

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15, 2015



Statue in East Garden of
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

Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

Saint Patrick Parish

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Like most ancient civilizations in the biblical world, Israel had a wisdom tradition that sages passed on through the centuries. That wisdom consisted of knowledge of how to live well. For Israel, wisdom ultimately comes from God, and at times is almost equated with the Torah. Wisdom came to be understood as the way God acts in the world, and by the time of Jesus, wisdom had become virtually interchangeable with God's Word. Further, wisdom was sometimes personified, always as a feminine figure. In several Old Testament books, woman wisdom invites the foolish or anyone who seeks wisdom, to partake of her wealth at a banquet rich with food and wine. Choosing to feast at Wisdom's table also requires letting go of false ways.

For the fifth Sunday in a row, we hear from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Here he alludes to Christ as the personification of Old Testament wisdom. Last Sunday he urged his readers to imitate God by loving Christ's self-giving to the point of death and that this was God's revelatory word/Wisdom made visible. In today's verses, he encourages them to live as wise persons who understand the divine will. Like Wisdom of old, this requires them to set aside some of their old behavior in order to walk in the path of Wisdom.

Today's gospel continues the lengthy Bread of Life discourse which includes many facets: John's interpretation of Christ, discipleship, meanings of the Eucharist and his contemporary situation of increasing tensions between Jewish Christians and mainstream Judaism. Remember that at this time, those who believed in Christ considered themselves good Jews, but the mainstream of Judaism began to push them out causing great tension. For John, Jesus is Wisdom of God made flesh, completely one with humanity. Today's gospel proclaims that Jesus, fully

present in the Eucharist, replaces the bread from heaven of old, the manna in the desert. Those who ate that bread died, but those nourished by Jesus will live forever. For John, Jesus does not just speak God's word, he is that word incarnate.

Our annual Irish Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 18, 19 & 20. As you know, we have moved the festival from Rainbow Gardens to the grounds of the church which also enables visitors to see the interior of the church. In addition to all of the volunteers we need for the festival, we are in need of people to be in the church on two hour shifts to answer any questions and to keep an eye on things. The church will be open Friday evening from 5-9 PM; Saturday from 6-9 PM and Sunday from after the 10:30 Mass until closing. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this, please call the parish office.

We could still use additional volunteers for the festival itself. If interested, call the parish office (454-8085) and the person in charge of volunteers will get in touch with you and work out a time that is agreeable to you.

We are making changes with food this year. First of all, we have run water to the eastside of the church. Paul Balczun constructed three huge sinks so things can be washed and cleaned as the day goes on. In addition to that, to cut down on the long wait, we have volunteers who will take your order and give you a numbered ticket. When your number is called, you can just go up and pick up your food. Customers will pay the volunteer when their order is placed.

And, finally, we are going to have the kitchen open on Friday from 11:30AM—1:30PM so that people from Erie Insurance, Hamot and other downtown venues can come and get lunch. Last year we had a great number of people who were

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

hoping to get lunch and were unable.

Katie Froehlich, one of the young adults in the parish who are trying to organize a social group of young adults, both single and married, will be at a sign-up table in the vestibule today. The group is intended to be primarily social in nature with a Happy Hour monthly, some sports, etc.

A Catholic Women's Conference will be held Saturday, October 3rd at the Warner Theater. Cost is \$40 per person which includes lunch. There will be speakers, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the sacrament of reconciliation and Mass with Bishop Persico. Reservations are required by calling 455-7364.

We are completing the 2014/15 financial and spiritual reports for both parishes and as soon as they are complete and approved by both Finance Committees, I'll publish them in the bulletin. At St. Patrick's, we continue to do extremely well in both areas. On the other hand, at St. Hedwig's, we had to use over \$15,000 of our \$36,000 savings just to make ends meet, and we still ended the year in the red. In the sacramental area, at St. Hedwig's there were no baptisms, no First Communions, no Confirmations, no marriages but a large number of deaths. On the other hand, at St. Patrick's we had an enormous number of baptisms and marriages and 65% of our deaths were non-parishioners who perhaps had been baptized here, married here, etc. and always told their children that they wanted to be buried here.

