

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015



Mary's altar
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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Though the Book of Daniel is named for its main character, a prophet, it is apocalyptic literature. The unknown author is describing a historical event during the Babylonian captivity as if it were a prediction, when, in fact, the book was written centuries later by an unknown author. The reading today takes place during the persecution of Jews under the King Antiochus IV (167-164 BC). Like all apocalyptic writings, this work seeks to give believers hope by looking forward to God's intervention in human affairs. Today, Daniel receives the word of God describing the nearness of God's final act. As the last battle between good and evil approaches, the archangel Michael will appear to protect God's people. Today's reading represents one of the clearest and earliest references to eternal life for the righteous, something that Jews had not yet come to believe in.

In this last of a long series of readings from Hebrews, the author continues to portray Jesus as the final High Priest whose sacrifice need never be repeated. He again contrasts the Jewish priesthood with their repeated sin offerings, with Christ, whose self-sacrifice on the cross is the perfect and therefore the last sacrifice for sin. The letter to the Hebrews clearly promoted the early Christian expectation of an imminent return of Christ.

Today's gospel appears near the end of a chapter often called "Mark's apocalypse." The chapter bears most of the earmarks of apocalyptic thought, still popular in the first century AD. The "Son of Man," one of Mark's favored references to Jesus, was an apocalyptic figure who appeared as a human being, accomplished God's work on earth, and was raised to the divine level in God's final reign. Today we hear Jesus speak

cosmic signs that God's plan is nearing completion. Mark then quotes Daniel's description of the glorious appearance of the Messianic Son of Man. As we near the end of our liturgical year, the church always focuses on a threefold coming of Christ: in history, in the present age and in glory at the end of time.

Celebrant of the weekend Mass at St. Patrick's this weekend is Msgr. Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's Parish. I am taking a week off and will be back on Thursday.

Our Catholic Services Appeal assessment for the present year is \$44,000. To date, we have pledges of \$98,000 and payments of \$82,500. Anything over the assessment remains in the parish which gives me \$54,000 which I can put toward the debt on the restoration of the church.

We are getting close to completing payments on pledges made to our Capital Campaign to restore the church. We had pledges of \$1,125,000 and to date we have payments of \$1,090,000 which means there is only \$34,000 left to come in. We had one pledge of \$15,000 but the donor died before paying any of it, so we will not collect that. If you recall, we went \$200,000 over budget in the restoration, and I am paying that down each year out of the CSA and the festival. I believe our balance right now with the diocese is \$250,000 and I will be able to pay that down in less than 4 years. All of this is thanks to your generosity and your continued support of the parish.

During the month of October, St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 15,133 pounds of food at a cost of \$457 to the parish. The food was distributed to 676 families who included 410 elderly and 853 children. Again—thank you for your generosity in supporting this ministry.

I have a very nice thank you note from Sister

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

Mary Miller, OSB thanking St. Patrick's Parish for your generous donations to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen following their recent fire.

As you can see, we finally have new sidewalks in place in front of the rectory. Cement is so expensive that I have been trying to do a section each year. With what we were able to complete this year, we just have one more section that we can hopefully complete next year.

We're going through transition in the parish office as Kay Cline is no longer working full time but is working part time. I genuinely hate to see her go, but I respect her desire to retire which she will do in January. Janine Carch-Sliker, who has been part time will start working full-time as the new office manager and another parishioner, Ann Halupczynski, will work part-time to assist her.

Now that a reorganization of schools in the diocese is well underway, the next step is the reorganization of parishes. That announcement is expected to be made on or about February 1, and then the implementation of that process will get underway. It's great to see such vision and planning for the diocese. We've needed this for a long time. The parish closings and/or mergers will be difficult because Catholics have a great love for their parish; but we simply can't go on the way we have been. Unless a church is 75% full for weekend Masses, we simply can't continue to fool ourselves. On top of declining numbers of parishioners, that decline means a drop in the contributions. As such, hundred year old buildings are desperately in need of repair and there is no money to do it. And, finally, we have to face the reality of the declining number of priests to staff all of these parishes.

A particularly bad golfer spends the day on the golf course of an uppity country club, playing golf and enjoying the benefits of a complimentary caddie. Being the hacker that he is, he plays poorly all day. Somewhere near the 18th hole, he spots a lake off to the right of the fairway. In desperation he moans to his caddie, "I've played so poorly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake." The caddie responds quietly, "I don't think you could keep your head down that long."

