

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2015



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2014 Irish Festival

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2014 Irish Festival



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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read from the Book of Wisdom. Today's passage shares much in common with the Suffering Servant in Isaiah whom we read about last week. Here we see a figure called the "just one." This motif developed later in 333 BC when Judea fell under Greek rule. First they imposed Greek culture and language on the people and ultimately Greek religious beliefs. Many of the people gave up their faith; and those who did not faced execution. This time period also gives birth to belief in an afterlife among some Jews. And it is in this time of upheaval that the just one appears. He is portrayed as a faithful, obedient person who does God's will, suffers ridicule, even torture and death and because of it is rewarded by God. In Wisdom, written about a half century before Christ, the just one's reward includes resurrection and immortality. The early church would soon identify Jesus as this just one.

Next we hear James consider his exhortation with a turn toward internal causes of unethical behavior. Earlier, the author points to unacceptable behavior among members of the church including discrimination and discord. Here the author follows Jesus as he points out the interior dispositions that underlie such ethical lapses. He reminds readers of their Jewish tradition, wisdom embodied in Christ. Inner attitudes of peace, gentleness and mercy as well as dependence upon God will counteract the selfish desires that lead to actions unacceptable to those following Christ.

Last Sunday we heard of Jesus's three predictions of this death and the second appears today in the Transfiguration story, followed by a lengthy exorcism story. The disciples are still focused on Jesus as wonder worker. As often seen in Mark,

the disciples fail to connect Jesus the Messiah with suffering and death. Jesus again speaks clearly that he will be put to death. Jesus's reference to resurrection was inserted after the fact. Mark portrays the disciples in a very negative way as unable to grasp what Jesus is really about.

This is the big weekend for our Irish Festival. I know it's a bit hectic coming to Mass here this weekend, but it's wonderful to see all of these people enjoying the festival. You would be amazed at how many people stop to see the church and are blown away by it. Most of them had no idea there was such a beautiful church in Erie.

Can I particularly encourage parishioners to purchase raffle tickets on the trip to Ireland. Last year we had a very small proportion of the parish purchase tickets, and I'm hoping we can improve that this year.

Special thanks to Dennis Michalski and Gretchen Durney for all of their hard work in putting together the program for this year's festival. Since Dennis took over the leadership of that program a few years ago, it has become the largest source of revenue from the festival.

And, a more than special thanks to Angie Kontur for her leadership in organizing this year's festival. She has not only done an incredible job, but she is fun to work with. Assisting her this year are Gary and Becky Johnson who will chair the festival next year. By doing this rotation each year, no one person gets burdened with the festival for years and years as was the case with Mark Shaw who chaired it for 12 years and was burned out from it. That's not fair. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact me. There are confessional discounts, indulgences, anything you can imagine for whomever is brave enough to take on this role!!

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

A special thanks for help with our festival goes to Erie Insurance, the finest neighbor that anyone could ever have. They assist us with the security for the festival as well as allow us the use of their parking lots. It's because of this available parking that we are able to move the festival to the church grounds. Otherwise we would not be able to accommodate all of these crowds.

If you think the preparation and workings of our Irish Festival are complicated, think of this for a second. In preparing the food for their annual festival, the people at Holy Trinity Parish used 15,000 heads of cabbage!

The Pastoral Planning process should begin to wind down with phase one looking at the city of Erie. The committee will make its recommendations to Bishop Persico before the end of this month. He will then begin to discuss those suggestions with various consultative bodies in the diocese such as the Presbyteral Council of priests, the Diocesan Finance Council, etc. He is meeting with all we priests October 27 to unveil the plan for schools. The plan for parish restructuring will follow rather quickly after the schools are announced. Once that is done, the process will begin all over for other areas of the diocese. We simply have to restructure ourselves. Take, for example, Oil City which in the 1950s had 5 parishes for 30,000 people. Oil City today still has 5 parishes for 9,000 people. We have a multitude of places that repeat that such as Meadville, Sharon-Farrell, DuBois, St. Marys, etc.

St. Patrick's is now booked for a wedding every Saturday between Easter and Thanksgiving. This will be the largest number of weddings here in the six years I've been here.

After a very long and boring homily, the parishioners filed out church, all of them saying nothing to the pastor. Towards the end of the line was a person who always commented on the homilies. "Father, your homily today reminded me of the peace and love of God." The pastor was thrilled. "No one has ever said anything like that to me. Why did it remind you of that?" "Well, it reminded me of the peace of God because it surpassed all understanding, and of the love of God because it endured forever."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robert Dombrowski** requested by Helen Dombrowski.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for the intention of **Ashley** requested by Grandma Lou Ann.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Jack and Ginny Suleski** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary which was celebrated September 5th here at St. Hedwig's. May God bestow many blessings to them in the years to come.

Our offertory for the weekend of Sept. 5/6 was **\$810.00**. Offertory for the weekend of Sept. 12/13 was **\$650**. Thank you and God bless.

