

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 6, 2016



Mary's Altar
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

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is the story of brothers who willingly sacrifice their lives rather than defy God's law. What is important here is each brother's profession of faith in a life beyond this one. The final Sundays of the year focus on our eternal destiny and invite us to prepare for it. Jewish thought did not embrace this belief until late in Israel's history, and this conviction is rarely professed in the Old Testament. Not until the Book of Daniel and Second Maccabees, written about 150 years before Christ, does belief in the after-life take concrete form.

In our excerpt from Thessalonians we hear words addressed to Christians who had been instructed to anticipate the return of Christ during their lifetime. When that did not occur, they had to set about the far more difficult task of *being* the Body of Christ, living lives in this world that proclaimed the lordship of Jesus. This week and next week, we will read exhortations from this letter regarding how to live faithfully that very Christian life. The opening benediction demonstrates that prayer is not a listing of wants and needs but an exchange of love and a dialogue of hearts that strengthens us. Paul never shies from naming the forces of evil and here he enunciates that "not all have faith." Often what looks like failure is just a step on the journey. That's why Paul reminds us that "the Lord is faithful." It is Christ we follow and Christ who will win the day.

The Pharisees are once again trying to trick Jesus as they cite the law in Deuteronomy that was established to ensure a man who married but died childless was not left without heirs. Jesus easily brushes aside their simplistic logic asserting that while marriage is the way of this age those found worthy of the resurrection will not be defined or bound by such labels. The heavenly

life will transcend our categories. There, death will be no more and we will be simply children of God enjoying an angelic existence. Then Jesus cites the fact that Moses refers to God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as if those patriarchs are no longer living. Jesus comes to proclaim that the Lord is "not the God of the dead, but of the living."

During the month of November, we particularly remember and pray for those who have died. You will notice on the altar a packet containing the names of all of those whom you wish remembered.

This is a difficult moment in our history as Americans as we choose a new president. My only prayer is that everyone will exercise their right and vote for the candidate of your choice. Somehow we must begin to heal and overcome the sharp divisions that have become so much a part of our American landscape.

I am currently chairing a capital campaign to raise \$700,000 to build a new St. Patrick's Haven. That facility takes in 24 homeless men every night. They get a shower, a clean bed, can come in after 7 PM and then leave by 7 AM the next morning. The present facility, located on East 12th St. is in very poor condition, and we've begun the project of building a new facility. St. Patrick's Haven began at St. Patrick's Parish in the early 1980s when there were a number of homeless men in this area. Sister Mary Fromknecht, SSJ was on the staff here and began the project. I mentioned earlier that our parish Finance Council voted to make a \$1,000 donation to the campaign. I'm happy to tell you that, in addition to that, the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick have also made a \$1,000 donation.

As part of the reorganization of parishes, the Archdiocese of Baltimore announced recently

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that they are doing away with individual parishes and forming "pastorates" which are a clustering of former parishes. Each pastorate will be staffed by a single priest and a single office and staff. In the process, the names of the individual parishes are eliminated and a new name is given to the new pastorate. The only problem I see in this type of restructuring is that we're going to burn out the priests. It is not easy handling two parishes let alone three or four.

The wooden angels in the sanctuary at St. Patrick's are about half restored, and they turned out beautiful. We don't know exactly when these date to, but they had fallen into disrepair. I'm grateful to some of the last of the Cauley family who live in Seattle for underwriting the costs of this restoration.

We were planning to put in a new men's room in the church at the beginning of the summer. The weather was so beautiful that the maintenance staff concentrated on working outside as much as they could. I think you can see some of the results with the beautiful shrubbery and plantings around the rectory. Now that the weather has turned, we hope to get to that restroom.

If anyone in your family is in a convalescent home, please notify the office and I will be more than happy to visit them. Also if you have an elderly parent or relative living at home who can't get out to Mass, please let me know and again I will be happy to visit them. Perhaps they can also be given the Sacrament of the Sick. I urge you not to wait until someone is on their death bed to ask for the sacrament. It is intended to help them in their illness rather than prepare them for death.

Great truths that little children have learned: 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. 2) When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. 3) Never ask your three year old brother to hold a tomato. 4) You can't trust dogs to watch your food. 5) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. 5) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair. 6) The best place to be when you're sad is grandma's lap.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** from Dorothy Mielnik.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Living & Deceased.**

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Theodore Widomski** from Rick & Ron Bolla.

