

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 18, 2015**



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**

## Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

### **Saint Patrick Parish**

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

Today is the Second Sunday in ordinary time and we hear from the Book of Samuel who lived during a major transitional period in Israel's history. After Israel arrived in the promised land around 1200 BC and conquered the Caananites under the leadership of Joshua, the land was eventually divided into twelve regions, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. After the death of Joshua, "judges" were assigned as military leaders of the tribes. This system of governance, called "the period of the judges," lasted about 200 years until the establishment of the monarchy around 1020 BC. The final two judges were Eli and Samuel. Samuel had the distinct role of being the last judge as well as the prophet at the beginning of the monarchy. The opening verses we hear today describe how Hannah gave her son Samuel to the Lord in thanksgiving for receiving him when she thought she was barren. Eli raised him in the temple and it is to Eli that Samuel turns when he begins to hear God's voice.

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians will be read for the next five weeks. Some of his converts felt that they had complete freedom in Christ which gave way to immorality and Paul today lays out his moral code.

Our gospel reading from John recounts the call of the first disciples. Each gospel author gives us a distinct version of how this event took place. John alone tells us that John the Baptist points Jesus out to two of his disciples and John alone calls Jesus "the lamb of God." In John, Jesus' first spoken words are "What are you looking for?" both a challenge and an invitation. John alone tells us that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and that when Jesus meets Simon, he immediately renames him Cephas (Peter). The renaming, for John, signifies the leadership

role Peter will assume.

Pope Francis recently celebrated Saturday evening Mass at the Roman parish of San Giuseppe all'Aurelio and talked about babies crying in church. He said, "Children's tears are the best sermon. Children cry, they are noisy, they don't stop moving. But it really irritates me when I see a child crying in church and someone says they must go out. God's voice is in a child's tears; they must never be kicked out of church." Don't you love this guy!!!!

We would like to form a group of "greeters" for the funerals at St. Patrick's. If we could get two people for each funeral to be in the back of church, distribute the programs and missalettes and then collect them at the end of Mass. If you would be interested in doing this, please call the parish office. I am also always in need of additional adult servers for funerals. If interested, we would train you and schedule you at your convenience.

In addition, we need more Eucharistic Ministers at St. Patrick's. If you would be interested in becoming one, please call the office. We will train you and schedule you according to your schedule.

We are in need of a new freezer for the Food Pantry and are in the process of researching what would be the best kind to get. Unfortunately, the cost of this will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 but it's something we have to have. We'll get it paid for somehow.

We're continuing to line up volunteers for the upcoming Homeless Shelter in February. St. Jude parishioners are going to take the last 3 days which means we will be covering 11 days rather than the full 14. I've been overwhelmed at the response ranging from people volunteering, offering to fix dinner or breakfast for 60 people, etc. One parishioner gave me \$2,000, half of which we

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

give to the Russian Church of the Nativity to cover the costs of utilities, coffee, etc. that will accompany our using their Social Center for the Shelter.

In conjunction with the diocese, the parish office will be closed Monday, Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King day.

In addition, a number of people have volunteered at St. Martin's Center. They have a wide range of volunteer positions open and if you contact them, they will explain them to you and see if you would be interested in helping. One of our parishioners gave me 40 \$50 gift cards to Wegman's which were then distributed to needy families through St. Martin's Center.

Diocesan priests had a Study Week this past week at St. Mark's Center, the final day of which was an updated presentation on pastoral planning for the diocese. One of the days was on the Church and Parish Life: Today and Tomorrow and another was on Pastoral leadership during changing times. That workshop included models on dealing with resistance and conflict when they arise.

The Pew Research Center reports how dramatically family life is changing in America. Their new studies shows that in 1960, 73% of American children under the age of eighteen were living with their married parents. That percentage has now fallen to 46%. Today, 41% of children under 18 were born outside of marriage (that figure was only 5% in 1960). About 15% are living with one parent who has divorced and remarried, 4% are living with parents who are cohabiting but not married and 5% are living with a grandparent.

Mrs. Terri asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, she said, "That must be Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. But who is the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius, the pilot."

