

*Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 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

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

## Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

### **Saint Patrick Parish**

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

Today is Third Sunday of Lent and our reading from Exodus recounts Moses receiving the commandments, one of the most defining moments within Israel's collective identity and historic relationship with God. Remember that the commandments are only part of what Moses received that day from God. Chapters 20:22—23:33 of Exodus as well as the entire Book of Leviticus present hundreds of laws governing social, religious and civic dimensions for the newly formed people of Israel. The law became one of the major markers that Israel believed set them apart from others. Over time, other aspects of their culture would emerge such as worship in the Temple at Jerusalem, belief in a single God, the dietary code, etc. Eight of the ten commandments are in the negative, only two being positive—those dealing with worship of God and family life. Only the first three speak to Israel's relationship with God. The remaining seven focus on the Israelite's relationship with one another.

Paul had a formidable task when he wrote First Corinthians in the year 55. There are major problems in Corinth ranging from moral conduct and sexual practices to problems with liturgies. He was also concerned about the divisions within the community.

The gospel reading from John is about the cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem. In Mt., Mk and Lk this cleansing takes place at the very end of Jesus' ministry. For some reason, John puts it at the very beginning. Most scholars believe John is in error here. Of the four authors, John has the most graphic description of Jesus' reaction to merchants and money changers buying and selling animals in the temple area. The misunderstanding between Jesus and the Jews after he cleanses the area is very typical of John. He concludes today's reading with a comment about

those who come to believe in "his name." In John, it is not the miracles that inspire belief; it is the encounter with Jesus. John gives us the story of the Samaritan woman at the well who came to believe through her encounter. John is telling us that the people in Jerusalem came to believe because of the signs and miracles and thus Jesus does not trust them; there must, instead, be encounters with Jesus for true belief.

On Thursday, our scripture class will be on "Who Wrote the Gospels." We'll explore authorship of the Old Testament as well as the various letters in the New Testament. Class is from 10-11. The class will also be on our webpage, and if anyone is watching it there, you can e-mail the parish and we will attach the handout.

We continue conducting the Catholic Services Appeal in both of our parishes. St. Hedwig's has an assessment of \$11,804 and St. Patrick's is \$46,585. Any monies raised above the assessment remains in the parish. At St. Hedwig's, the funds would go toward the operating budget. At St. Patrick's we need to pay for a new boiler in the church and pay down the debt on the restoration. I'm hoping everyone will do whatever they can to help.

As I noted in the bulletin two weeks ago, the Catholic Services Appeal funds a wide variety of programs in the diocese including part of the budget of St. Martin's Center, providing a warm breakfast every morning at the Upper Room for over a hundred homeless people, etc. Your support of this appeal helps make all of this possible.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the archbishop of Washington, D C, has an interesting column on his blog this week as he addresses the resistance on the part of several cardinals and bishops to Pope Francis and his reform of the church. He notes that such resistance is not new at all, but has

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

from time immemorial. He noted Cardinal Louis Billot of Paris when Pope Pius XI condemned a political movement in France calling for the restoration of the monarchy. The cardinal was so incensed at the pope's action that he was asked by the pope to resign as a cardinal and he did so in 1927. Very, very strong dissent among the hierarchy emerged after Pope John the XXIII's encyclical, *Pacem in Terris* (Peace on Earth), a monumental work condemning war and calling for harmony between nations. Likewise, cardinals and archbishops strongly protested the 1969 edict of Pope Paul VI simplifying their vestments and abolishing the *cappa magna*, a 20 foot long red water silk train that hung from their shoulders. The dissenting American cardinal, Raymond Burke, has taken up wearing the *cappa magna* again and he looks like something out of a cartoon. Cardinals objected to Pope John Paul I's smile as "diminishing the gravity of his office!!" and publicly lashed out at the fact that he was seen waving to people as he walked in for Mass!! It seems that when some of these men are given these positions, they enter an unreal world where they expect everyone to bow and adore them.

Saint Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 24,323 pounds of food during January. Cost to the parish was \$905.44, all of which was covered thanks to your generosity. Among the 2,331 recipients were 938 children and 355 elderly.

We have held an initial follow up meeting to the Homeless Shelter to take a look at what worked, what didn't, what we can improve, etc. There will be a wider and more general meeting to allow any of the volunteers to share their thoughts on all of this. We're hoping very much that we can do this again next year. I think any of the volunteers will tell you that we not only rendered an incredible service, but it was very rewarding.

