

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016



Headstone
Rectory Front Door
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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our first reading, Abraham fusses over his visitors; in our gospel, Martha will do the same. Yet she is corrected, while Abraham receives the promise of a son. The difference is that Abraham is fully focused on his visitors. In a sense, he plays both Martha and Mary because he even stands by his visitors as they dine to be attentive to every need. He is aware that he is hosting divine visitors. Sarah is told to knead half a bushel of flour while the servants slaughter and prepare a tender calf. But more than feeding them, he opens himself to hear their word. Busyness that prevents real focus on the other is not true hospitality.

Our Catholic tradition espouses a unique understanding of suffering that enables us to see it as a participation in the suffering of Christ. From that perspective, suffering itself is "redeemed" because instead of being something totally negative, it becomes a way that all of us can share in Christ's redemptive suffering. Further in our tradition, that suffering continues throughout time in his body which is us, the church. Remember Paul is in jail as he writes this letter to the Colossians but he knows that he shares in Christ's suffering for the sake of the church. Christ and Christians form one body; we suffer together and we are redeemed together.

Jesus often visited at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Martha assumes the role of host as she welcomes Jesus. Luke is making a point that a requirement of discipleship is to listen. Jesus is not about to reject the meal Martha is preparing but he rejects her anxiety and worry. While she prepares a meal, Jesus share his message and in her busyness she is missing it. Mary, on the other hand, has assumed the posture of a disciple, sitting at the feet of the Lord and listening

to what he is saying. Mary breaks a double taboo. She leaves the kitchen and she sits at the feet of the rabbi, a spot reserved only for men. Recall that Luke's Jesus is more attentive to women than any of the other gospel portraits of him. And, finally, discipleship requires focus. Mary is focused; Martha is not. Ecclesiastes says there is a time for everything—time to prepare a meal and time to listen.

Mark your calendars. Erie Gives Day is Tuesday, August 9. Any contribution made to St. Patrick's Church that day will share in a fund created by GE and the Erie Community Foundation. You can make an offertory contribution, Catholic Services Appeal, festival, etc. Last year, St. Patrick's received more contributions than any other church in the city. Let's do it again!!!

A study by the Benedict XVI Center for Religious Studies in England has found that 48% of adults in England and Wales identify themselves as having no religion. 19.8% identify themselves as Anglican, 8.3% as Catholic, 4.4% as Muslim and 3.3% as members of another non-Christian religion. In 1983, 44.5% identified themselves as Anglican and 8.2% as Catholic. Among the Christian denominations in those two countries, Catholicism has the strongest retention rate (55.8%) and the youngest cohort of people. At the same time, 28.5% say they attend Mass weekly, while nearly 60% of cradle Catholics say they rarely or never attend Mass. Two-thirds of all weekly or more Mass goers are women.

The Diocese of Erie is currently compiling and studying the results of feedback, etc. on the draft of a parish restructuring plan that was presented to parishes this past February. Deadline for feedback was May 31. In September the diocese will announce the final plan which will be a combination of the original proposal as well as incorporating rational feedback. The new configuration of

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parishes will take effect Feb. 17, 2017. St. Patrick's will continue as a "stand alone parish," while St. Hedwig's will be merged into another parish. The original proposal was to merge it into Mother of Sorrows (the former St. Ann's, St. Casimir's and Holy Family parishes.) The parishioners at St. Hedwig's, in compiling their feedback, asked instead that they be merged into St. Stanislaus parish.

Each year every Catholic parish must host a missionary to expand our understanding of the missionary work of the church and also to participate in that work through our contributions. This year we have been assigned the Vincentian Fathers who work in India. A priest from the congregation will be at St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's next weekend to speak at all of the Masses. A second collection will then be taken up for their work.

We were unable this past week to record the homily which is usually placed on our web page. It did not record because of interference from cell phones being on in church. Can I ask that you turn all cell phones off when entering the church. Thank you.

A homeless person was asking people for money as they came into church this past weekend. Can I ask that you please not give them any money. We have programs in place to care for their every need. What you give them goes to drugs and alcohol

God's plan for aging. Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God saw that it was good. Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom he made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. And God saw that it was good. Then God considered the function of the bladder and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. And God saw that it was good. So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **William Hayes** from Pat & Carol Lubowiecki.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Greg & Mary Beth Dillon.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** from Camille Thompson.

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

The weekly offertory for July 2nd was \$732 and the offertory for July 9th was \$527.

The Summer Festival Collection—

The Annual Summer Festival Collection will continue throughout the Summer. Total to date is \$420. Thank you for all your contributions!