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they set up their tent, they fell asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo sabe, look towards the sky, what you see?" The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars." "What that tell you?" asks Tonto. The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute and says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically speaking, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. What does it tell you, Tonto?" Tonto replied, "You're dumber than a buffalo. It means someone stole the tent."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by his family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory **Sigmund Prochowski**.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Joseph Sul** requested by the Juchno family.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$575.00** plus **\$138.00** Church in Latin America Collection. Thank you and God bless.

Summer Festival Collection

St. Hedwig Parish does not have a Summer Festival. Instead, we depend on your generosity to give as if you were buying raffle tickets or playing games of chance. The proceeds of this collection go directly to and stay with St. Hedwig's and are used to help cover our regular operating expenses. Because of the one weekend Mass, we are showing a deficit in our regular offertory collection. Your contributions are needed.

Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival

Will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, East 23rd & Reed Sts. Erie, Pa. the weekend of August 21, 22, & 23. Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 10pm, Saturday from 1 to 10:30pm and Sunday from noon until 6pm. Polka Masses on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 11am with Bishop Lawrence Persico joining Fr. Stanley Swacha for the Saturday Mass. Festival includes: Polish bakery, multiple food courts, live music on stage, folk dancers, theme baskets, children areas, adult games of chance and more. Free additional parking and shuttle service to and from ZABAWA grounds available at Sts. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church at 34th & Ash Streets (500 block of East 34th St. For more info call 814-456-0671.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule Saturday, August 22nd

4:00 PM

Lector	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Michele Moskel
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

*Pray the
Rosary
Daily*





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,458.63
Online Giving	<u>927.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,385.63

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of **Edward Koscelnik**
from David & Joan Heubel*



It would make our **volunteer** offertory counters jobs much easier if you could **mark** the dollar amount on your envelopes, **do not tape** your envelopes and please **do make origami** with your dollar bills. Thank You!!!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ray Fiorelli, Chris Sanner, Lynne Long

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Patty Jackson,
Dr. Forrest Mischler

CUP: Colleen Welch, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Sarah Pristello, Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

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. **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TEACHING, OR SHARING YOUR FAITH?**

Maybe that thought in the back of your mind is God calling you to minister to our young people. We are in need of catechists, and I know some of you would be just the right fit for the program. Please consider sharing your gifts with our children. Apprehensive about this ministry? "If God has called you to it, He will bring you through it." For more information about the program and how you can help contact Mary Hicken 454-6322.

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 **Restoration Fund** in memory of **Tim Kindle**, brother of Vickie Lampe from Jane Gatton

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In honor of **Bill & Mary Ann McCarthy** from Jennifer & Ed Smith
- ♦ In memory of **McGraw & Lynch families** from Dr. Mary Lee & Dan Lynch.
- ♦ In memory of **Sam Randazzo, Stanley Walkiewicz, Matthew Walkiewicz** from Roselle & Stan Walkiewicz
- ♦ In memory of **CW Brennan and R.P. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

Also donations from:

Kathy & Pierre McCormick, Kathleen Horan, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Denise & Phil Rewers, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Dotty & Michael Schloss and Susan & Mark Sullivan

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

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Aug. 15** *Saturday, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:00 PM NORBERTO JAGORIN - ST.H
 (GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)
 5:00 PM SYLVESTER & SARA CARLOW, WEDDING ANNIV.
 (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P
- Aug. 16** *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER (FRIENDS) - ST.P
 10:30 AM VICTOR & VIRGINIA TORTORELLI, ANNIV.- ST.P
 (MICHELLE TORTORELLI)
- Aug. 17** *Monday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 18** *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM JOSEPH J. CICERO (FAMILY)
- Aug. 19** *Wednesday, Saint John Eudes, Priest*
 8:00 AM TED MIELNIK (BROTHERS & SISTERS)
- Aug. 20** *Thursday, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 21** *Friday, Saint Pius X, Pope*
 8:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI (ART & MARGIE BLUM)
- Aug. 22** *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in ordinary Time*
 4:00 PM JOHN GORSKI, ANNIV. (JIM GORSKI) - ST.H
 5:00 PM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 (LEE & DORRIS ZEWISTOWSKI)
- Aug. 23** *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM SANDRA BIRKMIRE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 (HUSBAND & CHILDREN)
 10:30 AM EVELYN SKOVRON - ST.P
 (MR. & MRS. PHIL FERRARE)

