

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015



St. Hedwig Rectory

Saint Patrick Parish

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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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear from the Book of Joshua which forms a larger portion of Israel's religious history, beginning with the Israelites entering the land of Canaan. At the end of Deuteronomy, realizing that he will not live to enter the promised land, Moses commissions Joshua as his successor to lead the people into the land of freedom. Canaan was already settled by others who had pagan gods and as they begin to settle in, Joshua is reminding them who they are: a people in covenant with the one God, the Lord. Today's reading is a renewal of covenant promises as Israel begins a new stage in its life as God's people. Decision is the major focus here. In the desert, the Israelites made a choice to serve only the Lord; in a new world of freedom, will they make the same choice?

Before considering today's reading from Ephesians, it should be noted that the Pauline author generally thinks in Jewish thought patterns. (Scholars do not believe Paul authored this letter but it clearly reflects his thinking). In Greek thinking, the human being was perceived as body and soul. This notion is alien to Jewish thinking since the Hebrew language had no word to designate the physical body alone. In biblical thought, a human being is a unity, thought of as inspirited flesh or embodied spirit, but always a single whole. In this reading, "body" and "soul" indicate a whole person, not a part of a human being. The author's instructions evidence a greater degree of mutuality in the family than that prescribed by the western world. There is a constant pattern of love.

Today's gospel follows immediately upon Jesus's misunderstood reference to eating and drinking his flesh and blood. Some of the disciples appear to be dismayed, even bordering on unbelief.

John's gospel is filled with dualisms. For example, in response to an encounter with Jesus, God's word or wisdom made flesh, people either believe or not believe, choosing to belong to darkness or to light. Today Jesus emphasizes that belief or unbelief which involves a decision on the part of the apostles: "Do you also want to leave?" Peter's response resembles that of the Israelites in the first reading; having witnessed the saving, life-giving action of God in Jesus, how can the disciples choose otherwise?

A group of about 10 priests and Bishop Persico gathered recently at St. Jude's rectory for an evening and dinner. During the course of the conversation, I realized how old I'm getting. The oldest active priest in the diocese is Monsignor Bruce Allison, followed by Monsignor Joe Wardanski, Fr. Donald Berdis, Father James O'Hara, Msgr. Jerry Ritchie, Msgr. Robert Brugger, Msgr. Bernie Orbaniak, Msgr. Robert Smith and then yours truly. This makes me the 9th oldest active priest in the diocese. Scary.

We are almost completely booked for weddings for 2016. We have one weekend open in June, one in July and two in October. Otherwise, there is a wedding every weekend from Easter until Thanksgiving. I don't think there is another parish in the diocese that has as many weddings as we have here at St. Patrick's. I'm just grateful that so many young people want to get married in the church. If you recall from the statistical data gathered in our Pastoral Planning process, the overall number of marriages in the diocese has declined by almost 40%.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 13,024 pounds of food during July at a cost to the parish of \$863.49. That month we served 625 families including 377 elderly people and 756 children. Thanks to your ongoing generosity, I have never had to dip into parish funds to support this

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

project. Instead, your ongoing support of the project makes it self sufficient.

The Upper Room is a daytime haven near 10th and Peach Street that allows homeless people to come in, get coffee, a warm meal, etc. The diocese sponsors a daily Bishop's Breakfast at the Upper Room whereby homeless people can come for breakfast and get a hot meal. They are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare, serve, etc. If you are interested in helping them, you can contact them at 459-3983. This is a genuinely worthwhile project, and your support of it would help greatly.

Things are in high gear for our upcoming Irish Festival on September 18, 19 & 20. Last year we did not have the festival on Sunday, but instead served a brunch. We are eliminating that this year and will be serving the regular menu and the festival itself will be open. There are several football games that weekend. Under the leadership of Gary Johnson, a large tent will be in the yard between the church and rectory with large screen TVs, tables and chairs and volunteers who will take orders for food or beverages. Thanks to Paul Balczun, we now have water on the east side of the church which will enable us to set up a kitchen area in that space. Paul built three large sinks and he and David Durney ran water lines from the boiler room to the east side of the church.

Sister Mary, who worked for a home health agency, was making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. She walked to the gas station just a block away to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her the only gas can he owned had been loaned out but could she wait until it was returned. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait but walked back to her car. She looked for something in the car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bed pan she was taking to a patient. Always resourceful, she carried the bed pan to the station, filled it with gas and carried the full bed pan back to her car. As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two men watched from across the street. One turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm becoming Catholic."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by the Juchno family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Juchno** requested by the Juchno family.

