

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2015



Angel Cherubs  
Holy Water Fonts  
at 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 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read first from the Book of Numbers, the fourth book of the Pentateuch. Numbers is a loose collection of accounts related to the Hebrews wandering in the wilderness. It includes several census lists, "numbering" of the people that gives the book its name, several trials including lack of food and water and clashes with various peoples the Hebrews encountered on their way into Canaan. Immediately before today's reading, Moses has grown exasperated with the people's unrest. Tiring of manna, they have complained about the lack of meat. Moses in turn laments to God about his own perceived ill treatment pleading that he cannot carry the burden of the entire people by himself. After promising Moses an abundance of meat, God tells him to gather 70 elders. When Moses has done so, God comes down to share his divine power with them. When two of those who have been called but were tardy also receive a share of the divine spirit, Joshua objects. Moses tells his young aid not to attempt to restrict any sharing of God's spirit.

Today's passage from James shifts from instruction on how to live to warnings for those who ignore such teaching. Today's warning is to those who amass great wealth.

Mark has structured the middle section of his gospel to stress both Jesus's identity as the Messiah who must suffer and die and the disciples failure to grasp this reality. Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as Messiah and his refusal to connect that identity with Jesus' impending death marks the beginning of this threefold section. In each part, Jesus first announces his coming suffering and death; then the disciples give evidence that they do not wish to understand the message and finally Jesus attempts to further

instruct the disciples. What is happening is that the disciples are saying that they would rather dictate to God. Gehenna was the valley of ben Hinnom below Jerusalem, which served as the city dump and where a fire burned continually..

It's so nice and quiet around here this weekend after all of the activity of last weekend.

A special thanks to Angie Kontur, chair of this year's festival and the assistant chairs, Gary & Becky Johnson. Their leadership was invaluable and you can see that from the results. Thanks also to the large number of you who volunteered, who chaired a committee, who brought family and friends. As much as the festival is a fund raiser for the parish & our food pantry, it builds community among parishioners and it is this that I value.

The diocesan insurance company is re-appraising St. Patrick's Church and rectory this week. It has been several years since this was done, and all of the buildings in the diocese are being re-appraised. At the present time, St. Patrick's Church is insured for \$18 million but that would be a drop in the bucket if it had to be replaced. The Conrad Schmitt Studios who did the restoration are probably the foremost church restoration firm in the country and they told me to replace the building today would be a minimum of \$48 million.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 15,265 pounds of food during August. Cost to the parish was \$1,241 and 637 families were served including 392 elderly and 846 children.

A new study by the Pew Research Center shows widespread dissent from moral teachings of the church among American Catholics. Seventy-nine percent approve of artificial birth control; 43% feel that same sex couples should be able to raise children; and 39% do not believe that homosexual acts are sinful.

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

Bishop Persico is going to meet with all of the Erie priests for a day-long meeting on October 27th at which time the restructuring of Catholic schools in the city will be announced. Once that phase is announced, he will meet with us again to announce the restructuring of parishes in the city. After that, the entire process will begin all over again in other areas of the diocese. While the announcement of parish reconfiguration will take place before the end of the year, the final move will not take place until September 2016.

The new Young Adults group at St. Patrick's are meeting for their first Happy Hour tonite. I told them for their first gathering, they can use the rectory and I will treat for wine and beer. The group is purely social in nature and intended to gather young people—single or married—who are in their 20s and 30s to get together for a variety of things.

We're having problems with a broken pipe in the rectory. It's coming from my kitchen on the third floor and the water worked its way down to cause the ceiling in my office on the first floor to collapse. When you have a hundred year old house, there's a new leak every month!

The chairs of all of the committees on the recent Irish Festival are going to gather at the rectory this week to critique and review the event. We had talked about moving the festival to an earlier date, but it appears more and more that September is shaping up to be one of the nicest months of the summer and perhaps we should just stay where we are. We are also exploring the possibility of another type of raffle rather than that of a trip to Ireland.

