

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Eschatology, the study of the end-times, is an important concern of the final weeks of the liturgical year. It's appropriate that as we approach the end of the year, we contemplate the end of time in order to remind ourselves that Christ will in fact return and no one knows when. One of Satan's best tricks, C. S. Lewis wrote, is to convince us that we have plenty of time. But only God knows that; therefore, vigilance is a hallmark of Christian living. Malachi's words today are meant to trouble the comfortable who have grown lax. After the exile and the rebuilding of the temple, the people have become lukewarm in their faith. Danger threatens and yet the people don't place their trust in God. Malachi sounds the alarm to warn the people that the day of the Lord is coming.

Paul is capable of soaring to lofty heights and then coming down to earth to deal with the most prosaic matters. He teaches us that even minor matters can disrupt the Body of Christ in the way a torn nail or a bruised toe can preoccupy us even when the rest of the body is feeling well. Today he is addressing freeloaders who are taking advantage of the generosity of the Christian community. Candidly, he reminds his readers that he never took advantage of them while living among them and, instead, worked night and day to make his own living. His teaching is clear: no work, no food.

Throughout his ministry Jesus repeated that his kingdom was not of this world. While he was concerned about day to day matters, he never stopped directing focus to the end. Whenever the end may come, it is undeniable that each day draws us closer. Just as illness in our youth help us anticipate old age and life's end, so too, wars, natural disasters and signs in the sky help us to

anticipate the day when the life of this planet will cease and all existence will be forever transformed. Realizing that fascination with end times will attract charlatans who hope to profit from fears, Jesus warns of con men who will claim his identity. Most significant among the signs he mentions is the persecution some will suffer for the name of Jesus. Most startling is the prophecy that some will be betrayed by family members and meet death at the hands of those they love.

Celebrant of the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's this weekend is Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, retired pastor of Our Lady of Peace. I know you join me in welcoming him here. I must tell you that the priests who have covered here when I'm away all tell me how much they love coming here—for two reasons: all of you are so friendly and welcoming and, they say, it's the only place they go where the church is full!!

Lectors are asked to pick up your 2017 lector handbook in the parish office or the Gift Shop. Hopefully you will consult this book as you prepare to read at one of the weekend liturgies. If anyone is interested in becoming a lector, I would welcome you and ask you to again contact the office and someone will train you. The same is true if anyone wants to be a Eucharistic Minister.

Monsignor Bernard Urbaniak, pastor of St. Stanislaus parish, and I have begun conversation leading to the merger of St. Hedwig's Parish into St. Stanislaus in February. At the same time that happens, St. Stanislaus will be partnered with Holy Trinity. Under those terms, there will be one pastor and one office staff serving both parishes. Once the merger takes place, there will no longer be a weekend Mass at St. Hedwig's; instead the Masses will be celebrated at St. Stanislaus and at Holy Trinity. Sometime in December or January, Bishop Persico will announce the new clergy assignments as a pastor will have to be assigned

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

to the newly partnered parishes. The new pastor could be one of the current pastors of those two parishes or it could be someone new. Monsignor Urbaniak is going to hold a town meeting with the St. Hedwig parishioners to explain to them in detail the canonical decree by which Bishop Persico will merge St. Hedwig's into St. Stanislaus. Monsignor Urbaniak is probably the most well versed priest in the diocese with merging of parishes as Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Mary's Parish have already been merged into St. Stanislaus. From all accounts, those mergers have gone very well and the St. Stanislaus parishioners have been most welcoming to the new members.

Once the merger takes place, the St. Stanislaus Finance Council will be in charge of the finances of St. Hedwig's Parish. St. Hedwig church can be used for a wedding or a funeral and traditionally will be opened once a year on the Feast of St. Hedwig for a memorial Mass. Otherwise, all of the Masses will be celebrated at either St. Stanislaus or Holy Trinity.

The office for St. Hedwig was moved to St. Patrick's over a year ago at the request of the diocese. And now the office staff at St. Patrick's will work with the office staff at St. Stanislaus to transfer financial accounts, sacramental records, etc. All of that will take place before February so that a smooth transition can take place.

If you take a look at most of the dioceses in the upper mid-west and northeast, they have already gone through what we are doing. With an aging population and lower birth rate in these areas, parishes are dwindling. Add to that the fact that only about 27% of American Catholics now go to Mass on a regular Sunday basis. And, finally, of course is the declining number of priests.