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Chet Loncki (Edwin & Rita Kamins)
Peter Dubowski (Heather Entley)
Albert Mabie (Helen Dombrowski)

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

July 23, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Art Blum
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection 7/03/16	\$ 9,84381
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,405.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,248.81

Offertory Collection 7/10/16	\$ 8,702.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>985.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,687.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Bearett Thomas Peterman

son of
Thomas & Jessica (Aversa) Peterman
who will be baptized after the
5:00 P.M. Liturgy

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose honor and memory the donations were made:

Restoration

Donations made in memory of **Cynthia McLaughlin** from Pierre McCormick, Bob & Geraldine Marz, Gwen Schroeder, Don & Karen Wagner and Stephanie Schall.

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.

Donation made in honor of:

- ◆ **Robert & Mildred Biebel** who celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th

Donations made in memory of:

- ◆ **Cynthia McLaughlin** from Mary Anne Ashworth, Deborah Musolff,
- ◆ **Gaylord Karle** from Nancy Crunk
- ◆ **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Babara Gingenbach
- ◆ **Bill & Marianne Straub** from Nick Straub
- ◆ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **Ginny McGinnis** from Bill McGinnis

Also donations from:

Dave & Julie Sanner, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz, Bill & Mary Flanagan, Gary & Mary Pat Froehlich, Philip & Judy Kelly, and Jay & Carol Habas

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*
Eucharistic Ministers:
HOST: *Ray Fiorelli, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*
CUP: *Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz*
Greeters: *Angie Kontur*
Altar Servers: *Emilio & Gemma Filippi*
Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, Jim Sertz*

Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Nick Straub*
Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*
Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*
Eucharistic Ministers:
HOST: *Dario Cipriani, Colleen Welch, Mike Vehec*
CUP: *Cyndi Pristello, Michelle Tortorelli*
Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*
Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*
Ushers: *Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun*
Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

USHERS NEEDED—

The 8:00 am Sunday 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.



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.

Save the Date!!!

Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 9th!
Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church





61 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

LIFE IN THE LEPRECHAUN VILLAGE

Ever wonder what leprechauns do all day? We looked into it. Here's a typical leprechaun day:

Sleep in, get up around 11:00, have a great Irish lunch of gourmet Mc&Cheese, or maybe a hot dog, or maybe both, washed down with a green Irish float.

Get your face painted with wild Irish colors, or maybe a glitter tattoo if your leprechaun tastes run in that direction, then head off to the leprechaun photo booth for a couple of head shots with your favorite little friend. Or maybe sit for a hand drawn caricature you can give to your mom and dad to thank them for bringing you to the leprechaun village.

Then maybe you should catch some Irish Step Dancing and, before the strolling magician works his magic on you, grab a box of popcorn—or a brownie. Wouldn't a brownie go well with magic?

Wipe your fingers off and sit down at the arts and crafts table to make a few fun baubles or paintings with your leprechaun buddies. Then grab a leprechaun sized chair for a gripping Irish yarn from one of two great story tellers. Then, since you are a leprechaun, maybe you'd like to learn what an Irish jig is and how to dance a step or two. Then, visit the traveling zoo and meet some very interesting animals.

Wow, you must be hungry—off to the leprechaun dining tent for some shepherd's pie or Irish stew, or maybe some of that Mc&Cheese again with a little corned beef thrown in. Don't forget dessert! A hunk of home-made bake sale pie with a fresh scoop of ice cream on top? Or a smiley face cookie—what kind of leprechaun doesn't like smiley face cookies?

Finally, since you are dolled up in your leprechaun finest, you must take part in the best leprechaun contest and perhaps take a whack at an Irish piñata—wonder what it's filled with? Then it's off to bed to dream about all of the fun you had today.

Okay, so this is only a typical leprechaun day at the Leprechaun Village at the 2016 Erie Irish festival, dreamed up by Abby Lechner, our mother of twin leprechauns, Meredith and Katherine. But if you don't bring your leprechauns, or your grand-leprechauns, you will never find that pot of gold that is rumored to be hidden at the end of the St. Pat's rainbow (it's actually a 16 oz. Guinness or St. Pat's Red—you deserve it!)

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. If you're half as excited as we are, you're too excited—calm down—there's still 61 days left.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

July 16 *Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM ALBERT "MICKEY" MABIE - ST.H
(CHUCK & JOE)

5:00 PM GINNY MCGINNIS - ST.P
(JAMES & JEANNE SIEGEL)

July 17 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN BROKOS - ST. P
(ST. PATRICK SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1957)

10:30 AM DOLLY HIGGINS - ST.P
(AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)

July 18 *Monday, Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 19 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BETTY JARZOMSKI
(ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)

July 20 *Wednesday, Saint Apollinaris, Bishop*

8:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI
(JOHN & JEAN GORSKI)

July 21 *Thursday, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest
And Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 22 *Friday, Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:00 AM DAVID BLINZER (KAY BLINZER)

July 23 *Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM JOHN LOREI (CONNIE LAJOHN) - ST.P

July 24 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARK ALLISON (ZIMMERMAN FAMILY) - ST.P
10:30 AM MATTHEW P. LYDEN (JANE CARNEY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

07/16 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/19 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

07/20 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/23 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."

