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM DOLLY BERDIS

(DOROTHY, RICHARD & PATTY MIELNIK)

March 3 Thursday, Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (FAMILY)

March 4 Friday, Saint Casimir

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, LIVING & DECEASED

March 5 Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI - ST.H (SON, TOM & FAMILY)

5:00 PM TIMOTHY KINDLE (LAMPE FAMILY) - ST.P

March 6 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM THOMAS CICCHETTI (FAMILY) -ST.P

10:30 AM ALFRED J. SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY) - 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

02/27 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/28 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

03/01 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

03/02 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

03/05 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/06 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

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!



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MARCH 4-5, 2016 • HOLY YEAR OF MERCY SPECIAL EVENT

Please join **ST. PETER CATHEDRAL**, **ERIE**, in celebrating *24 Hours for the Lord*. During this Year of Mercy encounter Jesus Christ anew in the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to visit with Jesus and at the same time experience Jesus' mercy by taking advantage of the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions will be available throughout this 24-hour period.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- 5:15 p.m. Mass with Bishop Persico as Celebrant/Homilist
- Following 5:15 p.m. Mass, Bishop Persico will expose the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 10:00 p.m. Night Prayer

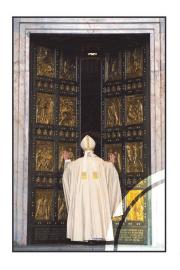
SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- 3:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Blessed Sacrament reposed prior to 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Persico
- Following 8:00 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until the Closing and Benediction prior to the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Bishop Persico

Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, hear our prayers!

Please take time out of your busy schedule to stop and visit with Jesus and receive His love and forgiveness.





JOIN THE DIOCESE OF ERIE AND THE WORLD in celebrating 24 HOURS for the LORD.

24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative of Pope Francis to call all people to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. All of the designated pilgrim sites in the Diocese of Erie will participate in this time of adoration and confession. For more information, please see the website of the Diocese of Erie at www.ErieRCD.org/mercy.htm.

4-5 march

DESIGNATED SITES

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie

Contact the parish office at 814-453-6677. (see reverse side for full details)



For more information contact Brandon Vogt at 814-899-5342 ext. 13 or music@ourladyofmercychurch.org.

Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Bernard Parish, Bradford Contact the parish at 814-362-6825.

St. Michael, Greenville

Contact Fr. David Foradori, 724-588-9800 or 4adori@gmail.com.

Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney

Contact the parish office at 814-938-6540.

Sacred Heart, St. Marys

Contact the parish office at 814-834-7861.

St. Joseph, Warren

Contact Jennifer Wortman at 814-723-2090 ext. 15 or jennifer.wortman@yahoo.com.



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St. Patrick Volunteers
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Homeless Shelter
February 10-16th
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Of Christ

















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