

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 22, 2015



Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

Serving the East Bayfront of Erie since 1837

Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the First Sunday of Lent and we hear the story of Noah and the Ark which takes up most of the first 11 chapters of Genesis. The pattern in these chapters is creation, destruction and then re-creation. It is in fact the template through which the entire bible can be read. God creates, human sin affects the creation and God re-creates. Today's reading is the first official covenant that God establishes with his people. One of the interesting features of this covenant is its unconditional terms. God promises to never again devastate the earth.

Our brief second reading from the first Letter of Peter offers some important theological insights as well as a direct connection to the first reading. Theologically, this letter informs us that Christ "suffered" so that he "might lead you to God." We see here how the early Christians began to make sense of Jesus' agonizing death on the cross. The letter continues to say that Jesus' death not only served to connect us to God, but to allow Jesus to "preach to the spirits in prison." Scholars are unsure of this meaning. Does it refer to those who died in the flood or to demonic sources conquered by Christ. One thing is clear: Jesus wants us to know that his message of salvation continues after his life on earth. The reading ends with a discussion of Noah and the practice of early Christian baptismal rites. Remember that only adults were baptized. Infant baptism would come much, much later in the church.

Our brief gospel are the first 15 verses of Mark where we hear about John the Baptist, the baptism of Jesus and, in today's reading, the temptation of Jesus and the beginning of his public ministry. Note how economical Mark is with his words. He tells the entire story of Jesus in just 678 verses, the briefest of all the gospel authors. Each year, the gospel for the First Sunday of

Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus. Very little detail is found in Mark—we have to wait until we read Matthew and Luke to get all of the details. The season of Lent calls us to enter a journey into the desert, to repent and seek reconciliation with God, ourselves and others.

On Thursday morning from 10—11 I will offer the first of four Scripture classes in church. There is plenty of parking in the Erie Insurance lot near the former Cauley Auditorium as well as on the east side of the church. This week's class will be "Mary of the Scriptures," in which I'll try to show who the real Mary was and how we got to so much of the artificial image we have of her. I only ask that you call the office and let us know if you will be attending so I know how many copies of the talk to make. I will distribute copies of the talk at the end of each class. The classes will also be on our web page. If you are going to watch it on line, you can call the office and we will mail you the printed copies.

Perhaps taking these classes and learning more about scripture could be your Lenten practice this year. Recall our Catholic theology that God is present to us in three ways: in the Eucharist, when two or three of us gather to pray and when we proclaim his Word.

We still have a few openings on our Sept. 1-11 trip to Greece. We will spend 2 days in Athens at a beautiful hotel at the foot of the Acropolis and then do a 7 night Greek Isle cruise which will also include Istanbul for a day and a full day at Ephesus in Turkey where we will also go up to Mary's House. Mainline Scripture scholars believe this is where John the Beloved Disciple took Mary after the resurrection and where she eventually died.

Pope Francis spoke recently to the Roman Rota, which is the Marriage Tribunal of the church, and he urged them to speed up the annulment

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process and to never let legalism get in the way of helping people resolve marital issues. He also asked all of the Marriage Tribunals in the world to stop charging for an annulment saying that these should be offered to people completely free.

Our two week Homeless Shelter is finished and we can all relax. I can't tell you how impressed and touched I am by the response you have shown. A particular thanks to B J Lechner who coordinated everything, Linda Pfeffer who was in charge of clothing distribution with Bill & Cindy Welsh, Angie Kontur who handled facility management, Greg & Carm Tellers who coordinated food and to the countless volunteers who made this happen. When we took this on, I admit I was scared to death; but your response blows me away.

The diocese will shortly be scheduling Listening Sessions for parishioners to express their thoughts, concerns, anxieties about the future shaping of the diocese. All of these listening sessions will then be coordinated and the information shared with everyone at meetings to be scheduled in June. Also to be distributed at those June meetings will be statistical data on the state of our parishes, the number of priests, the aging of the clergy, etc.

Thank God we're now doing this sort of planning. We should have been doing it 20 years ago as were most other dioceses.

