

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2015



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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading from Exodus forms the backdrop for today's Gospel, in which the Evangelist John continues what is called the "Bread of Life discourse." Both readings emphasize that all true food or nourishment has one ultimate source: God. While Exodus focuses on physical food, John stresses bread for fullness of life in Christ. The Israelites once again forget what God has done for them and complain about their current hardship. They even have second thoughts about leaving a life of slavery—at least in Egypt they had sufficient food and drink. Through Moses, the Lord promises to supply food and drink in the wilderness adding that the people's faith will also be tested.

Previous readings from Ephesians have emphasized the unity of the church, centered in one Christ, one faith, and one baptism. Today's reading stresses the changed way of life that should mark each member of the church. The caution not to live like the Gentiles is a reference to the lifestyle of Ephesus, a large port city populated by people who followed various gods, daily violence, social stratification and freewheeling sexual practices. But for the baptized, such ways of life must be set aside.

John is very strong in emphasizing "signs." For John, Jesus is the one sent from the Father to reveal the Father, and the signs are a major mode of that revelation. But to truly see the importance of a sign, one must have faith. The significance of believing in the signs is evident in the fact that John uses the word nearly one hundred times, always as a verb. Seeing, often the equivalent of believing for this evangelist, requires at least a minimal level of faith, an openness to what a sign might reveal about God, Jesus or even oneself. John notes that the people

initially saw physical food but Jesus then calls them to believe that he is truly the one sent from God, but the crowd still calls for a sign—an indication that they have failed to perceive the true meaning of Jesus providing food for the multitude.

There is an outstanding exhibit in the Nash Library at Gannon University (West 6th & Sassafras Streets) which is open to the public at no cost. Called "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," the exhibit was put together by the Holocaust Memorial Museum. It traces how German doctors and psychiatrists began in early 1930 to work toward creating a superior race by genetically altering people who were handicapped, mentally ill, etc. The exhibit then traces how all of this was taken over by the Nazis to result in the extermination of anyone who did not meet their requirement of a perfectly Arian person.

I'm happy to tell you that the gas bill for June at St. Patrick's was \$1.55. I can't tell you what fun it was to sign that check!!

The Pastoral Planning process is coming to a conclusion soon. All parishes have recently completed a Parish Snapshot which was a way of grading everything in the parish from the quality of the liturgies, music, homilies to the state of the buildings, various programs, etc. I'm happy to tell you that, at St. Patrick's, almost everything was scored with a number 5 which was the highest it could be scored. All of this data will now be compiled and put together with the other data that has been gathered to allow the Planning Committee to make recommendations to Bishop Persico. Sometime around the end of the year the bishop will announce the reconfiguration of the diocese. At this point, no one really knows what that will be. Will parishes and some schools have to close? Will parishes and/or schools merge with one another to be more efficient? Only time will

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answer those questions.

To give you an idea of how critical it is that we reconfigure and come up with a better way of evangelizing the gospel, let me share some of the data with you. In 2004 there were 71,491 households registered in parishes. In 2014, that number had dropped to 59,962. The number of infant baptisms has dropped over that same period from 1,801 to 1,033; First Communions are down from 2,455 to 1,527; Confirmations from 2,194 to 1,411. Catholic school enrollment has dropped 12% in the last six years. The number of children enrolled in Religious Ed has dropped 30% in that time period; marriages are down 37%; and the list could go on and on. St. Patrick's is one of the few parishes where enrollment has increased (we are now almost 800 families), where Mass attendance has increased and where baptisms, marriages, etc. have increased.

We cannot continue without a master plan and that is what this is all about. I've often compared the diocese to a beach ball bobbing in Lake Erie with the waves taking control, the ball having no control over its direction. In other words, the change is controlling the direction rather than the beach ball determining its own direction. And that is what this Pastoral Plan is about. Bishop Persico has been incredibly transparent with the entire process so that no one can say "I wasn't listened to." There has been opportunity for input at every level. Once the Planning Committee makes its recommendations in September, the bishop will then discuss those recommendations with the various consultative bodies in the diocese and get their input as to how best implement what direction we're going to be going. It's been a long and cumbersome process, but it's working.

The minister had all of his teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, 20 minutes. But on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour and 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he replied, "The first Sunday my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting, but the third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures, and I couldn't stop talking."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Harriet Purzycki** requested by D. Dombkowski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory **Amanda Juchno** - "**Happy Birthday MANDA**" requested by Mom.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo & Teresa Brugger.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$ 916.00**. Thank you and God bless.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Patricia Wernicki** whose funeral was July 27th at St. Hedwig's. Pat was a life-long member of St. Hedwig. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The Summer Festival is still ongoing. Total to date: **\$925.00**. We thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to consider doing so. Proceeds are used to cover our regular operating expenses. Please be generous.

