

*SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*  
*MARCH 1, 2015*



St. Patrick  
Station of the  
Cross

**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 Second Sunday of Lent and the opening line ("God put Abraham to the test") requires some context. In Genesis, chapters 12-25 are stories about Abraham and Sarah. We learn for example, that when God established his first covenant with Abraham he was already 75 years old. At the birth of Ishmael, Abraham's son through Hagar, Abraham was 86. When Abraham was 99, the covenant of circumcision began, and Abraham was 100 years old at the birth of Isaac, the only son of Abraham and Sarah. We're told that Abraham lived to be 175 years old and Sarah 127 years. Scholars do not believe these numbers to be correct but were used by the author as a sign of God's favor upon them as old age was considered a divine gift. In today's reading, Isaac is about 13 years old and Abraham about 113 years old, so this event is occurring 40 years after the first covenant between God and Abraham. The author never reveals Abraham's inner struggle over sacrificing his son, but he is presented as unwavering in his trust of God.

In our very brief second reading, Paul assures the Romans of God's commitment to them. He uses the example of God's sacrifice of his own Son as the ultimate proof of his fidelity and love.

Each year, the gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent is the Transfiguration. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record it with remarkable consistency. A notable factor in this account is God's voice. He speaks only twice in the gospels: here and at the baptism of Jesus. Both times he identifies Jesus as "my beloved Son." At the baptism, he adds "In whom I am well pleased." Today he adds, "Listen to him." In the vision, Moses symbolically represents the Law and Elijah the prophets. For these early Christians the Law and the prophets embody the Old Testament. Their presence also

deeply rooted in the scriptures that shaped his life and his understanding of God and Israel. The term "listen to him," refers to his command to the disciples not to tell anyone of this until after his resurrection, but in the larger context of Mark's gospel it also is understood as the totality of the Good News which Jesus came to proclaim.

If you think the Diocese of Erie is going to undergo major changes, read on. In the archdiocese of Vienna, Austria, Cardinal Schonborn reduced 660 parishes to 150; in Berlin, Germany, Cardinal Woelki has reduced 105 parishes to 30; in the Archdiocese of Boston, Cardinal O'Malley has laid off 30% of the diocesan staff because of budgets; and in Louisville, KY, 17 parishes have been merged into 6 and they are moving from a parish based schools to a centralized system.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway in the diocese. At St. Hedwig's, our assessment is \$11,804; at St. Patrick's it is \$46,585. Any money we raise above and beyond the assessment remains in the parish. I am hoping at St. Patrick's that we can set a goal of \$100,000. I had originally planned to apply those extra monies to the debt which remains from the restoration of the church. I will now have to hold off on that until I find out how much it will cost to replace the boiler in St. Patrick's Church. I'm hoping that everyone can make a small sacrifice and make a commitment to this year's appeal so that I can pay for the new boiler as well as apply some money toward the debt on the restoration.

We have finally finished the saga of the boiler in St. Patrick's Church. It took them nine days to get heat back in the church. Now we have to get people in to examine the pipe organ to make sure that the cold did not damage it as parts of that instrument are very sensitive to cold. As bad as all of it was, we can be grateful that we did not have a fire in the building. Flames were shooting out of



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

the boiler. Fortunately it was discovered in time so that nothing worse happened. Either St. Patrick or Father Peter Cauley was looking over us! We're waiting to hear from the insurance company to see if there will be any help in replacing the boiler in church. The adjustor who was here tells me that the boiler was installed in 1994 by a highly reputable company, but repairs have been made on the system over the years by local companies and they altered and changed the way it was intended to function. We're now taking everything back to the way it should be and it's a long and expensive process but it needs to be done and done right.

In examining records, the parish has spent an inordinate amount of money on repairs to that boiler in its 20 year history. There were too many fingers in the pie!

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Chip Wachter and his partner Jeff Kidder of Kidder-Wachter Architects who have been chosen to design the GAF sight on Erie's Bayfront. They made a presentation to the Jefferson Society a year or so ago on their proposal and it is exciting.

The leadership team of the Homeless Shelter is going to gather at the rectory for dinner and a follow up discussion of the event in the hope that we can make it even better next year. I don't know how we can—it was an incredible success. Members of that team are B. J. Lechner, Angie Kontur, Terry & Lynn Pfeffer, Bill & Cindy Welsh and Greg & Carm Tellers. I don't have enough space in the bulletin to list the names of all of the volunteers who did an incredible job monitoring, providing meals, helping people, etc. There are also the behind the scenes people who donated money, bought new clothing, sent in toiletry items and necessities to give these people dignity.

A senior citizen told his 88 year old friend that he was getting married. His friend asked, "Is she good looking?" "Not really," he replied. "Can she cook?" "Naw, she can't cook too well." "Does she have a lot of money?" "Nope. Poor as a church mouse," he replied. "Why in the world would you want to marry her?" he asked. "Because she can still drive."

