

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 26, 2016



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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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and today's collection of stories from the first Book of Kings is about the stern requirements of discipleship. We first encounter a brief scene from the life of the prophet Elijah. Fleeing possible assassination at the hands of Queen Jezebel, Elijah retreats to Mount Horeb, the same mountain where Moses encountered God. When God asks why he's come there, Elijah describes the danger. Immediately, God says "Go back," and without hesitation Elijah does. God also orders Elijah to seek out Elisha and anoint him as his successor. Elisha obviously knows wealth (twelve yoke of oxen), but he is willing to leave all this behind and even offers his animals and equipment to the Lord. Discipleship requires everything of us. Elijah had to be willing to lose his life, Elisha had to place his family and wealth behind his call.

The "freedom" of the kingdom Paul speaks of is not licentiousness or even libertarianism (being able to do or say what you want without interference). In the Bible, freedom is less about freedom "from" and more about freedom "for." Today Paul rails against false teachers who want to impose the Mosaic Law on Gentile converts. He says we are saved by faith, not by works. But he cautions that we don't use this freedom to indulge in things of the flesh—everything that draws us away from God: jealousy, anger, selfishness, addiction, quarreling, etc. What we are freed for is love of God and neighbor.

The Samaritan's rejected Jesus's request simply because he was on his way to Jerusalem, a rejection that angers James and John. Jesus rebukes their call for violence and accepts this rejection just as he was rejected at the beginning of his ministry beginning his Galilean ministry. He invites people to be his disciples but reminds

them that nothing supersedes the gospel. His language is blunt and shocking. He asks that we reject distractions from the call of the gospel. He is solely focused on Jerusalem and what awaits him there. His hand is firmly on the plow.

Next weekend America will pause to celebrate the Fourth of July. At St. Patrick's, we will add a patriotic theme to our Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM liturgies with pipe organ, trumpet, bugle and kettle drums. 10:30 Mass will also have bagpipes. We will also pause after Communion at those two Masses as the Star Spangled Banner is sung.

I apologize for the inconvenience with the Men's Restroom in church. That room is the last area in the building that we have to remodel and that work is now underway. It shouldn't take very long, but in the interim both men and women can use the Women's Restroom. There is also a restroom off the weekday chapel (behind the high altar) that men can use until this room is finished.

Saint Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 15,596 pounds of food during the month of April at a cost of \$528.02 to the parish. There was a total of 2,035 people who benefited from this food, including 330 elderly and 822 children.

Our Young Adults group in the parish includes people roughly ages 25 to 35, give or take. Some of them are married; many of them are single. They get together regularly on a social basis, and I recently hosted them at the rectory on a Friday evening. We had wine and beer (donated by Erie Brewing Company) and Calamari's brought some heavy finger foods. About 20 to 25 young adults were present and seemed to enjoy the evening. I am planning to host them one more time as the summer winds down. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact the parish office and we'll put you on the e-mail list.

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

Gary and Becky Johnson are doing a great job gearing up for our September Irish Festival. This year they have secured sponsors for several of our tents and events. In addition, we are improving the configuration of tents on East Fourth St. and in our church east parking lot. I hope you have been reading their weekly column in the bulletin as they introduce many of the key people from the festival. It's a great way for us to get to know one another better. We are also securing sponsors for some of the music.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioners Tom & Mary Alice Doolin who were the recent recipients of the Edward Doll Award from the Erie Community Foundation. This annual award honors people who inspire our community through philanthropy and volunteerism. Mary co-chaired the Leap Frog public art project, the annual fundraiser for the Neighborhood Art House, initiated the first Catholic Charities Ball and following the death of their son Kevin, she founded PROPS, a group providing support to parents who lose a child. Tom served on the boards of Gannon University, St. Vincent Health Systems, Erie Community Foundation, Stairways and is the vice chair of the Convention Center Authority. They were honored at the Community Foundation's recent annual meeting.

Saint Patrick Food Pantry distributed 20,245 pounds of food during the month of May at a cost of \$675.82 to the parish. A total of 734 families were served. These families included 402 elderly and 1,003 children. Thanks to your ongoing generosity, we are able to continue to respond to the needs of these people.

The parish office is closed on the Fridays of July and August.

Some insightful thoughts from senior citizens: "The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. (Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place!)" "Some people want to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this bad. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved." When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **William Hayes** from Sharon Burgert.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** from Peter & Judy Pentz.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **George Michael Dowd** from the George & Shirleen Dowd.

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

The offertory for last weekend was \$327 and \$50 for Summer Festival. Thank You!

Additional Father's Day Memorials—

Jim & Peggy Gorski...IMO John Gorski, Eugene Cieri

Holy Name Society Raffle Baskets—

Congratulations to the winners of the Holy Name Society Raffle Baskets!

