

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2015



Sanctuary Dome 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

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read first from the Book of Kings, a reading which underscores the tremendous faith of both Elijah and the widow of Zarepath. Elijah spent his life preaching against the policies of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel who ruled the northern kingdom of Israel. They both worshipped pagan idols and Jezebel ordered that the prophets be killed. Thus, when God instructs Elijah to seek refuge from drought with a widow in Sidon, he knows he is moving into dangerous territory. Further, the woman seems like an unlikely helper because she is not a member of the covenant people and second she was a widow and as such would lack even bare necessities for herself and her child. However, they both obey God's word, and the woman offers Elijah the very last food that she has. Once she does this, the Lord fulfills his promise to her.

Hebrews continues to describe the crucified and risen Jesus as the final High Priest. Jesus's self-sacrifice is complete and unrepeatable. No one can die more than once and so his sacrifice puts an end to the repeated cycle of sacrifices offered by the high priest of Judaism. The language here is drawn from the last song of the suffering servant as described in Isaiah.

The poor widow of today's gospel serves as a counterpoint to hypocritical scribes denounced by Jesus in the opening passage. At Passover time, many pilgrims would have come to make their offerings for upkeep and renovation of the Temple of the Lord. But among the multitude, one poor widow stands out among wealthy contributors. Though one of the poorest members of Jewish society, she contributes two coins of the smallest possible denomination. She offers far more than the rich for she gives from the depths of her poverty.

Reflecting on the recent Synod of Bishops of which he was a participant, Archbishop Blasé Cupich of Chicago said, "If people come to a decision in good conscience then our job is to help them move forward and to respect that. The conscience is inviolable and we have to respect that when they make decisions, and I've always done that." Responding to follow-up questions, he said the statement applies to divorced and remarried Catholics as well as gay couples who approach the Eucharist.

Occasionally there will be someone outside of St. Patrick's Church before or after weekend Masses with a highly credible story of hardship and asking your help. Can I please ask you NOT to give them any money. It is all going for drugs. Where there are genuine hardship cases, we get help for people; but these who are outside of church asking for money are only getting it to buy drugs.

If you recall, we have changed leadership for the Irish Festival by having the chair assist the chair for one year and sort of learn the ropes and then chair the event the following year. This way no one gets "stuck" chairing the festival forever. Our chair this past year was Angie Kontur assisted by Gary and Becky Johnson who will chair it this year. They will be assisted by Barb Fischer who will chair the event next year. If anyone is interested in taking on this position in the future, please let me know. I'm grateful to all of these people for their time and talent.

By now I'm sure you are familiar with the proposal for the reorganization of Catholic schools in our diocese. All of us priests, principals, etc. took part in a day-long meeting at St. Mark's Catholic Center recently in which the plan was unfolded for us. I must tell you how impressed I am personally at the amount of effort, thought and energy that went into this undertaking. That committee did their homework and they should be thanked

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

for their efforts. Another impressionable component of the project is that it is a proposal, it is being put out for feedback and input. For example, one of the suggestions was to make Our Lady of Peace School one of the Middle Schools and there was a great discussion that perhaps Blessed Sacrament would be a better place for the Middle School and leave OLP as a K-5 school.

The diocese asks parishioners to visit their web page www.ErieRCD.org/planning to view the plan and complete a feedback form by Dec. 1. By proposing that we move from parish based schools in the city of Erie to a diocesan based project, with a president and board overseeing it, seems to me to be a stroke of genius. We priests have been begging for reorganization of our schools and parishes for years, and now we are on the path toward doing that.

One component of the report that is frightening are the baptismal statistics for the diocese. Our St. Patrick's parish, with 45 baptisms last year, had the second highest number of baptisms in the entire diocese. Only Sacred Heart Parish in St. Marys, with 47 baptisms, was ahead of us. Infant baptisms in the city of Erie declined by 45% between 2004 and 2014. St. Patrick's is the only parish in the Northern Vicariate to show a growth in baptisms.

