

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
March 20, 2016



Twelfth Station
of the Cross
St. Patrick's Church

Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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 Palm Sunday and our liturgy differs from the norm. We begin by reading from Luke's Gospel prior to the procession. We read of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, an event which in Luke, signals the arrival of the Messiah. Twice the evangelist states that Jesus approaches Jerusalem by way of the Mount of Olives. The prophet Zechariah proclaimed that on the day of the Lord's final coming, his feet would rest upon this very place. That same prophet proclaims that the King and Savior will arrive "riding on a donkey." Only Luke refers to Jesus as "king."

Today's passage from Isaiah is the third of four poems usually called the "Servant Songs." The prophet describes the unnamed "servant of the Lord," sometimes called the "Suffering Servant," as both an individual and a community. We're also told that this servant has a "well-trained tongue" to proclaim God's word.

Our second reading, added to Philippians about thirty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, was most likely an already-existing hymn. At the time of this letter, Paul is in prison, perhaps even facing death for preaching Christ. In this letter, Christ is presented as the second Adam, the first of which did not fully realize God's divine purpose. Not content to be an image of God, the first Adam attempted to steal divine status itself. In the life, death and resurrection of Christ, however, God's purpose for humanity reaches completion: Christ is the second Adam, the beginning of the first fruits of new humanity. In the hymn that we are told that Christ did not grasp at equality with God. Instead, in humble obedience, he "emptied himself" of life itself, serving God like a faithful slave.

Luke's Passion account draws from two sources: Mark's gospel, written about twenty years earlier,

and another body of material used only by Luke. By the time this gospel is written in 85 AD, most of the original disciples and apostles have died. And a majority of Christians (though they would not be called this until about 150 AD), were Gentiles. Our account begins with the Last Supper in which Luke alone uses the Greek word "soma" which means not only the physical body but one's whole life and entire person. His word for the Blood of Christ means "shed for you," showing that Jesus welcomes all to the table and continues to share the fullness of his life at a meal, even to those who betray him. It's impossible to try to capsule the rest of this passion story in a few words. Instead, I have been doing that in the Scripture classes which we offered this year.

Today begins our observance of Holy Week, the most solemn time of the church year. On Holy Thursday, we will celebrate Mass at 7 PM followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. While many churches remain open until midnight for exposition, we have found that people do not come downtown at those hours and so we end exposition at 8 PM.

On Good Friday, we will have Stations of the Cross at noon, and the Liturgy at 2 PM. The church will remain open until 4 PM for private visits. Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday, remember that there is no Vigil Mass at 5 PM. The Easter Vigil will be held at 8 PM.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a Mass at 8 AM and another at 10:30 AM. The Easter Vigil and the Sunday 10:30 Mass will include music by the choir with pipe organ, trumpet, kettle drum and, at the 10:30 only, bagpipes. There will be a 9 AM Easter Sunday Mass at St. Hedwig's Church, but there will not be an Easter Vigil there.

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

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Friday and the Monday after Easter. I am here if there is an emergency. You can call me at 454-4032.

I was both amazed and humbled by the number of people who attended the Scripture classes during Lent. We had over 70 people attending the morning session and over 50 attending the evening session.

We recently re-carpeted the main office in the rectory. For years, we have commented that, when you walk on the carpet in front of the vault, it felt like you were walking on something soft and we thought the padding had deteriorated. When they pulled up the old carpeting, which we think has been there for more than 40 years, we discovered that, in front of the vault, was an old security system built into the floor. It was a series of wires crisscrossing one another. When it was activated, it would have set off an alarm if anyone walked in front of the vault!

As I mentioned earlier, we're finding some real deterioration with the Stations of the Cross, and are interviewing people who might be willing to undertake repairs and restoration. The problem is those Stations are over 120 years old, some of the wood is cracking, paint is peeling and some areas have been damaged by people touching them or kissing them. They are much too valuable to just let be, so hopefully we can identify someone who will undertake the work. The Stations were hand-carved in Munich, Germany 1892-1895 and then stored in Erie until the church was built in 1903-06.

I took down my Rebel flag (which you can't buy on e-bay any more) and peeled the NRA sticker off the front door. I disconnected my home alarm system and quit the Neighborhood Watch. I bought two Pakistani flags and put one at each corner of the front yard. Then I purchased the black flag of ISIS (which you can buy on e-bay) and put it in the center of the yard. Now the local police, the sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are watching my house 24/7. I've never felt safer and I'm saving \$69.95 a month by not paying for a home alarm system!

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski** requested by Dr. Joanne Finn.



Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mercedes Kalata** requested by Fish Family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hedwig Lynch** requested by Larry and Dolly Bargielski

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

Our offertory for last week was \$875.00. Thank you and God Bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

To date we have received \$5,450.00 in pledges. Our assigned assessment is \$10,910.00. As you can see, we have a way to. We implore all of our parishioners to make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. If we do not reach our goal through pledges, the difference will need to be paid out of the parish savings. Please help.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

A Family Perspective—

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines family as Christian.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

March 27—Easter Sunday

Sunday

9:00 AM

Lector

Jim Gorski

Eucharist

Jim Gorski

Ushers

Ray Nowosielski

Tom Kurpiewski

Altar Servers

Charlotte Mabie





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,173.00
Online Giving	\$ 970.00
Total Income	\$ 8,143.00

Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 76,585
Number of pledges	151
Percentage of parishioners	% 21.57

Thank you for your generosity!

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 and Becky Johnson.

