

The Most Holy Trinity
May 22, 2016



The Holy Trinity
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick 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 the Feast of the Holy Trinity and we read first from Proverbs, returning now to the Old Testament for our first reading after reading from Acts during the Easter season. Today we meet Wisdom, a manifestation of God's activity and self-communication in the world. In today's description, wisdom observes God's creative activity and identifies herself as God's "craftsman," an intermediary who brings God's gifts to humanity. Later books will give her a more active role in the divine work of creation.

Next we read from Paul's Letter to the Romans. He is using a Trinitarian formula to rejoice over the salvation that "God" accomplishes through "Jesus Christ," and which is sustained through the "Holy Spirit." The first piece of good news is that Jesus restored peace between God and humanity. Faith in Jesus gives us access to that peace and also to grace, that is, God's own life surging within us. Faith leads to peace and grace and they open the door to hope. But there is more. The seemingly unthinkable—boasting of our afflictions—is now as logical and expecting to share God's glory. Paul says that affliction makes us strong and gives us endurance which in turn builds character and character gives us reason to hope, a hope "that does not disappoint."

Taken from the long discourse at the Last Supper found only in John, today's brief text presents Jesus, as ever, trying to care for his disciples with careful explanations. Jesus realizes that they are not yet ready for all the truth, so he holds back certain things, like his impending passion and death. What they can "bear" he shares forcefully, and that truth concerns the coming of the Spirit of Truth who will make clear everything that we have learned from Jesus. In the verse just prior to today's reading, Jesus says that it is

better that he goes, "for if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you." The Spirit will come, not to bring new revelations, but to help them understand what Jesus has already told them.

I know you join in welcoming Father Michael Polinek to St. Patrick's this weekend. A group of us flew earlier this past week to Paris for a few days and then are doing a Viking River cruise out to Normandy where we will visit the beaches, museum and the cemetery where 10,000 young Americans are buried who shed their lives in the D-Day invasion. We will return on Thursday.

Father Polinek is our Diocesan Vocation Director and Bishop Persico has asked that he speak in every parish about vocations. We all need to raise our awareness of the dire need we have for more priests and women religious. I know you will welcome Father Polinek and hopefully keep vocations in your prayers.

I can't thank you enough for your generous participation in the Catholic Services Appeal. You may recall, we have an assessment from the diocese this year of \$64,000. Any monies we generate above that remains in the parish. I was hoping against hope that we would be able to raise \$100,000; and as you can see, we have exceeded that goal. Only about 1/3 of the parish participated in the appeal, and I only wish that more would—in whatever amount you can afford. The same percentage is generally true with the regular offertory collection. Only about 1/3 of parishioners participate.

As parishes explore ways in which we can work better together and share resources, one of the best examples in our diocese is in Meadville where the three parishes—St. Agatha, St. Brigid and St. Mary's—now all call themselves the "Catholic Community of Meadville." They have

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one pastor for the combined almost 1,200 families but remain as separate parishes but share one Religious Ed program, one Parish Council, one Catholic school, etc. During Holy Week, the services are offered only once each day, at a different church. Bishop Persico is asking all of our parishes to explore every possible way that we can all share our resources and work together for the good of all.

Our current census at St. Patrick's is 843 families which means that the parish is the largest it has ever been in history. If you examine the history of the parish, every time that the population exceeded 500 families, the diocese would establish a new parish and take families from St. Patrick's. St. Andrew's, the cathedral, St. Ann's were all created out of areas that were originally part of St. Patrick's parish. Remember that years ago, families were much larger comprising 6, 8 or more children and so the parish seemed much larger but the actual number of families today constitute the largest population in our history.

Work is complete in replacing ten of the windows in the rectory. We have now replaced all of the windows on the first floor of the house, about one third of them on the second floor and none have yet been done on the third floor. We're trying to do a certain number of them each year when we are able to fit it into the budget. We're able to do ten more windows this year and that work will be done in the summer.

Some interesting thoughts: "Lord, give me coffee to change the things I can change and wine to accept the things I can't." "People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable." "I've got salad for dinner. Actually fruit salad. Well, mostly grapes. Fermented grapes. Wine. I've got wine for dinner." "Sometimes when I reflect back on all the wine I drink I feel shame. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the vineyards and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this wine, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this wine and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.'"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Jeanette Borowy requested by the St. Hedwig Rosary Society

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of Charlotte Niewolak from Dorothy Mielnik.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of William Hayes from Kraisinski Family.

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

The offertory for the last week was \$675 and the CSA is \$8,625. Thank you and God Bless!

Annual Memorial Day Mass and Breakfast—

Continue the tradition and plan on attending the Polish Falcons Nest 610 Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 AM on Memorial Day at St. Hedwig Church. We will gather at the Falcons Club at 8:30 AM and march to St. Hedwig. Breakfast will follow Mass at the Club.

Special Thanks—

On Saturday, June 11, the Rosary Society will host a get-together after the 4:30 PM Mass to show our appreciation to our lectors, ushers, money counters, Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers of St. Hedwig Church.

Raffle—

Holy Name Society will be conducting a raffle of 2 theme baskets, Bake Goods Basket and gifts cards. Tickets are available before and after 4:30 Mass starting May 21-June 18.