More bulletin bloopers: "Coming up: Theological Open House. We discuss thought-provoking topics. Your opinions are hardly welcome."....."The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the pastor's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.".... "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."....."All singles are invited to join us Friday at 7 pm for the annual Christmas Sing-Along."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members Living & Deceased.**

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John & Mary Fuller** requested by Lou Ann & family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence & Mary Zielinski** requested by their family.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$918.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### Memorial to St. Hedwig Parish

In memory of **Charlotte Niewolak** requested by The Lord Corporation.

### Rosary March

Fr. John Malthaner, pastor of St. Luke Church, will deliver the homily at this year's Rosary March on Sunday, October 11, 2015 starting at 2pm. The march will begin at St. Peter Cathedral (10th & Sassafras Sts, Erie) and will continue through downtown Erie ending back at the Cathedral. Benediction will follow in the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome. Please come and pray for world peace and an end to violence in Erie. For more information, please call John Walsh at 814-868-1100.

### Annual Polonaise Ball

October 24 at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. Erie. The program will include dinner, crowning of Miss Polonaise and an evening of dancing. Tickets available by calling Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924. Cost is \$20 for adults, children 10 and under \$10. Cash bar at 6pm followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30pm.

*Remember to Honor our Blessed Mother  
by praying the Rosary every day.*



### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

October 3

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Tom Kurpiewski Art Blum
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,972.00
Online Giving	1,096.00
Catholic Education	70.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,138.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of the **Muffi family** from Michelle Tortorelli*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins again Sunday, October 4th. Fr. Kriegel will call for the children to come up and go with Sr. Marie after opening prayer. Children 4 thru 10 are encouraged to participate.

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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:

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **John B. Purvis** from Cynthia & John D. Purvis
- ♦ In memory of **George Zack, Ed Pacy, John & Barb Jacquell** from Phyllis Zack
- ♦ In memory of **L. Yochim and R. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ In memory of **Rita & Harry Caldwell** from Renee Calabrese
- ♦ In memory of **Emma DiCarlo** from Patti & Ray Fiorelli

Also donations from:

Barbara Brairton, Margaret & Kevin Cohick, Rev. John Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Froehlich, Marilyn Garfield and Carol Jay Habas

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.

## 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, October 3, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Mary Beth Pinto, Carol Habas, Jay Habas*

**CUP:** *Ray Fiorelli, Lynne Long*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Ryan & Colin Hudson*

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

**Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello, Michelle Tortorelli*

**CUP:** *Colleen Welch, Mike Vehec*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney*

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

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



## Tune in to diocesan pilgrims in Philadelphia this weekend!

More than 230 pilgrims from all corners of the Diocese of Erie-including about 155 students and chaperones-are in Philadelphia celebrating Mass with Pope

Francis on Sunday at 4:00 pm. Even if you don't have a twitter account, you can catch up with what our pilgrims are saying and seeing by visiting

[https://twitter.com/erie\\_pope](https://twitter.com/erie_pope). Those with Twitter are invited to follow @erie\_pope. Pilgrims are also using #erielovesthepope. Watch for photos on Instagram by searching for "dioceseoferie."

## Family Perspectives (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48)

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring a bottle to a crying infant in the middle of the night, or juice box to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Sept. 26 Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM HARRIET PURZYCKI - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY ANN DECK CLARK -ST.P  
(NANCY HERZOG)

**Sept. 27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM NELLIE KOZLOWSKI - ST. P  
(SR. MARIE & MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

10:30 AM ELEANOR BIXBY - ST.P  
(BILL & KATHY MASEK)

**Sept. 28 Monday, Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;  
Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 29 Tuesday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,  
Archangels**

8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ  
(RICHARD & DEBBIE MUIO)

**Sept. 30 Wednesday, Saint Jerome, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 1 Thursday, Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI  
(MR. & MRS. GARY LONCKI)

**Oct. 2 Friday, The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, 50TH WEDDING ANNIV.  
(WIFE, ANGIE)

**Oct. 3 Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM GEORGE MIELNIK, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL, ANNIV OF DEATH  
(FAMILY) - ST.P

**Oct 4. Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM PATRICIA TRAPP - ST.P  
(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY)

10:30 AM CHARLES R. GENCK (NANCY DWYER) - 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

