

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016



Statue of St. Patrick
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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We read two sections from Exodus. First is the idolatry. Consistently God's people allowed this cancer to grow to the point that God was forced to intervene, like a scalpel-wielding surgeon, to excise this dearly tumor. God's passion is focused on infidelity, a deep down lack of trust in the God who numerous times had demonstrated unconditional love and loyalty. The second section is Moses' intercession and God's change of mind. Some of the beauty of the Old Testament is found in the human emotions and motives it ascribes to God. The message is that God relents because it is in his nature to do so. Ours is a God of mercy.

Paul seldom hesitates to draw lessons from the circumstances of his own life. And when those circumstances are far from flattering, he's no less inclined to shed light on them if he thinks they will prove useful for others in their efforts to better understand the gospel or to deal with the problems of their own lives. We're all familiar with how Paul persecuted the early believers. He was versed in the Old Testament and saw this new sect as a threat to be wiped out. One of the great ironies of Christian history is that this would-be destroyer of the faith became one of its most effective promoters. Hiding nothing, Paul admits his past and makes the strong point that Jesus came for people like him. Sinners are so mired in the muck of their lives that they need a savior to extract them from the mess of their own making. Paul is happy to serve as an example of God's mercy.

Because the Pharisees are scandalized by Jesus' popularity among "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus weaves a collection of stories about God's mercy and the need for human cooperation with God's grace. Then he launches into the

great forgiveness story of Luke's gospel—the Prodigal Son. Note the father spots his son from afar and is filled with joy. No retribution or punishment; only mercy and forgiveness. Also note the older son who was faithful and resents that his brother is welcomed and forgiven. We're encountering many of these "older sons" in the church today who were faithful and resent that Pope Francis welcomes divorced and remarried, gay people, and all on the margins.

Bishop David Zubik of Pittsburgh told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* that Mass attendance in the diocese has declined by 40% since 2000. He also reported that Catholic school enrollment in grades K-8 has fallen 50% in the same time period. Equally frightening is that nearly 50% of the parishes in the diocese are in serious debt as compared to 32% in 2012. "We need to make our worship better," said the bishop, "and do the best job that we can to get not only more ordained leaders, but we really have to open up lots of doors for the lay leaders of the church."

A new report on the status of the church in Germany is rather gloomy. In 1966 an average of 500 men were ordained to priesthood each year; this year only 58. While there were 20,000 priests in 1990, today there are 14,000. The German bishops have responded to the crisis by abandoning the traditional parish structure in favor of larger "pastoral areas." In these, lay people, both paid and unpaid, play an increasingly important role in administering the church. Secondly, several of the parishes have large numbers of foreign priests, mostly from Poland and India, many of whom are not fluent in the language or cultural norms and traditions which is leading to conflict. With over 23.7 million members, Catholicism is the largest religious group in Germany, comprising 29% of the population. However, people are leaving in droves. In 2015, 181,925 left the church.

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

At the recent Finance and Parish Council meetings at St. Patrick's, we voted to close the parish office on Fridays. You may recall, that during the year the office is open from 9-noon on Fridays and in the summer months it is closed on Fridays. We find that there is very little activity on Fridays, and so I asked both Councils to approve closing the office that day. A number of other parishes are closed on Fridays, and so we will begin doing that effective immediately.

This will bring about one other small change. We presently do not have a morning Mass on Mondays, but have a Communion Service. Starting next week, we will have morning Mass Monday through Thursday, but there will not be a Mass or a Communion Service on Fridays.

The number of same-sex marriages in Scotland exceeded the number of Catholic marriages during 2015. There were 1,671 same-sex marriages and 1,438 Catholic weddings. The Catholic weddings are down from 2,004 just ten years ago.

I wish you could hear the comments of the people who are here on tour buses to see St. Patrick's Church. This summer has been particularly busy with buses coming and going all week, and people simply can't get over the beauty of the church. Sister Marie acts as a docent and explains the history of the building and Mark Alloway gives a demonstration on the pipe organ. One recent group was the 83rd Armored Division who had gathered in Conneaut, Ohio to see the re-enactment of the D-Day invasion and then came to tour Erie.

The Law of Physical Surfaces: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet. *The Law of Physical Appearance:* If the clothes fit, they're ugly. *The Law of Public Speaking:* A closed mouth gathers no feet. *The Doctor's Law:* If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor. By the time you get there, you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick. If you don't forward these to your friends, your belly button will unscrew. Honest — I read it on the Internet.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Mary Zielinski** from Patty & Frank Burik and family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** from Lucy Hodas & Cuturiles family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** from James & Anna Flanagan .

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

Due to an early publication deadline, the offertory for the week of September 4, 2016 will be published in next week's bulletin.

A Mass for individuals and families of those dealing with heroin and other addictive behaviors will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM at **Saint James Church**, 2635 Buffalo Rd., Erie.

Saint Stanislaus Church—

516 E 13th St. Erie, PA 16503

Annual Parish Day, **Sunday October 2, 2016** from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A delicious "Polish Platter Dinner" will be served from 12:00 PM-5:00 PM. Cost for Adults is \$10; Children(6-12) is \$5; and Children under 5 are free. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 E 13th St. Raffles and Children's games, fun for all ages. A fun afternoon to get together with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Parish.

Diocesan Rosary March—

The public is invited to attend the 22nd annual Diocesan Rosary March Oct. 9 at St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie. Bishop Lawrence Persico will participate in the event, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral. Participants will process through a 10-block area and then return for a homily by Father Jerry Priscaro and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year's Rosary March celebrates the Marian Jubilee in the Holy Year of Mercy. The diocesan division of the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors the event.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

September 17, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Due to early publication deadlines the weekly offertory for September 4th will be published in next week's bulletin.