Three old guys are out walking and the first one says, "Windy, isn't it?" The second one replies, "No, it's Thursday." The third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."..... A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really," answered the neighbor, "What kind is it?" "Twelve thirty," he answered.

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Anthony Kantorowski** requested by the Juchno family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Theresa Paluh.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** 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 \$752.00. Thank you and God bless.

### **Catholic Services Appeal**

To date we have received \$2,000 in pledges for the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal. Our assigned goal for this year is \$11,804. We want to thank all who have pledged thus far, but as you can see, we have a way to go. Our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is crucial for our financial vitality. We appeal to all who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. We need your help!

### **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 at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons**

Delicious fish and pierogi dinners and more....  
Serving every Friday from 4 until 7pm.

### What is the purpose of observing Lent every year?

It is a time of preparation and purification for Easter. We prepare ourselves by prayer, fasting (self-denial), and almsgiving (works of mercy). Lent is a time to get to know Jesus better.

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

March 14

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

**PRAY THE  
ROSARY  
DURING  
LENT**





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,079.00
Online Giving	<u>1,129.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,208.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Tom Golab,  
Lynne Long

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

**Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Patty Jackson,  
Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin

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

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-7

Reading II: 1Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



For the Israelites, the temple in Jerusalem was a very important and holy place. Jesus is dismayed by what he witnesses there, that worship of God is not the most primary focus of the people. Jesus, who cleansed the temple with great zeal, is now ready once again to cleanse pure hearts and minds so that we can be more fully in God's presence. We are so exposed to advertisements, distractions, habits and worries that we can easily become numb to God's presence in our lives. What in your life needs to be cleared out to allow the sense of God's presence to surface more?



Let Us **Welcome**  
**Brach Peter Gatheridge,**  
son of

Bradley and Michele (Scully)  
Gatheridge

who will be baptized at St. Patrick's  
Church on Saturday, March 7th.

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 **Joyce McGee** from John & Kym Cicero

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 memory of **Dick Reim** from

Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

In memory of **Richard & Mary Lou Reim** from

Kathleen & Eugen Polaski

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

Janice & Donald Pastore

In memory of **Deceased Members of the Phillips & Leemhuis Families** from Charla Leemhuis

In memory of **Mary Lois Litzinger** from  
Yvonne Gersims

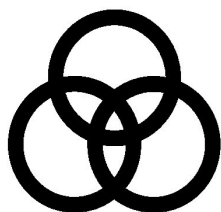
Also donations from:

Patty & Ray Fiorelli, Tom Golab JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, Dotty & Michael Schloss, Patty MacArthur and Maggie McMahon Collins

**Reminder** Msgr. Kriegel's homilies and Lenten scriptures are available online.

Go to: [saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://saintpatrickparisherie.org) and the homily page. Then click on the You Tube connection.

Save-Around Coupon Books are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. These books are filled with coupons for various and numerous restaurants around Erie. Also all sorts of events including basketball, baseball, hockey games, and the Erie Playhouse. If you use it once, you 'll get your money's worth.



## *Prayer - Planning - Possibilities*



**PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS**  
**Report 1 • March 2015**

## AN INTRODUCTION *to the data*

The Diocese of Erie has engaged in pastoral planning to strengthen parish ministries, enhance the life of parishes and schools, make the church more responsible as a steward of limited resources and create a stronger, more viable and capable church to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ.

### **Smart planning requires good data.**

Over the next few weeks, the Diocese of Erie will release the relevant data that has been compiled by the Meitler firm with the highest level of reliability possible.



Data tells a story: the story of how we are changing, how the environment around us is changing, and who is in the communities where we live and minister. ***The data will provide an objective and sober assessment of the current situation and a look at the future in terms of how demographics of communities and parishes could change.***

Extensive data was collected and analyzed from many sources in the diocese and the broader community. Information was collected directly from parishes and schools through a data form all parishes and schools were asked to complete. Interviews were conducted with many Catholic leaders and feedback was solicited through a series of kick-off meetings across the diocese. ***More information will be forthcoming from listening sessions, parishioner surveys and parish self-assessments.*** Taken together, this larger collection of information will be a vital resource for setting goals and making recommendations.

"Our goals are to revitalize our efforts at evangelization, invigorate our ministry to all the poor and marginalized and proclaim the Gospel more effectively to all, especially to our youth and the varied marketplaces of our diocese," Bishop Lawrence Persico says. Data informs all of these goals. It builds a common understanding of the current reality and poses many challenges and opportunities going forward.