The report states that school enrollment should be at 85% capacity and that, in the city of Erie, the average school enrollment is at 72%. St. Gregory School, North East, operates at 59% of capacity with 74 students. The 3 Catholic high schools are operating above 90% capacity. Our Lady's Christian is projected to decline 27% by 2022. The statistics are daunting, but at least we are taking a major step toward stabilization.

Mort is in his usual place at the breakfast table, reading the morning paper. He comes across an article about a beautiful actress who was about to marry a football player known for his lack of general intelligence. He turns to his wife and blurts, "I'll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most beautiful wives." His wife replies, "Well, thank you, dear."

***Additional All Souls Day Memorials –
St. Patrick's 2015***

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper:

IMO Eddie & Clara Hanlin, Gerard A Dahlkemper, Lois H. Dahlkemper, Debbie Dahlkemper, Jack Dahlkemper, Ed & Doris Kraus, Fern & Joe S. Dahlkemper, Ralph Lopus, All Family Members

Patricia Donnelly:

IMO Debby Donnelly, Carol Donnelly

Jean Driscoll:

IMO Murray & Driscoll families

Bill & Mary Flanagan:

IMO William M. & Betty Flanagan, Dr. John & Violet Waldron

Yvonne Gersims:

IMO Howard Gersims, Kay Miller, Kathy Roscinski, James Miller, Sandra Lee Gersims

Catherine Good:

Joe & Kay Nedresky

Cathy & Pat Kloecker:

IMO J. Patrick Kloecker, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diefenbach, Mr. William Diefenbach, Mr. & Mrs. Francis V. Kloecker, Sr., Mr. Francis V. Kloecker, Jr., Mrs. Agnes "Grandma" Riley, Maude & James Martin, Sr.

Rosemarie McMahon:

IMO Ronnie Paterniti

Dr. & Mrs. George P. Moylan, Jr.:

IMO Dr. & Mrs. Joseph T. O'leary, Mr. & Mrs. George P. Moylan Sr., Dr. Richard Gette

Dorothy Rennie:

MO William J. Rennie

Susan Scott:

IMO Mary Walker

David & Sue Taccone:

IMO Russell Taccone, Josephine Taccone, William Schriefer, Msgr. Robert Schriefer, Bill Schultz, for all deceased members of the Taccone & Schriefer families

Colleen & Tom Welch:

IMO McMenamin, Welch, Mainzer, and Spenik Families

WOMEN'S RETREAT - February 12—14, 2016.

Register now. Limited space. Fills quickly! The retreat will be held at St. Columban Center, Derby, New York. Cost \$145.00 includes meals and private room. Deposit of \$45 due with registration. Retreat includes conference talks, daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, personal reflection, spiritual direction. Contact:

sr.josephine@stgeorgeerie.org

Phone 814-864-0622

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy
Pope Francis



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Charlotte Niewolak** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hattie Moroski** requested by Tom & Wanda Damico. St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by wife, Charlotte.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,069.00**. All Souls Remembrance **\$597.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Dorothy Glembocki (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Blakeslee), Joseph Witkowski (the Slomski family), Robert T. Niedzwiecki (Gilbert Buszek), Genevieve Gorski (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Hattie Gleba (Julie & Terry Syverson), Mary L. Zielinski (Sr. M. Teresa Marie Patora), Deceased St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members (Rosary Society).

Polish Folk Dancers of Erie

The Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie is seeking new members. This organization was formed to enhance Polish cultural awareness through the performance of traditional songs and dances representing several regions of Poland. No experience is necessary and all ages 4 through adult are welcome. We especially welcome family participation. Practices are held Sundays from 3:00 to 6:00pm. For more information contact Cindy at 814-868-7924 or email eriewiwaty@gmail.com.

