

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 25, 2015



Stained Glass Window—St. Patrick's

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

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear from Jonah, one of the more interesting biblical characters. Disobedient to God's call to be a prophet, he is miraculously rescued in his flight from prophetic duties and later frustrated by the conversion of the Ninevites. Today's reading describes the second time the Lord has requested Jonah to preach repentance to the citizens of Nineveh. Much to the surprise of Jonah, all the citizens repented of their sins. Jonah's surprise stems from the fact that the Ninevites were not God's chosen people (they were Gentiles) and secondly, Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, the historic enemy of Israel.

Our reading from I Corinthians lays out Paul's eschatological (end of time) theology. "I tell you, brothers and sisters, time is running out." Paul saw signs that the second coming of Jesus was imminent. His theology raised serious questions for his audience: how do they live in this time of tension? How should they carry on with their lives waiting for the second coming? Paul urges them to lead radically different lives. "From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping." This view would eventually become very problematic for the early church when Jesus did not return.

Mark tells us that after the baptism and temptation in the desert, Jesus officially began his public ministry in Galilee. The village where he was raised—Nazareth—was located in Galilee, the northern region of Palestine. This reading also gives us Mark's first words of Jesus (different from what we heard in John last week) as: "This is the time of fulfillment.. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." In Mark's gospel, the Kingdom of God is central to Jesus' ministry. Today's reading also includes Mark's version of Jesus calling the first disciples.

Recall that last week, John the Baptist played a key role in connecting Peter and Andrew with Jesus. In Mark, John the Baptist had already been arrested by the time Jesus calls the two brothers. Remember that the gospels are not historical accounts of the life of Christ; they are reflections on him each geared to a specific audience and each author fitting the Jesus story into his purpose.

In a recent morning Mass homily, Pope Francis addressed people who have a rigid view of their faith. He compares them to the older son in the Parable of the Prodigal Son by noting that they have kept all the rules, etc. but they haven't opened their hearts. He said, "People say this can't be done; our discipline, our doctrine says this can't be done. The discipline can't be touched, it's sacred." He recalled how Pope Pius XII freed us from the heavy cross that was the Eucharistic fast. He recalled how you couldn't even have a drop of water from midnight until you received Communion and recounted how he would confess as a child brushing his teeth and swallowing some water. He noted that when the change happened, some were scandalized and called the change heresy. "But Pius XII acted like Jesus: he saw the need of the people." He added that the people who are so rigid about their religion on the outside, have a "rotting in their heart, weak, weak to the point of rottenness. Gloomy in the heart." He added, as only he can, that sometimes when he sees these people he asks God to "throw a banana peel in front of them, so that they will take a good fall, and feel shame that they are sinners and so encounter the Lord."

A special congratulations to Lou Ann Nowosielski who has been playing the organ at St. Hedwig's Church for 50 years. I doubt there is anyone in the diocese who can match that record.

St. Patrick's Parish recently received a check for \$1,860 from the Diocese of Erie. It is the annual

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

distribution of the earnings from a trust fund established by the late Stephen Cauley for which the bishop serves as trustee. Imagine if you were to consider doing something similar for your parish. Your gift could benefit the parish for years. Our parishes have old buildings which require an incredible amount of maintenance and a trust or a bequest at the time of death could make an amazing difference in our maintenance of them.

I don't think anything has made me more proud to be your pastor than the parish's response to the Homeless Shelter. I've overwhelmed at your response. I've had e-mails, letters, etc. from many of you saying how proud you feel that the parish is doing this. This effort is so in concert with what Pope Francis is asking us to do as a parish. Believe me, caring for the poor, the homeless, those who can't help themselves will erase more of your sins than you can imagine.

I recently took a check for \$2,000 to St. Martin's Center as a result of our tithing 10% of our Christmas collection and designating it for their work. I'm still hoping we can get volunteers to help them. If you would ever be interested, you can contact Rita Zawacki at 452-6113, x 215.

Two Texas farmers, Jim and Bob, are having a beer and Bob says he's tired of going through life without a college education, so he's going to sign up. The next day, he is signed up for four basic classes: Math, English, History and Logic. "What is logic?" asks Bob. The dean replies, "I'll give you an example. Do you own a weed eater?" "Yes," he replies. "Then, logically speaking because you own a weed eater, I think that you have a yard." "You're right," says Bob. "I'm not done," says the dean, "Because you have a yard, logically I think you have a house." "Yes, I do." "And because you have a house, I think logically you have a family." "I do." "Because you have a family, then logically you must have a wife and because you have a wife, logic tells me that you must be a heterosexual." "You're right," Bob replies and is excited to take the class. He tells Jim about his classes and Jim asks, "What is logic?" "I'll give you an example. Do you own a weed eater?" "No," says Jim to which Bob replies, "Then you're gay."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his family. Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention**.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Edward & Mary Miller** requested by Lou Ann and family.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$694.00**, All Souls Remembrance **\$705.00**, Christmas Flowers **\$550.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Fuel & Heat

To help defray heating costs, envelopes are in the packets you receive. Your generosity is appreciated.

