

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2015



Exaltation of the Cross September 14th
Crucifix at 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 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear again from Isaiah. While last Sunday's reading came from the prophet known as First Isaiah, who lived at the time of Assyrian aggression against Judah, today's reading comes from Second Isaiah (Deutero-Isaiah) who speaks God's word near the beginning of their long exile in Babylonia. A significant feature of this author is a figure known as the servant of the Lord or the suffering servant. In four poems we get a description of this servant who at times seems to be a corporate figure, but at other times seems to be an individual. Through this servant's own physical and emotional suffering, born in trust, the covenant people will be restored and renewed. Today we hear the third of these four poems. Even in the face of physical abuse, the servant does not waver in his determination to respond to whatever God asks.

In today's second reading James continues with his no-nonsense ethical teaching. Today we hear him noting that they can easily misinterpret what Paul is teaching about faith. James says that faith in Jesus alone does not save anyone; instead, faith must take concrete form in how one treats others in need.

It is often said that Mark's portrait of Jesus is drawn on the pattern of Isaiah's Suffering Servant. One reason for this view is found in today's gospel. Mark's Christian community endured sufferings and his emphasis on the passion of Jesus could reassure them that they follow one who understands and shares their struggles. Mark's unflattering portrayal of the apostles, who often close their ears to any mention of Jesus' suffering and death, most likely intends to pose a question to his audience in around the year 70. Do you truly understand and believe who you are to follow? Are you willing to follow? At first, Peter

seems to respond in faith, but Jesus's description of his coming passion and death is too much for Peter. It is interesting that the word used for "rebuke" is the same word used by Jesus to cast out demons and here he uses it to describe Peter as "Satan." The word means "enemy" and Jesus's meaning is clear: if you wish to deny a suffering Messiah, you set yourself in direct opposition to me and my mission. And, finally, Jesus makes it clear: if you are truly my disciple you will follow your master in word and action, even to death, giving over your life in trust to God who will ultimately save you.

Longtime office secretary at St. Patrick's, Kay Cline, talked with me earlier in the summer saying that starting after the festival, she would like to work only part-time. I can't tell you what a great job Kay does. She is not only the most efficient secretary I've ever had, but she is pleasant to work with, easy going and makes my work a joy. I can't deny her the right to fulfill some of the items on her bucket list as she says, and we wish her well.

One big remaining project at St. Patrick's is the restoration of the pipe organ. That instrument is one of the finest in the city of Erie. It was built by the A. B. Fegemeyer Organ Works of Buffalo, NY and contains 2,500 pipes. The pipes are made from wood, zinc, tin and lead and range in size from the length of a pencil to sixteen feet in length. The bids to rebuild the organ range from about \$240,000—\$300,000.

The Erie Benedictine Sisters recently faced the same dilemma when their pipe organ failed. The bids were about the same, but they now have a complete new pipe organ with much finer sound than the original and it was all completed at a cost of \$17,000!!! A computer is installed in the pipe organ which is composed of one of 21 pipe organs from Chicago. The pipes from the original

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

organ will remain, but the sound will be fed into our speaker system. Ours will cost a bit more than the Benedictine one did because of the larger space that it has to serve but it should still be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. We do need a new console and the bids for that are around \$40,000 but there are going to be a number of good organ consoles available from churches in the diocese that are going to close in the near future, and we should be able to procure one of those at a fraction of the cost.

Next weekend is our annual Irish Festival to be held once again on the church grounds. Everything appears in order thanks to the great leadership of Angie Kontur and the large number of volunteers who are chairing the various committees. The festival will open on Friday evening at 5 PM with bagpipers coming from State Street across Fourth St. (We will be open from 11 AM—2 PM earlier that day with a fixed menu for people from Erie Insurance, Hamot, etc. who want to come here and get their lunch.) Once again, Calamari's is preparing the food, so you know it's going to be good.

There are football games next weekend and a special tent will be set up with large screen TVs, beer and food for anyone who wants to catch the games.

I hope you will purchase tickets on the raffle of a one week trip to Ireland for two. Those can be returned to the parish office.

It will be a little hectic coming to Mass next weekend, but that's part of the fun. It's wonderful to see all of these people downtown.

Bulletin Bloopers: "The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candles from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew." "When parking on the north side of the church, please remember to park on an angel." "Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers." Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight in church. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa."

FESTIVAL NEWS *2015*

Six Days until the Festival !!!



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! **Tickets can also be purchased at the Festival!!!**



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.



