

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016



Shrine of the
Sacred Heart
St. Patrick Church
Garden

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. While we may find Abraham's negotiating skills entertaining, what is really happening here is that he is showing concern for others and more importantly, God's mercy. Abraham has just entertained three visitors in whom he recognized God. As they depart, God ponders whether to share with Abraham the purpose of the visit to Sodom and Gomorrah. God concludes that Abraham needs to know the consequences of sin. As soon as Abraham learns of the fate of the two cities, he begins his intercession. He persuades God to spare the city for the sake of the few just people. Abraham negotiates for a smaller and smaller number and eventually we encounter God's mercy. If God can forgive the great sins of these people, he will certainly forgive you and me in our failings.

Every crucifix has the handwritten letters INRI (Latin for Jesus Nazareus, Rex Judaeorum—Jesus Christ, King of the Jews.) Paul suggests that it should be an IOU—that our sins put us under a legal bond, one that we can never repay ourselves. The weight of our sins would crush us and Jesus takes it on to himself so that we are free from debt. All of this is true, Paul tells us, because of our baptism.

Jesus' formula for prayer is rather simple: don't multiply words, but be persistent. Luke's version of the Lord's prayer is shorter than the one found in Matthew. Though Matthew's prayer is longer, it lacks the teaching we find here on the importance of perseverance and the efficacy of prayer. The parable Jesus tells us today points out the value of persistence in our prayer. The classic "ask..seek ..knock" saying is so beloved because it is so compelling and reassuring. Jesus declares that those who ask receive and those who seek find. He doesn't hedge on that

and the door will be opened. For those who still doubt, Jesus goes further offering the example of a father and a child.

Erie Gives Day is Tuesday, August 9. Any gift made to St. Patrick's Church that day will share in the fund created through the Erie Community Foundation. Last year St. Patrick's received more gifts than any other church in the city. Let's do it again!!!!

Our wedding schedule for 2017 is quickly shaping up. We just have two weekends left open in the whole of July, August and September 2017. We have been booking more weddings at St. Patrick's than any other parish in the diocese.

We have closed the fiscal 2015/16 year for both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's parishes. It will take us a bit to get the financial and spiritual reports compiled, but once they are done I will print them in the bulletin so that you can get a clearer picture of each of the parishes. Among the criterion for a "stand alone parish" in the diocese is the spiritual and financial health of the parish. Of particular note at St. Patrick's again this year are the large number of baptisms compared to a relatively small number of deaths. Over 50% of the funerals at St. Patrick's are not parishioners. They are people who were baptized here, married here, etc., moved away but always told their family they wanted to be buried from St. Patrick's, and of course, we accommodate them. Another outstanding statistic at St. Patrick's are the large number of weddings held here each year. We and the cathedral lead the diocese in the number of weddings each year.

Once those reports are complete, the Finance Council of both parishes will review them and I'll include them in a bulletin. We have already completed the budget for fiscal 2016/17 for both parishes. They were signed by myself and the chair

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

of the Finance Councils and submitted to the diocese in June.

Saint Patrick's Finance Council met recently and reviewed a number of items underway including repairs to the roof over the weekday chapel, restoring the wooden angels in church, remodeling the men's room in church, replacement of windows in the rectory, remodeling the rectory kitchen, resurfacing the parking lot behind the rectory, etc. They also approved the 2016/17 budget and will meet again soon to review the financial and spiritual reports from the 2015/16 fiscal year which just closed.

Pope Francis once again has challenged us when he said recently that "I think that the Church must not only ask forgiveness...to the gay person who is offended. But she must ask forgiveness to the poor, too; to the women who are exploited, to children who are exploited for labor. She must ask forgiveness for having blessed so many weapons." He repeated his oft quoted phrase when asked about gay people, "a person who has a condition, that has good will and who seeks God, who are we to judge?" He added that Christians "must ask forgiveness for not having accompanied so many choices, so many families".

We welcome a priest from the Vincentian Fathers who will speak at both parishes this weekend on their missionary work in India. A second collection will be taken to help us support their work.

Some thoughts to ponder! Death is the number one killer in the world. Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die. Men have two motivations in life: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich. Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years. Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing. In the 1960s, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal. All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Charlotte Niewolak** from Leo & Teresa Brugger.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Gloria Sullivan.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** from Bobby J. Sulecki.

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

The offertory for last week was \$525.00.

CSA Total Pledged is \$9,775.00. The assigned assessment is \$10,910.00.

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Chet Loncki (Anna Buszek, Chris & Pat)
Albert Mabie (Mary Shchouchkoff)

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 30, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector

Art Blum

Eucharist

Judy Pentz

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,007.19
Online Giving	<u>1,090.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,097.19

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Leo Joseph Barbarini
 son of
 Nicholas & Laura (Ruprecht) Barbarini
 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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donation made in honor of:

- ♦ Ed Lesser's Birthday from Richard & Mary Beth Wachter

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Pat & Patty Ward** from William J. Carney
- ♦ **Grace Karle** from Nancy Crunk
- ♦ **Carol & Deb Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **John Masterson** from Judy Emling
- ♦ **John "JR" Hartigan** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn
- ♦ **Wegner family** from Lynne Long
- ♦ **John & Madeline Stephany** from Thomas & Mary Lyons

Also donations from:

William & Patricia Gloecker, Jay & Carol Habas,
 Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Kathleen Horan,
 John D. & Cynthia Purvis, Phillip & Denise Rewers,
 Michael & Dotty Schloss, and Ken & Alice Daub

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Beth Pinto, Jay Habas, Carol Habas

CUP: Chris Sanner, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Katie Froehlich, Ed Smith, Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
 Mary Duncan

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.

