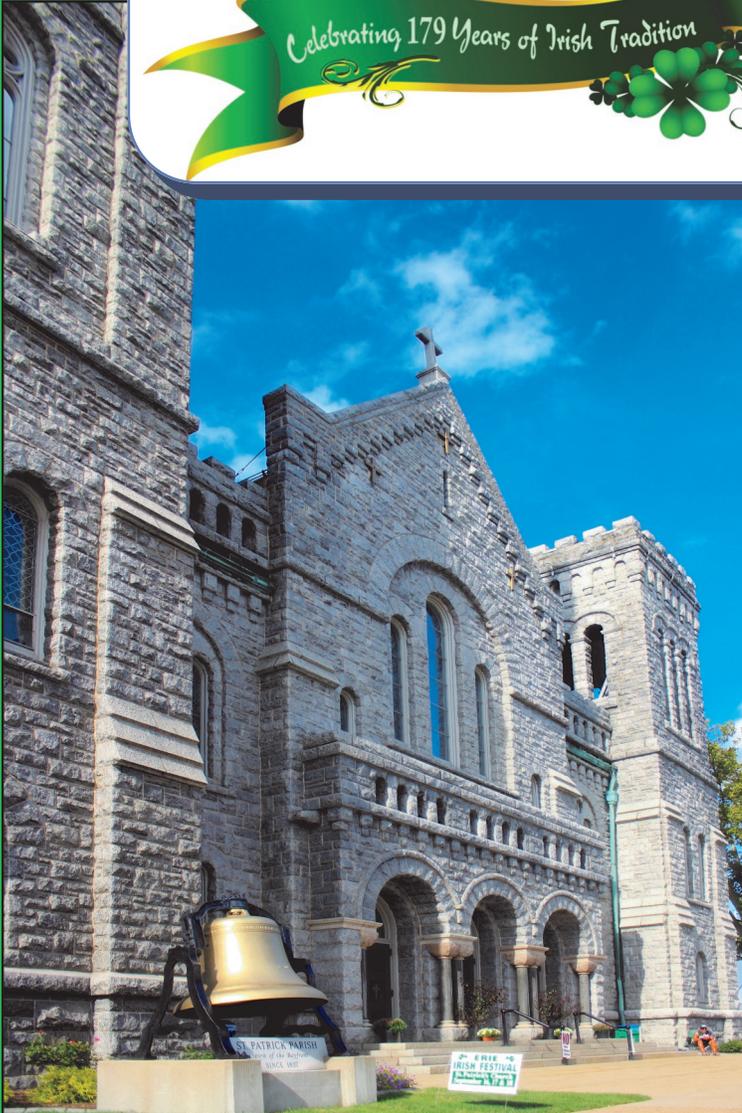
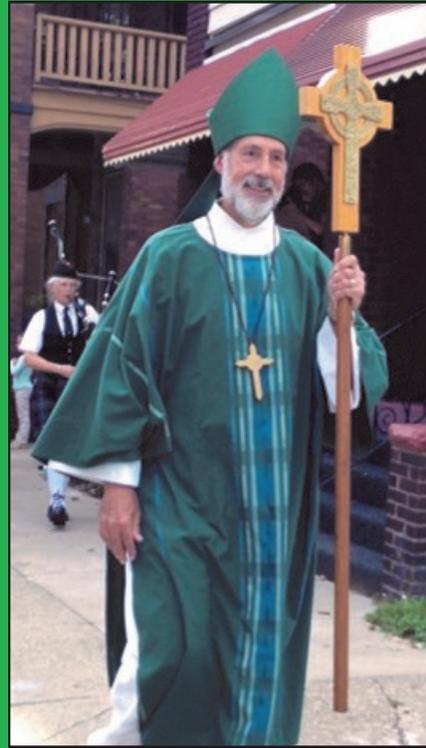


Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016



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

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read first from the Prophet Habakkuk. Though he is in a unique relationship with God, he still struggles with the question we all face: Why does evil occur before God's eyes? Why does God not prevent or at least erase the evil? If such questions seem out of place in Scripture, we need to look more closely at God's word that never shies from earnest expressions of human emotion, even anger, bitterness and despair. Habakkuk's doubts stem from the desperate circumstances of his time. Judah languished amidst both religious and political upheaval and Habakkuk wonders if God is really in charge. When the Lord responds, it is not with a solution, but a promise. Six times the prophet will write down the vision he is given.

Attributed to Paul who writes from prison, these words urge the reader not to let the sufferings of Christ or of Paul become a source of scandal or embarrassment. The world expects success to look like success and be accompanied by fame, wealth, etc. Paul knows well that the gospel does not bring such things, but he also knows the wearying effects of enduring hardships. So he encourages Timothy, a bishop whom he had ordained, to find again the faith that first flamed within him so that he can again remember the sweet taste of that for which he may have to endure bitter trials. He is telling us that only in enduring suffering will we experience the burning power of the Spirit.