Pancake Breakfast

Mount Calvary Church will host a breakfast in Feeny Hall at Mount Calvary Church, 2022 East Lake Road, on Sunday, November 15th from 9:00-11:30. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast and Chinese Auction. For more information, call the parish office at 454-0061.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 14

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski
	Richard Mielnik



St. Hedwig Rosary Society Christmas Party

St. Hedwig Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6th at the Polish Falcons Club from 1 until 5pm. All Rosary Society members have already received information concerning the party and we would like to extend the invitation to all our parishioners and friends from St. Hedwig and St. Patrick to join us for this fun-filled afternoon. It is sure to set the mood for a wonderful Christmas season beginning with a lot of great prizes, Christmas spirit, delicious food and pleasant company. The admission is only \$8 and includes a delicious buffet. We must have reservations by November 30th so that enough food can be prepared. Please call Dolly Bargielski at 825-3856 for more information. Admission tickets will be sold before and after Mass on November 21st and November 28th. No admission tickets will be sold at the door. We will also be selling tickets on two Holiday Gift Card Sets worth \$150 each.

We will have Oplatki (Christmas wafers) available before and after Mass during the month of December.



Website

Bobby Sulecki has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church. He is looking for old photos, memories, etc. You can view his site at:

<http://sthedwighistoryerie.com>

His email is suleckibobby@gmail.com

Bobby is also working on a site on the history of Erie's Polish Community. Phone after 3pm at 899-2731.

*If you hold back your foot on the Sabbath
from following your own pursuits on my holy day,
If you call the Sabbath a delight,
and the LORD'S holy day honorable,
If you honor it by not following your ways,
seeking your own interests, or speaking with malice
Then you shall delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth,
I will flourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your
father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

ISAIAH 58: 13-14



November 2, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, "The measure of greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need." With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them.

On the weekend of November 21-22, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign For Human Development (CCHD).

The CCHD was established in 1969 by the U.S. Bishops as an expression of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church. It provides an opportunity to live out the Gospel in a very tangible way, by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States. Right now in the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Half of the funds from this collection remain here in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities.

The Gospel tells us to care for our brothers and sisters in need. Jesus calls us today to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.

Please help us defend human dignity and show Christ's love to those in need by giving generously to the special collection for the Catholic Campaign For Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,357.36
Online Giving	<u>1,054.00</u>
Total Income	\$10,411.36

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:

Restoration Fund

- ◆ In memory of **Mary Walker** from Tom & Lynda Cook and Blair Orchard Brands Company

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ◆ In memory of **Trish, James, Jerry, & Tom Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner
- ◆ In memory of **Nan Held** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper and Bill & Patty Jackson
- ◆ In memory of **Howard & Dorothy Bailey and son, Dennis** from Patricia Schmidt

Also donations from:

Mary & Bill Flanagan, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Leonard Andrzejewski, and Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound. 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.

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.



Let Us **Welcome**
Breccan Shore Meighan
son of

Jonathan & Lindsey (Deering) Meighan
who will be baptized after the 5:00 pm
Liturgy on Saturday, November 7, 2015

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Stan Malinowski

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ray Fiorelli, Kathy Sertz, Shirley Winschel

CUP: Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Katie Froehlich,
Charla Leehmuis

CUP: Colleen Welch, Ed Brown

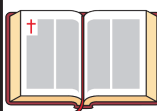
Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

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

Please let us know of your availability. Call the office at 454-8085 or email the office at stpats@neo.rr.com.
Thank You!



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!

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM REGINA LONCKI - ST.H
(GRANDSON, BOBBY SULECKI)5:00 PM JERRY CALABRESE, ANNIV 11/10 - ST.P
(FAMILY)**Nov. 8** *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM RUTH "DOLLY" HIGGINS - ST.P
(PETER & JUDY PENTZ)

10:30 AM MILDRED & THOMAS HEUBEL (FAMILY) - ST.P

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 12 *Thursday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 13 *Friday, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 14 *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDEN)

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (NEMO & MARY ANN) - ST.P

Nov. 15 *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM THOMAS CICCETTI - ST.P
(BERT & CRAIG MCCUNE)10:30 AM WILLIAM J. & JANE WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(FAMILY)**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

11/07	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
11/08	1:00 PM	Rel. Ed 7-10 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 PM	Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary
11/10	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
11/11	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
11/14	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
11/15	9:00 AM	Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary


**Child Protection and Creating
Safe Environments
Online Safety Tips for Parents &
Kids:**

CyberTipline Fights Internet Crimes against Children - *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation*, and other government agencies all work together to fight Internet crimes against children. They've established "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week - online at www.cybertipline.com

Or by calling (800) 843-5678. To see what the Diocese is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Trip down Memory Lane - With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, remember the first time you met your beloved's family. Our family of origin greatly influences our behavior - for good or for ill. Honor the good in your beloved's family of origin and let go of harping on the bad.