Great truths that adults have learned. 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree. 2) Wrinkles don't hurt. 3) Families are like fudge; mostly sweet with a few nuts. 4) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy. 5) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician. 6) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Regina Loncki** from St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

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

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **James P. Wildes** from Mary Bemis.

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

The offertory for last weekend was \$796.00.

MEMBERS OF ST. HEDWIG PARISH:

Members of St. Hedwig Parish are asked to be present at an "informational meeting" to be held at St. Hedwig Church on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17** at **3:30 PM** with Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish. The purpose of the meeting will be the consideration of work that must begin for the eventual merger of St. Hedwig Parish with St. Stanislaus Parish. Your prayerful presence at the meeting will be very important for the success of the process. Continue to keep the success of the process in your prayers.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS—

Are you both healthy? Hopefully yes, but in any marriage there are times when one spouse gets sick. Whether it's a simple cold or a serious illness how do you like to be treated when you're not feeling well. Do you want to be left alone or get lots of tender, loving care? What kind of care?

Looking for resources for your family?

Visit the Diocese of Erie Family website at:

<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 19, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector

Art Blum

Eucharist

Judy Pentz

Ushers

Ron Helminski

Richard Mielnik

Altar Servers

Nowosielski Family





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 10,274.00
Online Giving	<u>1,390.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,664.00
Haiti Collection	\$ 2,141.00

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 memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica
- ♦ **Wm. J. & Jane Ward Carney (anniversary)** from Jane Carney
- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Keven & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **Ronald Angelotti** from Eric & Deborah Enzbrenner
- ♦ **Francis X. Fahey, Jr.** from Thomas & Jill Fessler

Also donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biebel, Ken & Alice Daub,
Jay & Carol Habas, Joe & Heather Kimball, and
Mike & Dotty Schloss

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.



Additional All Soul's Day Memorials from Patrick & Madeline Faillaci—

IMO: Anthony T. Balistreri, Fr. Valentino, Santo & Francis Faillaci, Antonio Faillaci (Tony), Anton & Olga Lewko, Antonio & Catherine Campo, Allan Brekke, Michelle Thiele, Norma & Raymond Mucha, George, John, Anton, Lynne (Faber) Lewko, Virginia Nicholas, Patrick Clifford, Ronald McDonald, Harriett Ayers, George Graham, John Jonas, Mel & Jule Luther

Please keep our Confirmation candidate **John Bauman** in your prayers as he attends the Confirmation retreat on Saturday, November 19th and prepares for the Rite of Welcome on Sunday, November 20th during the 10:30 AM Mass.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Mary Beth Pinto**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Beth Pinto, Ray Fiorelli,
Yvonne Gersims

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Audrey Reigel

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Smith**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kathleen Pae, Ed Smith, Mike Vehec

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Colleen Welch

Greeters: Arlen Miller, Tim Donlin

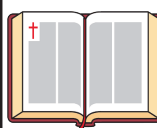
Altar Servers: **Ryan Jubulis**

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin, Kay Sauers

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) by 12/4/16

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!

A Family Perspective—

So many conflicting voices and influences makes parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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

Nov. 14 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 15 *Tuesday, Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 16 *Wednesday, Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 17 *Thursday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 18 *Friday, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 19 *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

4:00 PM ANTHONY WERNICKI (VAHEY FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST

Nov. 20 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*8:00 AM JOSEPHINE DICARLO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(PATTI & RAY FIORELLI)10:30 AM CINDY MCLAUGHLIN - ST.P
(CHRISTIANE GORNDT)**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

11/12 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/13 NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**11/15** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/16** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/20 NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**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.

**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.

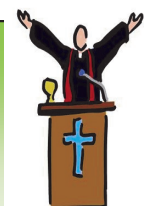
**St. Peter Cathedral presents****Merry Merchant Marketplace—**

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.

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.





October 31, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of November 20th, parishes in our Diocese will be taking up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis reminded us that “the measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need.” For over forty years, funds from this collection have been used to help change the lives of the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. While helping to alleviate immediate needs, CCHD also supports programs that encourage self-sufficiency.

Nearly half of the funds raised each year from this collection remain here in the Diocese of Erie to fund local anti-poverty projects. We have used the funds in our diocese to provide children and adults with food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance and counseling.

You have been generous in the past, and I would be grateful if you would again support the CCHD collection in your parish on the weekend of November 20th. Let us be united as we express our care and concern for the poor and powerless who live on the margins of society.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

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



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

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