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 **\$725.00**. Thank you and God bless.

The Summer Festival is still ongoing. 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. Your contributions are needed. Please be generous.

Pilgrimage - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

November 9-18, 2015. Daily Mass at the Holy Sights. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more. Includes 3 meals daily. Air from Erie \$3,594.00. For a flyer or more information call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Our Lady of Czestochowa

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Czestochowa is this Wednesday, August 26th. We here at St. Hedwig have a special devotion to her and will remember her in a special way.

St. Joseph Oktoberfest September 11, 12, 13 at West 24th between Peach & Sassafras Sts. Authentic German food, kid's games local entertainment, theme baskets & more. Also the www.WinABenz.com raffle.

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 29

4:00 PM

Lector	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Michelle Moskel
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,372.50
Online Giving	<u>959.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,331.50

Thank you for your generosity!



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 not make origami** with your dollar bills. Thank You!!!

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 in memory of **Trish Hardner, Jerry, Tom, & Jim Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Robert Ashworth** from Mary Anne Ashworth
- ♦ In memory of **Paul Dahlkemper, Sr. and Paul Dahlkemper, Jr.** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ In memory of **Leona Mussett** from Rosemarie McMahon
- ♦ In memory of **Vitron & Wenstran families** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vitron

Also donations from:

Jeanne & Wellie Yapple, Rev. Thomas Hoderny, Mary Beth & Richard Wachter, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kelly, Margaret & Kevin Cohick, & Mary Ellen Demyanovich

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

MISSION APPEAL— The annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal will take place at all Masses next weekend. This year's appeal will benefit Mission of Friendship, located in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. This mission program of own diocese is an important way that we can reach out to others with the love of Christ and directly improves the lives of those in need.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Bill Power, Carolyn Power

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Tim Scully, Charla Leemhuis

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox,

John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Tom & Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:



cyberbullying

Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 SKOVON - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. PHIL FERRARE)

Aug. 24 *Monday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 25 *Tuesday, Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

8:00 AM MILDRED DEDIONISIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(ANGE VENDETTI)

Aug. 26 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM EDWARD J. BUKOWSKI (CAROL LECORCHICK)

Aug. 27 *Thursday, Saint Monica*

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE NIEWOLAK
(ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)

Aug. 28 *Friday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM EDWARD DUNN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(NANCY ANDREJEWSKI)

Aug. 29 *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM TED MIELNIK, ANNIV, (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM NOREEN ANDRZEJEWSKI - ST.P
(JOHN & CAROLYN ANDRZEJEWSKI)

Aug. 30 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM RUTH WRIGHT (JIM VALAHOVIC) - ST.P

10:30 AM LINDA BAUMAN CALLAHAN - ST.P
(BILL & KATHY MASEK & FAMILY)

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.



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.

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

08/22 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
08/23 12:00 PM Ave Mtg. McGarry's Oakwood Cafe
08/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
08/26 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
08/29 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
08/30 11:30 PM Final Festival Meeting - PR



HOLY TRINITY- 22 ND ANNUAL ZABAWA

POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL- continues through Sunday, August 23, 2015 at Holy Trinity Parish, E. 23rd and Reed Streets. Festival hours are 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.erieoktoberfest.com for more information.

FATHER PETERSON GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT MARIA HOUSE PROJECT

Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 9:00 AM, 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".



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 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

FESTIVAL NEWS *2015*

Join us for the last Festival Meeting on August 30th
after the 10:30 Mass



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! 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! 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!

RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. 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. Let's make this year's winner 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!



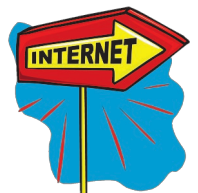
BAKE SALE: Who doesn't like **COOKIES, PIES and CAKES** for dessert! If you would like to donate to the Festival Bake Sale with all proceeds benefitting St. Patrick's Church, we would love to have them. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items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

For more information on the festival—entertainment, food, activities, vendors, times, etc., please visit our web-site at <http://www.erieirishfestival.com/> Special "thank you" to Deb Brunner for keeping this web-site and our facebook page up-to-date! Get the word out there! "Like" us on facebook at [Erie Irish Festival](#) or at the 2nd page [St-Patricks-Irish-Festival](#)



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 **DR. DAVID E. PALO, DDS**
LEHRMAN & PALO ORAL SURGERY, PC
100 State St., Ste. B 814-454-3871
For advertising in our parish bulletin.