

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 23, 2016



St. Patrick Church  
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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

## Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Continuing last week's focus on prayer, we shift from stressing the need for persistence to looking at the inner disposition that best attunes us and allows our prayers to rise to God. Simply put, Sirach is telling us that God, who is so merciful and just, is seeking those very qualities within his people. It is not favoritism toward the weak that causes God to be attentive to their prayers, but his passion for justice and concern for our deepest needs and attitudes. God's attention is fixed both on those who suffer injustice and those who do justice. As the rest of the chapter from which this passage is taken makes clear, the doing of justice is the offering most pleasing to God.

Imagine a beloved older person sitting down as death tightens its hold to write you a final letter of encouragement and instruction. Paul has reached such a point in his life. He writes from prison, anticipating death and addresses a younger man whom he has mentored. There is a tender, personal quality to the writing as Paul uses athletic imagery to assess his ministry, concluding that he has finished the race and kept the faith. Paul anticipates a crown of righteousness and notes that this reward will be given all whose hearts long for Christ.

Note the difference between Paul's litany of accomplishments (I fought the good fight, I kept the faith, etc.) and the self-righteousness of the Pharisee in today's gospel. Jesus is speaking to and about those who laud themselves while despising everyone else. It's not the sense of accomplishment that reeks, but the sense of superiority. The Pharisee is not grateful, like Paul, for what God has given him, but instead for the way he outshines his neighbors, especially the despised tax collector. He fails to recognize that all

he has results from God's mercy and grace; instead he sees it as his own accomplishment. Note that the tax collector never raises his head for it is weighed down by the burden of his sins. Looking to where God resides in his heart, he simply begs for mercy. He offers no excuse and never entertains the idea that he's better than anyone else.

Bishop Persico, Bishop Trautman and over 30 priests were at St. Patrick's Rectory on Tuesday evening for drinks and dinner. The occasion was an opportunity to welcome Father Jason Mitchell into the Diocese of Erie. Jason is a native of St. Patrick's Parish, Franklin, and was ordained for the Legionaries of Christ. Since his ordination he has taught at their seminary in Rome. He was recently incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Erie and is on the faculty of Gannon University.

You would be amazed at the things people lose at the Irish Festival. We found glasses, keys, purses, jackets, sweaters, umbrellas, books, etc. And — no one came to claim any of it.

The bishops of Quebec, the greatest bastion of Catholic piety in Canada in ages past, released a report recently on religious practice which is frightening. While 75% of the people say they are Catholic, only 2% of the population of Montreal now attend Mass. Throughout the rest of the province, 11% attend Mass. The report notes that a generation ago, people had to reserve a seat for Sunday Mass in the chapel of Saint Joseph du Lac in Quebec City. In recent years, the building has been so deserted, that the local municipality stepped in to preserve it as a venue for cultural events. There is no longer any religious practice there.

What mystifies me about all of this is the fact that in one generation we have moved from a very active, practicing church to one that is growing

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

day by day in a total absence of young people. I ask them why and they tell me there is no connect, ie., the ritual, the homilies, some of the moral platitudes simply don't resonate with them. And they're not bad people at all. Something has to change.

On August 15, Saudi Arabia deported 27 Catholics, all Lebanese Maronites (in union with Rome), who were arrested for celebrating the Feast of the Assumption in a private home. Saudi police raided the home of Al Khafij where the celebration was taking place, and charged those involved with "un-Islamic prayers."

The Irish Festival just keeps on giving. Parishioners Chet & Paula Bixby of Lighthouse Jewelers were one of the vendors. She brought us a \$5 donation for every "Erie Irish Festival" charm that she sold and brought a check in for \$270. Thanks.

Several more windows are being replaced in the rectory, most likely this week. With these windows, the first floor is now completely done. In the spring, we will finish replacing all of the windows on the third floor. Then we will start to finish up the second floor.

Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, chaplain at Saint Mary's Home for over thirty of his forty-nine years as a priest is retiring effective December 31 and is going to live at St. Patrick's rectory. There is an apartment on the back wing of the second floor which was the housekeeper's during earlier times and he is going to occupy it.

"When I read about the evils of drinking after playing golf, I gave up reading," *Paul Horning*. "Beer is proof that God wants us to be happy." *Benjamin Franklin*. "Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza." *Dave Berry* "Remember: 'I' before 'e', except in Budweiser." *Professor Irwin Corey*. "When we drink, we fall asleep. When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to heaven. So, let's all drink and go to heaven." *George Bernard Shaw*

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Edward J. Bukowski** from Patricia & John Sienicki.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** from Angeline Zebrowski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Ruffley, Sr.** from Nancy & Frank Hodas.

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

The offertory for last weekend was \$433.00.

### World Mission Sunday Collection—

Thank you for your support of last week's WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION of \$65.00. Your gift will help the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to bring the message of God's love and healing to our brothers and sisters in over 1,111 mission dioceses throughout the world. May God reward your generosity.

### All Souls Memorials—

Please use your envelopes or plain white envelopes to submit the names of your loved ones for the October 29/30th bulletin. Deadline for submission is, Monday October 24th.

### Pro-life holy hour scheduled at St. Stanislaus

A pro-life holy hour celebrating the Year of Mercy will be held at St. Stanislaus Church, E. 13th and Wallace streets, Erie, on Oct. 30 beginning at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a greater respect for all human life. Remember, October is Respect Life Month.