Families Always Matter

Visit the Diocese website: <http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm>. You can check out the monthly reflections on Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, the preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families.

*Have you said your rosary today?
Ask Mary for her intercession.
Her prayer for you will never fail.*



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

Saturday August 8

4:00 PM

Lector	Art Blum
Eucharist	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Michelle Moskel
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,035.05
Online Giving	994.00
Total Income	\$ 7,029.05

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us **Welcome**

Jason Edward Morris

son of

Jason & Nancy (Heiss) Morris
who will be baptized after the
10:30 am Mass



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of **Alfred J. Sokolowski**,
Anniversary of Birth, August 4th
from Family*

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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:

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Sr. Marie Paul Ashworth** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ In memory of **Ed & Doris Kraus** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ In memory of **William Lacy** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ In memory of **Gretchen Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach
- ♦ In memory of **Jack & Dorothy McManus** from Sue Ellen & Luigi Pasquale

Also donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biebel, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kelly,
Mr. & Mrs. Wellie Yapple, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Fiorelli,
Rev. John Bauer, Mary Flanagan and
Kathleen Mannino

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

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Patty Dailey, Shirley Winschel,
Mary Beth Pinto*

CUP: *Kathy Sertz, Lynne Long*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Addie & Owen Babinsack*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello, Colleen Welch*

CUP: *Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully*

Greeters: *Norann Brugger, 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney*

Ushers: *David Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Please let us know of your availability. Call the office
at 454-8085 or email the office at stpats@neo.rr.com.
Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR ERIE GIVES!!!



Tuesday, August 11, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

www.ErieGives.org

Each participating nonprofit that receives a donation also receives a percentage of the \$220,000 prorated match pool provided by GE Transportation, Erie Insurance, Presque Isle Downs and Casino, Eriez Magnetics, The Erie Community Foundation and an Anonymous Donor.

Minimum gift of \$25.00. Only Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted. You can give up to 10 nonprofits per transaction.

The more donations made to St. Patrick's Church, the more matching funds will be received!!!

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Aug. 1** *Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM MRS. NELLIE KOZLOWSKI - ST.H
(DAUGHTER, JOANNE FINN)5:00 PM TONY MILES - IN MEMORY OF HIS BIRTHDAY
(VICKIE MCDONALD) - ST.P**Aug. 2** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM WELLIE YAPLE (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM JEFFREY D. ROUCH (NICKI DEMARTE) - ST.P

Aug. 3 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 4 *Tuesday, Saint John Vianny, Priest*

8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Aug. 5 *Wednesday, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*8:00 AM CAROL & DEBRA DONNELLY
(JIM DONNELLY & FAMILY)**Aug. 6** *Thursday, The Transfiguration of the Lord*

8:00 AM FRANK OLSZEWSKI (KATHY HILBERT)

Aug. 7 *Friday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest*

8:00 AM RAYMOND BOROWY (GARY & LAURA BOROWY)

Aug. 8 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM FABIN & ZEBROWSKI FAMILIES - ST.H
(ANGIE ZEBROWSKI)5:00 PM DICK REIM - ST.P
(DEACON DAVE & JUDY PRATT)**Aug. 9** *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM BARBARA MCCORMICK - ST.P
(PIERRE & KATHY MCCORMICK)10:30 AM ALFRED J. SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH-8/04
(FAMILY) - 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**08/01** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/04 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**08/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**08/08** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

FESTIVALS AND FUN AROUND TOWN**ST. BONIFACE - 4TH ANNUAL "CRUISE TO THE COUNTRY"**

August 8, 2015 from 4-8 pm at St. Boniface School, 9363 Wattsburg Rd. Erie PA

**ST. GREGORY PARISH** - A competitive 5K and 10K

and one-mile fun run will be held Aug. 8th to benefit the students of St. Gregory Parish, 140 West Main St., North East. Races begin at 8am; the fun run will start at 9:30am.

For more information call the school office at 725-4571 or email garygray57@gmail.com. Online registration can be submitted at <http://bigwhitetrailer.com/register>.**ST. JAMES ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL**—August 7th, 8th and 9th, 2015 at the St. James School Grounds/St. James Place, 2602/2622 Buffalo Rd. Erie, PA. A pasta dinner featuring Chuck & Ginny's famous sauce will be held on Friday, August 7th at 5:00 pm. A full-course turkey dinner will be held on Sunday August 9th from noon to 6:00 pm.**ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ITALIAN FESTIVAL**—August 7th, 8th & 9th at 16th & Walnut St. Erie, PA.—grounds open Friday at 6:00 pm**HOLY TRINITY— 22 ND ANNUAL ZABAWA POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL**— August 21-23, 2015 at Holy Trinity Parish, E. 23rd and Reed Streets. Festival hours

are 8/21 from 5-10 pm, 8/22 from 1-10:30 pm, and 8/23 from noon to 6:00 pm. Event features Polka Masses on Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 11 am. Bishop Persico will celebrate Saturday evening Mass with Father Stanly Swacha,