- 09/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 09/27 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 09/27 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7-11 - Holy Rosary
- 09/27 1:00 PM Confirmation Sessions - Holy Rosary
- 09/29 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 09/30 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 10/03 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**



**Diocesan Child Protection Policies:**

The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to yearly in servicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm> For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

**Consider Engagement Encounter!**



Planning for your marriage in 2015/2016? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for October 16th - 18th at St. Mark Catholic in Erie. EE satisfies requirements for marriage in the church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit our Website at <http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

SPAGHETTI DINNER by Chef Luigi Pontillo  
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
**SUNDAY, September 27, 2015 12-6 pm**

**SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

ADULTS—\$8.00 at the door  
CHILDREN—\$4.00 - 6 to 12 years  
CHILDREN UNDER 5—FREE



Take-out is also available  
Proceeds benefit Parish Projects!!!



**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](http://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.



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# DIOCESAN EVENTS

## **HOLY CROSS OFFERS SPEAKER SERIES:**

Holy Cross Parish in Fairview is offering a speaker series to address mercy from different perspectives, all within the framework of Pope Francis' call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy. All talks will be held in the worship space of Holy Cross, 7100 West Ridge Road, Fairview, beginning at 7 p.m. Here is the schedule:

- Sept. 29: Kathy Felong, "Mercy Within Mercy Within Mercy"
- Oct. 6: Joe Streett, "Faith: What's Culture Got to do With It?"
- Oct. 20: Keith Sundberg, "The Spider Web of Grief"
- Oct. 27: Paul DeSante, "Literature: A Crooked Line to Holiness."

## **Son of God Prayer Group organizes healing Mass**

The Son of God Prayer Group affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary parishes, Erie, invites the public to attend a healing Mass with Father David Poulson and Father Jason Feigh at Holy Rosary Church, E. 28th and East Avenue, Erie, on Oct. 6. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to provide time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall. Petitions will be offered with the presentation of the gifts at Mass, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by St. Joseph Bread of Life Community

## **Caring for each other: How a Catholic perspective helps to make difficult medical decisions:**

A panel discussion will be held on **Sunday, October 11, 2015** at Saint Mark Catholic Center at 2:30 p.m. to explore the challenging and complex moral decisions that arise in chronic illness or at the end of one's life. The panel will explore the medical, legal and pastoral components of chronic ill and end of life care. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Landini-Grogan at (814)824-1254 or at [elandini@eriercd.org](mailto:elandini@eriercd.org)

**Saint Stanislaus Church,  
516 East 13th St. Erie, PA**

## **ANNUAL PARISH DAY:** St.

Stanislaus Parish, is hosting their Annual Parish Day on **Sunday,**

**October 4, 2015** from 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A delicious "Polish Platter Dinner" will be served from 12:00 PM til 5:00 PM. Cost for Adults - \$10.00; Children (6-12) \$5.00; and children under 5 - free. All festivities take place in the Parish Hall located at 520 East 13th Street. There will be Special Awards, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Theme Baskets, Raffles and Children's games, fun for all. A fun afternoon to get together with your family and friends. All Proceeds benefit the Parish.



**Cathedral Prep's Open House** will be held on **Sunday, October 18th** from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our newly renovated facilities, and will feature our Apple iPad program. Cathedral Prep will have applications available and there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Cathedral Prep is located at 225 West 9th Street, Erie, PA 16501. If you have any questions please call 453-7737, ext. 3.

**Villa Maria Academy's Open House** will be held on **Sunday, October 25th** from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Guided tours of the school will include classroom demonstrations, a look at our newly renovated facilities, and will feature our Apple iPad program. Villa Maria will have applications available and there is no fee to apply. Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing for discounts on tuition. Villa Maria Academy is located at 2403 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505. If you have any questions please call 838-2061, ext. 3239.

## **NOVA - A remarriage preparation program**



Designed specifically for couples planning remarriage in the Catholic Church. Topics include blending families, expectations, legal issues and others. Pre-registration is required. Call The Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 to register. The next **NOVA** is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th in Erie.

# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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