Jesus taught by example. Though he often spoke of faith, it was how he lived it that touched the disciples. He demonstrated that it was necessary to have faith to cast our demons, to be forgiven, to experience the healing of limbs and spirit. Because they have seen the depth of Jesus' faith, the disciples cry out, "Lord, increase

our faith." His response is a no-nonsense example of a master who expects his servants to do their work without having to thank them for simply doing their duty. Discipleship is its own reward. Faith transforms us into servants who do what's necessary: love, give witness, repent, forgive.

Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishop, wrote to the world's priests recently telling them to keep homilies to less than 8 minutes in length, and to work from an outline rather than a script to allow for better eye contact. In the letter he quotes a saying, "If you haven't struck oil in seven minutes, stop boring." He said that God created the heavens and the earth in less than a week; why should priests feel they need to take almost as long to explain it to people!!!! He notes that the 8 minute time period caters to people who have short attention spans. My problem is that my attention span can't go that long. I don't think I've ever preached as long as eight minutes. Can't keep focused that long!!!

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Elisa Guida, founder and executive director of the Strings for Care Foundation, which recently received a \$7,500 grant from the Carey Foundation. That foundation was established to help fight breast cancer, and Elisa's organization funds medical assistance and living expenses for people with breast cancer.

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped with our recent Irish Festival. It was over the top. A special thanks to Gary and Becky Johnson who chaired this year's festival and have agreed to chair it again next year. They did an outstanding job of organizing and planning the event. We had several new committee chairs and fresh blood always brings new ideas, etc. More than being a fundraiser, that event helps build community and enables us to get to know

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

one another better.

I hope you took some time to review the Spiritual and Financial reports which were in last week's bulletin. Those reports reflect some amazing growth and good health at St. Patrick's. We have grown by over a hundred families in the past year; our baptisms far outpace our deaths (in fact we had more than 4 baptisms for every death); and that unfortunately is not the case in most parishes in the diocese. On the financial side, your generosity is evidenced in the report. I can't thank you enough for the generous way in which you support the parish. More than that, however, is the outreach to the poor and needy through our own Food Pantry, the February Homeless Shelter, the helping at St. Patrick's Haven, Emmaus Soup Kitchen and St. Martin's Center. As you know, we also make a monthly contribution to Emmaus Soup Kitchen and St. Patrick's Haven giving each of them \$100 per month.

Saint Patrick Food Pantry distributed 15,583 pounds of food in August. Recipients included 489 families among whom were 281 elderly and 668 children. The cost to the parish for August was \$848.01. Again—because of your generosity, that cost is absorbed every week.

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said, "Son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace." The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Don't worry, Father, the smartest man in the world just took off with my back pack."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Regina Loncki** from St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** from Ed & Irene Staszewski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of from **William Hayes** Richard Dombkowski.

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

The offertory for last weekend was **\$650.00**.

Parishioner, **Bobby J. Sulecki** has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church and Erie's Polish Community and Churches and still needs your help. He is looking for your old photos (such as class pictures or any school pictures, church related, church wedding pictures, pictures of immigrant families, neighborhood pictures, corner stores, etc.) All items will be returned to you. If you would like to share your memories of St. Hedwig's growing up Polish, etc., there will be memory sheets located on the display table in the vestibule of the Church. Your stories need to be told. Your memories matter, no matter how big or how small.

Bobby's sites at: <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com> and <http://eriepoloniahistory.com/> Email at suleckibobby@gmail.com Phone 899-2731 after 3pm.

Dziekuje!

Recite the Rosary in October—

Recite the rosary every Saturday in October at 9:15 a.m. at Mary, Queen of Peace Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 6000 Lake Pleasant Road, Erie. Call Erie Diocesan Cemeteries at 814-838-7724 for more information.

Saint Stanislaus Church—

516 E 13th St. Erie, PA 16503

Annual Parish Day, **Sunday October 2, 2016**

A fun afternoon to get together with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit the Parish.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

October 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Bobby Sulecki
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,438.00
Online Giving	<u>1,130.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,568.00
Disaster Relief (Louisiana Floods)	\$ 1,185.66

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Art & Rosemary Heintz** from William J. Carney
- ♦ **Msgr. Biebel** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Maria Manco** from Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kelm, Jr.
- ♦ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Mary Beth Regan** from Patricia Heard
- ♦ **Thomas Kaminski** from Nancy Kaminski
- ♦ **Elizabeth Carrig-Dahn** from Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski

Also donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Artello, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Painter, Mr. & Mrs. John D Purvis, Mike & Dotty Schloss, and Dennis Schmidt

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD & HABCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

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.



Winter guidelines issued by Erie Diocesan Cemeteries—

All potted plants, empty pots and containers must be removed from Trinity, Calvary, Gate of Heaven, and Mary Queen of Peace cemeteries by Oct. 31. Winter decorations and holiday wreaths are permitted after Nov. 1. Your assistance will help keep the cemetery grounds clean, safe and beautiful during the winter months.



