

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2016**



The Advent Wreath  
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 Second Sunday of Advent. Like last Sunday's reading, today's prophecy from Isaiah dates from the second half of the eighth century, a period when Judah repeatedly turned to various foreign nations for protection from war and invasion. The people seem to take for granted God's promise that a descendant of King David will rule forever and they no longer fulfill their responsibilities in the covenant made on Mt. Sinai. Just preceding today's reading, Isaiah notes Assyria's invasion from the north, marching on Jerusalem. He views this as God's judgment on the people, but in today's reading he turns to hope for the future. He envisions a righteous king who will possess wisdom to judge rightly, a wisdom earned by proper reverence for God. He envisions a kingdom where evil would be erased and people would live in peace and harmony. Centuries later, Christians would come to see this vision fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah.

Our second reading comes from Paul writing about thirty years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians believed that through Jesus, God's final rule had already begun on earth and they expected his imminent return in glory. In this lengthy letter to the Romans, Paul clarifies that through Jesus the new Israel expands to include both Jew and non-Jew. Several times he will instruct them that all who enter the church through baptism are to treat one another as members of Christ. Many of the early Jews saw the Christian gentiles as unbelievers outside the law and therefore impure people to be avoided. Paul is emphasizing that Israel's scripture is fulfilled in Jesus and so we now must think and act as one.

We read mostly from Matthew this year and he writes in the mid 80s using Mark's gospel as his source but adding to it. Like Mark, he has John the Baptist appear as a sign that the kingdom is

near. Like other pious Jews (Matthew was a convert from Judaism) he avoids using the name of God. As in Mark, John appears as a figure of Elijah, a sign that God's final rule is close at hand. Matthew then adds to Mark's account with John's challenge to Jewish religious leaders. They are not guaranteed a place in the Kingdom merely because they are descendants of Abraham. Mark wrote before the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 and before antagonism between Jews and those who believed in Jesus escalated. Matthew, however, writes in the midst of all of this tension.

Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holyday of obligation for Catholics living in the northeast United States. We will have a Mass at St. Patrick's at 12:05 PM on Thursday.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 13,127 pounds of food in October. We served 825 families including 271 elderly and 854 children. The cost to the parish was \$347.19, all of which has been covered by your generous support. Thank you on behalf of these needy people.

Pope Francis recently traveled to Sweden to participate in the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Speaking about what Catholics should learn from Martin Luther, the pope said, "Two words come to mind: reform and Scripture." He explained that Luther set out to reform "a complex situation in the church, but because of political considerations his effort caused "a state of separation, and not a process of reform of the whole church." Regarding Scripture, he said, "Luther took a great step in putting the Word of God in the hands of the people." He also said that ecumenism should shift toward common prayer and works of mercy rather than solely on theological discussions. Finally he said, "You cannot be Catholic and sectarian. We must strive

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

to be together with others." He denounced the idea that Catholics should seek to convince Lutherans about the truths of the Catholic faith. "Proselytism is a sinful attitude," he insisted.

We are discontinuing the use of the cup at Mass until the flu season passes. I would also suggest that for the Sign of Peace, perhaps you can just turn and wish a greeting to those near you rather than shaking hands.

The Christmas tree in the church lobby has ornaments which describe Christmas gifts for children at St. Martin's Center. They distribute gifts to over 1,400 children. If you are interested in helping, please take an ornament. Be sure to affix the ornament to the gift when you bring it to the rectory so that they will know for whom it is intended.

I'm in need of 4 or 5 people from each parish to serve on a Transition Team, the purpose of which is to assure that the pastoral planning process goes on whether a parish is merged, partnered or stand alone. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the office and I will contact you with a time for a meeting.

People are already calling about the Christmas Mass schedule. Fortunately Christmas falls on Sunday this year which makes it easier for the priests. There will be a Saturday evening 5 PM and a 9 PM Vigil Mass and on Christmas morning there will be an 8 & 10:30 AM Masses.

The parish office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. I will be here if there are any emergencies and you can contact me directly at 454-4032.

In my mail this week were two \$1,000 checks to the Food Pantry. Your generous support of this project is admirable and God will bless you.

At age 4 success is not piddling in your pants. At age 12 success is having friends. At age 16 success is having a driver's license. At age 35 success is having money. At age 50 success is having money. At age 70 success is having a driver's license. At age 75 success is having friends. At age 80, success is not piddling in your pants.

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Richard Dombkowski** from Laura & Eugene Tomczak.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hattie Gleba** from Frank & Linda Young.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **James Wildes** from Dolores Dombkowski.

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

The offertory for Saturday, November 19th was \$585 and for Saturday, November 26th was \$585.

### Order Polish delectables from Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Enjoy the holidays with homemade items from the kitchen at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Erie. Items from the menu include: *czarnina*—duck soup, potato pierogi, *golumbki*—pigs in blankets, *kapusta*—baked cabbage and bacon, pin wheels, Polish caviar-ring bologna, Italian wedding soup and cheese-stuffed shells. Prices and order forms are available at [www.OLMC-erie.org](http://www.OLMC-erie.org) or at [www.olmcerie.org](http://www.olmcerie.org). Orders are due by Dec. 4. For information, call Sue Rinderle at 814-825-2822, ext. 9.

### The Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Education Program

will sponsor its annual Christmas Market on Dec. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m., and Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holy Trinity Social Center—The Gathering Place, 2220 Reed St., Erie. Food items are limited during the market due to pre-orders. Order in advance to ensure that you get your Christmas favorites. Pre-orders will be accepted through Dec. 5. Payment is due with orders. Items to be sold include: chrusciki, oplatki, pierogi, sweet bread and nut rolls. Order forms are available at [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org). Orders may be submitted in these ways: fax to 814-461-1150, call 814-456-0671, or mail to Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie, PA 16503.