## Saint Hedwig News



*Thursday, January 22, 2015*  
*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection*  
*of Unborn Children*

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by wife Janice & family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,538.00** plus Retirement for Religious **\$189.00**, also additional Christmas offertory **\$245.00**. Thank you and God bless.

**Masses Celebrated at Priest Retirement Home**  
St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members, Peter Joseph Dubowski (Mrs. Helen Zielinski), Frances "Pat" Trojanowski (Jean Deniziak), Richard Dombkowski (John & Jean Gorski), Chet Loncki (Natalie & Jim Kujan), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Mrs. Dorothy Glembocki), Richard Moskel (Wife Janice).

### **Thank You!**

We thank Barb Juchno and her crew of volunteers for decorating the Church so beautifully for the Christmas Season.

**Masses Recorded for the soul of Evelyn Belczyk**  
St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Nancy Widomski, Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Judy Pentz, D. Dombkowski.

### **ATTENTION! NEW OFFICE HOURS:**

***St. Hedwig Church Office will now be open on Tuesdays from 8:30 until 3:00 instead of Wednesday. Please call the office at that time with any business—454-6232.***

### **Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule**

January 24

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector Patricia Mielnik

Eucharist Patricia Mielnik

Ushers Tom Zielinski

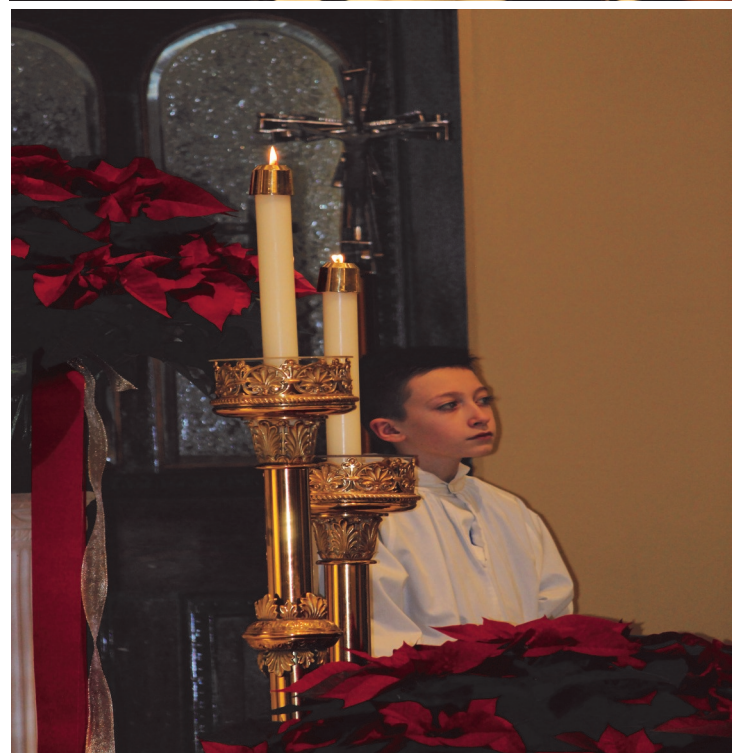
Ray Nowosielski

Altar Servers Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski



# CHRISTMAS 2014 AT ST. PATRICK'S

Photos by Erin Fessler

















# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,723.31
Online Giving	<u>862.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,585.31

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Let Us *Welcome*  
 Wesley Michael Yelkovich  
 son of  
 Matthew & Shannon  
 (Callaghan) Yelkovich  
 who will be baptized after the  
 10:30 AM Liturgy

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ray Fiorelli, Carolyn Power, Bill Power*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Gail Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Williams, Cyndi Pristello, Dr. Forrest Mischler*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

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

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

*Please call the office or email your availability for the upcoming months. If anyone is interested in joining a ministry please contact the parish office at 454-8085. We are really in need of altar servers, adults and children, and hospitality. Thank You!*

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.

