

First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2015



Advent Wreath  
St. Patrick

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.....*

Biblical prophets criticized their people and culture for infidelities and injustice. But just as often, they energized them with visions of what would be, visions of a future only God could create, a future beyond their dreaming, much less their making. Today we hear Jeremiah speak to the people as the northern kingdom of Israel has already fallen to the Assyrians and the southern kingdom of Judah is threatened by Babylon. Despite past and present threats, he tells them that the future will bring “what is right and just.” It will come in the form of a descendant of David who is Jesus. Jeremiah reminds us that hope is never lost, even when buried under the debris of destruction and corruption. ‘

Paul's words to the Thessalonians comprise a prayer and an earnest plea. He asks God to help them grow in love for one another. It is the final sentence of today's reading which captures his message. He reminds them that their instruction came not from Paul, but through him, because their real teacher was Christ himself.

The new liturgical year begins as the last one ended, with visions of cosmic events that presage the end of time. The two figures of Advent—the babe of Bethlehem and the Son of Man—are but one person: the eternal Jesus who judges us and sends us to the eternal destiny we've chosen through the way we've lived our lives. While this is no one's favorite Advent reading, hope is at the center of it. While the end can be terrifying, it need not be for those who have persevered in faith. Christianity always holds opposing truths in tension, never compromising one for the sake of the other. Both must be acknowledged and honored. In Advent we hear both the lullabies of Bethlehem and the foreboding storm that rages in the gospel. Advent goes even further to remind us that each day could be the very last one.

Today we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Our gospels in the coming year will be read from Luke, personally, my favorite gospel. Luke has more information about Mary than any other gospels, there are more stories including women than any other and the primary emphasis in Luke is forgiveness. Luke's Jesus goes to the margins of society, to the outcasts, the downtrodden, the poor and to them he proclaims the Good News of salvation.

In years past, Advent was a time of fasting but that has changed so that we might more utilize the season as a time of hope and expectation for the coming of Christ. Our liturgical colors change from green which is worn in ordinary time, to either blue or purple. On the Third Sunday of Advent, our color can change to a lighter purple or even rose. That Sunday, known as Gaudete Sunday, is filled with greater joy because the coming of Christ is so near.

The word “Advent” come from the Latin word “adventare,” to expect, to hope for. The origins of the season are unknown but it was generally a time of great fasting (every day) to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Many of our readings during Advent come from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah and are filled with hope and longing, rich portraits of what life will be like when God restores his kingdom. Our Sunday gospels will introduce us to John the Baptist as well as Mary. We'll be told of the angel coming to Mary to tell her she is to be the mother of Christ, of her amazing response—a prayer called the Magnificat—and of her visit to her cousin Elizabeth who would give birth to John the Baptist.

And, finally, we have an Advent Wreath which will include four candles. On the first Sunday we light only the one and each Sunday after we add one

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

more.

St. Martin's Center is looking for volunteers for their Food Pantry. The pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM until noon and from 1 PM until 3 PM. Volunteers are needed to pack food into boxes for clients and to stock the shelves when needed. You can volunteer as many hours a week or month as you wish. If interested, contact Rita Zawacki at 452-6113, ext. 215. Wouldn't it be great if St. Patrick's could join in helping them?

Bishop Persico recently wrote pastors asking us to inform parishioners that a chaplain is now only available at St. Vincent Medical Center Monday through Friday. If anyone is a patient there over a weekend and is in need of a priest, they should call their parish priest and he will visit them.

St. Pat's Haven is a shelter for homeless men located at 147 East 12th 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 20-22 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.

Got my gun permit yesterday and went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a small 9 mm for home protection. When I was ready to pay for the gun and bullets, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me." Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she instructed. When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader! I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little clearer. Besides, I still don't think I looked that bad.