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

December 10, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection 11/20/16	\$ 8,026.55
Online Giving	<u>1,375.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,401.55

Offertory Collection 11/27/16	\$ 7,704.00
Online Giving	<u>1,090.00</u>
Total Income	\$8,794.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*We offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Michael Schloss whose passed away on November 18, 2016.*



*The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns in loving memory of  
**Carlton Black**  
from the Candela family*

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

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **JoAnne Barber McCormick** from Ryan Carey & Maureen Barber Carey
- ♦ **Msgr. William Biebel** from Robert & Mildred Biebel
- ♦ **William J. & Jane M. Ward Carney** from William Carney
- ♦ **Joe Gausman** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ♦ **Geo. Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ♦ **Thomas Kaminski** from Nancy Kaminski

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Ray & Patti Fiorelli, William & Patricia Gloekler, Phillip & Judy Kelly, and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

A Special Thank You!!!  
to **PANERA BREAD &  
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**

Prayers for **John Bauman** as he participates in the Rite of Welcome and Promises of Intent for Confirmation Sunday, December 4th during the 10:30 AM Mass.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Patty Dailey, Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Addie & Owen Babinsack*

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

**Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 8:00 am**

Lector: *Fred Olds*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds, Joe Schneider*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn, Chuck Straub*

**Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Karyn Polaski*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Williams, Forrest Mischler, Mike Vehec*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

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

Please let the office know of your availability as soon as possible for the Christmas Services

(Saturday, December 24th 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM and Sunday, December 25th 8:00 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 **2017 Lector Books** are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Be sure to pick up your book today!

## Marriage Moments—



Many parents put a small treat in their children's shoes the night before St. Nick's Day, December 6th. Consider putting a treat in your spouse's shoe (a Hershey kiss, a love note, a coupon for a favor like a backrub or a chore you'll relieve your spouse of the next day).

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- Dec. 3** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent*  
 4:00 PM ANTHONY WERNICKI (WERNICKI FAMILY) -ST.H  
 5:00 PM SYLVESTER CARLOW (FAMILY) -ST.P
- Dec. 4** *Second Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM JEAN YEZZI (HUSBAND & FAMILY) -ST.P  
 10:30 AM JANET MCDONALD (LESLIE JENNINGS) - ST.P
- Dec. 5** *Monday, Advent Weekday*  
 8:00 AM DOROTHY GEHRLEIN (SHAUGHNESSY FAMILY)
- Dec. 6** *Tuesday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop*  
 8:00 AM REV. ROBERT J. LEVIS  
 (KATHLEEN & JIM WEHAN)
- Dec. 7** *Wednesday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
 8:00 AM THEODORE WIDOMSKI (BILL DZURICKY)
- Dec. 8** *Thursday, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 12:05 PM FRANK PATALON (MARY PAT SCLAUDECKER)
- Dec. 9** *Friday, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*  
 8:00 AM CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec. 10** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent*  
 4:00 PM MARY ANN DOMOWICZ (FAMILY) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM WANDA HABAS (DAN & SUE ZIMMERMAN)-ST.P
- Dec. 11** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
 8:00 AM ARTHUR C. SCHULTZ - ST.P  
 (JIM & LORE SCHAFFNER)  
 10:30 AM MICHAEL CUMMINGS - ST.P  
 (GEORGE & MARY BARTKO)

**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.



**St. Martin Center 2016 Shining Stars—**

- 1) Please place gifts in gift bags, rather than wrapping them. Gift bags are much easier to transport and wrapping paper gets torn up very quickly when moving gifts. Feel free to use grocery store bags, too!
- 2) Please securely attach the star to the gift (tape, tie, etc). Place multiple gifts in one bag and attach the star to the outside.
- 3) We ask that only stars that can be fulfilled on time be taken.
- 4) Gift receipts are highly encouraged. This will help if the child has an item that you purchased or if clothing does not fit. Feel free to buy gift cards, also (please include the child's name and star number on envelope).

**All gifts need to be returned to the Church or Parish Office by Sunday, December 11, 2016.**

**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

- 12/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 12/04** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary  
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
- 12/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 12/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 12/10** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 12/11** 9:30 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary  
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

**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.



*Thanks* to the generosity of our parishioners we have meals and volunteers covered for the overflow homeless shelter we will be hosting February 1-8. However, we are in need of monetary donations for the many expenses we incur including dumpster, daily cleaning service, supplies and a donation to Church of the Nativity to cover utilities and miscellaneous items. Contributions can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to the rectory. Envelopes are available next to the bulletins in the back of the church. Thank you for your support of our community members who are in need. If you have any questions about this project contact Angie Kontur 434-9653 or [angiekontur@gmail.com](mailto:angiekontur@gmail.com).

**Advent resources available online**

The Office of Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life is offering resources for individuals and families for the Advent season. These resources include weekly Scripture for reflection, service suggestions and additional resources for assisting families in preparing for Christmas. Access these resources at <http://www.ErieRCD.org/justice.htm>. For additional information or questions, please contact Erin Landini-Grogan at (814) 824-1254 or [respectlife@eriercd.org](mailto:respectlife@eriercd.org).





*Our Jubilarians with Bishop Lawrence Persico*



**Ways to Donate:**

- Use your parish envelope
- Send a check directly to the Diocese of Erie, c/o Office of Religious,  
P.O. Box 10397, Erie, PA 16514-0397  
(Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.)
- Visit online [www.SupportTheSisters.org](http://www.SupportTheSisters.org)
- Ask your employer about matching gifts

Thank  
you!

# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

**Advertiser of the Week:**

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504 State Street, Erie, PA 874-0558  
for advertising in our parish bulletin.