Marriage Moments—



Do you ever bargain with your beloved? "If you watch the kids, I'll be able to do this repair project." OR "If only you could give me 5 more minutes, 1 hour, 1 day to finish this, we could spend some quality time together." It's not bad to negotiate, but keep your end of the bargain. (Gn. 18: 20-32)

A Family Perspective—

17th Sunday

Today's gospel guarantees if we "ask" we will "receive," perhaps not what we wanted but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us. All the love we have for our children, God has for us and more. As our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."



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





54 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

EX-RUGBY PLAYER TURNS TO BEER AND GAMBLING!

If you know many rugby players, this is not shocking news. But the way Tim Mackey made the conversion might interest you. Tim's in charge of games of chance at the Irish Festival—he's the guy who spins the chuck-a-luck wheel and pretends to be sympathetic when you lose. He's another one of these guys who shows up before the tents go up and doesn't leave until they're down, a guy who infects everyone with his enthusiasm and good spirits. And he's a tough ex-rugby player.

Tim spent 15 years playing all over the country on the first Erie Rugby Team beginning in 1971. In the middle of his rugby career, he went on a blind date at the old Rick & Barry's Bar with a lovely young Irish lass named Meg—on St. Patrick's Day, 1977. As it often does in affairs of the heart, one thing led to another, and Tim and Meg were married the day after the next St. Patrick's day. They've been together ever since.

When some friends won the Irish Trip in the festival raffle, Tim and Meg got excited and thought maybe they should volunteer. Then, one day about 6 years ago, Meg came home and told Tim she had volunteered him to take over the games of chance at the festival—"What do I have to do?" he asked. "I think it involves gambling and beer," she answered. "I'm in!" he said and he's been spinning the wheel ever since, with Meg's help, of course.

And Tim is both Irish and St. Pat's to the bone—been a parishioner since short pants days—grew up around 5th and Wallace and graduated from St. Pat's elementary. Tim went to East High then did 20 years at Hamermill, came to the diocese as a facility manager for 5 years, then did another 18 at the Glenwood Y before retiring. Then he went to St. Peter's to help out there. Meg teaches child development at Millcreek—she's a Penn State grad by way of Villa. Tim says he gave up rugby when he and Meg got serious about having a family. They have a daughter Tess and a son Kyle who both live and work in Erie.

So grab a beer, stop by the chuck-a-luck wheel, plop down a buck, and let Tim regale you with a rugby story or two. Or get a pull tab and a smile from Meg. You can't lose when you meet the Mackeys.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. After years of testing, we have perfected the corned beef and swiss ball! Make sure you get one or two (or three) before they are gone at the 2016 Erie Irish Festival.

Jewelry and Purse Raffle Basket—

Take a chance on the beautiful gift basket after all Masses the weekend of July 30th & 31st. Benefits the Erie Irish Festival.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

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

July 25 *Monday, Saint James, Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 26 *Tuesday, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

July 27 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK MARIELLA (FAMILY)

July 28 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM RALPH E. SCHAUBLE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (7/18)
(JIM SPEIGEL)

July 29 *Friday, Saint Martha*

8:00 AM THERESA SHREVE (ROSARY SOCIETY)

July 30 *Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM MARY ZIELINSKI (ROSE NIEDZWIECKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM RUTH "DOLLY" HIGGINS, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(PATTI & KELLY HELSEL) - ST.P

July 31 *Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM SANDRA BIRKMIRE, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P
(HUSBAND & CHILDREN)

10:30 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR., ANNIV. - ST.P
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

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

07/23 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/26 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

07/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/30 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

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 Bos-tick, catechist, former principal and active parish-ioner 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 register, or for more information, please call the Faith Formation office at 454-6322

NOVA—



NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjustments, blended families, legal issues and others. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or by email at fami-lylife@erieRCD.org to register. Offered only four times per year, the NOVA is schedules for Satur-day, August 27th in Mercer, PA. Couples prepar-ing for convalidation are encouraged to apply.

New! Catholic’s Divorce Healing Program—

The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week group to help those who are separated or di-vorced begins on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke School Library in Erie (Cost—\$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call St. Luke Church, (814) 825-6920, the Family Life Office , 98140 824-1261, or email: familylife@eriercd.org for more infor-mation.

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 casi-no tent. A pasta dinner will be served on Friday, Aug. 5 beginning at 5 p.m. featuring Chuck & Ginny’s Sauce. Fun begins Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. A turkey dinner will be served Aug. 7 from noon to 6 p.m. There will be a polka Mass On Sunday, 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 proces-sion 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: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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