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. A special "thank you" to **Orlando Family Dentistry** for their donation of toothbrushes, floss and mouthwash. 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](#)



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife, Janice.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Charlotte Niewolak** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly and Larry Bargieski.

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



Due to an early bulletin deadline, we will publish the **offertory** for the week of **September 6th** in next week's bulletin.

Masses requested in memory of Patricia Wernicki Bob & Marsha Sosey, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Setcavage, Bob Bolmanski & family, Peter & Judy Pentz, Family.

Votives: If you would like to light a votive for a Special Intention or memory of a loved one, the donation is still \$2.

Annual Polonaise Ball

The Polonaise Ball will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd Street, Erie. Tickets and dinner reservations are available by calling Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924. The cost is \$20 for adults, children 10 years and under \$10. Cash bar will begin at 6pm followed by a dinner buffet at 6:30pm. The East Side Federation will also publish a program book and are inviting you to place an advertisement in support of the Polish Youth in Erie and Erie County. This past year they awarded \$6,000 in scholarships. 1/8 page (\$25), 1/4 page (\$50), 1/2 page (\$75), Full Page (\$150), Cover (\$200). Deadline October 8th. Checks made payable to: East Side Federation of Polish American Societies. For more info and mailing address call 814-823-4506 or 814-456-9796.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

September 19

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector: Patricia Mielnik

Eucharist: Patricia Mielnik

Ushers: Pete Pentz

Ray Nowosielski

Altar Server: Charlotte Mabie



History/St. Hedwig Church & Our Polish Heritage Parishioner, Bobby Sulecki, has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Parish. He is looking for old photos, old neighborhood photos and your memories of growing up in these neighborhoods. He would like to interview people about growing up Polish in Erie. If you would like to be interviewed call Bobby after 3pm at 814-899-2731 or email suleckibobby@gmail.com Website <http://www.sthedwighistoryerie.com/>

12th Annual Slavic Food Festival

Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, 3415 Wallace St, Erie on Sunday September 20 from Noon until 7pm. Ethnic foods, music by the Mar-vels, dance performances, \$500 cash giveaway, baked goods. Free admission & parking. Rain or shine.

INFO: www.eriecountybyzantines.org

Special Mass at St. James Church

A special Mass for individuals and the families of those dealing with heroin and other addictive issues will be celebrated on Monday, September 14, 7pm at St. James, 2635 Buffalo Rd. Erie.

Families Always Matter: You can check out the monthly reflections on Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, the preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families.

www.eriescd.orgfam.htm.

How do we know by our reason that God exists?

We know by our reason that God exists because of:

1. 1. The existence of the world.
2. 2. The order and harmony of the whole universe.
3. 3. The testimony of our conscience.

How does the existence of the world prove the existence of God?

*Because it could not have come into existence by itself. 1. Everything in the world had a beginning. Men, animals, plants, the earth, planets and stars, all had a beginning. They could not have come into existence by themselves. They must have been made by **Someone Who had no beginning**. Planets and men could no more have made themselves than a watch can make itself. 2. When we see footprints on the sand, we conclude that someone has passed that way. The universe is filled with the **footprints of a Supreme Creator**. Every single existing thing or being give clear testimony of Him.*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Because of an early bulletin deadline, we will report the offertory of September 12/13 in next week's bulletin.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Thomas Cicchetti** from family on the Anniversary of his birth 9/15



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 **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Kathryn & Nancy Vickey** from Gearldine Valahovic
- ♦ In memory of **George Garfield** from Marliyn Garfield
- ♦ In memory of **Genny Chizewick** from Linda Orlando
- ♦ In memory of my parents, **Nellie & Walter Kozlowski** from Dr. Joanne Finn
- ♦ In memory of **Jerry & Dorothy Emling** from Judy Emling

Also donations from:

Dotty & Michael Schloss, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Alice & Ken Daub, Barbara & Mark Sargent and Barbara Gingenbach

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Lynne Long, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Mary Kearney, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

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

Welcome

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:

Danielle Ward, Beth Kopay, Barbara Rothman
Nancy & Thomas Kaminski, Jen Musolff & David Portenier, Leanne & Brian McCullough, Vikki Scully, Loretta & William Legler, Deborah Musolff, Annette Mialno, Candy & Mark Bukowski, Kristen McCain
Julie & James Cullen, Emily & Davis Wachter, Mark Weisenfluh, Judy King, Erin Sekerak, Jessica Curry & John Carlson, Julie & Stephen Davis, Jennifer & Scott Fink and Ashley McElhiney

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Baseball marriages tip #3

Healthy couples value RBIs (Runs Batted In) trusting that your teammate will bring you home safely.

