

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2015



Pillar in
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

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 and we first hear part of Jeremiah's promise of future restoration for God's people. Even as the kingdom of Judah continues its dissolution, nearing its final end, the prophet, relying on an ever-faithful God, promises that beyond destruction and exile lies a recreated people. All this will be solely a divine work beyond human power. Jeremiah's ultimate vision is of a God who would bring final salvation to a sinful, scattered people, treating them as a favored firstborn and renewing all creation.

Last Sunday's reading from Hebrews declared the full humanity of Jesus, tested in every way that we are but never choosing sin. Today the author again insists that Christ intimately experienced the struggle and weakness shared by all human beings. But he also attests that the totally human Jesus is Son of God as well and so becomes the final High Priest, the mediator between God and man. Jesus knows human trial and weakness by experience, and so understands human failings and treats them with patience. Called by God to do so, he brings all humanity with him to God for healing and restoration.

Today's gospel serves as an important transition in Mark's account of the Good News. Remember, Mark is writing to a community suffering confusion, loss and persecution. They struggled with the erroneous assumption that the Second Coming of Jesus was immanent, many of their members were falling away and they were being persecuted by Rome. Mark emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah who inaugurates God's final rule in the pattern of Isaiah's suffering servant. The story of Bartimaeus also closes the important three-part section of Mark in which Jesus attempts in vain to clarify his mission as Suffering Servant of

God rather than triumphant earthly king. Immediately after today's miracle story, Jesus enters Jerusalem to begin the final act in the Suffering Servant-Messiah. Mark employs a technique called "framing" which sets off important content with a similar account at the beginning and end of a section. The frame serves as a kind of commentary on what appears within it. Two stories of Jesus healing a blind man punctuate Mark's tripartite portrayal of Jesus proclaiming his impending suffering and execution, repeatedly followed by the disciple's lack of understanding. They are as blind as the people Jesus cured. With the healing of Bartimeaus, Jesus sets before us one who quickly sees through his persistence of faith; unlike the disciples who only begin to see in slow phases.

As you may recall, we need a new walk-in freezer for the Food Pantry. The cost is \$20,000. We applied for a grant from the Erie Community Foundation who informed us this past week that they are giving us \$10,000 toward the cost of the freezer and that the Erie County Gaming Authority is giving us \$10,000. Thanks to the generosity and concern for the poor and needy of these two organizations, we can now order the new walk-in freezer and it will not cost the parish a penny. I'm particularly grateful to B. J. Lechner who wrote the grant request.

If you are in a position to do so, I would recommend you explore setting up a trust at the Erie Community Foundation. That organization does more to help non-profits and groups serving the poor and needy than any other organization in the county. Over the years they have paid for a new floor in the Food Pantry, a new roof and now a new walk-in freezer. I don't know that we could have done these things on our own. The parish—and the community—owe the Erie Community Foundation a deep and lasting debt of gratitude for all that they do.

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

We've been meeting already to start planning for next year's Irish Festival. Our main goal next year is to get more quality entertainment for the festival. We're discovering that the particular weekend we have the festival—which is half way to St. Patrick's Day—is also the second biggest day for Irish bars and pubs. As a consequence some of the big names we want to contract with are already committed. We're toying very seriously with moving the festival up one weekend. We can't do that next year because of the wedding schedule; but we'll make a decision about this before January 1.

Saint Patrick's Haven is located at East 12th St. and German and houses up to 21 homeless men every night. They can come in at 7 PM, get a shower, a clean bed and then have to be out of the facility by 7 AM. From there they can go to the Upper Room at 10th & Peach for a full hot breakfast, the Bishop's Breakfast which is sponsored by the Diocese of Erie. The clients get their evening meal at Emmaus Soup Kitchen but they are not open on Sunday evenings and so groups of volunteers prepare a hot meal and take it to the Haven on a Sunday evening. If you volunteer, you are only expected to take a meal a couple of times a year. If interested or if you want more information, contact Mary Harsh at maryryan140@gmail.com.

The pope is visiting town and all the residents are dressed in their best Sunday clothes. Everyone lines up on Main Street hoping for a personal blessing from the pope. One man put on his best suit hoping the pope will stop and talk to him. He is standing next to an exceptionally downtrodden-looking bum who doesn't smell very good. As the pope comes walking by, he leans over and says something to the bum and then walks right by the well-dressed man. He can't believe it and then it hits him. The pope won't talk to him because he's concerned for this unfortunate man. Thinking fast he gives the bum \$20 to trade clothes with him. He puts on the bum's clothing and runs down the street to line up for another chance for the pope to stop and talk to him. Sure enough, the pope walks right up to him this time, leans in close and says, "I thought I told you to get the hell out of here."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
In Thanksgiving.



Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Dr. John C. Kalata and Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski** requested by Val Crofoot & Peter Zielinski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by Michelle Owens.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$934.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Chet Loncki (Dorothy Mielnik), Frances "Pat" Trojanowski (Florence Sova), Richard Dombkowski (Stanley & Helen Kurpiewski), Peter Zielinski (Francis & Louise Grolemond), Frank Olszewski (Caroline Zielonis), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Mr. & Mrs. John Dubowski), Robert "Bob" Osmer (Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski & Joanne Finn).

Seeking New Members

The Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers are seeking new members. Little or no dance experience is needed for members age 4 and older. Practice is held Sundays from 3 to 6pm. For more information call Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924.