Let Us *Welcome*

Grady Thomas Allen

son of

Christopher Allen & Leslie Ridge
and

Maggie Elizabeth Leguard

daughter of

Patrick & Amanda (Markiewicz) Leguard
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy



*The Sanctuary Lamp
burns in memory of
Mary Chuzie
from Elaine Boetger*

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Chris Sanner*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Chris Sanner, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel*

CUP: *Jay Habas, Kathy Sertz*

Greeters: Angie Kontur, Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds, Audrey Riegel*

Ushers: *Dave Korn, 2 NEEDED*

Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Williams, Forrest Mischler,
Michelle Tortorelli*

CUP: *Colleen Welch, Tim Scully*

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

*Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz*

We are currently seeking additional Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for the Sunday, 8:00 AM Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email at stpats@neo.rr.com for more information.



**349 DAYS TO THE
2017 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL!**

**IT'S GOING TO BE BIGGER AND
BETTER THAN EVER!**

But before we get there, thanks are due to many, many people for the 2016 Erie Irish Festival.

First of all, thanks to all of you who attended the festival. There is an old '70's movie called "Big Wednesday." Well, we had "Big Friday!"--the highest attendance, the best food, the best entertainment, and the best weather. The lines were long but, man, the food was worth it. And thank you all for sticking with it! The Irish Fish and Chips dinner was over the top—we sold out within a couple of hours. At the next festival, we'll save a plate for you! And when the monsoon hit on Saturday? You all hunkered down, had another Irish beverage, and had fun splashing in the rivers and puddles. And the reward for all of that good spirit was a beautiful Sunday with a nice laid back traditional Irish feel.

First of all again, because no one is second here, thanks to our sponsors, big and small. Every donation helps. Special thanks to OB/GYN Associates for their sponsorship of the Dining Hall tent, U Pick 6 for the Sports Bar, and Mercyhurst University for the Stage tent, but, truly, thanks to all of you.

And first of all again, thanks to our volunteers. We fell far short of a fully staffed festival and many, many of you worked many, many shifts. We had people who worked all year to innovate and prepare, all week to set up, all weekend to make it happen, and half of the next week to tear it down. There is actually no way to properly thank those people for their creativity, positive spirit, and hard work. We will spend this entire year trying to convince the rest of you to join in this effort, step up for your parish community, and lessen the burden on those who carry this heavy but joyful load.

In the end, the 2016 Erie Irish Festival was as exciting and enjoyable as we all hoped it would be and worked hard to make it be. From the Leprechaun Village to our new Irish-American fusion menu to the Sports Bar, from the wide range of entertainment to the wide range of vendors and activities, up and down, we've heard nothing but good things. (One fellow did complain that he didn't like potato chips on his reuben—made it too salty. We explained politely how to avoid that in future.) All of that positive feedback makes us feel really good! If you join us, next year, you could feel really good too!

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. We'll leave you alone now for a while. Cheers.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Oct. 1 *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM WILLIAM HAYES - ST.H
(JAMES & ANNA FLANAGAN)

5:00 PM KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICK - ST.P

Oct. 2 *Twenty -Seventh Day in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP - ST.P
(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY)

Oct. 3 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JEAN YEZZI (HUSBAND & FAMILY)

Oct. 4 *Tuesday, Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELLA (family)

Oct. 5 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELLA (FAMILY)

Oct. 6 *Thursday, Saint Bruno, Priest;*

USA: Blessed Marie Durocher, Virgin

8:00 AM MARION SCHAUBLE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(JIM SPIEGEL)

Oct. 7 *Friday, Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

Oct. 8 *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM HELEN KURPIEWKI - ST.H
(MR. & MRS. HARRY JAGODZINSKI)

5:00 PM REGINA DILLON (RON & PATTY MERSKI) - ST.P

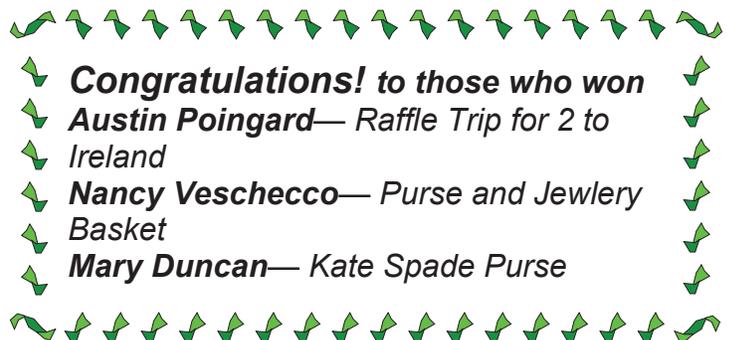
Oct. 9 *Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THOMAS CICHETTI (FAMILY) - ST.P
10:30 AM FRANK & HELEN LAROCCA, WEDDING ANNIV.-ST.P
(ANGIE KONTUR)

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

- 10/01** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/02** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
- 10/04** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 10/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 10/08** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/09** NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES



Congratulations! to those who won

Austin Poingard— Raffle Trip for 2 to

Ireland

**Nancy Veschecco— Purse and Jewlery
Basket**

Mary Duncan— Kate Spade Purse



Erie Irish Festival 2016

Festival Photos

courtesy of :
John Baker,
Barb Fischer,
Ann Halupczynski
& Marilyn Lechner







NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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