For more information, visit

www.holytrinityrc.org or call 456-0671.**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

All Religious Ed and Confirmation registration forms and payments are due now! Books must be ordered, and your registrations help us to know how many are needed. Also, remember that students that would like to be confirmed in grade 11 must have attended Religious Education in grades 9 & 10 OR have attended a Catholic High School.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATECHIST? HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have thought of becoming a catechist, or a substitute, in the religious education program and have questions, please come to an "open house" at Holy Rosary on Sunday, August 9 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mary Hickin, the new Director of Religious Education, will be in the school answering questions for anyone who has an interest and is considering joining the program. You do not need experience, just a love of our faith and willingness to share it with our youth. Or just stop and meet Mary before the new year begins!

ROSARY MARCH sponsored by The Legion of Mary

August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, at St. Casmir Church, 629 Hess Ave. Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate Mass at noon and the march will begin immediately afterward followed by refreshments.

FESTIVAL * 2015 * NEWS



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN LADIES & GENTS—to clean out and recycle your costume jewelry for the Festival Jewelry Booth! We are beginning to organize the jewelry to be sold at the Festival (with all proceeds benefitting the parish). Donations may be dropped off at the Trinity Gift Shop, the Parish Office or by calling Gail Smith at 833-9484.



THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN—Ave Needs Your Help! Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. If you would like to purchase a gift for the auction, we would like them to be at a value of at least \$20.00. If you are not a shopper and you would like to make a donation (check or cash) to the Ave Maria Society, we will do the shopping for you. Examples of items needed are: small appliances, bedding, sheet sets with pillow covers, quilts, nice blankets, decorative items, and jewelry. Remember these donations are tax deductible. All gifts can be taken to the rectory and monies addressed to the Ave can be dropped in the collection basket. We are also going to need help with set up and we need volunteers to work during the festival.

If anyone has any questions please call Mary Pat Ringhand at 871-2926. Thank You.



PROGRAM SPONSOR There is an additional page in today's bulletin for anyone who would like to be a sponsor for the festival booklet. It is the perfect opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to say congratulations to someone who has entered college, high school or a new job. Any reason to give credit and attention to a loved one! Check it out !



RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. Raffle tickets will be sent to you in the mail by the end of July. You may return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. The office has more if you need them. We will be at Celebrate Erie August 13th thru the 16th selling tickets. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!



BAKE SALE: Who doesn't like **COOKIES, PIES and CAKES** for dessert! If you would like to donate to the Festival Bake Sale with all proceeds benefitting St. Patrick's Church, we would love to have them. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items arrive on Saturday and Sunday. They are also looking for volunteers to work the booth.

Please contact Mary Beth Wachter at 454-6140 for more information.





ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



Friday, Saturday and Sunday

September 18th, 19th, & 20th

PROGRAM

Our program booklet this year will again be the larger (8 1/2 x 11) with a color cover and the opportunity for you to memorialize deceased family members, etc. with an ad and a photograph (black and white). Please use the form below to list the message as you wish it to appear. If you are honoring the memory of a deceased love one, your message may read, "In memory of my parents (insert name) who were called to their Eternal Rest on (insert date). Or you might mention that someone was baptized or married at St. Patrick's. The ad copy should read:

Sponsor Information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

() Banner \$500

Please check the size of ad (size is based on full page of 8 1/2 x 11)

() Full Page \$200

() half Page \$175

() Quarter Page \$125

() Business Card Size \$ 75

() Memorial / Friend Size \$ 25

Any questions, contact Program Chair Dennis Michalski at 456-4979



September 18th, 19th, 20th, 2015

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

Be a SAINT PATRICK V.I.P.!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evening)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH AREAS YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ Admission | _____ Games of Chance |
| _____ Bake Sale | _____ Gift Shop |
| _____ Beverages (All) | _____ Kitchen |
| _____ Decorating | _____ Raffle (Grand Prize and Side) |
| _____ Dining Area | _____ Teardown after the Festival |
| _____ Food/Drink Tickets | _____ Anywhere needed |

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:

Friday, Sept. 18th _____ Saturday, Sept. 19th _____ Sunday, Sept. 20th _____

You will be contacted concerning your choice of area and your hours of service.

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE:

_____ Irish Auction Prize _____ Baked Goods _____ Children's Auction Prize

_____ A money donation towards Publicity /Advertising

_____ \$250 _____ \$150 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$20 _____ Other

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.

Thank you for your generous support!

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 **KRAUS**
DEPARTMENT STORE
810 Parade St. Erie 453-4314
For advertising in our parish bulletin.