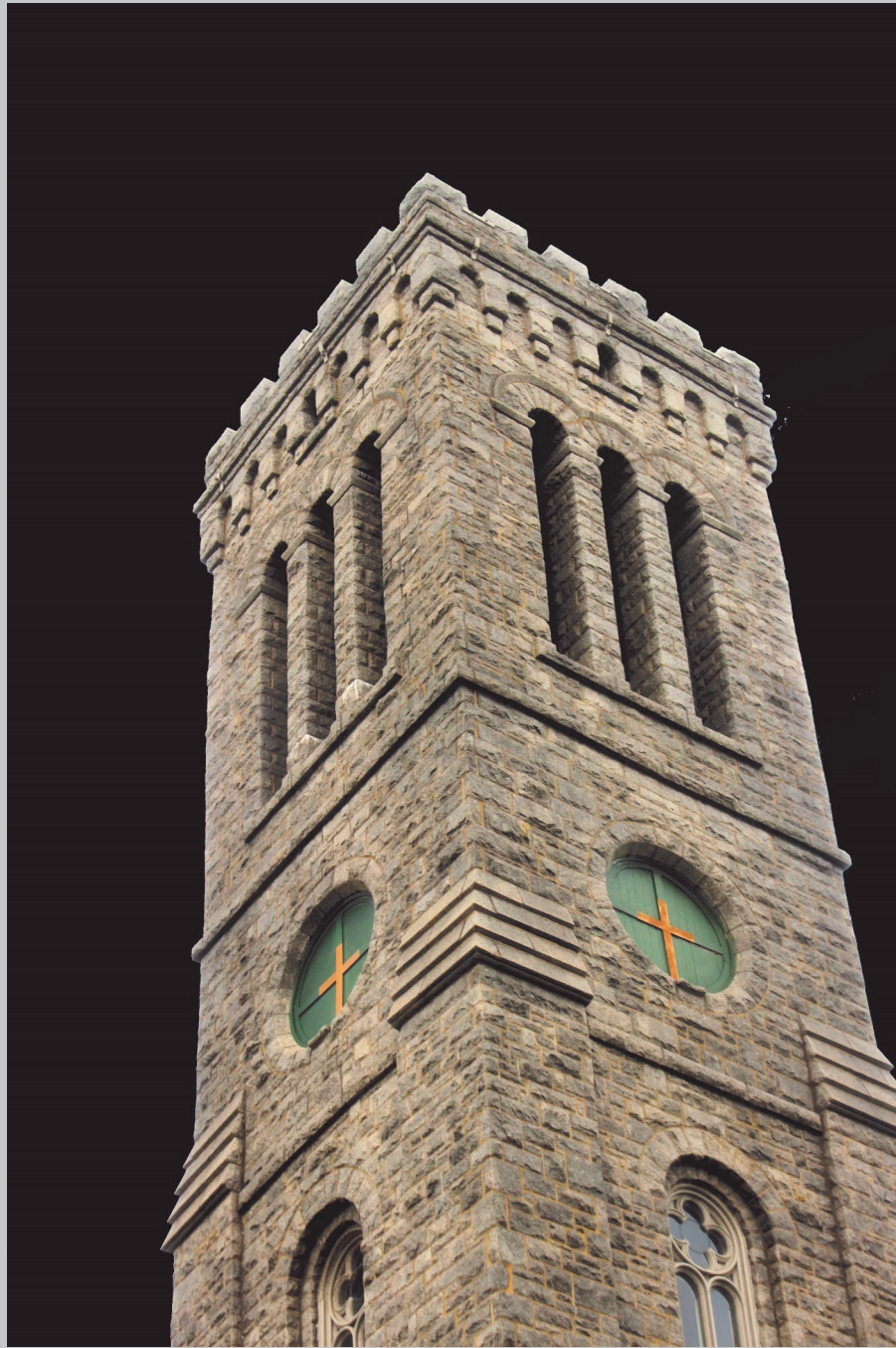


Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 4, 2015



St. Patrick Church Tower  
at night  
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Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

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Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

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### *From the Pastor's Desk.....*

Today is the twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read from Genesis. Today's account of God distinguishing male and female and their oneness when united in marriage is actually part of a second creation story in Genesis. The first presents God forming major elements of creation in an orderly fashion, with humankind created last. The Hebrew word *Adam* means the human race. It is this first story of creation with which we are most familiar. In the second story, from which today's reading is taken, humans are the first act of creation. Prior to today's reading, God created Adam from the clay of the earth and breathed life into him. Today we are told that man is not to live in isolation but that God created other living beings and tells man to name them. But none proves to be a fitting companion. After woman is created from man's rib, we are today that when the man and woman are united in marriage, they form one single living person.