Tickets are 1 for a \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

Effective July 1, there will no longer be telephone service at St. Hedwig office. The office is closed and is now located at St. Patrick's Parish office. To help save expenses, we are eliminating the telephone at St. Hedwig's. If anyone has business with St. Hedwig's, want to request a Mass intention, etc. please call St. Patrick's office at 454-8085.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

May 28, 2016 at 4:00 PM May 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM

	Saturday	Monday
Lector	Russell Robison	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,368.01
Online Giving	\$ <u>970.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,338.01
Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 104,198
Number of pledges	232
Percentage of parishioners	% 33.14

Thank you for your generosity!

2016 International Needs Collection—

This annual collection, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 28 and 29, is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the Collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Holy Land Gifts—



Holy Land Gifts will have handmade articles such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosary, the last supper and many more beautiful religious articles for sale after all Masses on May 28 & 29. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Aurelia "Irish" Ardery 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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations made in memory of:

- ◆ **Genny Chizewick** from Edward Chizewick
- ◆ **Bill & Louise Phillips** from Charla Leehmuis
- ◆ **Veda & Anthony Savelli** from Rob & Patti Oligeri
- ◆ **Fr. James Peterson** from Nick Straub
- ◆ **Helen (Biebel) Allgeier** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ◆ **Mark Allison** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ **Matthew Niebauer** from Alice & Ken Daub
- ◆ **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly

Also donations from:

Patricia Heasley, John D. & Cynthia Purvis, Karl & Virginia Kelm, Mary Anne Ashworth and, Mark & Candy Bukowski

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Bill Power, Carolyn Power, Chris Sanner*

CUP: *Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Karyn Polaski*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Colleen Welch, Mike Vehec, Forrest Mischler*

CUP: *Mary Kearney, Kathleen Pae*

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welch, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

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.





117 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

RED BEER AND RED HAIR

A couple of year's ago, when we first moved to the outdoor festival, we invited Erie Brewing to join the party and they jumped in with both barrels (a mixed metaphor, we know, but the beer comes in barrels, not feet). The brew masters at Erie Brewing came up with a special beer for the occasion—St. Patrick's Irish Red Ale—and, man, is it good beer! The response has been amazing. Some folks take home "Growlers" full of the stuff, because the only place to get it is at the Irish festival.

Around the same time, we needed volunteers for the Erie Brewing booth, so we invited our niece, Abby Grasinger, a tall, pretty, red-head, to come and pour some beer. The two hit it off—the red beer and the red head—-and funny thing, she sold more beer than any of the men ever did! So, last year, when the sports bar took us away from the Erie Brewing booth, Abby and her new husband, Russ Groner, graciously took over and sold more St. Patrick's Irish Red than ever before. Abby's smile sell the beer, Russ's muscles tap the kegs—a perfect combination. And, they've made it a family affair, with Abby's mom, Natalie, and cousin, Jake, sharing the beer pouring duties.

Abby, now Groner, and Russ were married right here at St. Pats last summer. Abby's a Junior Law Clerk for Judge Walsh over at the courthouse. She's a Mercyhurst University grad and earned her law degree from Dayton. Russ is a lineman for Penelec. The two live out in the country in a farmhouse outside of Waterford that they're renovating and are part of the St. Pat's Young People's Group. They enjoy anything that takes them outdoors with their dog, Lady, including the occasional sky dive (not with their dog, Lady.)

So, do yourself a favor at the festival this year. Stop by for a red beer and a pretty red head's smile. You'll be glad you did.

Or, if your tastes run in a different direction, stop by for a pint or two of Erie's Brewing's fantastic Bayfront Blonde, which we offer in honor of another generous and lovely parishioner, Jennifer Hausmann, the very blonde Director of Sales and Marketing over at Erie Brewing. It was Jennifer who worked with her brew master to bring that great Irish Red to the festival in the first place and has been a Festival supporter ever since.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. There will be magic at this year's festival!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

May 21 *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*

4:00 PM WILLIAM HAYES - ST.H
(ANTOINETTE ALEXANDER)

5:00 PM RAYMOND DOMBROWSKI - ST.P
(JOE & MARSHA FINAZZO)

May 22 *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 AM DOLLIE TECH (BARB & FRANK DUCHINI) - ST.P

10:30 AM JENNIE KOZESKY - ST.P
(WEILAND & POPKA FAMILIES)

May 23 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 24 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 25 *Wednesday, Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 26 *Thursday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 27 *Friday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 28 *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

4:00 PM MARY L. ZIELINSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
(FAMILY)

5:00 PM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. 5/26 - ST.P
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

May 29 *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

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

10:30 AM GINNY MCGINNIS - ST.P
(BETTY & JERRY GRAFIUS)

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

05/21 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/24 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/25 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/28 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/30 **Office Closed—Memorial Day**



TROIKA Russian Festival - 109 German St.

Friday, May 27– Sunday, May 29

The Russian Church of the Nativity invites everyone to the 8th Annual Troika Russian Festival.

A Russian Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, Little Russia 5K on Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

Food Fun and Entertainment, for more information visit www.troikafestival.com



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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, June 19, is Father's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful men who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your father has already gone to his eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling him of your love for him.

Our bulletin on June 18 & 19 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased father or grandfather whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, June 10**, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

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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

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank **BURTON**
Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.
602 West 10th St.—814-454-4551
For advertising in our parish bulletin.