Masses Celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Rosary Society Members, Richard Dombkowski (John & Jean Gorski), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Mrs. Helen Zielinski), Frances "Pat" Trojanowski (Jean Deniziak), Chet Loncki (Natalie & Jim Kujan), Richard Moskel (Wife Janice), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Mrs. Dorothy Glembocki).

Family Always Matter!

Visit us at our brand-new diocese website designed with your family in mind at:
<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm>

Lenten Food

Holy Trinity Parish is taking pre-orders thru Feb. 2 for pierogis (\$14 per dozen/\$8 for 6) and potato pancake batter (\$6 for small tub/\$10 for large). Fax orders 814-461-1150 or call 456-0671. Pickup dates February 14 & 15 at Holy Trinity Social Center, 2220 Reed Street.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>January 31</u>
	Saturday 4:00 PM
Lector	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Judy Pentz
Usher	Ray Nowosielski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



**PRAY THE
ROSARY**



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,932.00
Online Giving	<u>688.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,620.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us **Welcome**
Gunnar Pruitt Grapes
son of
Reid and Carla
(Placidi) Grapes
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

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

Donations to the **Food Pantry:**

In memory of **Mary Lois Litzinger** from Kay Cline & Janine Carch-Sliker

In memory of **Eleanore Kaminski** from Yvonne Gersims

In memory of **David Mattingly** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

In memory of **Arthur & Dorothy Casey** from Audrey Reigel

In memory of **Michael Cummings** from Geri Cicchetti and Fort LeBoeuf School Administrative Team

In memory of **Owen & Teresa Toale** from Tom Toale

In memory of **Mary L. Duncan & James G. Duncan** from Mary Duncan

In memory of **Nick & Doris Blaga** from Joel & Jill Balaga-Walz

In memory of **Chad Crum** from Liz & Greg Gallina

In memory of **Donald C. Pastore** from Janice & Donald Pastore

In honor of **Jim & Jeanne Hunkek** from Sue Ellen & Luigi Pasquale

Also donations from:

Mary & William Flanagan, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Christa Blose, Susan Nedza Lastres, MD & Oswaldo E. Lastres, MD

Our sincere condolences to Mike Litzinger, co-director of the Food Pantry, and his family whose Mother, Mary Lois Litzinger passed away On December 25, 2014

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Chris Sanner, Tom Golab

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers, **1 NEEDED**

Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Colleen Welch, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

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!

A special "thank you" to Amy, a young parishioner, who has taken it upon herself to collect the books and bulletins from the pews after Mass every Saturday evening. Amy returns them to the bookcases and puts them away in orderly fashion!

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

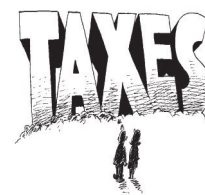
Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Place the computer in a well-trafficked area in the home where the whole family can use it. While this practice can help with younger children, parents need to realize that children today access the Internet in many ways: school, library, coffee shop, work or a friend's house. Devices such as cell phones, smart phones, consoles like Xbox and Play Station enable them to go online almost anywhere. Be aware of any other computers your child may be using. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.erieecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

FOOD PANTRY is in need of more donations of books especially children's books.



ATTENTION ST. PATRICK'S "ON-LINE GIVERS": Donors can pull their own tax statements in Online Giving.

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on **"My Online Giving History"**. View a detailed History of your past Online Giving.
3. On the right side, click the **"Print"** button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013.
5. Change the report type to **"Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)"**.
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click **"Print"**.
8. If you prefer to have a statement sent to you from the office, call us at 454-8085.



PARISHIONERS WHO USE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We will be sending tax statements to you shortly. If you received a statement last year, you are on our list and will receive one this year. If you have not received one, please call the office and we will get one to you. 454-8085



Support the **RINCE NA TIARNA** dancers **PUB Night** at Molly Branigans! The fun starts at 5:00 PM and continues until 8:00 PM, The dancers will perform at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30. There will be celebrity bartenders and music by Mike Kuhn and Jon Halmi of Jackson Station. There will also be 50/50 raffles featuring kindle fire HD, craft beer, and a handmade quilt!

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.