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week **In Thanksgiving** for prayers answered.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Louise Broski** requested by the Juchno family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stanley & Sophie Wiczorek** requested by Irene 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 **\$758.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### **Catholic Services Appeal**

To date we have received **\$950**. Our assigned goal this year is **\$11,804**. We implore all of our parishioners to make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. We must pay the assigned assessment. If you help, we will not have to take the money out of our parish savings.

### **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**

Delicious dinners at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons every Friday from 4 until 7pm.

### **Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, March 8 from 11am until 6pm. Adults \$8, Children (6-12) \$4 and children under 5 free. Come partake of our Authentic Homemade Sauce & Meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread and sherbet. Dinner will be served in the Auditorium, W. 25th & Liberty. Baked goods, cash prizes, theme baskets and more.

**PRAY THE ROSARY, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES DURING LENT.**

### **SAINT HEDWIG MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### **MARCH 7**

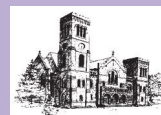
#### **SATURDAY**

**4:00 PM**

LECTOR	TOM KURPIEWSKI
EUCARIST	TOM ZIELINSKI
USHERS	RON HELMSKI RICHARD MIELNIK
ALTAR SERVERS	PORTIA & YVONNE NOWOSIELSKI



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,094.00
Online Giving	<u>1,276.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,370.00

*Thank you for your 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 **Violet Eck** (Kathleen Horan's Mother) from Ashley Green

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**

Donations to the **Food Pantry**:

In memory of **MK Wright and TL Yochim** from Nancy Yochim

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

In memory of **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach

In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski & John Black** from Frances Sokolowski

In memory of **Edward & Clara Hanlin** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

In memory of **Anthony L. Patrizia** from Nancy & Lawrence Fatica

Also donations from:

Kathleen Horan, Jeff O'Hara, Susan & Mark Sullivan, and Barbara & Mark Sargent

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

**Stay Healthy – Spring is on its way!** FREE Blood Pressure screening provided by Emergycare technicians for clients, staff and friends of the Sr. Pascal Food Pantry on Tuesday, March 3rd from 9am - 12 noon.

## 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.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Shirley Winschel, Jay Habas, Carol Habas*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson*

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

**Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Williams, Colleen Welch, Katie Froehlich*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: *Tom & Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan*

It would be greatly appreciated if you know your availability for the Easter Holiday please contact the office at 454-8085 or email [stpat@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpat@neo.rr.com).

**KNIGHTS & LADIES ...** will have a Mass on Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00 pm which will include the induction of the new members of the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. Dinner will follow at St. Peter's. Tickets for the dinner are \$25 for adults, \$13 for 12 and under, and free for children under 5. March 7th is the last day to make your reservation. **NO** tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets and dinner information please contact Colleen Welch at 455-8571.

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 22:102, 10-18

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



Some Scripture scholars interpret the Transfiguration story as a foreshadowing of Jesus' future in order to strengthen the disciples for what was to come. Like the experience of Peter, James, and John on the mountain with Jesus, there are events in life, whether wonderful or unfortunate, that leave us questioning. We can't fully explain their meaning even though we have lived them. Finding meaning sometimes requires faith and perseverance in a relationship or with a situation, walking in faith with Jesus to see where we are led. What might you be hoping that faith will lead you to understand in a new way?

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****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)**March 2** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 3** *Tuesday, Saint Katherine Drexel, Virgin*8:00 AM PARISH SHUT-INS & PARISH FAMILIES  
(AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)**March 4** *Wednesday, Saint Casimir*8:00 AM PATRICIA & PAUL RYAN  
(MARY & ROY HARSH)**March 5** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY (GLORIA SULLIVAN)

**March 6** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM ELEONORE KAMINSKI (IRENE MIELNIK)

**March 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*

4:00 PM ROSE PLIZGA (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM CHRIS PLONSKI (KEN &amp; ALICE DAUB) - ST.P

**March 8** *Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent*8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER - ST.P  
(RON & PATTI MERSKI)

10:30 AM ALFRED J. SOKOLOWSKI (FAMILY) - 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

**02/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/01** 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

**03/03** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/04** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**03/05** 10:00 AM Scripture Class - St.P**03/07** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/08** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary**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.**RITE OF CONFIRMATION** - Our candidates, Brendan Jubulis and Kiely Carney will be Confirmed by Bishop Lawrence T. Persico on **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm** at St. Luke Church, 421 E. 38th Street, Erie.**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.We thank **ORLANDO FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
3235 W 38TH ST., ERIE - 833-8860  
for advertising in our parish bulletin.  
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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

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

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

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Change of Address

Moving

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