Today we begin a lengthy series of readings from Hebrews. Its author unknown, it is more a sermon than a letter. Today we hear of Jesus's self-emptying of himself in sharing in the human experience.

Last Sunday's gospel ended with Jesus teaching several proverbs to the inner circle of his disciples. Today the context changes and we hear a Pharisee (a member of a Jewish sect that strove to follow the law of Moses strictly) poses a question to test Jesus. Though Jewish law permitted divorce, only a man could initiate it. Jesus roots his response not in the law, but in creation itself. He quotes the first reading, pointing out that husband and wife form a bond such that they become a single living being. While the Pharisee makes no attempt to follow up, the disciples question Jesus. The importance of Jesus's quote that those who divorce "commit adultery," is

really a statement that he is treating man and woman as equals. He is repeating that the two partners are meant to create such oneness that they become an unbreakable unit.

We are completely booked for weddings in 2016 from May until the early November. I have to tell you that it is a lot of work on my part and others here, but we all share a thrill that these young people (and some not so young!!) want to be married in the church. Nationally Catholic marriages have declined dramatically, and the same is true in our own diocese. We're fortunate here that we have all of these weddings.

Once again, once we get through Easter I will invite all of the bridal couples in for an evening in the rectory. I do them in groups of 5 or 6 couples at a time. We gather at 5:30 for a drink and then at 6:30 have dinner. I have the meal catered so I can spend time with the bridal couples, and some parishioners volunteer to serve and clean up. It's a small way of trying to say to some of these young people who feel alienated or lukewarm about the church that we want them to feel welcome.

St. Martin's Center is in need of a volunteer or two who would be willing to give a couple hours each week to sort through the clothing that they receive. It would just be once a week. If interested in more information or in volunteering, please call Rita Zawacki at 452-6113, ext 215.

Pope Francis preached on September 10th that "If you are a priest and you can't manage to be merciful, tell your bishop to give you an administrative job, but please don't go into the confessional!" He went on to say, "a priest who is impatient with penitents should ask his doctor for a pill to calm his nerves before hearing confessions!" In that same homily, he said, "If you can't forgive, you are not a Christian, and what's more, if you

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

can't forgive, you cannot receive the peace of the Lord." After all these years of listening to pious platitudes at the highest levels of the church, don't you just love somebody telling it like it is!

The Young Adults group had their first Happy Hour last Sunday evening at the rectory. I told them that for their first get together they could use the rectory and I would treat for the wine and beer. I stayed upstairs and let them get to know one another, but I understand they had a great time. A young couple in the parish, Matt & Jennifer Hausman are part of the group. Jennifer manages Erie Brewing and she has offered to open the Brewery on a Sunday evening and host the group for their second Happy Hour with the beer being provided to the group at no cost. I'm trying to figure out how I can join this group. They're having way too much fun!

As I mentioned at Mass two weeks ago, Bishop Persico has granted my request and renewed my appointment as your pastor. I'm grateful for his trust in me and for your acceptance of me. As I've said before, I could retire, but the very thought of that scares me to death. I don't know what I would do all day long. I know the day will inevitably come, and I'll have to face it; but I hope I can delay it for as long as possible.

A cranky old woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time and complained and criticized everything as she was arrested and processed. When she appeared in court, the judge asked her what she had stolen. "Just a stupid can of peaches," she defiantly replied. The judge then asked why she had done it. "I was hungry and I forgot to bring any money with me," she replied. The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine, but why do you care about that?" The judge answered patiently, "'Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail. One for every peach.'" Just as the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he could speak. "What do you have to add," asked the judge. "The husband said meekly, "Your Honor, she also stole a can of peas."

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members Living and Deceased.**



Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife Janice.

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 **\$421.00**. Summer Festival Update **\$1,055.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### **All Souls Remembrance**

All Souls Day is Monday, November 2nd. You can send the form you received in the mail or use the envelope in the packet and return it with the names of your loved ones by October 19th. The names will be published in the bulletin.