(from Becoming An All-Star Team in the Major League of Marriage by Jack & Jane Katencamp)



An Irish Weekend back in
our Irish Neighborhood
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St. Patrick Church
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Friday, 9/18 :: 5pm-11pm
Saturday, 9/19 :: Noon-11pm
Sunday, 9/20 :: 11am - 4pm

music line up

Friday, September 18, 2015

5:00 pm: Bagpipers Opening Ceremony
5:45 pm: Rince na Tiarna Irish Dancers
6:15 pm: City Fiddle
8:00 pm: Glenwood Hillbillies
9:30 pm: The Tradesmen

Saturday, September 19, 2015

12:00 pm: Celtic Creek
1:45 pm: Michael DeRushie, Puppeteer
2:30 pm: Emily Ann Thompson
4:15 pm: Michael DeRushie, Puppeteer
5:30 pm: Rince na Tiarna Irish Dancers
6:15 pm: Gabe Donohue, Irish Tenor
8:00 pm: Brokenstraw
9:30 pm: Mulligans

Sunday, September 20, 2015

11:00 am: Rince na Tiarna Irish Dancers
11:30 am: Helen Hammett, ventriloquist
12:00 pm: Donal O'Shaughnessy
1:45 pm: Step In Time
3:15 pm: Helen Hammett, ventriloquist
3:45 pm: Donal O'Shaughnessy

*Please Note: this schedule is subject to change.

new sports bar
TELEVISING BOTH
COLLEGE & NFL
Football Games

watch the games
all weekend at
the festival!

new box o' lunch

Enjoy an Irish Lunch ONLY available on FRIDAY
September 18th, 2015 | from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

✱ reuben sandwich
✱ bag o' chips
✱ water or soda

\$10

Stop by the tent in front of St. Patrick Church
Enjoy lunch in our tent or take it to-go...during your lunch hour!



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..... for complete weekend details visit :: erieirishfestival.com



August 25, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your generosity to the annual Catholic Education Collection which will be conducted in our parishes during the weekend of September 19-20.

Half of the funds raised from this collection in your parish remains at your parish to be used for important educational ministries for both children and adults. The majority of the other half is invested in the Religious Education Endowment Fund and The Catholic Foundation. These funds help teachers, principals, religious education leaders, catechists, youth ministers and others in various parish ministries to deepen their knowledge of the faith and to extend the reach of their ministry. Scholarships for Catholic school students are also provided. Finally, the remaining portion of the funds raised supports The Catholic University of America.

I thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past and ask you to be generous once again. I am confident that your support and prayers will help more individuals in our Diocese come to know Jesus, to love Him and to resolve to serve Him in their daily lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

LTP/nr

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 12 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM WALTER & ANNA SCHWARTZ - ST.H
(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 13 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM GERI CIACCHINI -ST.P

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL, DEC. WEDDING
ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 15 *Tuesday, Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

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

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY

Sept. 17 *Thursday, Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MILDRED KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN)

Sept. 18 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HELEN LARocca, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)

Sept. 19 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI - ST.P
(ALECCI NIECES & NEPHEWS)

Sept. 20 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DOLORES & ED BINDSEIL (JUDY ALSTADT)

10:30 AM MAY & JOHN MURPHY - ST.P
(EITHNE, PATRICK & MICHAEL)

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

- 09/12** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/13** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Gr. 7-10, Opening - Holy Rosary
- 09/15** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 09/16** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 09/18** 5:00-11:00 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**
- 09/19** Noon-11:00 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**
- 09/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/20** 11:00-4:00 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**

FAITH FORMATION BEGINS TODAY for grades K -10!

Confirmation sessions begin September 27th. K-6 begins at 9:00 am, and Grades 7-10 begins at 1:00 pm. If you have not registered please stop by the Faith Formation office at the Holy Rosary campus, or call Mary Hickin at 454-6322. If you have not yet registered your child but would like them to attend, come to the first session at 9:00 am. We will take care of registering your family after the gathering prayer. Students that would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 11th grade must have completed the 9th and 10th grade catechesis or have gone to a Catholic high school.

Cancer Support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is lead by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7-8:15 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holytrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church at 814-456-0671. The next session is Thursday, September 17, 2015.



Consider Engagement Encounter!



Planning for your marriage in 2015/2016? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for October 16th - 18th at St. Mark Catholic in Erie. EE satisfies requirements for marriage in the church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our Website at <http://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



MSGR. KRIEGLER'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.



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

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