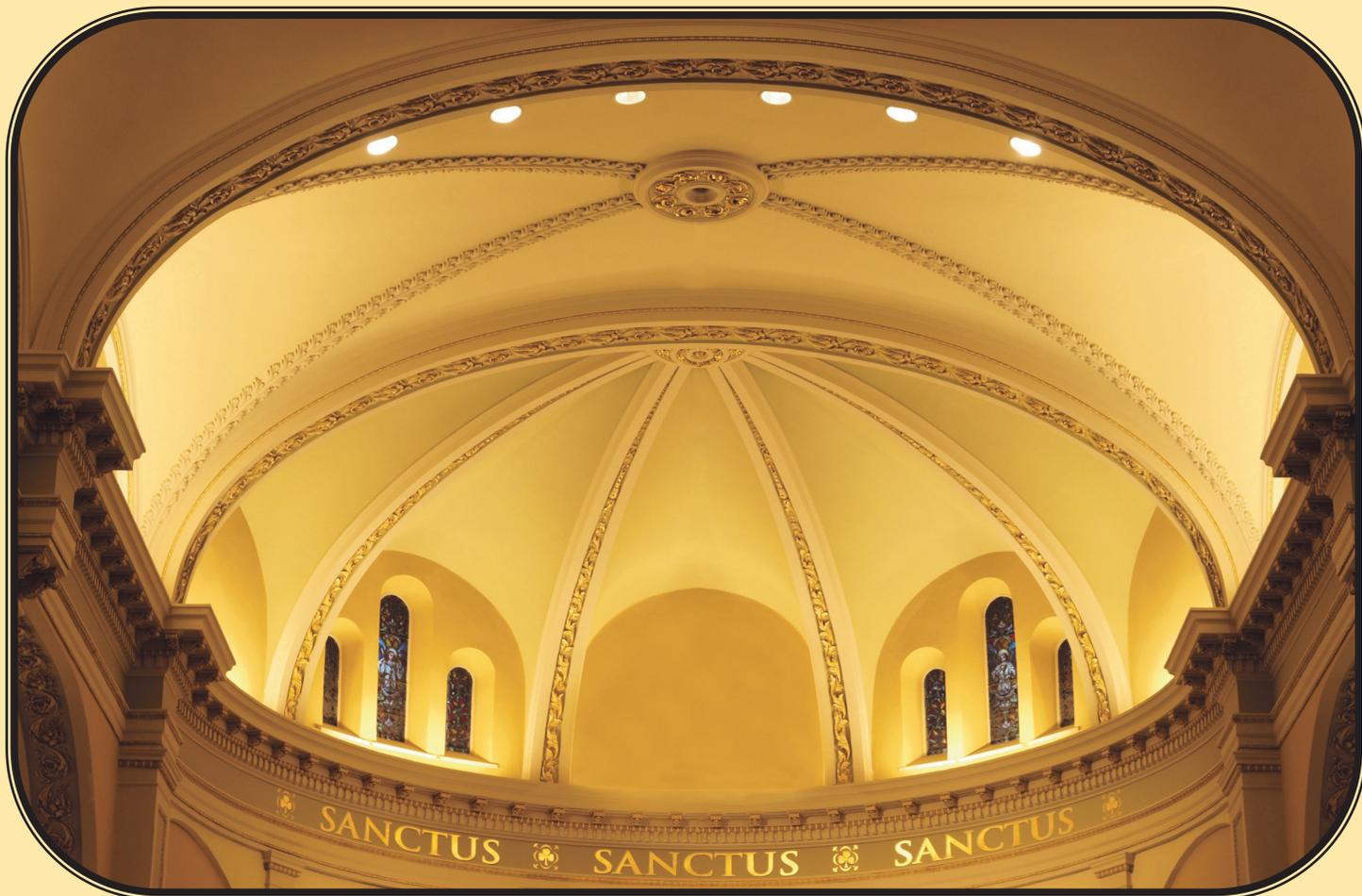


Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2016



The Sanctuary Dome
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Saint Patrick Parish

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Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

