

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 2015



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear from Deuteronomy which is composed of speeches delivered by Moses to the Israelites at the end of their forty years of wandering. In today's reading, Moses foretells the arrival of a prophet who will guide the people. He is warning them that they are not to accept the cultures of others, but to remain uniquely God's people. But his words also contain a warning that if they do not listen to God's word, he will make them answer for it.

First Corinthians 7 opens with the line: "Now in regard to the matters about which you wrote." Paul responds by offering them advice on marriage but remember that Paul is driven by the popular thought that Jesus' return is immanent and so he thinks in very short terms about everything.. Paul tells us elsewhere that he was not married and that married people are anxious about how to please one another. With his heavy focus on the Second Coming of Jesus, he recommends that the unmarried stay that way so as to live without distraction.

The opening chapter of Mark's gospel is filled with miracle stories. In Mark, the most common miracle that Jesus performs is exorcism. Also in Mark, the demons know Jesus' true identity. The demons never waver in their understanding of Jesus, unlike the crowds, and even at times, his own disciples who fail to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. Not surprisingly, those in the synagogue who heard Jesus' teaching and witnessed the exorcism were amazed. Strangely, Mark does not include any details about what Jesus was teaching that day. But clearly the crowds viewed Jesus as someone with authority. According to Mark, it is Jesus' teaching and his ability to control the demons that helped him gain widespread fame.

One of our priests wrote the following in his bulletin and I couldn't agree with him more. "I love having little kids at Mass. I love it when they get distracted by a moth and spend five minutes following the moth's precarious voyage among the lights. It's all good. They are being soaked up in the Mass. Sometimes people complain and make veiled remarks about behavior and discipline and decorum and the rapid deterioration of morals today and stuff like that, but I have no patience for it. For one thing, they were little kids at Mass once, and for another, if there are no little kids at Mass, pretty soon there won't be any Masses. You have to let kids be kids. If you are distracted by a little kid being a little kid at Mass you are not focused on what is holy. Little kids are holy. Let it be. My only rule is no extended fist fights. Other than that I don't care about grapes and yawning and Cheerios. I think the cadence and rhythm and the custom and the peace of the Mass soak into little kids without them knowing it. That why I think lots of kids come back to Mass—it sparks some emotional memory in them and once they're back at Mass they pay attention in new ways and find new food in it. It's all good." Well said.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 18,361 pounds of food during the month of December at a cost of \$1,565.21 to the parish. During that month, we served 849 families or whom 456 were elderly and 1,341 were children. Again I thank you for your generous support of this project.

During Lent I am going to offer 4 Scripture classes on Feb. 26 and March 5, 12 & 19 at 10 AM in the church. The first will be on the Scriptural Mary, not the Mary we think we know. Second on "Who are the Apostles?" Third on "Who Wrote the Gospels" and the last class will be an overview of life in Jesus' time. How did people live, what were their homes like, who were his enemies, who were his friends, as well as an introduction

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

to the apostle Paul and the first Christians. Classes will be held in church. We simply ask that you call the parish office so we know how many copies of the material to print. The classes will be on line also. I will have handouts at the end of each class.

I'm grateful to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Fathers Cauley Chapter, for a gift of \$500 to the St. Patrick's Food Pantry.

I'm also grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph Social Outreach program which recently made a gift of \$500 to our Food Pantry.

Celebrant of the Masses at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Msgr. Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's Parish.

Priests of the diocese recently had a four day seminar on change, on improving our skills to deal with people who are mourning, people who are resisting change, trying to help people walk through the changes that have to come in the diocese. There is a part of me that wants to see this whole process over with, but after the workshop, I understand Bishop Persico's slow and deliberate approach to this. Next step will be listening sessions for people in the parishes and then another general session in June.

A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner. The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy beer instead of dinner?" "No," the homeless man replied, "I had to give up drinking more than 10 years ago." "Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" "Are you nuts," replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years." "Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing this?" The man replied, "I don't care. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and golf."

Saint Hedwig News



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord-February 2
"Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly He was fulfilling the Law, but in reality He was coming to meet His believing people."

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by wife Janice.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** requested by James & Anna Flanagan.

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

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Robert Purzycki whose funeral was celebrated this past Wednesday. We pray for the repose of his soul and that Christ's consolation may touch the hearts of Robert's loved ones and friends.

Our offertory for last week was \$1,245.00. Thank you and God bless.

Additional Christmas Flower Donation

In loving memory of Amanda Juchno requested by Russell Robison.

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.

ST. HEDWIG MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY

4:00 PM

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TOM KURPIEWSKI

ART BLUM

ALTAR SERVERS PORTIA & YVONNE NOWOSIELSKI





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,492.00
Online Giving	<u>1,166.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,658.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Dennis Gray** from Annie & Brian Candela & Family

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

Donations to the **Food Pantry**:

In honor of **Msgr. Kriegel**, "Thank You" from John Godish

In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski** from Mrs. Frances Sokolowski

In memory of **Trish Hardner** from Jeffrey Hardner

In memory of **Mary Novotny** from Carolyn & Robert Schenker

In memory of **Emory W. Lang, Jr., James & Mary Ann Mahoney and Paul & Norma Causgrove** from Anne & Paul Causgrove

In memory of **Jennifer Park** from Claire Russell

In memory of **CW Brennan and MK Wright** from Nancy Yochim

In memory of **Deceased Members of the Wegner Family** from Lynne Long

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Dr. & Mrs Forrest Mischler, Kathleen Horan, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Karen Dubowski & Timothy Grode, and Donna & Dario Cipriani

PARISHIONERS WHO USE OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: We have sent tax statements to those who received a statement last year and to those who requested one. If you would like to receive a statement, please call the office and we will get one to you. 454-8085

Please note: The envelope for "fuel" has been eliminated from the offertory packets.