**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

### **LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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)

**Nov. 30** *Monday, Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec. 01** *Tuesday, Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(FAMILY)

**Dec. 02** *Wednesday, Advent Weekday*

8:00 AM EVELYN BELCZYK  
(DOLLY & LARRY BARGIELSKI)

**Dec. 03** *Thursday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

8:00 AM EVELYN SKOVRON (ALICE DISANTO)

**Dec. 04** *Friday, Saint John Damascene,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

**Dec. 05** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(MOM & FAMILY)

5:00 PM JIM & IRENE WILKINSON FAMILIES - ST.P  
(DAVID & DARLEEN WILKINSON)

**Dec. 06** *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM MATTHEW PECAR - ST.P  
(CHERYL & MIKE STEPHANY)

10:30 AM DAVID BLINZER - ST.P

(RON & SUSAN KINGSTON)

### **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

**11/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**11/29** NO Religious Education -Thanksgiving Holiday

**12/01** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**12/02** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**12/05** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**12/06** 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  
Candidates & Sponsors

Additional All Souls Memorial from Patricia Villella in memory of Stella & Stanley Lubonski and Pearl & Jerry Ras





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Because of an early deadline for the bulletin, the weekly offertory for November 22nd will be published next week.

Thank you and God bless!

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 the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ◆ In memory of **Barb McGill** from Pamela Bruno
- ◆ In memory of **Jane Buchanan** from Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bukowski
- ◆ In memory of **Howard & Frances Gehringer** and **Teresa Callaghan** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan
- ◆ In memory of **Gerald Dahlkemper** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ◆ In memory of the **Wegner family** from Lynne Long
- ◆ In memory of **Wright & Polaski** families from Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski

Also donations from:

Timothy Grode & Karen Dubowski, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Painter, Dotty & Mike Schloss, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sullivan, and Madeline & Patrick Faillaci

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**  
**Michael Francis Musone**

son of

Michael & Sara (Lindgren) Musone  
who will be baptized on  
Saturday, November 28, 2015  
&

**Sydney Grace McCune**  
daughter of

Brian & Jacelyn (Moros) McCune  
who will be baptized on  
Sunday, November 29, 2015

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: **Jay Habas**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Jay Habas, Carol Habas**  
**Kay Mannino**

Greeters: **Judy Kelly**

Altar Servers: **Colin & Ryan Hudson**

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

**Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: **Ed Brown**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Dario Cipriani, Katie Froehlich,**  
**Michelle Tortorelli**

Greeters: **Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin**

Altar Servers: **Juliette Morales**

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

Offertory Counters: **Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,**  
**Tim Donlin**

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!

## A Family Perspective

First Sunday of Advent

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



## Marriage Moments

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the rest of the world often knows this as the holiday and party season. Who does most of the decorating, buying, cooking, And cleaning up around your home? Is it shared? Is it hectic? Is it too much? Simplify.



# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife and children.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Chester Juchno** requested by the Juchno family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwiecki** requested by Mom and family.

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

## Advent



*Don't skip Advent, and don't allow the commercial world to inflict time-is-running-out guilt upon your spirit. Christmas will wait, just as Jesus waits for us. Advent is the time to keep watch. As we are reminded that Christ will come again during these weeks of Advent, let us be sure that we don't waste our time preparing for His coming by merely shopping, window browsing, baking, wrapping gifts, or untangling outdoor twinkle lights. Remember, keep your mind clear for patience, simplicity and anticipation of the occasion that inaugurates history's greatest event. What is offered to us by virtue of Jesus' life is not something that we buy on sale; in fact, it can't be bought because it is free, without cost.*

## Collection

Our offertory for the week of 11/15/15 was \$860.00. Because of an early deadline for the bulletin, the weekly offertory for November 22nd will be published next week. Thank you and God bless.

## Website

View history of St. Hedwig Church website at [Hhttp://sthedwigerie.com/](http://sthedwigerie.com/)

## Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

### December 5

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski
	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Server	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski

## Christmas Flower Memorials

Please return your letter or Christmas Flower envelope by Sunday, December 13th. This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones during this Holy Season. The names will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

## 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. Admission tickets will be sold before and after Mass today 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.



## Oplatki

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

*"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God."*

LUKE 12:20-21

*Pray the Rosary  
Daily*



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December 5-6, 2015



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- Visit online [www.SupportThe Sisters.org](http://www.SupportTheSisters.org)
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**Thank  
you!**

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☐ Saint Patrick

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