### **OCTOBER IS POLISH HERITAGE MONTH:**

Did you know that the first Polish immigrants arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1608? They were recruited by the colony as craftsmen for the glassmaking and woodworking industries.

Did you know that Casimir Pulaski, a Polish nobleman, soldier and military commander was recruited by Benjamin Franklin to help lead the American army? General George Washington made Pulaski a General and he had a large role in training the Continental Army. He later created Pulaski's Legion that was one of America's first cavalry regiments. Casimir Pulaski was called the "Father of the American Cavalry."

Did you know that Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, was also an American Revolutionary War hero? He was praised for his expertise as a military engineer and was instrumental in founding West Point.

### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

October 10

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Art Blum

Eucharist

Judy Pentz

Ushers

Tom Kurpiewski

Art Blum

Altar Servers

Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



**PRAY THE ROSARY**





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,622.50
Online Giving	1,069.00
Special collection/Emmaus Soup Kitchen	<u>2,602.26</u>
Total Income	\$10,293.76

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Let Us **Welcome**  
Griffith Kay Callaway  
child of

David & Stephanie (Tetuan) Callaway  
who will be baptized after the  
10:30 am Liturgy



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory  
of the **Dr. William Brereton**  
from Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Roche*

## 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 the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Nan Held** from Jennifer & Ed Smith
- ♦ In memory of **Cecelia Vitron** from Roberta & Robert Vitron
- ♦ In memory of **Bill Baker** from Mary Lou & Don Zone
- ♦ In memory of **Debby & Carol Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ In memory of **William & Helen Schmidt** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski

Also donations from:

Judy & Phillip Kelly, Carolyn & Robert Schenker,  
Susan & Mark Sullivan, Mary & William Flanagan,  
JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, and Ed Chizewick

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



**Congratulations** to St. Patrick parishioner **Herb Cioccio** for winning the Grand Prize Raffle for A Trip for 2 to Ireland.

A **BIG** thank you to everyone that contributed their delicious baked goods to the Irish Festival this year. The generosity was over the top and dedication of all the volunteers was amazing. Looking forward to 2016!



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kathy Sertz, Yvonne Gersims, Kay Mannino

**CUP:** Chris Sanner, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney,  
Forrest Mischler

**CUP:** Tim Scully, Ed Brown

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin



The SSJJ Neighborhood Network provides Food and supplies for residents of Little Italy. Below is a list that they are desperately low on. They would appreciate any contribution.

Toilet Paper	Non-perishable food items such as:
Paper Towels	Ramen Noodles
Multi-Purpose Cleaner	Mac & Cheese
Window Cleaner	Canned Food (soup, meals, vegetables, tuna, chicken)
Diapers—all sizes	Spaghetti Sauce
Bath Soap	Pasta
Liquid Dish Soap	Large cans of fruit drinks
Liquid Hand Soap	
Shampoo	
Deodorant (Men's/Women's)	

Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday 9-4 and Friday from 9-Noon







# ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2015

















### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Oct. 3** *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM GEORGE MIELNIK, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL, ANNIV OF DEATH (FAMILY) - ST.P

**Oct. 4** *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PATRICIA TRAPP - ST.P

(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY)

10:30 AM CHARLES R. GENCK (NANCY DWYER) - ST.P

**Oct. 5** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

*Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin*

8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ (MRS. CAROLINE RASTETTER & KAREN RASTETTER)

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

8:00 AM SOPHIE KOWALEWSKI

(JOE, DEL, & BRENDA EBERT)

**Oct. 8** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM FRANK & HELEN LAROCCA, DECEMBER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (ANGIE KONTUR)

**Oct. 9** *Friday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 10** *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM JIMMY REIDY - ST.P

(PATRICK & EITHNE & MICHAEL MURPHY)

**Oct. 11** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM BARBARA MCCORMICK - ST.P

(COREY & JULIE FERRARO & FAMILY)

10:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. PATRICK - ST.P

### DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

**10/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**10/04** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**10/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**10/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**10/11** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

**10/11** 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

begins today, Sunday, October 4th.

Fr. Kriegel will call for the children to come up and go with Sr. Marie after the opening prayer. Children 4 thru 10 are encouraged to participate.

### Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

**Code of Conduct:** The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The responsibility is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.erie.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195



### 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.

If you know of anyone in a Long Term Care Facility needing conversation or a friendly visit, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085

### MSGR. KRIEDEL'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](http://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.





# 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

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