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Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each Sunday's first reading sets the stage for the gospel by introducing the theme that lies at the center of the gospel text. Preparedness is today's theme. In the gospel, the message is sobering; but the reading from Wisdom celebrates Israel's readiness for the Exodus. For centuries, Israelites languished in Egypt as slaves. All the while, they clung to the promise God made to their ancestors. Despite the length of time, the people put their faith in God believing he would be faithful. Moses enters the history of the Jewish people in a strange way. He has lived in the royal court as a prince of Egypt and has no other claim to the Israelites than the fact that God sent him to deliver them. Because of the faith they had cultivated during their years of waiting, the people recognized God's messenger. Today we hear of the plague which took the firstborn of every Egyptian family, but spared the Israelites.

Our second reading is one of the finest texts in all of the scriptures. It is about faith, about trusting that God would save them in the face of great adversity. With faith, their hearts and eyes were able to see what God had promised but was not yet fulfilled. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. It is about the "not yet," the "hoped for," the "promise," and the "dream."

We read the familiar story of the bridesmaids who are unprepared, a stark reminder to each of us that we know not the day nor the hour when the Lord will call us home. Preparedness is a key component of our faith. Note the pastoral tone in Jesus's voice today. He calls them "little flock," and tells them, "Do not be afraid," the most commonly repeated phrase in all of the scriptures, repeated most often in Luke. In Jesus' day, weddings were affairs that could last a week or more. Jesus is adamant in praising the servant who is

prepared.

Tuesday is ERIE GIVES DAY. Contributions to non profits will get an extra share in a fund created by the Erie Community Foundation and GE. Last year, St. Patrick's Parish generated more revenue on this day than any other parish in the city. You can make a gift to the parish, you can make an offertory contribution, you can make a payment to the Catholic Services Appeal. I urge you to consider a gift to St. Patrick's and hopefully, if you are able, to other not for profits in Erie on Tuesday, August 9, ERIE GIVES DAY.

I will be on retreat this week at Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo. Retreat ends on Thursday. There are 17 of us on this retreat. I remember as a young priest there would be 80 to 90 of us on a retreat. Times have changed.

We have offered several European river cruises in the past. In October 2017, we will be offering a river cruise called "Cities of Light." The trip is a bit longer than our norm with a total of 12 nights and will go from Prague to Paris. Among highlights will be 2 nights in Prague; a day visiting Nuremberg, Germany where we will see the courtroom from the trials; a day in Luxemburg which will include a visit to the American Cemetery where General George Patton is buried; and two days in Paris. We also have a May trip to Spain, to Barcelona, Madrid & Seville. If anyone is interested in information about the trip, please call the parish office and leave us your e-mail.

Our maintenance staff have completed work on the roof over the weekday chapel. That roof is tin, and I had no idea what terrible shape it was in. To convince me to do the work, the maintenance staff took pictures of the roof, and I was shocked at how it had deteriorated. At any rate, they sanded, cleaned, painted and now it looks wonderful and should be secure for years. With hundred

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

year old buildings, it is never ending.

Speaking of buildings, unfortunately a pipe burst in the rectory at St. Hedwig's recently. Our maintenance man goes into those buildings every day to check on them, and I'm grateful he does. Despite that, it did a lot of water damage to the flooring of the first floor bathroom where it burst. Both the church and the rectory buildings at St. Hedwig's are deteriorating. The windows in both buildings are in terrible shape. Some of the stained glass in church is badly buckled and needs to be re-leaded; the windows in the rectory are in worse shape and need to be completely replaced. It would be impossible to live in that rectory in the winter with the windows in the condition they are in. In addition, there are serious problems with the boiler as well as some roofing problems. There simply isn't the money.

Have you ever thought of remembering your parish in your estate planning? You can name a parish as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or you can make a specific bequest to a parish. At St. Patrick's we have a foundation solely for maintenance of the church.