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
- 08/15** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 08/18** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 08/19** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 08/22** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



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 con-celebrate Saturday evening Mass with Fr. Stanley Swacha. For more information, visit www.holytrinityrc.org or call 456-0671.

ST. JOSEPH/BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY'S



OKTOBERFEST 2015 is Sept. 11, 12 and

13 at W. 24th Street between Peach and Sassafras. The 9th annual Oktoberfest begins with Tapping of the Keg on Friday, Sept. 11 at 5:00 pm and continues Saturday, Sept. 12 from noon to 11pm and Sunday, Sept. 13 from noon to 5pm. Visit www.erieokberfest.com for more information.



FATHER PETERSON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MARIA HOUSE PROJECT

Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Union City Country Club, Union City, PA

For more information or to register call 814-438-2810.

Donations are accepted at Maria House Project, P.O. Box 10682, Erie, PA 16514

Maria House Project was started by Fr. Peterson in 1971 while working with the marginalized on the streets of Erie. Today, this ministry includes four residential houses and the Leopold Center. Fr. Pete dedicated his life to the ministry until his death in 2013. In addition to housing, the program requires treatment, counseling, education and hard work on a farm known as "the Lodge".



PREP, VILLA CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS TO HOST RACE AT FRONTIER PARK

The cross country teams of Villa Maria Academy and Cathedral Prep are sponsoring the Rambler-Victor Euro-

Cross Challenge Sept. 5th beginning at 8 am at Frontier Park. The course will include hay bales, water, hills and fast flats. Grades 1-4 will participate in a 1K course; grades 5-8 will race a 3K course. A 3K race also is planned for the public. The cost is \$8 to pre-register; \$12 the day of the race. For more information go to www.prep-villa.com or find a registration form at <http://www.prep-villa.com/uploaded/News/Entry Flyer New.pdf>.



MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies. Go to saintpatrickparisherie.org Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "you tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones



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 ½ 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

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 have been sent to parishioners. 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. Last year's winner purchased his winning ticket at Celebrate Erie. 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.



VOLUNTEERS: We can't do it without YOU! Look for the volunteer form in this week's bulletin and check the place where you would like to work! Many positions available. Join the fun and meet parishioners and make new friends!



NOTICE -- During the Irish festival, **THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICK** will be collecting donations of personal hygiene toiletry items for use at the homeless shelter. The baskets will be located at the entrance where tickets are sold. We'd appreciate your contributions. A basket will also be located in the church entrance beginning next week if you would like to drop off items prior to the festival. Thank you for your generosity.

Erie Irish Festival

September 18, 19, 20, 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:

_____ Food Service	_____ Bake Sale
_____ Raffle Ticket Sales	_____ Decorating (Thurs. Morning)
_____ Food & Beverage Ticket Sales	_____ ID Checking
_____ Volunteer Check-In	_____ Gift Shop
_____ Church Guides	_____ Desserts (RB Floats, Ice Cream Sundaes, Bread Pudding)
_____ Set-Up (Wed. & Thurs. 9am-12pm)	_____ Anywhere Needed
_____ Tear Down (After Festival)	

PLEASE INDICATE WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE

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

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

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE:

_____ Irish Auction Prize _____ Baked Goods _____ Gently Used Jewelry

_____ 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!

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Barb Fischer with questions—fischers6@roadrunner.com or 814-833-1638

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 **ANCHOR**
COUNSELING ASSOCIATES
100 State St., Suite 312, 814-454-4673
For advertising in our parish bulletin.