## AT A GLANCE

### *Facts and figures about the Diocese of Erie*

	2003-04	2013-14	
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	874,057	836,164	
<b>TOTAL CATHOLIC POPULATION</b>	225,934	225,000	
<b>REGISTERED PARISH HOUSEHOLDS</b>	71,491	59,962	-16%
<b>PARISHES</b>	126	117	
<b>MISSIONS</b>	19	20	
<b>CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>		142	
<b>ACTIVE PRIESTS</b>	159 (2005)	121 (2015)	projected: 36 (2025)
<b>RETIRED/SICK/ABSENT PRIESTS</b>	46 (2005)	53 (2015)	
<b>WOMEN RELIGIOUS</b>	476 (2007)	295	
<b>DEACONS</b>	29	63	
<b>SEMINARIANS</b>	24 (2005)	14	(additional 6 studying in Erie for other dioceses)
<b>INFANT BAPTISMS</b>	1,801	1,033	-43 %
<b>FIRST COMMUNIONS</b>	2,455	1,527	-38 %
<b>CONFIRMATIONS</b>	2,194	1,411	-36 %
<b>CATHOLIC STUDENTS (Preschool - 12th grade)</b>	9,051 (2009)	7,961	-12% in 6 years
<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS</b>	14,944	10,466	-30%
<b>MARRIAGES</b>	797	502	-37%
<b>DEATHS</b>	2,660	2,360	-11%
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	\$27,108,735	\$28,506,318	+5%
<b>AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	65,858 (2006)	48,696	-26%

# 319

Masses offered each Sunday

# 153

Average Mass attendance

# 46,798

One-time seating capacity in all diocesan churches

## THE DIOCESE OF ERIE: *A snapshot*

The Diocese of Erie offers more than 90 ministries and services to people of all faiths throughout its 13 counties. In its 2013 annual report, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie alone noted having served nearly 78,000 children, adolescents, adults and seniors. While some people received multiple services, the outreach ranged from providing food and clothing to counseling and mental health services, social support services and assistance with transitional housing.



But it's not just treasure: People give of their talent and time as well. *Faith* magazine and *FaithLife* newspaper are filled with stories of people whose volunteer efforts are nothing short of heroic. Whether it's the men and women of Sacred Heart Parish in St. Marys who have raised over \$1.5 million through their renowned bake sales, catechists in every parish dedicated to passing on the faith, the sisters of the Community of Anawim serving the working poor through their free medical clinic in Frenchville, or deacons meeting with the incarcerated, the people in every corner of the Diocese of Erie are

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**The generosity of the people of the Diocese of Erie continues to be an inspiration.** Special collections for people affected by natural disasters consistently raise hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition to their weekly offertory contributions, parishioners donate more than \$6 million each year to the Catholic Services Appeal, supporting vital operations and outreach efforts for those in need.

Resources provided by the Catholic Church—including schools which save Pennsylvanians more than \$50 million in taxes each year—are vital assets in their communities.



## DEMOGRAPHICS *Population trends and their impact on the Diocese of Erie*

### general population

**836,164**

The population of the 13 counties that comprise the Diocese of Erie, down from 874,957 in 2000 (Source: P.A. State Data Center and U.S. Census Bureau)

**26%**

of the population self identifies as Catholic, higher than the national average of 19%. In Erie County, it's 34% while Elk County is 70% (Source: 2010 U.S. Religion Census, Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies)

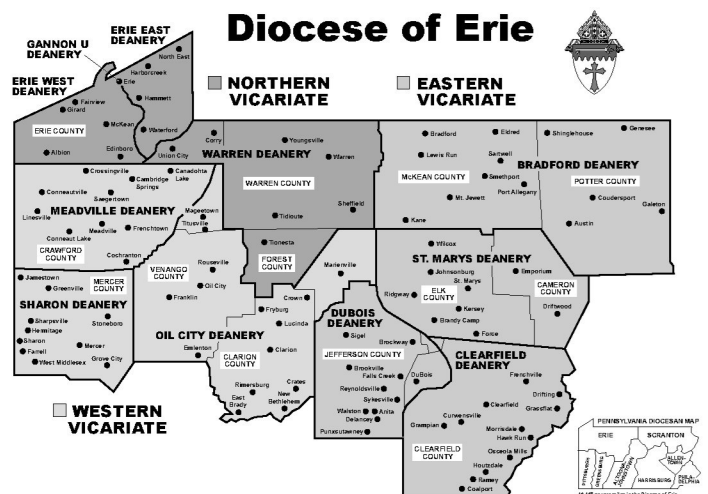
**11** of the 13 counties that comprise the Diocese of Erie lost population from 2000-2010. Erie County was an exception, holding mostly steady.

