

The Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2016



St. Hedwig Church  
Baptismal Font

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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and we read first from Isaiah. While the exile in Babylon took place more than two millennia ago, its spiritual significance remains with us as it speaks to the condition of the human heart that so regularly wanders from God, languishes in self-imposed exile and when it hears the promise of redemption, must choose whether to heed or ignore it. Isaiah speaks comforting words to exiles longing for liberation; but all we know from the text is that the prophet spoke. We do not know the response of the people. There are two details relating to today's liturgy. First, the prophet crying in the desert closely resembles John the Baptist. Second, the hope and joyful expectation speak of God coming with "power" to restore Israel.

In the Letter to Titus we are told that through baptism, Christ comes into our lives and becomes the driving force that conforms us to the will of the Father. Baptism, we are told, initiates a lifelong training for a life in the Spirit and cleanses us of godless ways and worldly desires. We are also reminded that we live in a middle time between Christ's first coming and his return and that this interim time is not to be marked by fear but by gratitude.

The remarkable relationship between Jesus and his cousin rests at the center of this brief gospel. John has so impressed the people with his teaching, his austere lifestyle that they begin to ask themselves if he is the Messiah. Several pretenders had tried to claim the messianic mantle, and each was eventually exposed. But John is different. He makes no claims about himself, he challenges people to live with integrity. John has no delusions about himself and quickly acts to dispel any misunderstandings. With striking humility, he points to one who is greater than he.

Lent begins very early this year (February 10) and I am going to offer two separate Scripture classes. A three-part morning class will be offered at 10 AM and will address the passion and crucifixion of Jesus as it is presented in dramatically different ways in the four gospels. A second three-part evening class will be an Introduction to the Four Gospels. I will supply handouts for both classes. The only thing I ask is that you call the parish office and let us know if you will be attending so I know how many handouts to prepare. If you are attending the evening class, please indicate which time you would prefer: 5 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM, 6:30 PM or 7 PM and I will go with whatever time is most popular. The classes will be held on Wednesday, March 2, March 9 and March 16.

St. Patrick's Parish will again host a Homeless Shelter February 10-16 at the Church of the Nativity Social Center. This year we will not be collecting clothing, but instead will ask for cash donations so that we might purchase what the clients need. We're in need of volunteers to prepare and serve an evening meal to up to 75 people; to staff the Shelter from 7 PM until 7 AM. Once people leave the shelter in the morning, they can go to the Upper Room (10th & Peach) for the Bishop's Breakfast which provides them with a daily hot cooked meal.

There are envelopes in the back of St. Patrick's Church if you wish to make a donation to help us with the costs of the Homeless Shelter. It will cost us approximately \$6,000 to undertake a week's hosting of the Shelter.

Bishop Persico is going to meet with all of the priests of the diocese on January 11 to announce the reconfiguration of Catholic schools in the city of Erie. In April he will meet again with all of us to announce the reconfiguration of parishes in the city of Erie. There will again be a period of time, as there was with the school proposal, for



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

people to provide input and then the final announcement of the reconfiguration will be given in June with the restructuring to take place in early September 2016.

Again, might I thank you for your generosity with our Christmas collection. You have no idea how these extra monies help me with bills. As I also mentioned earlier, we tithe 10% of that Christmas collection and give it to St. Martin's Center. Your generosity helps the parish as well as the poor and the needy of our inner city.

I am on the board of BEST (Bayfront Eastside Task Force) and we work in tandem with Erie Insurance and UPMC Hamot to improve the neighborhood from the Bayfront to East Sixth and from State to Reed Sts. As a result of those efforts, we have demolished over 50 badly deteriorated homes, have built over 25 new homes, have created some very nice low income apartments as well as created a great deal of green space. Take a drive through the neighborhood sometime to see all that has been done. Thanks to this coordinated effort, things are changing.

A parishioner at St. Patrick's undertook a special project for Christmas. He contacted almost all of the attorneys in town, some doctors, bankers, etc. and as a result of his efforts, he gave me 71 \$50 gift cards to Wegman's. We distributed these through both St. Martin's Center as well as BEST. I am a bit overwhelmed at your generosity over the Christmas season. The gifts for St. Martin's Center, these gift cards, outreach to BEST, etc. I've never been in a parish with such a social conscience as I experience here.