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

The offertory for last weekend was \$580.

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!

A Family Perspective—



Jesus reminds us that the day will come for 'the children of God' where the complications of earthly life will no longer matter. Parents know the sound of their children's voices. When you call out "Lord", will God say "Who's there?"

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 12, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Jim Gorski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,887.00
Online Giving	<u>1,045.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,932.00

Thank you for your generosity!

The U.S. Conference of Bishops has called for a special **second collection today** for the victims of Hurricane Matthew and other storms that have devastated significant portions of the southeastern United States and the Caribbean, especially Haiti. The funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services.

Additional All Souls Day Remembrances:

- * James Donnelly—**IMO** Carol & Debra Donnelly
- * Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski—**IMO** Edwin & Helen Wright, Lawrence & Josephine Polaski, Janet Strohmeier
- * Mary McCarthy—**IMO** James L. McCarthy, Dr. Angelina Fabrizio
- * Rosemarie McMahon—**IMO** Dave Raydo, Jack & Cora Parris, Richard & Jerry McMahon, Leona Mussett
- * Geraldine Valahovic—**IMO** Mikrut, Vickey & Valahovic families

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

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ♦ **George & Mary Catherine Behringer** from Mark & Eileen Behringer
- ♦ **James Patrick Karle** from Jim & Linda Donlin
- ♦ **Linda Winkelman, Edward Snyder, Brian Snyder, Ed Kupniewski** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ **Florence Reske** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske
- ♦ **Bill Vitron** from Robert & Roberta Vitron

Also donations from:
Barbara Brairton, Ed Chizewick, Dave & Julie Sanner

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &
HABORCREEK 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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Bill Power, Carolyn Power

Greeters: Bob & Diane Boeh

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joseph Schneider

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub,
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Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Mary Williams, Tim Scully

CUP: Ed Brown, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

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

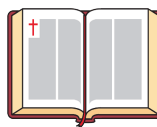
Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan, Deb Slusarz

Please let us know of your availability for the Christmas Services (Saturday, December 24th 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM and Sunday, December 25th 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM).

Call the office at 454-8085 or email the office at

stpats@neo.rr.com.

Thank You!



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

Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michele Inter, Director of Spiritual Ministry for the Disabled and Deaf/Hard of Hearing, at 814-824-1257 or email at d&dministry@erieRCD.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Disability Ministries.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 5** *Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM IN HONOR OF NOELLE MURNOCK - ST.H

(TREVOR MURNOCK)

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE KUZMIN, ANNIV. - ST.P

(MARION KUZMIN)

Nov. 6 *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM LINDA DAMORE-BOGESS (BARBARA JONES)-ST.P

10:30 AM DR. JOHN E. WALDRON - ST.P

(BILL & MARY FLANAGAN)

Nov. 7 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 8 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 9 *Wednesday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 10 *Thursday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 11 *Friday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 12 *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ(FAMILY) - ST.H

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

Nov. 13 *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI (DAUGHTERS) - ST.P

10:30 AM MILDRED & THOMAS HEUBEL (FAMILY) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent

11/05	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
11/06	9:30 AM	Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 PM	Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
11/08	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
11/09	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
11/12	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P

Eastside Catholic Faith Formation**Divine Mercy Encounter—**

Are you in 10th grade or older? Interested in making a retreat? Divine Mercy Encounter is a 3-day encounter with Divine Mercy of Jesus and His call to discipleship. Learn more about your Catholic faith, the sacraments and the Church. Share your faith journey with other young men and women. Financial aid is available for the next retreat on Nov. 18-20. Call Mary at 454-6322 for more information.

Volunteer Drivers Needed —

There is a refugee family of five children in need of transportation to and from religious education classes. If you could take them and pick them up once every six weeks or even just one time during the faith formation year it would be greatly appreciated. They live near E. 6th and Reed and faith formation classes are at E. 28th and East Ave. Classes run from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Child protection clearance checks (which are free) and a copy of your insurance card are necessary. The checks can be done through the Faith Formation office or online in your home. Please call Mary at 454-6322 to volunteer or if you need more information.