If someone in your family is in a convalescent home or ill at home, please do not hesitate to call me and I will visit them. I can also administer the Sacrament of the Sick & bring Communion.

A baseball coach sat down with one of his players. "Do you understand what cooperation is," he asked. "What a team is?" The boy nodded. "Do you understand that what really matters is that we play together as a team?" Again the boy nodded. "So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called or you're out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. You get all that, son?" The boy nodded a third time. "Good," the coach added. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

Saint Hedwig News



Condolences and thanks: We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Regina Loncki** whose funeral was celebrated last Friday. We also thank God for the gift that Regie was to her parish family here at Saint Hedwig. For many, many years Regie dedicated countless hours as President of St. Hedwig Rosary Society. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.

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

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Dolores.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by wife Charlotte.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$395.00. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

This year our assessment goal is \$11,804. As you know, our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is very important for us. We can at least duplicate last year's success. Please make your pledge today.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig's on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm. Let us all try to draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

Lenten Dinners

Enjoy delicious dinners....Fish, pierogi and more.... every Friday from 4 until 7pm at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons.

ST. HEDWIG MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 28

SATURDAY

4:00PM

LECTOR

JIM GORSKI

EUCCHARIST

JIM GORSKI

USHERS

TOM KURPIEWSKI/ART BLUM

ALTAR SERVER

CHARLOTTE MABIE

2015 Catholic Services Appeal provides funding for:

Saint Martin's Center

Saint Patrick's Parish is partnered with the Center in helping people trapped in poverty. Their outreach includes job training, day care, food pantry, counseling, clothing, tutoring children who are falling behind in school. This past Christmas they distributed 1,400 gifts to needy children. They are a dynamic presence in our inner city, and we are proud to be part of them. They rely on the CSA for significant funding.

The Bishop's Breakfast

Each morning of the year, a hot breakfast is served to over 100 homeless people at the Upper Room at 10th and Peach Streets. This breakfast is provided at no cost and is 100% funded through the CSA.

PALS

This program (People After Loss from Suicide) provides counseling, group sharing, etc. for families who are devastated by a suicide. The work could not continue without the CSA funding.

Harborcreek Youth Services

Though this program for delinquent and troubled teenage boys is largely funded by the government, significant portions of what the diocese is able to offer these young men is funded through the CSA. This extra programming distinguishes Harborcreek in its success rate.

Support for Major Seminarians

When I was in the seminary, our costs were only \$150 a semester. The diocese paid everything else. Now, our seminarians are responsible for paying much more, though a significant portion of the costs of their training is borne by the diocese. All of this is funded through CSA.

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services

These programs provide professionals to counsel and guide people who are struggling with issues in life. Many of them cannot afford the services and CSA makes it possible for them to be cared for. The adoption program places infants who might not otherwise have a loving home into the care of parents who want to provide for them.

Refugee Ministry

The Diocese of Erie was built upon refugees - Irish, Italians, Poles, Germans—who came here with nothing but the clothes on their backs. It was the church who educated their children and brought them in one generation out of poverty. Today's refugees come from different areas—Asia, Mexico and Central America—but they, too, are in need of a great deal of help, ie., job training, learning English, getting enrolled in school, finding housing, etc. CSA provides funding to help these people in the same way the church helped your and my ancestors a century ago.

Deaf Ministry

Can you imagine going through life unable to hear? Many people do and in the Diocese of Erie we have a variety of programs to assist them, train them, help them gain self respect and become productive citizens. All of it is funded through CSA.

Disabilities Ministries

Though there are a variety of programs both local non-profits and the government who help the disabled, the diocese also assists them in a variety of ways including helping them gain self confidence and the knowledge that they can conquer their challenges. CSA makes this possible.



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February 2015

Dear Parishioners -

I need your help. I really do. The Catholic Services Appeal is underway in all of our parishes. Our assessment at St. Patrick's is \$44,585. Anything raised beyond that will stay in the parish.

I had planned to put the excess toward the debt on the restoration, but now we have close to \$30,000 in expenses for a new boiler.

Can you help? Any amount of a pledge. I will start it off with a \$500 personal pledge. Will you join me?

