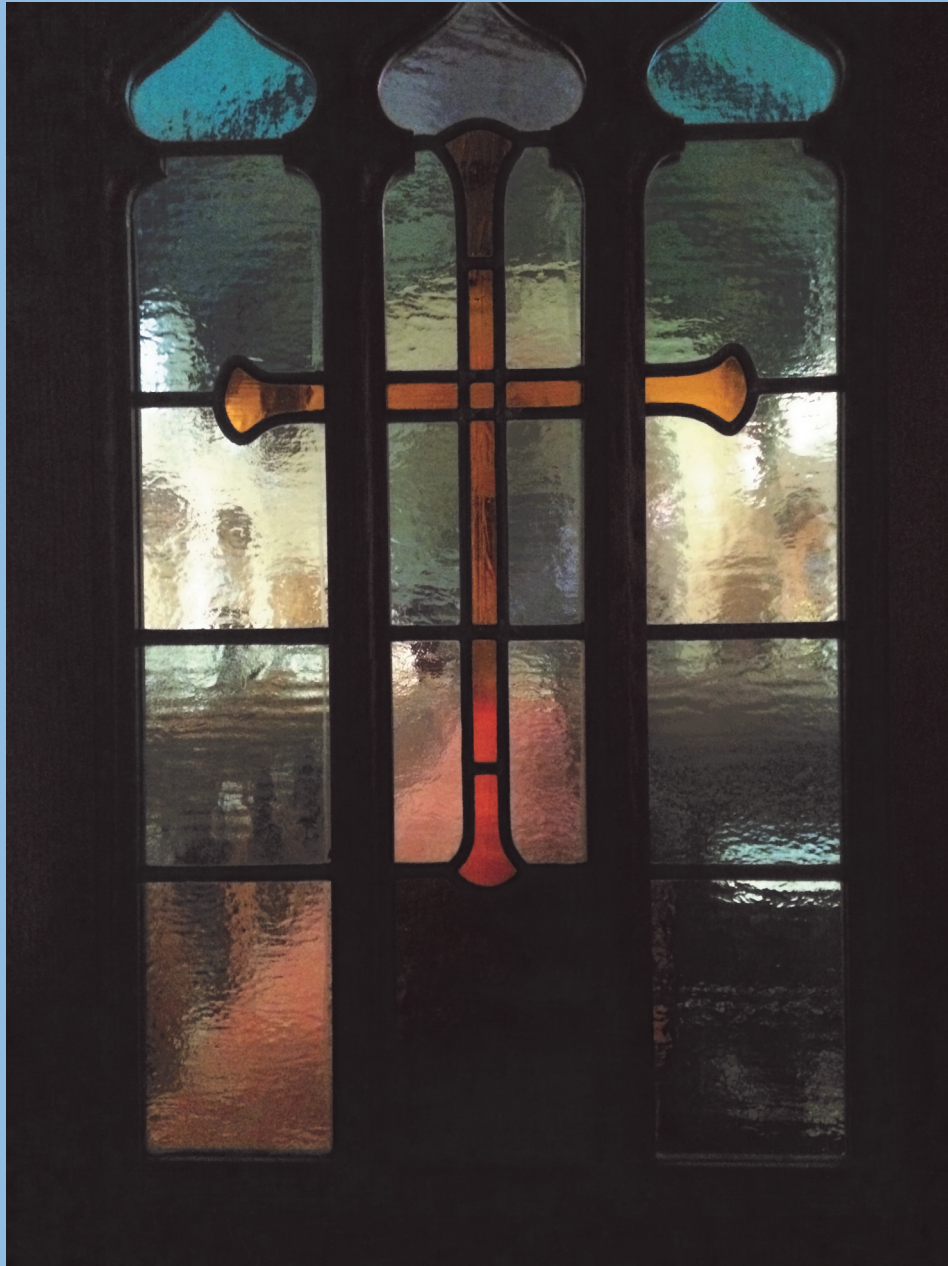


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 22, 2015



Door at  
St. Hedwig's Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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*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 last Sunday of the church year and is always celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King. Next Sunday we begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent. Next year our gospels will be read from Luke.

Our first reading invokes the Old Testament's apocalyptic expectation of a messianic figure called the Son of Man. This reading, like last Sunday's, envisions the final intervention of God in human history acting through an anointed one or messiah. The previous centuries, Judaism thought of this messiah as a function rather than as a particular figure. There were several different expectations about how the anointed of the Lord would appear. One, as noted last Sunday, was the Son of Man. The image gradually emerged as one who would do God's bidding on earth and then be raised to the heavenly level, implying some form of divinity. This is the vision of Daniel in today's first reading,

Continuing several apocalyptic themes of the first reading, Revelations opens by introducing the vision of the crucified, now resurrected Christ, the Messiah who has begun God's age of salvation. This book was written while the persecution of Christians by the Romans was underway and so it was important to introduce Christ as the "firstborn of the dead" who exerts power over all human rulers. This firstborn implies siblings who, though they might suffer death as Jesus did, will be raised through faith in him. In Greek, alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the alphabet.