HOMELESS OVERFLOW SHELTER - COLLECTION OF DONATIONS:

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the homeless overflow shelter on February 1 - 7 at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. The outpouring of generosity the past couple years has been amazing. This year, in addition to collecting personal hygiene toiletry items (shampoo, bath products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products & hand sanitizers), we are also seeking cough drops, lip balm and hand warmers.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS WE CAN ACCEPT. Collection bins will be located in the church's main entrance at each mass beginning in November. We greatly appreciate your donations.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

The election is at hand. The USA is divided and tired. Is it possible to love and respect those with different political opinions? Consider how you resolve serious differences of opinions with your spouse. What does it mean to 'love your enemy' when it feels like fellow citizens are the enemy? Learn from your marriage. We must go on living together.

**MSGR. KRIEGL'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.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Mercyhurst Prep to hold open house—

538 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie,
will hold its open house Nov. 6 from noon to 3 p.m.

Tours of the school will be available and administrators, faculty, staff and coaches will be available for questions. General sessions are scheduled at 1 and 2 p.m., when sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders can enter for a chance to win one of two 24-inch LED smart, high-definition TVs. Must be present to win. Go to www.Facebook.com/mpslakers for details on how to win an Xbox One S when you attend the open house.

Also, if eighth-graders apply at www.mpslakers.com/admissions on or before Nov. 6, 2016, they become eligible for one of five drawings for a \$1,000 tuition voucher to Mercyhurst Prep for their freshman year. The first 300 students to visit will receive a free T-shirt.

Family Fest '16 is less than a month away—

There is still time to register for Family Fest '16 on Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ambassador Conference Center in Erie. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 for a family. Register before the event at www.CatholicFamilyFest.com. No registrations will be accepted the day of Family Fest.

Prep and Villa will present 'Merchant of Venice'

Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy will present William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" at Villa Maria Academy Auditorium, 2403 W. 8th St., Erie, Nov. 10-12 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. The play centers around the quality of mercy, an appropriate theme in this Holy Year of Mercy. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 814-838-2061, ext. 0, or 814-453-7737, ext. 275.

Cathedral Concert Series continues Nov. 13—



The St. Peter Cathedral Concert Series will continue Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. with a special concert of sacred music performed by the Mercyhurst University Concert Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Ryan. The concert will be held at St. Peter Cathedral at W. 10th and Sassafras streets, Erie. The program will include spirituals, hymns and motets from the Classical Period and the Renaissance, as well as chant. The concert is free and open to the public.

St. James Snow Blossom Dance—



St. James Snow Blossom Dance will be held on Saturday, November 19th, 2016 at St. James Place, 2622 Buffalo Road. Door open at 7:00 p.m. and music and dancing is from 8 p.m. until Midnight. Tickets are \$15.00/person; \$25.00/couple and be purchased at St. James School or Rectory or at the door the night of the dance. DJ is Ken Olowin. Beer & mixers are provided. Please call the St. James Rectory at 899-6178 for further information.

Youth video examines increased violence—

The public is invited to watch and discuss a 28-minute video created by Erie youth on the increased incidence of violence in the community. "Stop the Violence—Have Courage" will be shown Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m. at Mercyhurst University's Zurn Hall, Room 114. The creation of the video was sponsored by the following organizations: House of Mercy, Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, Inner-City Neighborhood Arthouse, Community Access Television, and Mercyhurst University Service Learning and Campus Ministry. The project was funded by a grant from the City of God Foundation.

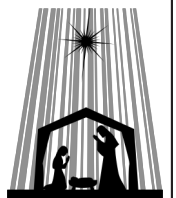
St. Peter Cathedral presents Merry Merchant Marketplace—



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.

Nativity set raffle benefits Catholic education—

The 12-inch, 17-piece Fontanini Nativity set from the former St. Peter Cathedral School in Erie is being raffled in time for Advent. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the parish Catholic Education Endowment Fund. Tickets are available from Women's Council members after any Mass at St. Peter Cathedral, or may be purchased at the rectory office, 230 W. 10th St., Erie, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. The cost for tickets is \$10 each, or three for \$25. The drawing will be held Nov. 27 at noon at St. Peter Cathedral. For more information, contact Sally DiBacco at 814-825-3639.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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