Gift Card Basket—Chris Pentz

Wine Rack—Irene Robaskiewicz

Woman's Basket—Carl Sosinski

Baked Goods—Jeanne Henderson

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Peter Zielinski (Norma Bradley),

Chet Loncki (Mr. & Mrs. Richard Popiecki)

Peter Dubowski (Pat Hogan)

Albert Mabie (Donna & Rom Katzenberger)

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

July 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector

Barb Juchno

Pray the Rosary

Eucharist

Tom Zielinski

Daily

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,996.00
Online Giving	<u>1,135.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,131.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns
in memory of
William J. Rennie
from Dorothy Rennie*

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **my brothers and sisters** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **John Brokos, Jr.** from Thomas & Laurene Peterman
- ♦ **Howard & Frances Gehringer** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ♦ **William Lacy** from Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Doris Toomey** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Marlia Cortes** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **The Vets** from Karl & Virginia Kelm
- ♦ **Edward Snyder, Ed Kupniewski, Jan O. Lone, Jane Kay** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn

Also donations from:

Jay & Carol Habas, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
Patricia Heasley, Phil & Denise Rewers, Scott Muck,
Mark & Barbara Sargent, Michael & Dotty Schloss,
Robert & Carolyn Schenker, and
Jill Blaga-Walz & Joel Walz

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**
for their generous donations every week

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Lynne Long, Patty Dailey, Kay Mannino

CUP: Yvonne Gersims, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan & Collin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers.
Jim Sertz

Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, July 3, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Karyn Polaski

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Kathleen Pae, Ryan Palm

CUP: Dario Cipriani, Patty Jackson

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

USHERS NEEDED—

The 8:00 am Mass attendance is growing, if you are interested and you attend this Mass we are looking for additional ushers. Please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email stpats@neo.rr.com. Thank you!

Bishop Emeritus Trautman to celebrate 80th birthday—

All are invited to attend a Mass and reception June 26 at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie to celebrate the 80th birthday of Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman. Bishop Emeritus Trautman will preside at the regular 11 a.m. Mass at the cathedral. A reception will follow immediately at the cathedral rectory.



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.





82 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

LESS THAN THREE MONTHS TO GO—
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE STILL
AVAILABLE.

This year, in addition to sponsorships in the Irish Festival Program, we've been offering folks the opportunity to sponsor tents, activities, equipment, and entertainment. The response has been great. Here are some of the larger sponsorship opportunities. Wouldn't you or your company love to help? Because, in addition to making you feel good, its great advertising—thousands of people pass through the festival each year.

TENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The largest sponsorship opportunity has been snapped up already—the huge Dining Hall Tent—larger, cleaner, and with better lighting this year—has been sponsored by Dr. Mike Scutella of OB/GYN Associates of Erie. The Sports Bar Tent has been sponsored by our good neighbors down the street, The Tap House. But, you can still sponsor the Stage Tent or the Pub Tent (Beer and Whiskey Tent! Who wouldn't want to sponsor that?). The Stage Tent is \$1,750 and the Pub Tent, \$1,500. We'll put up a banner with your name and throw in a full page advertisement in this year's program.

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSORSHIPS

Why not join the Irish Cultural Society or the Hibernians, who've already sponsored, and sponsor one of the great acts that are performing at this year's festival. We have two sponsorships left that we will let go for \$650 and we'll throw in a ¼ page ad in the program. You could sponsor Al Mazing, our headlining magician, or perhaps the Acoustic Brunch with Mo Chairde on Sunday.

PROGRAM/AREA SPONSORSHIPS

Howard Hanna Real Estate jumped on the opportunity to sponsor the Dessert Bar (Sue Taccone and her friends dishing up Irish Ice Cream Sodas, Warm Bread Pudding with Drunken Raisins, or a scoop of Ice Cream to top your bake sale purchase), but Abby Lechner's Leprechaun Village children's program is still up for adoption. Only \$1,200 gets your name on a large banner and a full page in our program for your special ad or message.

SMALLER, BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT, OPPORTUNITIES

How about your company sponsoring the new Popcorn Stand in the Pub Tent this year, or the Irish Coffee Bar, the Volunteers Day Care Program (we'll watch your kids while you donate your time!) or Sunday's Bloody Mary Bar—any of them for \$300 with a ¼ page ad? Or something else—you come up with the idea—Wegman's is giving us \$100 toward the purchase of real Irish Butter and Yvonne Gersims donated an Irish Flag. Get creative.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com.
Want to sponsor? Email us.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

June 25 *Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

June 26 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NAN HELD (ANNE M. MCCORMICK) - ST.P

10:30 AM LINDA WINKLEMAN (GINA KUTZ) - ST.P

June 27 *Monday, Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 28 *Tuesday, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

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

June 29 *Wednesday, Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00 AM IRMA LYDEN (BILL & RENEE LYDEN)

June 30 *Thursday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 AM JAMES MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIV.
(WIFE, MARY)

July 1 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (JACK AUER)

July 2 *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM PATRICIA WERNICKI (BARBARA VAHEY) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOEFER - ST.P
(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)

July 3 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NATALIE (OLESON) GEIGER - ST.P
(CHERYL & MIKE STEPHANY)

10:30 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI - ST.P

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

06/25 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/26 11:30 AM Chairperson Mtg. for Irish Festival-PR

06/28 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

06/29 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/02 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**Calling all Volunteers—**

"To Volunteer to work this year's Irish festival, go to the website:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>.

Under the "Search By Email" section, type in the email address - fischers6@roadrunner.com. After clicking "Search" you will see the box to click for the Irish Festival sign=ups. Scroll through the days, times and areas for volunteering and check the slots that you wish to work. You will be asked to enter your contact information and will receive email reminders about your time slots."

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:

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Dr. Maria Orlando & Dr. Carla Orlando
3235 West 38th St., Erie, PA **814-833-8860**
For advertising in our parish bulletin.