October is Polish Heritage Month

The story of General Jozef Haller and the Polish army in France has long gone untold. The Army, also known as Haller's Army and the Blue Army, fought under French Command in World War I, as well as in the Polish-Soviet War of 1918-1921. Many of the member of Haller's Army were Polish American who answered the call of prestigious recruiters, such as Ignacy Paderewski, Polish Statesman and renowned musician. Paderewski was instrumental in getting President Woodrow Wilson's approval to recruit a Polish army on American soil. Wilson, however, would not allow such an army to be formed or trained within the US, so recruits mustered in Canada.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

October 31

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Eucharist

Ushers

Altar Server

Tom Kurpiewski

Charlotte Mabie

Tom Kurpiewski

Art Blum

Charlotte Mabie



Pray the Rosary



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,897.15
Online Giving	914.00
Mission Sunday Propagation of Faith	782.00
Total Income	\$ 9,593.15

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory
of **Lou Carver**
from the **Angelotti family***

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:

Restoration Fund

- ♦ In memory of **Nan Held** from Charles & Wendy Weber
- ♦ In memory of **Mary Walker** from Jack & Tina Rowadowski and Charles & Wendy Weber

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ♦ In memory of **Lynch & McGraw families** from Dr. Mary Lee & Daniel Lynch
- ♦ In memory of **M. Lawrence Brockmeyer, MD** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
- ♦ In memory of **Charles & Jeanne Hagmann** from Deborah Musolff
- ♦ In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski** from wife, Frances
- ♦ In memory of **Frances Black** from daughter

Also donations from:

Marjory & Merle Painter, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Barbara Rothman, Jill Balaga-Walz & Joel Walz

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, October 31, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Pat Sclaudecker**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Shirley Winschel, Bill Power, Carolyn Power

CUP: Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Dario Cipriani**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Katie Froehlich, Mary Williams

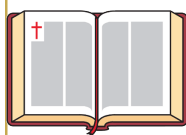
CUP: Mary Kearney, Ed Brown

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin



The Lector Books for 2016 are now available in the Trinity Gift Shop. The readings begin on November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. Be sure to pick your up book today!



The **Knights and Ladies** of St. Patrick's Parish will be collecting diapers for infants and toddlers for the families served by the Sister Mary Pascal Gray, SSJ Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in collection boxes located at the main entrance to the church between now and Thanksgiving.

Thank you very much for your contributions.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Mission presents Fr. Francis Pompei, OFM on November 2 thru 4 at 7:00PM. Fr. Pompei was so popular at the Parish Mission in the Spring that we invited him back for the Fall Mission. Find answers to why there is so much stress, worry, fear, unhappiness. Why and Where is it coming from...? What to do about it...? Bring a friend and Hear...See....Experience the Answers!

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Oct. 24 Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:00 PM ROBERT "BOB" OSMER, ANNIV. - ST.H
JEFF FOWLER & FAMILY5:00 PM ROBERT HERZOG, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (23RD)
-ST.P (WIFE, NANCY)**Oct. 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM ANTHONY OLSEN - ST.P
(ANGELA & TOM BERRINGER)

10:30 AM RICHARD REIM (THE ZONE FAMILY) - ST.P

Oct. 26 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 27 Tuesday, Weekday8:00 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV.
(SISTER, ANN)**Oct. 28 Wednesday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**8:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI
(HARRIET MICHALSKI & FAMILY)**Oct. 29 Thursday, Weekday**8:00 AM KATHY BIELETNIKOFF OLESKY
(RON & ELEANOR SEKINGER)**Oct. 30 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM FRANK OLSZEWSKI (MARY POLON)

Oct. 31 Saturday, Vigil: All Saints' Day4:00 PM DR. JOHN KALATA & MRS. NELLIE KOZLOWSKI
(VAL CROFOOT & PETE ZIELINSKI) - ST.H5:00 PM GENEVIEVE TACCONE - ST.P
(MARY LOU SCOTTINO)**Nov. 1 All Saints' Day**8:00 AM RAY CICERO, ANNIV.
(MR. & MRS. ARTHUR CHIMENTI)

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

DATES TO REMEMBERSt.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel,, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

- 10/24** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/25** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary
- 10/27** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 10/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 10/31** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 11/01** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

Special Mass for cancer awareness

St. Paul Church, 1647 Walnut St., Erie will host a special Mass for cancer awareness on October 27 at 6:00 pm. Mass Celebrants: Rev. Alex Amico and Deacon Anthony Alleruzzo.



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	<u>Non-perishable food items</u>
Shampoo	<u>such as:</u>
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	
Deodorants for both Men and Women	

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

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All Souls Day Mass is planned at Gate of Heaven. Bishop Lawrence T. Persico will celebrate All Souls Day Mass on Monday, November 2nd at 4 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Even the most loving couples can take each other for granted over time. Counter this by a mindful greeting in the morning. What's your custom? Does it need refreshing? Even if your groggy or in a hurry, try pausing for 10 second's and just gaze at each other. Smile; Remember.



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October 10, 2015

Dear Parishioner –

November begins with the Feast of All Saints on the 1st and the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. Traditionally, the church has set aside November as a particular time to remember the dead in prayer.

Our bulletin of November 1 & 2 will contain a listing of any deceased members of your family whom you wish to be remembered during the month. That list will remain on the altar throughout the month so that we can remember them at every Mass celebrated here.

If you wish someone remembered, please complete the information below and make sure it is in the parish office no later than Monday, October 27. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of:

Requested by:

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

Advertiser of the Week:

We thank **JOHN J. QUINN**

FUNERAL HOME INC.

W. 9th & Liberty 455-2349

For advertising in our parish bulletin.