

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 15, 2015



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Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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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 Third Sunday of Lent and we read first from Exodus where the closing question is "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Something we all have encountered. The question was posed to Moses early during the wandering in the desert. They have yet to arrive at Mt. Sinai and are unsure of Moses' leadership and so they ask, "Why did you lead us out of Egypt?" As a result, we see the relationship between Moses and God deepen. Moses asks, "What shall I do with this people. A little more and they will stone me." God responds by providing water from a rock, a sign that finally cemented their trust in Moses. The reading ends with the words Massah (Hebrew for "the test") and Meribah (Hebrew for "the quarreling.") This spot would be forever remembered by the Hebrews as the place they tested the Lord and quarreled with Moses.

Our excerpt from Romans contains three interrelated Pauline themes: "justified by faith," "peace with God," and "hope of the glory of God." Understanding these will give us great insight into Paul's theological thinking. Being justified by faith means that when a person has faith in Christ, that person receives all of God's graces (forgiveness of sin, eternal redemption, salvation, etc.). As a result one receives the gift of being at peace with God. Sin no longer defines our relationship with him. All of that gives us hope. And the reading ends with Paul's assertion that Christ's death is more than a courageous act—one man laying down his life; Paul says the death of Christ is for the ungodly, while we were still sinners.

All four gospels show Jesus as a teacher. In Matthew, Mark and Luke it is through parables; in John it is through lengthy and theological discourses.. Only in John do we meet Jesus as "living water," "bread of life," "light of the world,"

and the "Good Shepherd." These images are not found in the other gospels. There are three important aspects of today's story. It takes place in Sychar, a Samaritan town which Jews would have avoided. It takes place at Jacob's well, the spot where Jacob met his wife Rachael and this has always been a romantic spot. Third, Jesus talks to the woman at mid-day. Unheard of. She was considered a half-breed and no man would address her. The fact that she was alone and not with other women means she was an outcast. The story is a classic Johannine story of discipleship: an encounter with Christ, conversion and calling others to the same.

A special congratulations to four St. Patrick parishioners who will be inducted into the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick on Tuesday evening. They are Eileen Balczun, Kathleen Wehan, Alice Daub and Bill Welsh. These four people give an amazing amount of time volunteering with the parish. Alice runs the Gift Shop at church; Bill is a Food Pantry volunteer, money counter, on core committee for the Homeless Shelter and helps with the festival; twin sisters Eileen and Kathleen volunteer weekly at the Food Pantry, fold and stuff all of the parish mailings, handle raffle sales for the festival, volunteer at the festival, served meals at the Homeless Shelter, etc. These are the people who make this parish work as well as it does, and we should all congratulate them and thank them.

The last Scripture class will be held this Thursday from 10—11 AM in St. Patrick's Church. This week will be a bit different, but one I think you will find very interesting. We're going to look at life in Jesus' time, what did they eat, etc. The handout contains a number of pictures and drawings to help you better understand. We'll look at who were the early Christians, who was St. Paul, where did Jesus appear after the resurrection, etc. Again, this class will be available on our web

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

stpattrickerie@gmail.com and we'll send you the hand-out. There is no charge.

The Italian newspaper Il Foglio had a frightening article recently on Belgium titled "As the capital of the European Union goes, so goes Europe". The article says formerly 96% Catholic Belgium now has the highest per capita number of Islamic terrorists gone to fight in Syria and Iraq than any other European country. The first European to die in jihad was a Belgian Catholic girl. Not only does Belgium hold the record for jihadists in Europe but it has the highest suicide rate. The most notorious was the Nobel Prize laureate Christian de Duve, who two years ago, killed himself in front of his four children. The country averages 6 suicides a day. Islam is now the first religion and the study of Islam has outranked the study of Catholicism in schools. Forty three per cent of students are studying Islam; 23% the Catholic faith. In Brussels only 7.2 percent of marriages are Catholic, 14.8% of children are baptized and only 22% of funerals are Catholic. One in three people are Muslim and by 2035, the majority of the country will be Muslim. Catholicism is dead in one of the areas where it once thrived the most.

This brutal winter weather has taken its toll on the buildings at both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's. You're all familiar with the saga of the boiler at St. Patrick's. In addition, there is a back entrance to the rectory which is covered with a flat roof and is only one story high. The gutter froze solid and the water gushed in through the ceiling. Over at St. Hedwig's, a great deal of water came in to the south confessional. There is also some water leakage around some of the windows on the second floor of the rectory at St. Hedwig's. Those windows are in terrible shape.