Catholic Education Collection September 17—18

The 2016 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 17– 18. The Catholic Faith, which we believe and practice, has been handed on through twenty centuries and counting and now reaches our present generation in fullness, richly faithful to Jesus and the Gospel message. Our challenge as Catholic faithful is the same: to hand on the Catholic Faith to succeeding generations. Your help is needed to assist in this challenge. Please give generously to this year's Catholic Education Collection. One half of this collection stays here at St. Patrick Parish to help support our own religious education programs.

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:

Music Ministry

In loving memory of **Phyllis Kuklinski** (beloved grandmother of Mark Alloway) from
Jan & Ken Gervasi

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber-Carey
- ♦ **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ♦ **Al Crunk** from Nancy Crunk
- ♦ **Debbie Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Sophie Maly** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ **McGraw & Lynch Families** from Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch
- ♦ **Ruth Janoski & Norman Murphy** from Patrick Murphy

Also donations from:

Ken & Alice Daub, Joe & Heather Kimball,
Vikki Scully and Joel Walz & Jill Blaga Walz

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in memory of
Myra Delaney
from the Candela Family*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Beth Pinto**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Beth Pinto, Chris Sanner, Kay Mannino

Cup: Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

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

Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Kathryn Olds**

Ushers: Dave Korn, **2-3 USHERS NEEDED**

Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Ed Smith, Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Katie Froehlich, Tim Scully

Greeters: Charla Leehmuis, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

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

Welcome New Parishioners

Jennifer Kraut

Pauline Osmer

Travis Lightner

Amanda Markiewicz

Joseph & Elizabeth Daoust

Charles & Deborah McCreadie

Kaleigh Hubert

Alex Vinesky

Frederick & Kathleen Dudenhoefer

Cindy Austin

Dennis & Marie Gritzer

Jeffrey & Sara Kim

John & Beth Zack

James & Patricia Marnella

Lee & Lori Steadman



SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

THE LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That's right, ordinary time is over! In 5 days EXTRAORDINARY TIME begins.

Remember what Becky, the ex-elementary teacher, told you at our little talk a few weeks ago?

Volunteer, Attend, & Make a Friend.

Volunteer. We still need volunteers. It is not too late and by now you realize nothing better is going to turn up on your social calendar. Besides, what could be better than helping your community celebrate their heritage and culture—and doing it with beer and beer cheese and music and magic?

Attend. You'll still be in Ordinary Time if you're sitting home alone, and we'll miss you. It's only extraordinary if you attend. We designed the 2016 Erie Irish Festival specifically for you—it would be a shame if you missed it. So, if you don't come, you know everyone there will just be standing around waiting for you to show up and get the party rolling.

Make a friend. You can't do that from your couch! You know how everyone says the best thing about Ireland is how friendly and welcoming everyone is? Well, for a few precious days only, you can find Ireland between French and Holland, and all of those friendly folks are there waiting to welcome you.

And remember what Gary said? In the end, it ain't about money or culture, it's about community. (Although he never would have said "ain't" in front of Sister Marie, but you get the idea). To all of our many, many new families: You joined the church, now join the church community.

Enough said, see you Fryday.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Pray for good weather, but show up anyway. You do own an umbrella!

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

Sept. 10 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(MR. & MRS. ROBERT MCDANIEL)

5:00 PM EDWARD ANGELOTTI (FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 11 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JEAN YEZZI (HUSBAND & FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO)

Sept. 12 *Monday, The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 13 *Tuesday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM THOMAS CICCHETTI (FAMILY)

Sept. 14 *Wednesday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 AM RAYMOND RUFFLE, SR. (DORIS SWEENEY)

Sept. 15 *Thursday, Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 16 *Friday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKEY" MABIE
(COLLEEN & JACK FELTYN)

Sept. 17 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM CHET LONCKI (IRENE MIELNIK) - ST.H

5:00 PM HELEN LAROCCA, ANNIV. - ST.P
(ANGIE KONTUR)

Sept. 18 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NAN HELD, ANNIV. - ST.P
(GARY & MARY PASQUALICCHIO)

10:30 AM RAY CICERO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(EMIL J. CHIMENTI)

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

09/10 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/13 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/14 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/17 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Eastside Catholic Faith Formation—

Faith Formation begins **today!** Classes for grades K-6 begin at 9:30 a.m. Students in grade 7-10 begin at 1:00 at Holy Rosary Church. Parents are encouraged to attend opening prayer with their child and stay for a brief meeting after.

Women of Prayer—

Join us for a light supper and some time together in prayer. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary. Our next meeting is September 14. All ladies are welcome.

3 Great Days Fun & Food & Drink



St. Patrick Church • Downtown Erie

Friday, September 16, 5:00 to 11:00
Saturday, September 17, 11:00 to 11:00
Sunday, September 18, 11:00 to 5:00



Great Entertainment

Pittsburgh's Hottest Irish Band
Corned Beef and Curry

County Mayo, Mo Chairde, City Fiddle,
Celtic Hooligans, Bangerzz, Mountain
Thyme Ramblers, plus magic and
Irish Dancing.

Great Food

All new Irish-American Fusion Menu anchored by our own Guinness Stout and Cheddar Sauce, have some on gourmet Mac and Cheese, Irish Nachos, or a Paddy Melt! Plus your favorites: Reubens, Irish Stew, Shepherd's Pie, Rachels, and more.

Enjoy pub grub in our Sports Bar while you watch
NCAA and NFL games on the big screen.

Great Beverages

Guinness, Harp, Smithwicks! And **Erie Brewing Company's Irish Red Ale**,
brewed especially for the festival and only available here!
And Irish whiskey tasting!

*Free Admission, Free Parking, Rain or shine, enter at 4th and French, downtown.
www.erieirishfestival.com or visit us on Facebook.*

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

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