Father Kriegel



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	
for Saturday 02/13/2015	\$2,817.05
Online Giving	979.00
Total Income	\$ 3,796.05

There were no Masses on Sunday, 02/15/15 due to heating problems and, therefore, no offertory to report.

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 **William Rennie** from Wife and Family

The **Restoration Fund** in memory of **Richard Reim** from Rosanne Hyatt and Floyd Hyatt MD

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Trish Hardner, Jerry, Tom & Jim Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner

Donations to the **Food Pantry:**

In memory of **Michael Cummings** from Public Relations Society of NWP

In memory of **Anna Fedash** from Deborah & Robert Masi

In memory of **Dr. Joseph McClellan** from Mary Beth & Tom Galla

In memory of **Tom Galvins** from Mary Beth & Richard Wachter

Also donations from:

Mary Lou & Dr. Don Zone, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Patty MacArthur, and Alice & Ken Daub



Let Us **Welcome**

Lucia Marie Marnella

and

Mia Patricia Marnella

daughters of

Matthew & Mary (Fiorelli) Marnella

who will be baptized after the 10:30 am Mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Tom Golab*

Greeters: *Angie Kontur*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Sunday, March 1, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Gail Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Cyndi Pristello*

Greeters: *Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello*

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

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 28TH

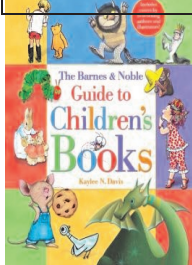
The Irish Culture Society will once again be hosting "The Hooley" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Auditorium at 1531 East Grandview. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Tipperary West, 32nd & Cherry Mon. thru Sat. from noon to 5 PM. Tickets include beer, set-ups and entertainment by the Rince Na Tiarna dancers, Blarney Rubble and headliner **Seamus Kennedy!** The fun starts at 7:00. Don't miss it!



EASTER EGG COLORING KITS:

The Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry is requesting donations for Easter egg coloring kits as the response from last year's plea was overwhelming. We are

hoping for a repeat performance. The kits are inexpensive and available at most dollar stores. They are a huge hit with the clients of the food pantry.



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

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**Feb. 21** *Saturday, Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM DR. ANGELINE FABRIZIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY) - ST.P**Feb. 22** *First Sunday of Lent*8:00 AM DEBBI DONNELLY, ANNIV. (2/21) - ST.P
(GREG & BARB FISCHER)

10:30 AM THOMAS WALKER, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 23 *Monday, Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 24 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM RITA CALDWELL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

Feb. 25 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM MARSH WILSON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FRIEND, ANN MARIE)**Feb. 26** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM AL JARZOMSKI (JIM & CAROLE SULECKI)

Feb. 27 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JENNIE PAZDZIESZ (WANDA & JOE HABAS)

Feb. 28 *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent*4:00 PM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(TOM KURPIEWSKI & ART BLUM FAMILIES)5:00 PM SARA CARLOW, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(THE CARLOW FAMILY)**March 1** *Second Sunday of Lent*8:00 AM MARSHA WILSON, ANNIV. OF DEATH - ST.H
(FRIEND, ANN MARIE)10:30 AM BETTY SONNTAG - ST.P
(ROB & LISA ROSENTHAL)**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

02/21 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/21 10:00 AM *FIRST EUCHARIST SESSION* -Holy Rosary**02/22** 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

02/24 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/25** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/26** 10:00 AM Scripture Class - St.P**02/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

CONFIRMATION RETREAT - Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in prayer. They will be participating in their ***Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, March 7th*** at Mount St. Benedict Monastery.***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



It is Lent. In this season we encounter a big sign on our life's highway that simply says, ***STOP!*** In this time between the two great mysteries of birth and death is our life. What are you making of it? Are you really experiencing it or just passing through? Perhaps it is time for a new beginning. On what do you need to stop and reflect this Lent? As Lent begins, what new path might God be calling you to follow?

We thank **KRAUS DEPARTMENT STORE**

810 Parade Street - Erie 453-4314

for advertising in our parish bulletin.

See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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