**Family Perspectives**

32nd Sunday (Mark 12:38-44)

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.



A Heartfelt Thank You from Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network — Please accept our sincere thanks for your donation of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and personal care items to the SSJNN. We are blessed to live in such a generous community. On behalf of Little Italy, God Bless You!

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

Natural Family Planning Seminar

"Going Green" for the body—Natural Family Planning: No chemicals, no side effects, small investment, marriage preserving - lifetime benefits. Natural Family Planning - Give it a try. For more information, Gretchen (814) 866-3008 for classes starting Thursday, November 12th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in Erie.

VERA BRADLEY BINGO at Holy Family



Holy Family School, 913 Fulton Street, will host a **Vera Bradley Bingo** on **November 14, 2015**. Doors open at noon and the main event begins at 2:00 pm. Tickets are

\$20.00 (includes your bingo cards for the day), and **only 150 tickets will be sold**. The kitchen will be open for your dining pleasure and the event will also feature raffles, door prizes, and small games of chance. Cash and carry shopping will also be available from various area home consultants. Call Valerie (814) 566-3624 or email val@sebaldhackwelder.com for tickets.



St. Martin Center to benefit from coffee event

The public is invited to a coffee sampling November 15th from noon to 4 p.m. to benefit St. Martin Center, Erie. The Erie's Best Coffee event will be held at the Ambassador Center's garden atrium, 7794 Peach Street, Erie. All proceeds will benefit St. Martin Center, 1701 Parade St., Erie. There will be coffee and other beverages, pastries and chocolate. Celebrity judges will choose Erie's best coffee. Tickets cost \$10 per person; free to children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door, at the St. Martin Center office, or online at www.facebook.com/events/16607379641144167 and www.stmartincenter.org.

Mount Calvary Pancake Breakfast



Mount Calvary Church will host a pancake breakfast in memory of Terry Skarupski, who was the church's Pancake Chef for a number of years. The breakfast will be held in Feeny Hall at Mount Calvary Church, 2022 East Lake Road, on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th from 9:00-11:30. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and Chinese Auction. For more information, call the parish office at 454-0061.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Edinboro, PA is having a fall raffle to be drawn on November 22nd.

First Prize: 8 piece place setting of Campbell Pottery Dinnerware (world renowned pottery)--Exquisite!

Second Prize: 1889-1989 Centennial Anniversary Limited Edition XX Case Knife Set --15 Knives in Red and White Bone; in the original Glass display case--Stunning!

Tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 tickets for \$20 and available after all Masses each Sunday, at the Church, or by calling 734-3113.



Saint Vincent Hospital Foundation to present Festival of Trees

All are welcome to attend the 31st annual Festival of Trees to benefit Saint Vincent Hospital Foundation and the Children's Miracle Network. View more than 80 decorated trees, take a trip through Santa's castle, buy gifts and visit Santa's reindeer. The event will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, on Nov. 25, 27, 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost of admission is \$6 for children and \$9 for adults. For more information, call Saint Vincent Foundation 814-452-5359.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY sponsored by the



Community Outreach Group* will be held on December 5th, 2015 from 10am -2pm at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, West 22nd & Peach Streets, Erie. The FREE coat and clothing giveaway from 10am - 2pm. A FREE lunch is also offered. Santa and/or some of his special helpers will also be on hand to distribute toys to the children.

* The Community Outreach Group is a caring, non-profit group of individuals involved in being of service to our less fortunate neighbors in our community. We seek nothing for ourselves-only to serve our community's needs as best we can. We seek to share coats, clothing, a hot lunch, and a contagious smile. Our volunteers collect clothing throughout the year and on the first Saturday in December we host a Clothing Distribution Party to give it all away. We are supported through community donations and generous businesses.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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Moving

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