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:

**The Restoration Fund** in memory of **Dr. William Brereton** from Dr. & Mrs. James Thomas  
 The Restoration Fund in memory of **Robert Herzog** from Dr. & Mrs. Michael J. Rahner

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Erie Restoration, Inc.**

Donations to the **Food Pantry:**  
 In memory of **Justine Purvis** from Cynthia & John D. Purvis  
 In memory of **Donald C. Pastore** from Janice & Donald Pastore  
 In memory of **Michael Cummings** from Bob Pillar, Joyce, Tim & Sandi Shaner and Heidi Arnold  
 In memory of **Dr. William Brereton** from Mary Lou & Don Zone  
 In memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long

Also donations from:  
 Roselle & Stan Walkiewicz, Mary & William Flanagan, Kathy & Pierre McCormick, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, Dr. & Mrs. George Moylan, Diane & David Lauer, Margaret McMahon Collins, Rev. John Bauer, Ed & Genny Chizewick and "The Bridge Club"  
 Barbara Lechner, Mary Jo Jarvie, Gloria Walker

**HOMELESS SHELTER**—As mentioned previously, St Patrick's Parish is hosting a homeless overflow shelter February 11-24 at the Russian Church of the Nativity Social Center at Front & German Streets. We are in need of WINTER clothing (new or clean used) for men and women, *i.e.*, underwear, socks, sweatshirts, jeans, hats, gloves, shoes, boots, coats, etc. We also need personal hygiene items, *i.e.*, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, bath products, combs, brushes, feminine hygiene products and hand sanitizer. The shelter also is in need of disinfectant sprays and wipes, trash bags (large black & tall kitchen w/drawstrings), paper products (plates, bowls, cups, cutlery, napkins, paper towels & toilet paper) and black permanent markers. Items can be dropped off on the rectory side porch, or they can be placed in a box at the entrance to the church at each Mass.

## 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.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- Jan 17** *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV.- ST.H  
 (WIFE & CHILDREN)  
 5:00 PM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI - ST.P  
 (DAUGHTERS, MARSHA GENSHEIMER & PATTI GRAY)
- Jan. 18** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK (SISTER, ANN) - ST.P  
 10:30 AM BETTY SONTAG - ST.P  
 (CARL & MICHELE CARLOTTI)
- Jan. 19** *Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*  
 8:00 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR MASS
- Jan. 20** *Tuesday, Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
 Saint Sebastian, Martyr*  
 8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV., 1/17 (WIFE, ANGIE)
- Jan. 21** *Wednesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*  
 8:00 AM THEODORE WIDOMSKI (FRED VANOS)
- Jan. 22** *Thursday, Day of Prayer for the Legal  
 Protection of Unborn Children*  
 8:00 AM EVELYN SKOVRON (MADELINE LYNCH)
- Jan. 23** *Friday, Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*  
 8:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI (CHARLOTTE MABIE)
- Jan. 24** *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00 PM JEAN GORSKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM CHRISTOPHER KARPINSKI - ST.P  
 (YOUR COUSINS, BETTY, CAROL, & JUDY)
- Jan. 25** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 8:00 AM KEITH SWEENEY(DAVID & SUE TACCONO)-ST.P  
 10:30 AM FREDERICK WACHTER, JR. - ST. P  
 (BILL & KATHY MASEK)

We thank the **POLISH FALCONS # 610**  
 431 E. 3rd St. Erie, PA  
 for advertising in our parish bulletin.  
 See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

**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
- 01/17** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/18** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Grade 6 - Holy Rosary
- 01/19** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 01/20** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 01/21** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 01/24** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/25** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

*A Moment of Reflection*

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19  
 Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
 Gospel: John 1:35-42



Although not the physical encounters of the gospel, we too encounter Jesus at a personal level in our daily interactions with others. Recognizing these interactions with others for what they are, depends on a spiritual consciousness, an awareness that comes with living in the moment, open to grace. They are often simply opportunities to be generous, to stand up for what is right, or to just listen to someone. When have you been mindful of the presence of Jesus in another? How do you start your day? What is the first thing you do each day?

**“SOUPER” EVENT for the Missions** – Please join our Youth of our Eastside Parishes in supporting their mission project for Heifer International Sunday, January 25th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Hastings Hall on the Holy Rosary campus, 2701 East Avenue. The students will be serving up a bowl of soup, bread and a beverage for a “souper” cause. **Cost: FREE WILL offering.** Together, we have power over poverty! **Your support of this event will help bring hope, dignity and self-reliance to families and communities worldwide.**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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

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

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**