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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 CICCHETTI - ST.P
(BERT & CRAIG MCCUNE)
10:30 AM WILLIAM J. & JANE WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(FAMILY)
Nov. 16 *Monday, Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Nov. 17 *Tuesday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Nov. 18 *Wednesday, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Nov. 19 *Thursday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Nov. 20 *Friday, Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Nov. 21 *Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
4:00 PM DOROTHY MARIE DOWD - ST.H
(GEORGE & SHIRLEEN DOWD)
5:00 PM RICHARD JOHN ECCHER, ANNIV (FAMILY) - ST.P
Nov. 22 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
8:00 AM JOSEPHINE DICARLO - ST.P
(RAY & PATTI FIORELLI)
10:30 AM MAX AZICRI (AZICRI & MALY FAMILIES) - 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

- 11/14** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
11/15 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
11/17 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
11/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
11/21 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
11/22 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

Reminder from Erie Diocesan Cemeteries
Artificial wreaths and decorations are permitted on gravesites Nov. 1 through March 31. Potted flowers (10-inch plastic) should be removed now.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Emily Malinowski** requested by Pauline Osmer.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by his grandchildren.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$838.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Theresa Shreve (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Theodore Widomski (Daniel Wisinski), Frank Olszewski (Kathy Hilbert), Vincent and Sophie Dobry (Estate of Monica Dobry), John Gorski (Mrs. Charlotte Mabie), Paul Wernicki (Della Batkiewicz), Evelyn Belczyk (Dolly & Larry Bargielski).

Thank You!

We received a donation to St. Hedwig Parish from the family of Jack and Ginny Suleski.

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 to 6pm. For more information contact Cindy at 814-868-7924 or email eriewiwaty@gmail.com.



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. 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 \$8.00 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 2 Holiday Gift Card Sets worth over \$150 each.

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

Mercyhurst Prep Performing Arts Department

Mercyhurst Preparatory School talented students are bringing to life the classic musical Rodger and Hammerstein's Cinderella on Thursday, November 19 @ 7pm, Friday, November 20@7pm, Saturday November 21st @ 2pm & 7pm, Sunday, November 22nd @2pm. Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Students \$5. Tickets available at the door. 538 East Grandview Blvd. More information - mposlakers.com.

View history of St. Hedwig Church website at <http://sthedwigerie.com/>

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 21

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Patricia Mielnik

Eucharist

Patricia Mielnik

Ushers

Ron Helminski

Richard Mielnik

Altar Servers

Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



Pray the Rosary Daily

*I want you to know brothers and sisters,
that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin.
For I did not receive it from a human being,
nor was I taught it, but it came through a
revelation of Christ. Galatians 1:11-12*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,491.00
Online Giving	869.00
Total Income	\$ 8,360.00

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 honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **William J. & Jane M. Carney** from William J. Carney
- ♦ In memory of **Jeanne Holmes** from Kimberly & Joseph Bohrer
- ♦ In memory of **Debby & Carol Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ In memory of **Ray & Rose Fiorelli and Jocko & Issy Maloney** from Ray & Patti Fiorelli
- ♦ In memory of **Robin Green** from Yvonne Gersims

Also donations from:

Mary Anne Ashworth, Margaret & Kevin Cohick, Alice & Ken Daub, Nancy & Thomas Kaminski, Kathy & Pierre McCormick, Kathleen Horan, and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

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.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Dr. Lisa Semple, Donald McCain, Mary & Christopher Marz, Virginia & Karl Kelm, Janice & Gary Marz, Patrick Murphy, Leo Tomczak, Patti Hill, Oscar James Longo, Scott Muck, Anne & Doug Bauman, Cindy Borrero, Patricia Heasley, Carol Grygier, Betty J. Zito, Katelyn Kaveney, Mary Elizabeth Kaveney, Sean Nuttner, Stacey & Grey Pfarr, and Barbara & Cal Wilde

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Bill Power, Shirley Winschel, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Carolyn Power

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Kathleen Pae, Michelle Tortorelli

CUP: Dario Cipriani, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith

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!

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



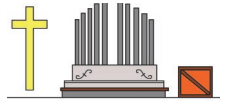
St. Martin Center to benefit from coffee event

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.

St. Peter Cathedral continues concert series

The St. Peter Cathedral Concert Series continues November 22nd at 4:00 pm with Allan Slovenkay, organist and choirmaster emeritus of Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Warren. He held a faculty appointment and the post of college organist at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford for 25 years. He was harpsichord soloist with Erie Chamber Orchestra and the Erie Renaissance Singers. The concert is free and open to the public.



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.



CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION PARTY sponsored by



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 toy 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.

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.



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 is \$145.00 includes meals and private room. Non refundable 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

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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