This portion of John's account of Jesus before Pilate might be understood on several levels: Pilate's perspective, that of Jesus, and finally, that of the evangelist himself. In all four gospels, the first question is "Are you the King of the Jews?"

A positive answer, as expected by Pilate, would seal Jesus's fate. Jesus, however, turns the dialogue to his own point of view: he pursues not an earthly kingdom but a heavenly one - God's rule over all. Pilate rephrases the question. Such irony is typical of John: Pilate does not realize that he has correctly described Jesus, though readers do immediately.

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving and the parish office will close at noon on Wednesday and not reopen until the following Monday. There are no Masses or Communion Services on Thursday or Friday. In case of emergency, I am here and you can reach me on my private line at 454-4032.

When I was first ordained 45 years ago, we anointed people who were dying with what was then called The Last Rites. Vatican II changed that sacrament back to what it was originally meant to be—The Sacrament of the Sick. And, so rather than waiting until someone is near death to ask a priest to give them this sacrament, it should be given to anyone who is seriously ill, to people who are about to undergo surgery, to people taking treatment for cancer, etc. I'm available at any time to administer the sacrament and I encourage families not to wait until the last minute to call for the priest, but to call when a person is considered seriously ill.

Gary & Becky Johnson recently updated all of the Festival committee chairs on how many things are in place for our 2016 Irish Festival. In addition to some great organization, we are now seeing a number of younger parishioners assuming the chair of some of the committees. I would encourage any of you, particularly you who are younger, to volunteer for the festival. We not only need your help, but it is also a great way to get to know other parishioners. Remember that we have experienced a huge growth in the parish over the

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

last few years, and it is difficult to get to know everyone.

On a recent weekend, we had over 20 babies at the Sunday morning 8 AM Mass. I wondered why there were so many until after Mass when I spoke with some of the parents. It was the weekend of the change to daylight savings time and as one father said, "He thinks it's 9 o'clock. We've been up for hours!" And then at the 10:30 Mass that same morning, Sister Marie had so many children go with her to reflect on the gospel that she didn't have enough handouts. And to add to the joy of having all of these children in the church, they were all still high on sugar from Halloween the night before.

The Young Adults group at St. Patrick's were hosted recently for a Happy Hour by Matt & Jennifer Hausmann at the Erie Brewing Company. If any additional young people want to join the group, just call the office and they will get you on their mailing list.

Saint Patrick's Haven is located at 12th & German and houses up to 21 homeless men every night. They get their evening meal at Emmaus Soup Kitchen, but the kitchen is not open on Sunday night, and so volunteers make dinner and take it to the Haven. They are looking for additional volunteers to help by providing a dinner for approximately 21 men on a Sunday evening. You will only be asked to do this a couple of times a year. Perhaps a couple of you could join together and do this. If interested in helping with this or wanting more information, call Mary Harsh at 474-1015.

An eighteenth-century English traveler, exhausted and famished, came upon a roadside inn with a sign that read, *John and the Dragon*. He knocked, and the innkeeper's wife opened the door a crack. "Could ye spare some victuals?" he asked. The woman glanced at his shabby, dirty clothes. "No," she said. "Could I have just a bit of water?" he requested. "No," she replied with her voice getting louder. "Could I at least sleep in your barn?" he pleaded. "No," she shouted. The vagabond said, "Might I...." "What now?" the irritated woman asked. "D'ye suppose," he asked,

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo & Teresa Brugger.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

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

Because of an early deadline for the bulletin, the weekly offertory will be published next week. Recent offertories were Catholic Education \$88.00, Mission Sunday/ Prop. of Faith \$150.00. Thank you and God bless.

### **Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home**

Regina Loncki (Dorothy Mielnik), Betty Jarzomski (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), George Michael Dowd (George & Shirleen Dowd), Richard Dombkowski (Ron & Helen Dombkowski), Frank Olszewski (Dorothy & Red Fearn), Peter Zielinski (Mario and Vienna Cocuzzi), John C. Bargielski (Charlotte Niewolak).



### **Rosary Society Christmas Party**

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 6 at the Polish Falcons from 1-5pm. We would like to extend the invitation to all our parishioners and friends from St. Hedwig and St. Patrick to join us for this fund-raised afternoon. 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. 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 \$150 each.

