

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016



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

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and we hear from the Book of Isaiah. Today's words were meant to rouse a disillusioned exile people from languishing in a foreign land wondering whether God still loved them. The words are just as fitting today for people whose lives have been turned upside down and wonder if God still loves them. The prophet begins by reminding them what God has done in the past and telling them that he will do the same again. He tells them that God will do even more wondrous things for them. For Isaiah, this is not a distant, future promise but a present reality. But the clearest sign of God's love will not be new roads in the desert, etc., but the transformation of the people themselves.

Today's excerpt from Philipians is rather difficult. Prior to these verses, Paul cites himself as one who was beyond reproach of the old Law. Hence, he was circumcised according to that law, but he now sees this as "rubbish." He tells us that Christ has replaced the law. Paul, writing from prison, has surrendered even his freedom for the sake of Christ. The second paragraph makes clear that Paul has no delusions about his own spirituality. Unlike the early Gnostics who believed they had attained perfect maturity, Paul notes how far he has to go.

Sometimes the biggest divide between people is over the smallest points. In this story, no one disagrees about the sin committed. Jesus, however, differs from the Pharisees, not on the ability to see right from wrong, but from making judgment, of standing in God's place, presuming to read a person's heart and condemning them, rather than calling them to repentance which Jesus does. The religious leaders hope to trap Jesus; the woman is merely the pawn in the game. Either Jesus will challenge Roman law that denied the Israelites the right to impose capital punish-

ment, or he will negate the Law of Moses that requires it in this instance. But Jesus makes the woman more important than their gamesmanship. Before him is someone gripped by sin and shame who needs liberation. Finally alone with the woman he opens her eyes. Neither he nor anyone else can condemn her. Our sins, freely chosen acts of selfishness, condemn us, not God or man.

Today is designated as a day to honor Women Religious in our church. We are blessed at St. Patrick's to have had 136 years of the Sisters of St. Joseph serving the parish in one capacity or another. Some of them were giants. Sister Mary Fromknecht founded St. Patrick's Haven while at St. Patrick's; Sister Mary Pascal founded our ongoing Food Pantry, etc. We continue to be blessed today in the presence of Sister Marie Ke-bort, without whose advice and assistance I would be lost. Our bulletin today contains a list of the women from St. Patrick's Parish who have entered Religious Life. It is a rather impressive list.

As part of the Pastoral Planning in the diocese, parishes are being asked to work together and cooperate with one another rather than being in competition. As such, on the east side of Erie, all of our parishes have come together and formed the Eastside Religious Formation program. All of the parishes have their religious ed program, preparation for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, done together rather than separately. In addition, we are sharing information about spiritual exercises, confessions, etc. so that you might have a better opportunity to take advantage of these events.

On Friday, March 4, at 7 PM, Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek will offer a moving celebration of the Stations of the Cross with music, readings and imagery. After the Stations, there will be an opportunity for confession.

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

That same parish will offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, March 5, after the 8:30 AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until the 6 PM Vigil Mass that evening.

There will also be Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday during Lent at 7 PM at St. James Church.

In addition, there will be Lenten Penance Services on the following dates: St. Gregory, North East, Sun., March 13 2 PM; St. Mark, Lawrence Park, Mon, March 14, 7 PM; St. James, Erie, Tuesday March 15, 7 PM; O.L. Mercy, Harbor-creek, Wed., March 16, 7 PM; St. Luke, Erie, Sunday, March 20, 3 PM

Times are changing, but one of the good things to emerge from all of this is the greater cooperation among the parishes. We're all realizing that we can't do everything alone; that we need one another perhaps more than we ever have. It's time to break down any old rivalries between parishes and work together for the common good.

The third, and final, of our Scripture classes here at St. Patrick's will be held on Wednesday at 10 AM in church addressing the subject of the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus as presented in the different gospels—you might be amazed at how differently they tell the story. On the same day, we will continue with our 6 PM class, An Introduction to the Four Gospels. Each class lasts between 45 minutes and an hour.

Red Skelton's recipe for a perfect marriage: "I asked my wife what she wanted for our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time,' she said. I suggested the kitchen." "We always hold hands; if I let go, she shops." "She got a mud pack and it looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off." "Remember, marriage is the number one cause of divorce." "I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her." "The last fight was my fault. My wife asked, 'What's on TV?' I said, 'Dust.'" "I take my wife everywhere; but she keeps finding her way back."