Having just moved into his new office, a pompous Colonel was sitting at his desk when an airman knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the Colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the airman to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir." Feeling as though he has sufficiently impressed the young enlisted man, he asked, "What do you want?" "Nothing important, sir," the airman replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

## Saint Hedwig News



### The Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorates the beginning of the public ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The public ministry of Jesus began with His baptism in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist, and was completed by His Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of the **Deceased Rosary Society Members** requested by the Rosary Society.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Jim & Peggy Gorski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo & Teresa Brugger.

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

Our offertory for the week of 12/27/15 was \$2,508.00 and for last week was \$738.00. Christmas Flower update \$580.00. Thank you and God bless.

### Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Hattie Gleba (Jim & Gena Agostine), For the intention of Oliva Murnock (Trevor Murnock), Richard Dombkowski (Jeanne & Roland Henderson), Anna Schwartz (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Mary L. Zielinski (Ann Marie Wildes), Patricia Wernicki (Bob Bolmanski & family), Regina Loncki (Irene Mielnik).

### Pancake Breakfast

St. Boniface Cafeteria, Rt. 8, 3 miles south of I90. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice & coffee. Cost \$8, Children 12 and under \$5, under 3 free. Sunday, January 10 serving 8 until 12 noon.

*"Love to be real, it must cost...it must hurt...it must empty us of self." —Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

#### January 16

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Patricia Mielnik

Eucharist

Patricia Mielnik

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum

Altar Server

Charlotte Mabie



*Pray the Rosary*



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Christmas	\$33,360.00
Offertory Collection (12/27/15)	\$ 11,280.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,009.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 12,289.00

Offertory Collection (1/3/16)	\$ 10,584.25
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,184.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,768.25

*Thank You for your generosity!*



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory  
**John Krauchen, Jr.**  
from Bill & Barbara Krauchen Thompson*

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**

- ♦ In memory of **Phil Fatica** from Cindy & Bill Welsh, James & Carol Perrotto, Tim & Judy Zelina, and Don & Toni Kleps
- ♦ In memory of **Frank Filippi** from Jason Fowler, John Byers, Delta Chi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon
- ♦ In memory of **James & Eleanor Boris and Fred & Carmella Pristello** from Cyndi & Randy Pristello
- ♦ In memory of the **Deceased Family Members** from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Wolf

Also donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kaminski, Scott Little,  
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski, Mr. & Mrs. David Lauer,  
Mike & Dotty Schloss, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Wolf

### **Backgammon Circle of Friends:**

Cindy Welsh, Mary Alice Doolin, Mary Weibler,  
Pat Reid, Carol Cerami, Kitty Ferrari, Barbara Bond,  
and Susan Chartier

A Special Thank You!!!  
to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every  
week to the Food Pantry.



## 250 DAYS UNTIL THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL!

September 16-18, 2016.

Thank goodness its leap year because that means one extra day to plan for the Erie Irish Festival!

We're already working hard to make it the best festival yet. Over the next few weeks we'll be introducing you to all of the good people who head up the various areas—food, desserts, soft drinks, bake sale, jewelry sale, games, libations, tickets, banking, web-site production, set-up, decoration, program sales, vendors, advertising, sports bar, and the newly re-constituted children's program (which just might include a magical visit from the world's largest leprechaun!), so that you can get to know them and offer your help personally.

It literally takes a parish to make this happen, so we'll be introducing new ways for each of you to help. An outdoor festival is an enormous expense and an incredible amount of work, but what a great showcase for our beautiful church and our friendly parish. We'll be asking for you creative thinkers and volunteers to donate your ideas and your time, and we'll be asking for those who can't volunteer their time to open their pocketbooks and sponsor some of the various areas and activities. We know all of you already give generously throughout the year, but the Irish Festival is a special time for all of us to come together to support the church and to support each other.

So look for our countdown ticker each week in the bulletin, and don't wait until the last minute with your ideas, your support, and your generosity. After all, you only have 250 days left to help!