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Solemn Novena to Good Saint Ann—
Saint Ann Church, 921 East Avenue, Erie
(corner of E 10th & East Ave.)

Monday, July 18th through Tuesday, July
26th

Services at:

8:30 AM and 7:30 PM Monday - Friday

8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Saturday

8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday

Father Charles Courey of The Congregation of the
Most Holy Redeemer from Brooklyn, New York City
will conduct the novena this year.

All are invited and welcome to attend!



Anniversary Celebrations—

The 2016 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration
Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 50, 60,
or more years of marriage will be held in the
diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of
Mercy Church, Harborcreek. To register, please go to
<http://www.eriecd.org/anniv.htm> or contact your parish
office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities
(814) 824-1250 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 250.



Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

The Faith Formation group is sponsoring a high
school “lock-in” for kids in grades 8 through 11. It will
include dinner (pizza), games. Movies, prayer time,
adoration, snacks (of course), and other activities. It
will end the next morning with Mass and breakfast. It
is part retreat, but mostly just fun with other kids from
our parishes. Malinda Bostick, catechist, former prin-
cipal and active parishioner will head festivities.

The event is free, and will take place beginning at
6:00 p.m. August 2 (Tuesday), and will end about
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 3. It will be held at St.
John Church, in the Pastors’ Hall beneath the church.
Chaperones will be present at all times, and the youth
will be supervised and engaged in activity for most of
the time together. Participants must be registered and
have a signed permission slip for the event. To regis-
ter, or for more information, please call the Faith For-
mation office at 454-6322

Catechist for 2016-2017—

It is not too early to think about being a catechist for
the 2016-2017 year. We are always in need of adults
that want to share their faith with our young people.
Spend some time in prayer, listening to God and
whether He is calling you to teach our youth. Then
call me and I can answer your questions about this
great ministry! Mary Hickin 454-6322

St. James Church to host weekend festival—

St. James Church, 2635 Buffalo Road, Erie, will host
a weekend of festivities Aug. 5-7. Activities will in-
clude pony rides, games of chance, bingo and a cas-
ino tent. A pasta dinner will be served Aug. 5 begin-
ning at 5 p.m. Fun begins Aug. 6 beginning at 6 p.m.
A turkey dinner will be served Aug. 7 from noon to 6
p.m. There will be a polka Mass Aug. 7 at 11:30 a.m.
For more information, call the rectory at 814-899-
6178.



Saint Paul’s Italian Festival—

West 16th & Walnut Streets, Erie
August 12, 13, and 14

Celebrating the Italian Culture and the
“Feast of the Assumption” with wonderful home-made
foods each day. Activities include games, prizes, live
entertainment, bingo, games of chance. Activities for
children and plenty of games and prizes!

Friday, August 12th—Opening Mass at 5:00 p.m.,
followed by a Pasta Fagioli Dinner. Music by Cugini
Italiani from 6-10 p.m. Grounds open from 6-10 p.m.
\$2,000 Prize Drawing at 10 p.m.

Saturday, August 13th—Mass at 4:30 p.m., Music
by Pasta Con Mojo fro 2-5 p.m., Italian Dancers of
Erie will perform at 5:15 p.m. and Cugini Italiani from
6-10 p.m. Grounds open from 1-10 p.m.
\$2,000 Prize Drawing at 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 14th—Mass celebrated by Bishop
Persico at 11:00 a.m. followed by a procession
through “Little Italy.” Spaghetti dinner from 12-5 p.m.,
Music by the Riff Riders from 2-5 p.m., Ruby Port
from 6-9 p.m.
\$8,000 Prize Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

Zabawa needs volunteers

Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the
summer and be involved in one of the most well-
attended events in the Diocese of Erie? Holy Trinity’s
Zabawa festival needs help with serving food. Organ-
izers are looking for 10 to 12 energetic volunteers
(teenagers and up) for each shift. Shifts are as fol-
lows:

- Aug. 26 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.
- Aug. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 5:30 to
9 p.m.
- Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sign up for as many hours as you’d like by contacting Sa-
rah at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. High school stu-
dents in need of service hours are welcome.

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

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Advertiser of the Week:

We thank Northwest Bank
16 full service offices in Erie County
1-877-672-5678
For advertising in our parish bulletin.