Saint Hedwig News



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

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Frank & Nancy Hodas.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve "Connie" Sulecki** requested by Norb & Marlene Figurski.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$730.00. Thank you and God Bless.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE for St. Hedwig Church

Palm Sunday—Saturday, March 19, 2016

Mass Vigil, at 4:00 PM

Good Friday—March 25, 2016

Stations of the Cross at 11:00 AM

Holy Saturday—March 26, 2016

Blessing of Easter Food at 12:00 PM

Easter Sunday—Sunday, March 27, 2016

Mass at 9:00 AM

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

March 19—Palm Sunday

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Patricia Mielnik

Tom Kurpiewski

Eucharist

Patricia Mielnik

Ushers

Ray Nowosielski

Tom Kurpiewski

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,642.62
Online Giving	\$ 1,275.00
Total Income	\$10,917.62

Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 68,385
Number of pledges	141
Percentage of parishioners	% 20.14

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 **John Mack** from Lord Corp
- ◆ In memory of **Al Crunk, and Grace Karle** from Nancy Crunk
- ◆ In memory of **Margaret Higgins** from William J. Carney
- ◆ In memory of **Joe Gausman** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ In memory of **Lois H. Dahlkemper** from Patty & Bill Jackson
- ◆ In memory of the **Hagmann family** from Deborah Musolff
- ◆ In memory of **Phil Fatica** from Sue Ellen & Luigi Pasquale

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Mary & Bill Flanagan, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, Cynthia & John Purvis, Julie & Dave Sanner, and Dotty & Michael Schloss

A Special Thank You!!!

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



CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick's. They will be installed on Sunday, March 13, 2016 following a 5:00 PM Liturgy honoring their induction. These ladies and gentlemen are being recognized for their contributions to the Church, to the Diocese, and their service to the community.

The newly elected Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick's are: Paul J. Balczun, Angie Kontur, Michael P. Martin, Dennis Michalski, Frank D. Riley Sr., and James Edward Wehan.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016 St. Patrick Church

Palm Sunday—

Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass, March 20, 2016 at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016—

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 25, 2016—

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
2:00 PM Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016—

Easter Vigil, 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016—

Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday Vigil

Lector: Richard Filippi—Jesus

Jay Habas—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Yvonne Gersims

CUP: Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 8:00 am

Palm Sunday

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper—Jesus

Nick Straub—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Mahoney, Dave Korn

Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

Lector: Dario Cipriani—Jesus

Ed Smith—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Katie Froehlich, Tim Scully

CUP: Michelle Tortorelli, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

**187 DAYS TO THE FESTIVAL**

How many lawyers does it take to run a Whiskey Bar?

Well, it only takes one, but he has to have a great brother-in-law and a lot of friends. And that's how Chuck Agresti and brother-in-law Ron Brown manage it. Chuck and Ron started as bartenders at the first whiskey bar back at Rainbow Gardens, their first Irish Festival experience, and took over last year, raising the profile on the 'profits' and having a ball at the same time. Because Chuck, a semi-retired attorney, and Ron, a 35 year veteran of the banking industry, are truly people-persons! They love working at the booth and meeting all the great folks who attend the festival as much as they love working each week at the food pantry, supporting hundreds of Erie families in need of a leg up. At the recent homeless shelter, they made a fantastic shepherd's pie for 70! These guys are givers and in true giving fashion hand out the credit for the whiskey bar's success to their friends and helpers, the Welsh's, the Flanagan's, Larry Fatica, Tim Donlin, and Monica Bloomstine.

You can find Chuck and Ron at 10:30 Mass most Sundays, along with their wives, Maria and Kathy, and the occasional grand-daughter on the occasional knee. Ron, who's actually not Catholic, comes to hear Monsignor Kriegel's uplifting homilies! When they're not giving to the community, which is most of the time, they are avid woodworkers—in fact, they're making their own bar for the festival!

At this year's festival, Chuck and Ron are reviving the Sunday Brunch cocktail tradition by offering Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, and Screwdrivers. If you want a truly great cocktail experience, stop by, order a famous Irish Festival Bloody Mary, and ask Chuck where he got his nickname, "Juice."

If you would like to help, offer suggestions, praise, comments, or concerns, you can reach "Juice" at cagresti@agrestilaw.com or Ron at fronb@roadrunner.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, welcome your comments, suggestions, positive affirmation or approbation at gjohnson@brotolosouth.com or beckyji@neo.rr.com.