### PROJECTIONS INDICATE

#### THE DIOCESE OF ERIE AS A

**WHOLE WILL SEE *little population growth over the next 20 years, perhaps 4 percent over the entire period.***

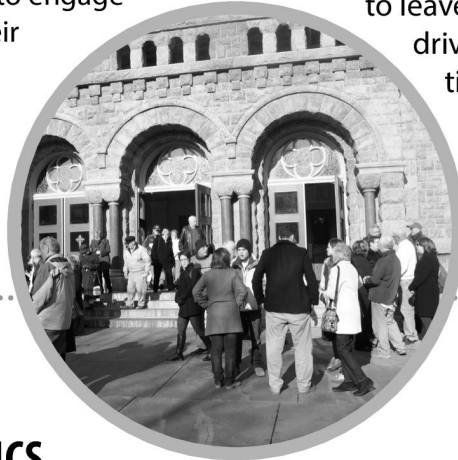
The two counties with notable growth in number of persons are Erie County, forecast to grow by 25,000 persons over 20 years, and Mercer County, forecast to grow by 4,700 persons over 20 years. Four other counties are projected to have further shrinkage in their populations and five other counties are projected to see very small growth.



## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Our population is aging and we are seeing a considerable increase in the number of people age 55 and older. Per Meitler, "The population ages 65 and older will grow by more than 50 percent, offering a pool of talent with years of service available. This population will tend to stay in place more than younger generations, and will tend to have a fixed income. There is a window of time to engage and serve this age cohort while their numbers are growing and before they reach a more elderly stage of life."

The lack of economic opportunity is causing a migration of



our younger people. This is affecting the future of our cities and towns, and of course, our parishes as well. ***Per Meitler, "Age cohorts with children and families, particularly the group ages 35 to 49, are declining across the diocese."*** Consistent with their decline is a decline among school-age children. For many counties, young people tend to leave upon reaching adulthood, again, driven by economics. The outmigration of young people has a negative impact on employers who face a shrinking labor force; this, in turn, has a negative impact on school districts.

## +/- CATHOLIC STATISTICS

- ***One-third of Catholics in the Diocese of Erie are not registered in a parish***, or about 80,000 persons.
- The number of Catholic households registered in parishes declined 16 percent, or 11,529 households from 2004 to 2014.
- Across the diocese, almost 40 percent of parishes indicated a very small change or no change in registered households, so the ***significant decline has been among 74 parishes/missions*** out of a total 137 parishes/missions.
- In the Diocese of Erie from 1995 to 2014, two new parishes were created through mergers, 10 parishes ceased to exist through mergers, four existing parishes were renamed as part of a merger and eight church buildings were closed and are no longer used for worship.
- ***The average parish size in the diocese is 437 registered households.*** There are 14 parishes with more than 1,000 households and 24 parishes/missions with less than 100 households.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

***Among the additional topics to be covered in future reports:***

- Worship and the sacraments
- Mass attendance
- Catholic education
- How we carry out our mission today
- Parish resources through collections/giving
- Different parish structures and what they mean
- Number of clergy past/present/future
- Number of lay professionals
- Ratios of clergy to people and lay professionals to people
- Key indicators of a vibrant parish
- Key indicators of a healthy school

*This is the first in a four-part series of bulletin inserts providing an overview of recent data collected about the Diocese of Erie through the pastoral planning process.*

**JOIN THE DISCUSSION** All parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are invited to take the survey now available at **[www.meitler.com/erie](http://www.meitler.com/erie)**. The data collected from this effort will be a key component of the parish listening aspect of pastoral planning. **STAY INFORMED** Please visit **[www.ErieRCD.org/planning.asp](http://www.ErieRCD.org/planning.asp)** for ongoing updates about the pastoral planning process.



**Blessed Sacrament Parish—1626 West 26th Street, 454-0171**

Invites you to their LENTEN DINNER Friday, March 20, 2015 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. Featuring Baked Scrod Dinner, Cheese Ravioli Dinner and Macaroni & Cheese. Adults: \$9.00 Fish or Ravioli Dinner, \$5.00 Macaroni & Cheese. Children under 12: \$5.00 Fish or Cheese Ravioli Dinner, \$3.00 Macaroni & Cheese.

