

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2016



St. Anthony Shrine
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

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Following God's will often guarantees resistance. Today's gospel reminds us that even neighbors and family members will oppose us when God's searing truth issues from our lips and falls upon ears that don't want to hear it. Such was the fate of Jeremiah. He was given the task of announcing that deportation and exile were inevitable and that resistance to the Babylonian invaders would prove futile. The people had turned to false gods and the coming chastisement was their results of their idolatry. God had promised Jeremiah that the people would fight against him but would not prevail over him. While his life was never taken, he endured much suffering. In today's reading, King Zedekiah is persuaded to take action against Jeremiah in order to keep his dire warnings from causing the troops to lose heart. Jeremiah has been calling for surrender to Babylon in order to save the city and king. The plan was to kill Jeremiah, but the eunuch Ebed-melech persuades the king to stop them. Ebed-melech is later told by Jeremiah that his faith will save him.

In the new cathedral in Los Angeles massive tapestries of the saints hang on the walls, all facing the altar. The saints stand side by side as if they are part of the worshipping assembly. It is a depiction of the "cloud of witnesses" that the author of Hebrews (unknown) says "surround" us at every moment. He also reminds us that although faith brings eternal reward, it never promises to spare us suffering.

The cost of discipleship echoes in all three of today's readings. Jesus is aware of the price he will pay and is in anguish awaiting the baptism of his death. He proclaims the kingdom of his Father and he knows that some will accept it and others will reject it. His message will set people against one another because it won't be possible

to remain neutral. Jesus makes no apology for the turmoil he brings. One could not expect to navigate the Colorado river without experiencing the turmoil of the rapids; they are an inevitable part of the journey. Just so, says Jesus about the gospel. Division will accompany it. Jesus warns us of the danger not because He wants it but because oil and water don't mix; evil won't keep company with good.

Monday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is usually celebrated as a holy day in the northeast United States. However, when it falls on Saturday or Monday, the holyday obligation is removed. These holydays are nothing but confusion.

The parish office is closed on Fridays until after Labor Day. Please also remember that there is no longer telephone service at St. Hedwig's. The office was moved to St. Patrick's earlier this year and, to save on expenses, we have terminated the telephone service. If you have any business with the parish, want to schedule a Mass, etc. please call St. Patrick's parish office.

The Irish Festival committee chairs continue to meet and gear up for our September 16, 17 & 18 event. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever with several additions. A children's area is being chaired by Abby Lechner and promises a multitude of delights for children. Among them will be the opportunity to don traditional Irish garb and have their picture taken. Friday night will see the addition of a Fish Fry under the direction of Stan Walkiewicz. A new and improved menu has already been put in place for the weekend.

In addition, we are beginning this year to purchase several of the items we need for the kitchen so that we can save expenses in the future by not having to rent them. This year we have

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purchased some deep fryers, some warming dishes, etc. Our plan is to purchase items each year until we have everything we need.

Thank you for your generous response to Erie Gives Day which was this past Tuesday. Because the bulletin has to go to the printer early Tuesday morning, we do not have and figures yet but will have them for next week's bulletin.

A Vatican cardinal recently announced that starting on the first Sunday of Advent, all priests will celebrate Mass facing the altar, not the people. He was firmly rebuked by Pope Francis and all American priests received a letter from our bishops conference recently saying that there is no change coming. Unfortunately, the cardinal, Robert Sarah, is the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship!

Philadelphia recently released updated data on Mass attendance which shows that only 20% of Catholics are regularly attending Mass. That is down from 33% in 1990. There were major exceptions, however, where some parishes have attendance up to 70%. It's difficult to guess at St. Patrick's, but judging from the weekly numbers, I would guess that over 50% of our parishioners are attending on a regular basis.

We are revamping the listing of Sunday offertory counters as several have asked to be included. If you are interested, please contact the office. The offertory is counted and banked after the 10:30 Mass and it usually takes an hour and a half. I may not be able to accommodate everyone.

If the Erie winters get to you, remember you can retire to Arizona where you are willing to park 3 blocks from your house because you found shade; where you know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you when you open the oven door. Or you can retire the California where you can make over \$450,000 a year and still can't afford a house; where the fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway and where there are four seasons: fire, flood, mud and drought. Or you can stay in Erie and enjoy the change of seasons.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Regina Loncki** from Tom & Sharon Zielinski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Leo J. Teresa M. Brugger.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski** from Walter Schwartz.

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

The offertory for last week was \$685.00.

Second Collection for Latin America was \$130.00.

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.

Masses Celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Albert Mabie (John & Mary Anne 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.

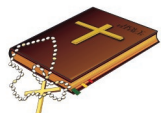
Dziękuję!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

August 20, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,995.40
Online Giving	<u>1,275.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,2704.00

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

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week by **Kathy Alessi**.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Jack & Dorothy McManus** from Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale
- ♦ **Barbara Reiting** from John & Barbara Reiting
- ♦ **Kay Wright** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ **Jack Theuerkauf** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ **Carol & Debra** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Mary Ellen Young** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schenker

Also donations from:

Christa Blose, Mark & Candy Bukowski,
Ken & Alice Daub, Pierre & Kathy McCormick,
Mike & Dotty Schloss, Nick Straub and
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gorgacz

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

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.



Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick—



During the Irish Festival and weeks leading up to the Irish Festival, The Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick will be collecting school supplies for the City of Erie Schools. Bins will be set up in the back of the church beginning this weekend.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Yvonne Gersims, Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli*

CUP: *Lynne Long, Chris Sanner*

Greeters: *Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *Gemma & Emilio Filippi*

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

Sunday, 21, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, 21, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Karyn Polaski*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Michele Wheaton, Mike Vehec, Charla Leehmuis*

CUP: *Ed Brown, Colleen Welch*

Greeters: *Charla Leehmuis*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

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

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

RAFFLE TICKETS:



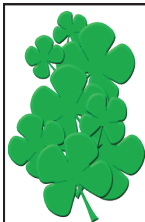
IRELAND

Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland for two or \$3000 in cash**. Raffle tickets have been sent to parishioners. **Please** return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. **YOU** may be the winner! But you can't win if you don't turn in your tickets. Last year's winner was a member of St. Patrick's! The office has more tickets if you need them. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

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! Deadline has been extended to September 1st. That is the absolute latest that you can get your ad in because we go to print that week!



33 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

You know at the end of mass, right before we sing the Irish blessing, when Father says, "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing?" Well, next time, don't do that. Don't bow your head, lift it up and look around at our magnificent church. The angels in the architecture, the life-like stations of the cross, the luminous stained glass, and, as the lilting strains of the Irish blessing ring in your ears, let your gaze come to rest on the bas-relief just in front of the first station on the eastern wall (right side if you're facing the altar). It's Saint Anthony kneeling before Mary and the infant Jesus. And ask yourself, "what the heck is St. Anthony of Padua doing taking up such valuable real estate in a church dedicated to the Patron Saint of Ireland?"

Well, St. Anthony, though well connected to Italy, was a particular favorite of the first Father Cauley—in brief, St. Anthony was born in Portugal, became a monk, went off to the holy land, became very ill, and was sent home. But on the way his ship got caught in a storm and he ended up recuperating in a Franciscan monastery in Tuscany. One day, when some Dominicans came to visit, the monks from the two orders couldn't decide who should give the homily at mass. So they compromised and asked Anthony to do it. He spoke from the heart without preparation and his homily was amazing—his teaching of the gospel was so profound and simple that anyone could understand it and feel better about life (sound like someone we all know?). Francis of Assisi was so impressed, that he put Anthony in charge of training all of his monks. Unfortunately, Anthony died young—just 36. When his body was exhumed some 300 years later, everything was decayed except his tongue, which was intact because of the perfection of his teachings. So Father Cauley figured he belonged on that wall, Irish or not, to help inspire great homilies. I think it worked.

And he's not the only Italian who figures in St. Pat's history. The interior of the church was completed by Italian craftsmen—it took them 2 ½ years to do all of the plaster work—and most spoke very little English.

The history of the Irish Festival can't be told without the Italian parishioners who worked tirelessly to get it started and keep it going, first at St. Pat's School, then Rainbow Gardens, and now here on the streets of the East Side. One name that comes up over and over again is Genevieve Taccone—a founder of the original festival. A lot of the people working on today's festival were "recruited" by Genevieve. Her recruitment speech apparently went like this: "Hey you, come here, you're working on ticket sales now!" She was much beloved and missed by all after her passing—it's said she was the spirit of the Spirit of the Bayfront.

After Genevieve, Rick and Claudia Filippi ran the festival for years and lent their considerable Italian energy and creativity to the cause of Irish culture and church community. And, really, there are too many more to name. So Italians, starting with St. Anthony, have always been a big part of the culture and community of this Irish church. Okay, now you can go back to bowing your head.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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) - ST.P

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)

Aug. 15 *Monday, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 16 *Tuesday, Saint Stephen of Hungary*

8:00 AM MARY JUCHNO (THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

Aug. 17 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY CIECIERSKI (LOU ANN NOWOSIELSKI)

Aug. 18 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 19 *Friday, Saint John Eudes, Priest*

8:00 AM JOSEPH J. CICERO (FAMILY)

Aug. 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM NORBERTO JAGORIN, ANNIV - ST.H

(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

5:00 PM REGINA DILLON - ST.P

(FAYE MARKOVICH & WILLIAM FOX)

Aug. 21 *Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOHN W. BONANTE - ST.P

(ROSE MARIE ALO & FAMILY)

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

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

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/16 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/17 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/20 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."



Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. We're closing in on 4 weeks to the festival—have you volunteered yet?



ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 16th, 17th, & 18^h

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 \$275

() Half Page \$175

() Quarter Page \$125

() Business Card Size \$ 75

() Memorial / Friend Size \$ 25

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

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

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