### A Family Perspective—

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "...who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life and "ordinary time" which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime. Try it and you'll see!

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

October 29, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Patricia Mielnik
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie







# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,932.00
Online Giving	<u>1,070.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,002.00

World Mission Sunday, Propagation of Faith	\$ 713.00
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*Thank you for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Jimmy Hayes**  
from Paul & Eileen Balczun*

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose memory the donations were made:

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ◆ **Monsignor Biebel** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ◆ **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ◆ **Carol and Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ◆ **Carol and Debbi Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ◆ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ◆ **Our Dad, Joe D'Andrea** from Gorgacz family
- ◆ **Norman Murphy, Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko** from Patrick Murphy
- ◆ **Henry Borden** from Robert & Patti Oligeri
- ◆ **Msgr. Biebel** from Patricia Schmidt

Also donations from:

Kevin & Margaret Cohick, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Kathleen Horan, Phillip & Judy Kelly, Vikki Scully, Mark & Barbara Sargent, and Nick Straub

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



Let Us *Welcome*  
**Clare Elizabeth Karns**  
daughter of  
Steven & Kelly (Dombrowski) Karns  
who will be baptized after the  
5:00 PM Liturgy  
and  
**Troy Osborne Trapp**  
son of  
Eric & Erica (Osborne) Trapp  
who will be baptized after the  
10:30 AM Liturgy

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella, Kathy Sertz

**CUP:** Yvonne Gersims, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

**Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 8:00 am**

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds,  
Joseph Schneider

Ushers: Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

**Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Ryan Palm, Forrest Mischler

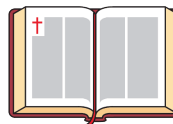
**CUP:** Michele Wheaton, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick



The **2017 Lector Books** are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. The readings begin November 27 th, the First Sunday of Advent. Be sure to pick up your book today!



## 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.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Oct. 22** *Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ANTHONY WERNICKI - ST.H  
(JOE & MARY SETCABAGE)5:00 PM GENEVIEVE TACCONE - ST.P  
(MR. & MRS. PETER PENTZ)**Oct. 23** *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY CHUZIE (FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ROBERT HERZOG, ANNIV. (WIFE, NANCY) - ST.P

**Oct. 24** *Monday, St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*8:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI  
(STANLEY & HELEN KURPIEWSKI)**Oct. 25** *Tuesday, Weekday*8:00 AM STANLEY F. WALKIEWICZ  
(STAN & ROSELLE WALKIEWICZ)**Oct. 26** *Wednesday, Weekday*8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(ANGIE KONTUR)**Oct. 27** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ANGELA HELSLEY (LUELLA BARTOSIEWICZ)

**Oct. 28** *Friday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 29** *Saturday, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM CHESTER LONCKI (EDWARD WIECZOREK) - ST.H

5:00 PM KATIE AMMOTT (MOM &amp; ELLI) - ST.P

**Oct. 30** *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM MATTHEW ROBINSON - ST.P  
(DON & MARY LOU ZONE)

10:30 AM JAMES MCCARTHY (WIFE, MARY) - 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

- 10/22** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/23** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary  
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
- 10/25** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 10/26** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 10/29** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/30** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary  
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

**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.

**Special Presentation scheduled for Year of Mercy—**

Dr. Michael Coulter, professor of political science and humanities at Grove City College, will deliver a talk, titled “Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching,” on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the St. Mark Catholic Center Auditorium, 429 E Grandview Blvd., Erie. Refreshments will follow. This is a special presentation to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. For more information, call Sr. Kathleen Dietz, FSO, at 814-824-1135.

**Concert planned at Our Lady of Mercy for Year of Mercy—**

A concert and prayer experience celebrating the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** will be held Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Titled “**Songs of Mercy**,” the concert will feature Brian Kuzmin, music director at Our Lady of Peace Church, Erie; Kathy Felong, music director at Holy Cross Church, Fairview; and Brandon Vogt and Brittany Barko of Our Lady of Mercy. They will be joined by members of the parish choir. Our Lady of Mercy is one of the designated pilgrimage sites for the Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Erie.

**Trunk or Treat at Mercyhurst Prep**

The Mercyhurst Prep Student Government team is heading a free “Trunk or Treat” evening on Sunday, October 30 between 6- 8 p.m. Various groups will be decorating their vehicle and handing out candy and snacks.

So far, 30 groups from the MPS community have agreed to participate. Cars belong to a variety of groups including teams, staff members, cafeteria, etc.

Themes include Charlie Brown, Addam’s Family, Cats, Darth Vader, to name a few.

Trunk or Treat will take place in the west parking lot of the school. This is open to the general public.

**For more information contact:**

**Marcia Gensheimer, Public Relations Director**  
**814-824-2067, [mgensheimer@mpslakers.com](mailto:mgensheimer@mpslakers.com)**

**St. Peter Cathedral presents Merry Merchant Marketplace—**

St. Peter Cathedral in Erie presents its shopping fundraiser, “Merry Merchant Marketplace,” on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Center, located at the corner of W. 11th and Sassafras streets, Erie. Shop local vendors, crafters and foods at this family friendly event. Free admission and free parking.



# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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