**Saint Stanislaus Church—516 East 13th Street, 452-6606**

Annual Lenten Fish/ Pierogi Dinner Friday, March 20, 2015 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 and enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with you family And friends.

**FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Sponsored by St. Boniface – Erie, Knights of Columbus SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2015 @ 8:30 am in the cafeteria at St. Boniface. Guest Speaker is *Sarah O'Neill*. The O'Neill Family started # *Ajo* that swept the nation. "Pay it Forward" Come and remember *Alyssa* through her mother. Reservations appreciated: Tickets: Individual - \$7.00, Children under 9 - \$4.00 or Family - \$20.00 (Mom, Dad, and children under 18)

**Palm Sunday Spaghetti dinner**

St. John the Baptist Spaghetti dinner

March 29, 2015 at St. John the Baptist, 26th and Wallace, Erie. 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 for children under age 11. Enjoy a delicious meal and great fellowship. A plant raffle will also be available.

**PALS Support Group**

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side). For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the light." 3 Steps to apologizing well: 1. I'm sorry. 2. Please forgive me. 3. Try to make an amend.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

615. 3 Steps to apologizing well: 1. I'm sorry. 2. Please forgive me. 3. Try to make an amend. To check yourself, avoid the word "But" when apologizing. For example, "I'm sorry, but if you had only..."

**Divorced? Separated? Widowed?**

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday March 29th from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is: "Anger." For more information call 814 – 824-1265 or email at: [familylife@erieRCD.org](mailto:familylife@erieRCD.org). Visit us at: [www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp](http://www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp)



***Don't Miss the 38th Anniversary***  
**St. Patrick's Day Parade!!**

Co Sponsored by:

The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick and St. Patrick Parish

SATURDAY, March 14th

2:00 p.m. Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Downtown—Step off at 11th and State Streets

TUESDAY, March 17th

5:00 p.m. LITURGY at St. Patrick Church  
130 East Fourth Street  
Induction of the 2015 Knights & Ladies  
Immediately following liturgy

7:00 p.m. ST. PATRICK'S DAY dinner at  
St. Peter Cathedral  
Honoring the newly elected Knights and Ladies of  
St. Patrick: Eileen Balczun, Alice Daub, Diane Speice,  
Nancy Veshecco, Kathleen Wehan and William Welsh.

The Rince na Tiarna dancers will make a special appearance!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Tickets for the dinner are \$25.00 for adults,  
\$13.00 for 12 and under and free for children under 5.  
March 10th is the last day to make your reservation.  
**NO** tickets will be sold at the door!  
For ticket and dinner information please contact  
Colleen Welch at 455-8571



The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick give thanks to all the generous parishioners for their contributions and support of the annual St. Patrick Day Parade and week end functions! May God bless you all the days of your lives and as an old Irish Blessing goes, "May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live." Cead mille failte.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- March 7** *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*  
 4:00 PM ROSE PLIZGA (FAMILY) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM CHRIS PLONSKI (KEN & 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
- March 9** *Monday, Saint Francis of Rome, Religious*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 10** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM EVELYN SKOVRON (MADELINE LYNCH)
- March 11** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM EVELYN BELCZYK (JUDY PENTZ)
- March 12** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM ELLEN N. VAHEY  
 (A.O.H. FATHERS CAULEY DIVISION)
- March 13** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM STANLEY & SOPHIE WIECZOREK  
 (IRENE & FAMILY)
- March 14** *Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent*  
 4:00 PM GEORGE & JOSEPHINE MIELNIK - ST.H  
 (IRENE & FAMILY)  
 5:00 PM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI & RON ANGELOTTI-ST.P  
 (FAMILY)
- March 15** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00 AM DOROTHY MALONEY & RAYMOND FIORELLI  
 (RAY & PATTY FIORELLI) - ST.P  
 10:30 AM DAN & BARB MCCARTHY - ST.P  
 (MARY MCCARTHY)

We thank **Geiger & Sons - Monuments and Granite Countertops**  
 2976 West Lake Road - 838-3588  
 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

- 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
- 03/10** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/11** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/12** 10:00 AM Scripture Class - St.P
- 03/13** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross—St.Hedwig's
- 03/14** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/15** 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 SPECIAL LENTEN REFLECTION** – will be presented by our Jr. and Sr. High Youth of our Eastside parishes, **Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm**. You are invited to come and reflect with our youth as they lead us in this reflective prayer: *Out of Darkness*.

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION** - Our candidates, Brendan Jubulis and Kiely Kearney 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.

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