*We will have Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) available*

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

November 28

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector  
Eucharist  
Ushers

Jim Gorski  
Jim Gorski  
Ron Helminski  
Richard Mielnik  
Charlotte Mabie

Altar Server



Pray the Rosary





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,625.00
Online Giving	824.00
Human Development	653.00
Total Income	\$ 9,102.00

*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

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ◆ In memory of **Jerry Dahlkemper** from Patty & Bill Jackson
- ◆ In memory of **McGraw & Lynch families** from Daniel & Dr. Mary Lee Lynch
- ◆ In memory of **R.P. Yochim and L. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ◆ In memory of **G. Peter Reinhardt (b. 11/13/1925) and David Reinhardt (b. 11/24/1960)** from Kathy & David Wagner
- ◆ In memory of **Dr. Barbara Behan** from Barbara Brairton

Also donations from:

Denise & Phillip Rewers, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, Debra Yoculan and Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kelm, Jr.

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.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Lynne Long*

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

**HOST:** Lynne Long, Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims

**CUP:** Ray Fiorelli, Kathy Sertz

*Greeters: Angie Kontur*

*Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis*

*Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

**Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Mary Duncan*

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

**HOST:** Colleen Welch, Mary Kearney,  
Forrest Mischler

**CUP:** Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton

*Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner*

*Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Sarah Pristello*

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

*Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner  
Mary Duncan*

Please let us know of your availability for the Christmas Services (Thursday, December 24th 5:00 pm & 9:00 pm and Friday, December 25th 9:00 am & 10:30 am).

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

[stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto: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!*

## 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.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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

**Nov. 23** *Monday, Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr;  
Saint Columban, Abbot;  
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 24** *Tuesday, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM MICHAEL BONTY (AUNT EMMY)

**Nov. 25** *Wednesday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM RUTH "DOLLY" HIGGINS (KATHY & NIKKI HIGGINS, RENEE HOLLAND & LENA CONWAY)

**Nov. 26** *Thursday, Thanksgiving Day*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 27** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Nov. 28** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM FRANK CHESNY, ANNIV. 12/01 - ST.H  
(THE TORBIC FAMILY)

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

**Nov. 29** *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM THOMAS KUBEJA (ANDY & ANGIE BRINK) -ST.P  
10:30 AM MARY K. DUDENHOEFER - ST.P  
(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)

**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

- 11/21** 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
- 11/24** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 11/25** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON**
- 11/26** **OFFICE CLOSED -THANKSGIVING DAY**
- 11/27** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 11/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 11/29** NO Religious Education -Thanksgiving Holiday

Holy Rosary/St. John will be serving a soup and bread lunch on November 22, 2015 from 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All Faith Formation children and their families are welcome. There is no fee for lunch, but a good will offering will be accepted.

**HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Will be held Friday, December 18, from 4-7 pm and Saturday, December 19, from 9 AM til Noon at the Holy Trinity Social Center—The Gathering Place at 2220 Reed Street. Order in advance to ensure you get all your Christmas favorites. Order forms are available at [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org) or call your order in to **814-456-0671**. Pre-orders will be accepted until December 7th. Some of the favorite featured items available are Chrusciki, Nutroll, Oplatki, Pierogi, Potato Pancake Batter, Sweet Bread, and NEW this year: Frozen Golaszki!

**Marriage Moments**

651. Feast of Christ the King: Thanksgiving is usually a feast of family and food - but it takes a lot of work. "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33) Don't let family hierarchy absolve either of you from both being a servant and at least having a moment of being King or Queen for a day this week.

**Family Perspectives**

Christ the King (John 18:33b -37)

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

**St. Pat's Haven**

St. Pat's Haven is a shelter for homeless men located at 147 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

The men are fed during the week at the Soup kitchen which is closed on the weekends.

They currently have 13 groups of volunteers who donate, prepare and deliver food on some Saturdays and Sundays each month. Each dinner consists of a main dish, salad, bread and dessert for 20-25 men. Each team consists of two, three or four people who are responsible for about six dinners a year.

More volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in forming a team or joining an existing team please contact Mary Harsh at 474-1015.

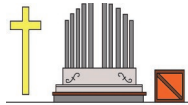
# DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

## COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS AFTER LOSS

Catholic Charities' Transitions ministry for individuals who are separated, divorced or widowed will host its annual "Coping with Holidays after Loss" gathering on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., in Erie, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Following a short program, participants will have an opportunity for personal reflection, small group sharing, a simple prayer service, an refreshments (If possible, please bring a snack to share). If you would like more information, call (814) 824-1265 or visit <http://www.eriercd.org/transitons.asp>.

## 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.

## 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



**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.

## 'Answer the Call'—a concert for vocations

Bishop Lawrence Persico will host "Answer the Call," an Advent "Lessons and Carols" concert for the whole family. The concert will be held Dec. 13 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Cathedral Prep's H. David Bowes Auditorium, W. 10th and Myrtle streets, Erie. More than 50 singers from area parishes will be featured, along with music composed by Erie musician Michael Malthaner. Information on vocations will be available that evening, as well as an opportunity afterward for young men and women to speak with clergy and religious. A free will offering will support discernment retreats for men and women.



## 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](mailto: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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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