Eighty-two year old Morris went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. When Morris came back later that week to see the doctor, the doctor said to him, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, Doc, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gary & Laura Borowy.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Alice Madonia** requested by the Juchno family.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife, Janice.

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

Our offertory for last week: **\$799.00**, Heat & Fuel update: \$414.00. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

We have received **\$4,425.00** in pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$11,804.00. We want to thank those who have pledged and appeal to all who have not pledged to please help. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount.

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

Every Friday at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons serving from 4 until 7pm.

Recommended practices that could draw us closer to God.

The Saints all recommend meditating upon the Passion (Sufferings) and Death of Our Lord. Doing this fills us with gratitude and a desire not to offend Christ through sin. The Passion Narratives are found in the Gospels: Matthew 26:30-27:66; Mark 14:26-15:47; Luke 22:39-23:56; and John 18:1-19:42.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

<u>March 21</u>		
	Saturday	Pray the Rosary
Lector	Barb Juchno	
Eucharist	Judy Pentz	
Ushers	Ron Helminski	
	Richard Mielnik	
Altar Server	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	



St. Patrick's Volunteers Hosting the Homeless Shelter At The Church of the Nativity of Christ









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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,902.00
Online Giving	<u>834.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,736.00

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 **Justine & Chuck Burger**

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Kathleen Alessi**

Donations to the **Food Pantry:**

In memory of **Mary Dudenhofer** from:

Commodore Perry Coffee House, Superior Motors, LLC., Dennis & Betsy Bort, Daniel & Robin Margosian, Thomas & Joan Peterson and Marybeth Baran,

In memory of **Dominic & Mary Masenas** from:
Denise & Phillip Rewers

In memory of **Dr. Paul Ward Peterson** from:
William J. Carney

In memory of **Debbi Donnelly & Carol Donnelly** from: Patricia Donnelly

In memory of **Norma & Bernie Clement** from:
Debra Morrow

Also donations from:

Mary & William Flanagan, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Mary Anne Ashworth, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Jeff O'Hara and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 435

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.



Let Us **Welcome**

Harry Axel Lundstrom

son of

Axel & Marissa (Snyder) Lundstrom
and

Anthony John Gonzalez

son of

Tony & Ronafe (Banhit) Gonzalez
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Yvonne Gersims,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Carol & Jay Habas

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

Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton,
Audrey Reigel, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Norann Brugger, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker

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

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



When we say that we believe someone, we are ultimately saying that we trust the person. We have faith that he/she has our best interests at heart. In today's Gospel we hear John saying that everyone who believes in Jesus will not perish, but have eternal life. Jesus is the "light" that God reveals. As we envelop ourselves in Day-light Savings Time and light becomes more manifest than darkness, let us reflect on how God gives us the gift of transforming the physical light around us, and even more, the spiritual light within us, the light of Christ, who is our Heart-Light. How deep is your trust in God? How aware are you day by day that God is with you?

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR

PARENTS & KIDS: Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something online makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out:

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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 your 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.

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. Visit us at: www.eriecd.org/transitions.asp

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
- March 16** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 17** *Tuesday, Saint Patrick, Bishop*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
 5:00 PM MASS - KNIGHTS & LADIES
- March 18** *Wednesday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (SUSAN RUFF)
- March 19** *Thursday, Saint Joseph,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 20** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*
 8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER (BRINK FAMILY)
- March 21** *Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent*
 4:00 PM JAMES JARZOMSKI - ST.H
 (DARLENE & DAVID WILKINSON)
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)-ST.P
- March 22** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
 8:00 AM PARISH SHUT-INS & PARISH FAMILIES - ST.P
 (AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)
 10:30 AM CHARLES GENCK (NANCY DWYER) - ST.P

We thank **Sutula's Garage**
 614 1/2 East 5th Street - 456-6617
 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=Rector, CV=Convent
- 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
- 03/17** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/17** 5:00 PM Knights & Ladies Mass - St.P
- 03/18** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/19** 10:00 AM Scripture Study - St.P
- 03/20** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross - St.H
- 03/21** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/22** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7, 8, 9 - Holy Rosary
- 03/26** 7:00 PM Confirmation - St. Luke's

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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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New Registration

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Moving

Want Envelopes

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