Bubba bragged to his boss that he knew everyone in the world. "Just name someone, and I'll prove it." So he replied, "Tom Cruise." They flew to Hollywood, rang the doorbell and Cruise was thrilled to see Bubba and invited them in. His boss says he was just lucky. "Name someone else," says Bubba. "President Obama." They fly to Washington and the president spots Bubba on a tour and calls him aside and invites he and his boss in for a cup of coffee. The boss is shaken, but takes one more stab. "The pope," he says. Bubba and his boss fly to Rome and are in the crowd in St. Peter's Square and he knows the pope will never spot him so he says, "I know all the guards so stay here and I'll come out on the balcony with the pope." Sure enough, half an hour later there is Bubba with the pope. When he returns he discovers his boss had a heart attack and he asked him what happened. His boss looks up, "I was doing fine until you came out on the balcony with the pope and the Japanese tourist next to me said, 'Who's that on the balcony with Bubba?'"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Helen Zielinski** from Susan Wright.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Zielinski** from Camille Thompson.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** from Mary Kress.

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

The offertory for last week was \$470.00.

The CSA pledge is up to \$10,575.00. The assigned assessment is \$10,910.00. We only need \$335.00 to reach our goal, if you have not made your pledge yet please do so.

Legion of Mary Rosary March—

Legion of Mary Rosary March with The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie will take place Saturday, August 20th, 2016 from Noon - 2 p.m. Mass at noon followed by the March at St. Casimir Church, 629 Hess Ave., Erie

Saint Paul's Italian Festival—August 12, 13, and 14 West 16th & Walnut Streets, Erie

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 from 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.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

August 13, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Bobby Sulecki
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,513.81
Online Giving	<u>1,050.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,563.81

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ◆ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ◆ **Sally Junker** from Barbara Brairton
- ◆ **Carol & Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **John Masterson** from William & Patty Jackson
- ◆ **Ron Homicz** from Joanne Homicz
- ◆ **Mrs. Rickie Oligeri** from Robert & Patti Oligeri

Also donations from:

Dan & Beth Biletznikoff, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, William & Mary Flanagan, Heather & Joe Kimball, Dave & Julie Sanner, and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz

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



Let Us *Welcome*
Riley Marie Linse
daughter of
Matthew & Kimberly (Wheeler) Linse
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy
and
James Alfred Muller
son of
Patrick & Carla (Steger) Muller
and
Matthew James Murray
son of
Kevin & Lisa (Tarcy) Murray
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Jay Habas*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel*

CUP: *Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*

Greeters: *Angie Kontur, Diane Boeh*

Altar Servers: *Addie & Owen Babinsack*

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

Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Kearney, Cyndi Pristello, Forrest Mischler*

CUP: *Katie Froehlich, Patty Jackson*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

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

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



Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 9th!

Don't Forget to Support
St. Patrick Church

Erie Gives will take place on Tuesday, August 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The prorated match this year is \$250,000 from GE Transportation Erie Insurance and Presque Isle Downs and Casino. There are also five new sponsors to Erie Gives: Erie Bank and Northwest Bank, McInnes Rolled Rings and E.E. Austin & Son.

A minimum gift of \$25.00. Only Visa, MasterCard or Discover accepted. www.ErieGives.org

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

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.





**40 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL
IT TAKES A PARISH.**

We hope that over the last couple of hundred days you've read these little blurbs in the bulletin and come away with two thoughts:

- 1) Man, this festival is going to be fun! I'd be an absolute fool to miss even a minute of it!
- 2) Man, it takes a lot of work by a lot of dedicated people to pull this off! I never realized that these folks work all year long planning and organizing. The least I can do is to give a few hours over the festival weekend to help out.

We have around 800 families and individuals in our parish now. Eight hundred. All coming together each week to worship, learn, share. All leaving each week, thanks to the positive teachings of our good Monsignor, feeling better about ourselves. One of the things we do each week is shake the hands of the people around us, smile, and offer them wishes of peace. Know who they are, the men and women and the kids, whose hand you're shaking? We do. They're really nice people. All of them. You'd really like them if you got to know them. And they'd really like you. And here's a great way to get to know each other—let's all volunteer at the Erie Irish Festival—let's work together for the good of the church and the community, let's laugh together, and enjoy getting to know each other, and feel really good about ourselves. Then, the next time you say it, you can say "Peace be with you, Ray, or Joe, or Kay, or Mary," because you'll know their names, and they'll know yours.