Training for all volunteers working at the homeless shelter sponsored by Saint Patrick's Parish February 11-24 will take place on **Sunday, February 8th at 4:00 PM** at the Russian Church of the Nativity Parish Center at East Front and German Streets. The training and tour of the facility is expected to last about an hour. **Please call BJ Lechner at 602-2228 if you cannot attend.**

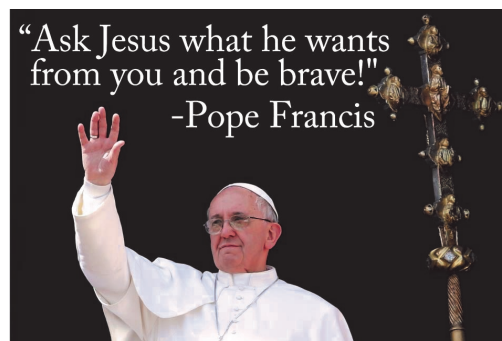
Hoping to see the pope? Join the pilgrimage to Philadelphia

The Diocese of Erie has reserved a block of 75 rooms to accommodate about 200 people interested in traveling to Philadelphia in September for the Festival of Families and the papal Mass planned for the weekend following the World Meeting of Families. Reservations are being accepted only by mail and on a first-come, first-served basis. A 50 percent non-refundable deposit is required with reservations; full payment is due March 1.

The package includes bus transportation to and from Philadelphia, four nights of hotel accommodations in Exton, Pa., a one-day pass to the World Meeting of Families, four breakfasts, and transportation from the hotel to the point of entry for events in Philadelphia each day. Although the hotel is located outside the city, the diocese has secured a space in downtown Philadelphia available throughout our stay as a safe haven exclusively for pilgrims from the Diocese of Erie.

Pilgrims from our diocese will have a quiet, indoor refuge that can serve as a gathering space, a place to relax and a meeting place away from the crowds. We also have secured a Catholic church in downtown Philadelphia for Mass on Saturday morning. All those traveling from the Diocese of Erie can share this special time of prayer.

For details and a registration form, visit www.ErieRCD.org/wmf.htm as soon as possible. The pilgrimage is expected to sell out quickly.





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January 8, 2015

Saint Patrick Parish
Monsignor Henry Kriegel
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Dear Monsignor Kriegel,

I am writing you this letter to both thank you and update on our ongoing partnership.

As you know, your congregation provides us with 75 gifts to children who most likely, would not have been able to celebrate Christmas without the Shining Stars program. Ultimately, we were able to provide 1,600 gifts to area children, one of our most successful years. We could not have done it without your generous support.

Secondly, your congregation also helped us with Wegman's gift cards. We distributed them to clients from our Social Service, Housing and our Early Learning Center programs right before the Christmas Holiday.

We asked the clients what the gift cards meant to them and they gave us very heart-warming stories. I have enclosed many of their responses for your reference. Please keep these cards as evidence of the good work that your congregation has been able to accomplish in very little time. It is obvious that the gift cards provided families with much needed relief during the Holiday season, a time when finances are depleted quickly.

Finally, THANK YOU for the \$2,000 donation to our annual appeal from your Christmas collection. Truthfully, I teared up when I read the donation's accompanying note. We are deeply humbled that St. Patrick's Church has "adopted" us and we hope, like you, to grow this partnership.

Thanks again for everything.

Sincerely,

David González
Chief Executive Officer

A helping hand for a new beginning.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 TACCONE)-ST.P

10:30 AM FREDERICK WACHTER, JR. - ST. P
(BILL & KATHY MASEK)**Jan. 26** *Monday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 27 *Tuesday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, ANN)**Jan. 28** *Wednesday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 29 *Thursday, Weekday*8:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI, ANNIV.
(LOU ANN & FAMILY)**Jan. 30** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MIEDY PLIZGA, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Jan. 31 *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM ALBERT, SOPHIE, & ALEX ZALEWSKI AND
THOMAS ZALEWSKI - ST.H
(ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI)

5:00 PM CLARE KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS)-ST.P

Feb. 1 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM ISABELLE MALONEY - ST P
(RAY & PATTI FIORELLI)10:30 AM BETTY SONTAG - ST.P
(CARL & MICHELE CARLOTTI)

We thank **Home Aides**
814-920-4492 or www.homeaidesnow.com
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

01/24 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/25 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Grade 6 - Holy Rosary**01/27** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**01/31** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/01 No Rel. Ed Classes - Catechist Inservice***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20



When the Lord's invitation came, they each had the option to say, "Today's not a good day; maybe another day when I have more time." But they said "Yes" and that "Yes" would substantially change their lives. Jesus invites all of us...so, where are you in your response to Christ these days? You have said "Yes" to God at Baptism, and perhaps to other times in the past. What is God asking of you now? What gets in your way of saying "Yes"?

NEED PRAYERS?

Please call **Mary Pat Ringhand** at **871-2926** 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.

**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