Let Us **Welcome**

Nora Clare Cross

daughter of

Patrick & Nicole

(Gangemi) Cross

baptized after the 5:00 pm Mass
on Saturday, January 31st

Congratulations to **Ethan Baker** who is making his First Communion on Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Ethan is the son of James and Barbara Nealon.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Kathleen Haslett*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Emilio & Gemma Filippi*

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

Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Brown*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tim Scully, Audrey Reigel, Katie Froehlich*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

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

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



SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Barry and Deborah Masterson

Tom & Jeanette Schaaf

Bill and Donna Netkowicz

Andrew Watts and Breanna Miklos

Sue Gushie

Kraig Sweeney

Dan Portenier and Minday Hecker

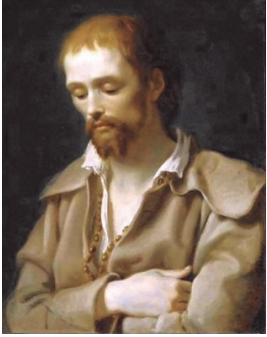
Keith and Jane Riley

Patrick and Madeline Faillaci

Thomas and Susan Minarcik

Drew Ulrich

HOMELESS SHELTER NEWS



Saint Benedict Joseph Labre—Patron Saint of Homeless People

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, small men's jeans (size 32-34), hats, gloves, shoes, boots, coats, long underwear, etc.

We also need personal hygiene items, *i.e.*, sample size toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors, shaving cream, sample size deodorants, 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) gallon size ziplock bags 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.

Luke 3:11

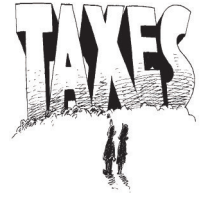
And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise."



Support the **RINCE NA TIARNA** dancers **PUB Night on February 5, 2015** 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!

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 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014.
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.



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SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH , 516 EAST 13TH STREET is hosting their Annual Lenten Dish and Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, March 20, March 6 and 20 in the parish hall, serving from 4:00 PM—7:00 PM. Cost: Adults—\$10.00; Children (6-12) - \$5.00; children five and under—free. Take-out dinners are \$10.25. Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family and friends.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Feb. 18, 2015 at 26th and Wallace, Erie. 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Meal consists of deep-fried perch, baked cod, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, green beans, salad and home-made desserts. Cost is \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 for children under age 12. Ashes will be distributed at 5 p.m.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family. Be forgiving. Be reconciling. Be the light you wish to see in the darkness.

Transitions: A Monthly Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This month's topic is: "Forgiveness" with guest speaker, Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch. Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. Visit us at: www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp

STORIES REQUESTED OF SISTERS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE: The second annual National Catholic Sisters Week, in conjunction with National Women's History Month, will take place March 8-14. National Catholic Sisters Week was created to honor and to focus on the lives of religious women who have been on the forefront of education, healthcare, social justice, women's rights, homelessness and countless other ministries. In anticipation of this year's event, organizers are gathering comments and stories about the impact of Catholic sisters. The stories and comments may be used in various publications and/or electronic media by the congregations and/or the Diocese of Erie. The public is invited to be part of the celebration by sharing a positive story or experience about a sister or sisters who made a difference in their lives. Or share your thoughts on the impact of Catholic sisters in our diocese, the community and the world. Email comments/stories to prdir@ssjerie.org or mail them to Stephanie Hall, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506-1249

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 SONNTAG - ST.P
(CARL & MICHELE CARLOTTI)**Feb. 2** *Monday, The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 3 *Tuesday, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 4 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 5 *Thursday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 6 *Friday, Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 7 *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM PETER WERNICKI (KAREN DODSON) - ST.H

5:00 PM THERESA MERSKI (RON MERSKI & FAMILY)-ST.P

Feb. 8 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 PM JAMES SCHAFFNER - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM INTENTIONS OF THE BLESSED MOTHER - 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

01/31 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/01 No Rel. Ed Classes - Catechist Inservice**02/03** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/04** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/07** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/08 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7,8,9 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



The words authority and authenticity stand out on today's gospel. If something has authority, it is supported by unquestionable evidence. If something is authentic, it is genuine and its origin is supported by unquestionable evidence. Mark says that Jesus spoke as one having authority, which comes from God, and his authenticity can be seen in his life. Pope Francis writes in "The Joy of the Gospel" that there is a great thirst for authenticity in our world...we need to allow God's Word to change our hearts and move us to action. What evidence have you seen lately of love moving people to action?

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.

We thank **Brugger Funeral Homes & Crematory, LLP**

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See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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