Gary and Becky Johnson, 2016 Irish Festival Chairs (You can find us most Saturday evenings, middle left, about 6 pews back, but if you're a Sunday Mass person, you can email us at [gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com](mailto:gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com) or [beckyki@neo.rr.com](mailto:beckyki@neo.rr.com).) We'd welcome your ideas and support and we promise shorter announcements in the future.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Jan. 09** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
(HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOFFER - ST.P  
(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)**Jan. 10** *The Baptism of the Lord*8:00 AM ROSE FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(PATTI & RAY FIORELLI)10:30 AM GERRI CIACCHINI - ST.P  
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO & FAMILY)**Jan. 11** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 12** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM WILLIAM HAYES (EUGENE &amp; LAURA TOMCZAK)

**Jan. 13** *Wednesday, Saint Hilary,**Bishop & Doctor of the Church*8:00 AM JENNIFER JOHNSON  
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)**Jan. 14** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARY L. ZIELINSKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

**Jan. 15** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MILDRED DEDIONISIO, ANNIV. (BERNIE &amp; PAUL)

**Jan. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
(HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOFFER - ST.P  
(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)**Jan. 17** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR) -ST.P

10:30 AM JOHN LOREI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

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.

**A Family Perspective**

Baptism of our Lord

1st Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his Father: "You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased." As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

**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

- 01/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/10** 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
- 01/12** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/13** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/17** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

**Ministry Schedule****Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm****Lector:** Jay Habas**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jay Habas, Carol Habas,  
Shirley Winschel**Greeters:** Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan**Altar Servers:** Addie & Owen Babinsack**Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers**Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 8:00 am****Lector:** Mary Ellen Dahlkemper**Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 10:30 am****Lector:** Mary Kearney**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Kearney, Patty Jackson,  
Michelle Tortorelli**Greeters:** Mary Alice Hartwell**Altar Servers:** Logan Kearney**Ushers:** Randy Pristello, David Wilcox, John Purvis,  
Luke Purvis**Offertory Counters:** Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker**HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS:**

St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the homeless overflow shelter of February 10th -16th at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. The outpouring of generosity last year was greatly appreciated. This year, we are in need of personal hygiene toiletry items, i.e., shampoo and bath products, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene and hand sanitizers. Items can be dropped off on the rectory side porch, or placed in containers in the church's main entrance at each Mass **ONLY** during the month of January. We sincerely appreciate your donations!





January 4, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been a very exciting year for communications in the Church. The pope's historic visit to the United States stands out as a highlight. Mainstream media did an outstanding job capturing the many compelling moments that occurred on the national stage, giving all of us a front-row seat to the events.

But it was the reporting efforts of our diocesan Communications Office that brought it home for us. Through *FaithLife* newspaper, *Faith* magazine, the diocesan Facebook page and its Twitter account, we were able to share the experiences of people from every corner of our diocese who were there in person. We saw teens from Emporium visiting the Grotto of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. We heard how overwhelmed the campus minister at Mercyhurst University was by Pope Francis' call to create homes "marked by tenderness." We were inspired by the words of Father Rich Toohey, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Warren, who preached at a Mass in Philadelphia, reminding us to live our faith as though we mean it, becoming the living Word for everyone we encounter.

In this week before the annual *Help Spread the Faith* collection in our diocese, I hope you will consider how fortunate we are to have numerous means of communications through which we are able to inform and inspire. All registered households receive *Faith* magazine free of charge, and now it can be accessed through the use of our free app on your mobile device. The award-winning *FaithLife* newspaper, distributed in parishes every other week, draws us closer to each other within our 10,000-square-mile diocese. Have you "liked" our Facebook page yet? Our online efforts are increasing as more and more people integrate social media into their lives.

Now that our pastoral planning process is in full swing, the staff in our Communications Office is working hard to keep you updated in both print and on our website at [www.ErieRCD.org/planning.asp](http://www.ErieRCD.org/planning.asp). I encourage you to take advantage of the information available so that you will be well-informed during this vital moment in our history.

Please- support the *Help Spread the Faith* collection January 16/17 so we can continue working to inspire and inform people throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico  
Bishop of Erie



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

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