MARCH 17 IS HALF WAY TO IRISH FESTIVAL DAY
LET'S ALL CELEBRATE BY BRINGING A BOTTLE OF IRISH WHISKEY TO CHURCH!

Yes, you are reading correctly. One of the ways to help defray costs is for all of us to donate items sold at the festival—and what's more fun than donating whiskey?

So, become an official whiskey fairy by bringing an unopened bottle of Irish happiness to church and Chuck Agresti and Ron Brown and their whiskey minions will be on hand to collect it before Masses on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20.

You may favor us with your favorite brand of Irish Whiskey, or we could always use Jameson, Tullamore Dew, and Bailey's Irish Cream. Or, if you're of a mind, Bushmills for the Irish Coffee booth. Or, a nice gift card to the PLCB. We'll have whiskey fairy donor cards to sign and we'll display them at the whiskey or Irish Coffee bar to honor your donation. Any questions, try Chuck at cagresi@agrestilaw.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**March 13** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM RAY FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 (PATTY & RAY FIORELLI)

10:30 AM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH-ST.P
 (FAMILY)

5:00 PM KNIGHTS & LADIES - ST.P

March 14 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 15 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (TOM & SHARON ZIELINSKI)

March 16 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM CHET LONCKI
 (ANGELINE & BRIAN ZEBROWSKI)

March 17 *Thursday, Saint Patrick, Bishop*

8:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

March 18 *Friday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:00 AM DAN & BARB MCCARTHY (STEPMOTHER, MARY)

March 19 *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

4:00 PM WILLIAM HAYES - ST.H
 (MIKE & PAM KOZUCHOWSKY)
 5:00 PM CHARLOTTE SERTZ, ANNIV. 3-22 - ST.P
 (FAMILY)

March 20 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 AM LINDA WINKELMAN (MARGE STUART) - ST. P
 10:30 AM KATE ANKE (EILEEN & PAUL BALCZUN) - 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

- 03/12** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/13** 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
- 03/15** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/16** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/20** No Religious Education Sessions

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

Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about the potential dangers, Children meet 'meet' new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these 'friends' are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children's participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Women who entered Religious Life from St. Patrick's Parish

Sisters of St. Joseph

Sister Anicetus Alberstadt
Sister Hilary Arundel
Sister Sylvester Butler
Sister Angela Carney
Sister Augustine Colegrove
Sister Marie St. Mark Conley
Sister Mary Ellen Crishok
Sister Joseph Doyle
Sister Catherine Ann Earley
Sister Leonella Gingenbach
Sister Mary Ida Green
Sister Alphonsus Hannon
Sister Margaret Ann Hardner
Sister Adrian Healy
Sister Eleanor Jones
Sister Flora Kuhn
Sister Francis Lynch
Sister Aquinas Murphy
Sister Phyllis McCracken
Sister Leocadia McSloy
Sister LaSalette Nash
Sister Christine Quirk
Sister Anna Marie Sullivan
Sister Laurita Whaling
Sister Mary Patrick White
Sister Loretta English
Sister M. Inez Shaughnessy
Sister M. Chrysostom O'Brien

Sister Hildegard Alberstadt
Sister Regina Byrne
Sister Therese Carey
Sister Marcus Marie Clougherty
Sister Pierre Colegrove
Sister Inez Craine
Sister Consilii Deck
Sister Miriam Doyle
Sister Mary Ann Figaski
Sister Celestine Green
Sister Teresita Hall
Sister Mary Brigid Hannon
Sister Marie Rosarii Hart
Sister Genevieve Hickey
Sister Imelda Kelly
Sister Immaculata Lenihan
Sister Mary Catherine Mahoney
Sister Clemenza Mazzei
Sister Marie Frances McGuinness
Sister Joseph Mary Nash
Sister Anita Pariseau
Sister Mary Julia Scully
Sister Isabel Sullivan
Sister Rosaria Whaling
Sister Isabelle English
Sister Irene Shaughnessy
Sister M Callista Dailey
Sister Neomi Clougherty

Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis

Sister Baptista Bird
Sister Hortulanda Slick
Sister Genevieve Moritz

Sister Ursula Donnelly
Sister M. Lourdes Barton

Sisters of Mercy

Sister Mary Alice Weber
Sister Felicita McManus

Mother Mary Paul Kennedy
Sister Helena Reilly

Sisters of St. Benedict

Sister Marie Therese Grugin

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

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