Annual Polonaise Ball

The Polonaise Ball is set for Saturday, October 24 at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons, 431 E. 3rd St. Erie. The program will consist of dinner followed by the Polonaise March by the contestants and their escorts, crowning of the new Miss Polonaise and an evening of dancing. Tickets and reservations available by calling Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924. Cost is \$20 for adults, children 10 and under \$10. Cash bar at 6pm. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30pm.

How do the order and harmony of the universe prove the existence of God? They lead us to infer the existence of a Supreme Architect and Preserver of surpassing skill. The heavenly bodies go along their appointed courses age after age. The seasons succeed one another year by year. There is splendor, beauty, arrangement and order everywhere. The whole universe is governed and preserved by immutable law.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

September 26

Saturday

4:00 PM

Pray the Rosary

Lector

Jim Gorski

Eucharist

Jim Gorski

Ushers

Pete Pentz

Ray Nowosielski

Altar Servers

Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	Sept. 7/8	\$8,063.27
Online Giving		<u>1,101.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,164.27
Offertory Collection	Sept. 12/13	\$ 7,219.00
Online Giving		901.00
Catholic Education		<u>405.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 8,525.00



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Adam Retcofsky** Anniversary, September 27 from The Carrico Family*



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 by **Kathleen Alessi**

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Nancy Gallagher** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ In memory of **Joey Mittner** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ In memory of **Clara Hanlin & Louie Bernhardt** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ In memory of the **Wegner family** from Lynne Long
- ♦ In memory of the **Lynch & McGraw families** from Daniel & Dr. Mary Lee Lynch

Also donations from:

Mildred & Robert Biebel, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Laura & Richard Fetzner, Nancy & Thomas Kaminski and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

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 26, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Bill Power, Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Carolyn Power, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Gail Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Katie Froehlich, Cyndi Pristello

CUP: Tim Scully, Ed Brown

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith

Rosary March 2015



Fr. John Malthaner, pastor of St. Luke Church, will deliver the homily at this year's Rosary March. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, the 21st Annual Diocesan Rosary March will be on Sunday, October 11, 2015, starting at 2:00 p.m. The march will start at St. Peter Cathedral (10th and Sassafras Sts., Erie) and will continue through downtown Erie ending back at the cathedral. School students from the Erie Catholic schools are invited to march behind a banner with their school name. For those unable to march, the rosary will be said in the cathedral at the same time. Pope Francis has said that the year 2015 will be the Year of Consecrated Life and those saying the rosary will be praying for vocations. Benediction will follow in the cathedral. Everyone is welcome. Please come and pray for world peace and an end to violence in Erie. For more information, please call John Walsh at **814-868-1100**.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 21 *Monday, Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 22 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM THOMAS CICHETTI (BERT & CRAIG MCCUNE)

Sept. 23 *Wednesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

8:00 AM ROBERT DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV.
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

Sept. 24 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 25 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MRS. NELLIE KOZLOWSKI (DR. JOANNE FINN)

Sept. 26 *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM HARRIET PURZYCKI - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY ANN DECK CLARK -ST.P
(NANCY HERZOG)

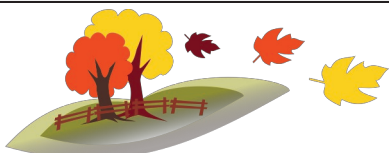
Sept. 27 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NELLIE KOZLOWSKI - ST. P
(SR. MARIE & MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

10:30 AM ELEANOR BIXBY - ST.P
(BILL & KATHY MASEK)

CELEBRATION OF MUSIC AT ST. PETER CATHEDRAL

St. Peter Cathedral in downtown Erie will present a special celebration of music Saturday, Sept. 26. Organist Stephen Tony of Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys, will lead singing at the 4 p.m. Mass, followed by an organ recital at 5 p.m. Musical festivities will feature Joseph Greulich as cantor for the Mass and as soloist for the concert, and trumpeter Jacob Malec. The program will conclude with a reception in the Cathedral rectory. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 814-453-6677



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

09/19 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/19 Noon-11:00 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**

09/20 11:00-4:00 **ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**

09/22 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/23 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/27 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

09/27 1:00 PM Confirmation Sessions - Holy Rosary

6 WEEKS WITH THE BIBLE:



The Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry is offering a short Bible study this Fall. NO EXPERIENCE with the Bible is needed and ALL parishioners are welcome. All the materials needed are in one small book:

Matthew 5-7: How to be Happy. There will be a few pages to read each week and then we will meet for discussion on the materials. You can participate in the discussion or just listen if you prefer. Please consider this opportunity to engage in this spiritual journey. Registration are due by Sept. 20. For more information call Mary Hickin at 454-6322

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.eriecd.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.

Marriage Moments

Baseball marriage tip #4 Healthy couples have no-trade clauses (there's no hot stove league in marriage); you can't just trade up when things get tough or someone gets into a slump.—from *Becoming An All-Star Team in the Major League of Marriage* by Jack & Jane Katencamp



MSGR. KRIEGEL'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.





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
watch the games
all weekend at
the festival!

TELEVISIONING BOTH
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Football Games

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

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☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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