And if you think this is a ploy to get you to work at the festival, it is. But that's how we at the festival committee all got to know each other, that's how we all got 30 more friends. Who couldn't use 30 more friends?

Barb Fischer is the next Festival Chair Person, but right now she is in charge of volunteer sign-up. She's a maven with a computer and she rigged up a web site where you can sign up to help, as little or as much as you would like. It's on a website called Sign Up Genius. Here's the address: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4eafa82ca2fe3-irish>

Won't you go online and find a place to help? We need you. There are only 40 days left until the festival. And if you already have signed up, thank you. You will have a great time doing a valuable job!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. If you're not good with computers, ask someone in the church for help. They'll be glad to lend you a hand.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 6 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM THEODORE WIDOMSKI - ST.H
(RAY PRZYBYZEWSKI)

5:00 PM JENNIE KOZESKY - ST.P
(WEILAND & POPKA FAMILIES)

Aug. 7 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN BROKOS JR. (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Aug. 8 *Monday, Saint Dominic, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 9 *Tuesday, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 10 *Wednesday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and
Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 11 *Thursday, Saint Clare, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 12 *Friday, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 13 *Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM JOHN GORSKI (JIM & PEGGY GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM JANET MCDONALD (LESLIE JENNINGS)

Aug. 14 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM ANTHONY & THERESA MERSKI - ST.P
(RON & PATTY MERSKI)

10:30 AM NANCY J. JACKSON, ANNIV, 8/06 - ST.P
(AUDREY METZGAR)

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

08/06 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/09 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/10 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/13 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

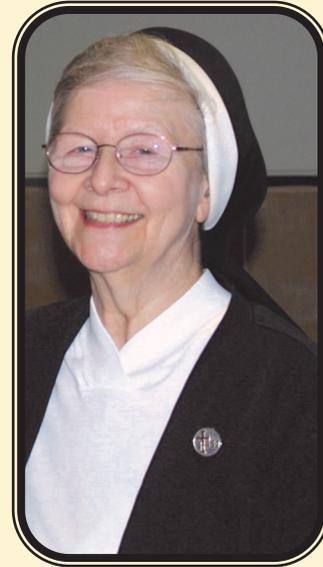
Calling all Volunteers—

"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."





Congratulations

Sister Marie Kebort, SSJ

60 Years of Religious Life

You are one of the great joys of

Saint Patrick Parish.

Know how much we love you.

Sister Marie Stephen Kebort, SSJ prays "The Daily Examen of St. Ignatius" every day. It helps her focus on the joy and challenges of her life.

"You cannot give to others and neglect your own spiritual life," she says. "You need to be a reservoir – not a channel – or you will have nothing to share with others."

Born in Meadville, Sister Marie Stephen entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Brigid Parish on August 29, 1956 and professed her final vows on August 15, 1964.

She credits her parents and the Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Brigid School and at Spencer Hospital, both in Meadville, for inspiring her call to religious life.

For nearly 40 years she taught in several diocesan elementary schools: St. Andrew, Villa Maria Elementary, St. John the Baptist, Blessed Sacrament and St. Paul, all in Erie; Holy Rosary in Johnsonburg; St Leo in Ridgway; and St. Francis in Clearfield.

From 1977-84, she served as principal at St. Andrew School, Erie. For ten years she taught at Holy Trinity School in Byesville, Ohio, and then worked in high school religious education at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Lore City, Ohio.

She came to St. Patrick's Parish in 1994 as director of religious education but since then has worn a multitude of hats. She participates in the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation program, directs the RCIA program at St. Patrick's, is the docent for the many tours of St. Patrick's Church, gives individual baptismal classes to new parents wanting to have their baby baptized; researches the parish records which date to 1837 as people search their genealogy; records all of the sacramental records at the parish; and the list could go on and on.

St. Patrick's has been incredibly blessed by her presence.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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Moving

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