- ◆ In memory of **Carol and Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ In memory of **Rachel Cacchione** from Marjory & Merle Painter
- ◆ In memory of **Marjorie McDonald** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon
- ◆ In memory of **Trish, James, Jerry & Tom Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner
- ◆ In memory of **deceased members of the Vitron and Wenstran families** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vitron

Also donations from:

Mildred & Robert Biebel, Mary Pat & Gary Froehlich, Barbara Gingenbach, Carol & Jay Habas, Nick Straub, Heather & Joe Kimball, and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

A Special Thank You!!!

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

Visit the Families Always Matter Website!

Looking for resources for your family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at

<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

Holy Week Ministry Schedule

Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Lector: *Dario Ciprini*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Shirley Winschel, Forrest Mischler, Kay Mannino*

CUP: *Kathleen Pae, Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, 1 NEEDED*

Ushers: *4 NEEDED*

Good Friday, March 25, 2016 at 12:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Altar Servers: *Brigid, Paul & Michael Causgrove*

Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 2:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto—Jesus*

Ed Smith—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers: *Shirley Winschel,*

Forrest Mischler, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Bridget, Paul & Michael Causgrove*

Ushers: *4 NEEDED*

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 8:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Beth Pinto, Patty Dailey, Michele Wheaton*

CUP: *Shirley Winschel, Kay Mannino*

Greeters: *Mary Anne Ashworth, 2 NEEDED*

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Altar Servers: *4 NEEDED (TO LIGHT CANDLES)*

Ushers: *Rob Oligeri, 3 NEEDED*

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Anne Scutella, Steve Scutella*

Greeters: *Angie Kontur*

Ushers: *2 NEEDED*

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Ryan Palm, Ray Fiorelli, Forrest Mischler, M. Tortorelli, M. Kearney, C. Leehmuis*

CUP: *Ed Brown, Dario Cipriani*

Greeters: *2 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney, 1 NEEDED*

Ushers: *John Purvis, Luke Purvis, Dave Taccone, 1 NEEDED*

There are a number of spots to fill for the Holy Week Schedule. If you can help, please call the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email at stpats@neo.rr.com. Thank you!

**180 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL****3 DAYS PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN**

And that's okay, because we have great people like Dave and Sue Taccone, who joined the parish back in 1993, raised 5 children in Erie, and are a Knight and Lady of St. Patrick (which is an honor bestowed for serious commitment to the community at large and to St. Pats in particular). During the summer, the Taccones hit the lake in their vintage Lyman boat or simply in kayaks.

Dave has been co-chairing the "malt beverage booth" with buddy Randy Pristello, for 20 years. They've been doing it so long these guys probably bleed beer! Dave even brews his own and participates in the convention center's annual Beer on the Bay event with Sue.

Sue heads up the Dessert Booth—having branched out from root beer floats to encompass a wide range of sweet and salty treats. In conjunction with the bake sale, Sue added Pie a la Mode last year and also serves up our tasty bread pudding. All with a smile. And there's always room for more helpers or more ideas. Offers of assistance or donation can go to sue_taccone@roadrunner.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Share your thoughts and ideas—and any spare change.

**Jesus Christ Superstar to be presented
Palm Sunday weekend**

Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy will present Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Jesus Christ Superstar" with final performances Saturday, March 19th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 pm at the H. David Bowes Auditorium at Cathedral Prep, W. 10th and Myrtle Streets. Ticket Prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door. This dynamic production—featuring more than 80 students—is the perfect way to begin Holy Week.

VME Summer Program

Villa Maria Elementary School is looking for caring, experienced individuals to join our Summer Program Staff as teachers and teachers' aides. The VME Summer Program is a 10-week program, offering approximately 25 hours per week at a competitive wage. Interested candidates should complete the Employment Packet on our website (www.vmelementary.com) and send it to VME, Attn: Summer Program Search Committee, or email it to damon.finazzo@vmelementary.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS
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

March 21 *Monday of Holy Week*

- 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 22 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

- 8:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI (NOWOSIELSKI FAMILY)

March 23 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

- 8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ
(CAROLINE RASTETTER & KAREN RASTETTER)

March 24 *Holy Thursday*

- 7:00 PM JO ANN HEATH, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(DOROTHY SNIDER & FAMILY)

March 25 *Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

- 11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.H
12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.P
2:00 PM PASSION & VENERATION OF THE CROSS - ST.P

March 26 *Saturday, Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

- 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

March 27 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

- 8:00 AM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P
9:00 AM GENEVIEVE GORSKI - ST.H
(JIM & PEGGY GORSKI)
10:30 AM PATRICIA WEHAN (EDWARD HESS) - 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

- 03/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
03/20 NO Religious Education Sessions
03/22 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
03/23 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
03/24-03-28 Parish Office Closed
03/27 NO Religious Education Sessions

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.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016

Saint Hedwig & Saint Patrick Parishes



Palm Sunday, March 19 & 20

Vigil Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM at St. Hedwig's

Saturday 5:00 PM at St. Patrick's

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's only

Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper – St. Patrick's Church

Good Friday, March 25, 2016

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross – St. Hedwig's

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross – St. Patrick's

2 PM Passion and Veneration of the Cross – St. Patrick's

Holy Saturday, March 26, 2016

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
at St. Hedwig's with Father Santor

8:00 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

8:00 AM Mass – St. Patrick's

9:00 AM Mass – St. Hedwig's

10:30 AM Mass – St. Patrick's

Parish Offices closed
Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
Easter Monday



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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