

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 29, 2015



Station of
the Cross at
St. Patrick
Church

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 Palm Sunday, the beginning of the most sacred week of the church year. We first hear a gospel for the Blessing of the Palms. This is the beginning of Mark's account of the Passion where he places much emphasis on the detailed, mysterious instructions Jesus gives to his disciples. Mark has Jesus entering Jerusalem on a colt, a fulfillment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9 that the King of Israel will enter riding on a colt. Zechariah was a prophet immediately after the return of the people to Israel and he prophesied about a coming Messiah who would embrace peace unlike all the others who behaved like conquering warriors.

Our first reading at Mass is the third of four "servant of the Lord" oracles found in Isaiah 40-55. Scholars date these to about 550 BC. In the first of the four prophecies, we hear God speaking; in the second and third, the prophet and in the fourth—which is read every Good Friday—we hear the people speaking.

Scholars date Paul's letter to the Philippians to the year 60 which he writes while in prison and is one of his last letters. According to Luke's Acts of the Apostles, Paul established a Gentile community in Philippi during his second missionary journey around 49 or 50. Paul has an obvious affection for this church as evidenced in his letter which is commonly called "Paul's letter of joy." The hymn we hear today was composed early after the death of Christ and Paul inserts it into his letter.

Mark's focus is the Passion, the suffering and death of Jesus. We are told that after Jesus healed a man's withered hand, the Pharisees went out to take counsel with the Herodians to put him to death. Each gospel author paints Jesus differently. Mark focuses on Jesus as the

Suffering Messiah; Matthew's Jesus is the new Moses; Luke's Jesus is the universal savior and for John, Jesus is the Word made flesh. In Mark, Jesus speaks only to the twelve as he reveals the meaning of his parables and commands silence as to his identity. One of the interesting aspects of Mark's gospel is that it is a Roman soldier who, upon seeing Jesus on the cross, says, "Truly this man was the Son of God." In Mark's vision, it is a Gentile soldier who makes the connection while the Jewish people miss it.

Mass on Holy Thursday will be at St. Patrick's at 7 PM. Stations of the Cross will be recited at St. Patrick's on Good Friday at noon and the celebration of the Lord's Passion and the distribution of Holy Communion will be at 2 PM. The church will remain open until 5 PM. The Easter Vigil will be at St. Patrick's and will begin at 8:30 PM. Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 8 & 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's and at 9 AM at St. Hedwig's. Bishop Persico has given permission for St. Hedwig's to have a Sunday Mass on Easter as the only other option would be an 8:30 PM Vigil on Holy Saturday and that is too difficult for people to attend.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Anyone between the ages of 21 and 59 should eat only one full meal and two light meals and all Catholics should not eat meat on this day.

A special thanks to St. Patrick organist and choir director Mark Alloway for arranging special music for Easter. The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will include the choir, pipe organ, trumpet and kettle drum. The Easter Sunday 10:30 AM Mass will include choir, trumpet, kettle drum and before and after the Mass there will be two bagpipers in front of the church.

The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. I am here in case of any emergency.

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

Perhaps you might consider a little something extra in the Easter Sunday collection. Also—if you have not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal, could I ask that you consider doing so. Our assessment at St. Patrick's is over \$45,000 and I'm hoping we can set a goal of \$100,000 to give us extra money for the new boiler and toward the debt on the restoration. At St. Hedwig's, the goal is \$11,804.

I'm happy to tell you that, at St. Patrick's, we presently have pledges for the CSA of \$56,000. That is an incredibly generous response, and I'm hoping that more parishioners will pledge so we can meet our goal of \$100,000. Of a total of 753 families, we have had pledges from only 107 families. If everyone could just make a small pledge we could make our goal, and I can continue to pay down the debt on the restoration of the church. Would you consider making some type of a pledge—in any amount. It will make a real difference. The same is true at St. Hedwig's in that just a small amount of parishioners have made a pledge to get us half way to our assessment.

We have also had to spend \$2,400 at St. Hedwig's to replace parts of the gas well. The well is not working now and when it is working provides a good deal of the gas needed to heat the buildings, so we need to fix it.

I paid the city taxes on St. Patrick's property this past week at a cost of \$3,139.68. Only the "sanctuary" or the church proper is tax-exempt. The parking lots, the rectory and the grounds are all taxable.

A man goes to see his rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I need to talk to you." "What's wrong?" asked the rabbi. "My wife is going to poison me," the man replied. "The rabbi, very surprised, asks, "How can this be?" The man pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's going to poison me. What should I do?" The rabbi replies, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A few days later, the rabbi called the man and said, "I spent three hours talking to your wife yesterday. Do you want my advice?" "Yes," the man replied. "Take the poison," said the rabbi.

Saint Hedwig News



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

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Daniel Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann 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 **\$1,336.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

To date we have received \$5,125.00 in pledges. Our assigned assessment is \$11,804. As you can see, we have a way to go. We implore all of our parishioners to make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. If we do not reach our goal through pledges, the difference will need to be paid out of parish savings. Please help.

Easter Sunday Mass

Mass on Easter Sunday will be celebrated at 9am.
There will be no Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Masses requested for the soul of Regina Loncki

Frank and Nancy Hodas, Dorothy Mielnik, Irene Mielnik, Rose Niedzwiecki, Peter and Judy Pentz, Bethany Sulecki, Bobby J. Sulecki, Mary Jo & Bob Sulecki, Helen Zielinski, Tom and Sharon Zielinski, St. Hedwig Rosary Society, D. Dombkowski.

Memorials: In Memory of Regina Loncki

Thomas Kurpiewski, Loncki and Sulecki families, Bobby J. Sulecki.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 5

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM

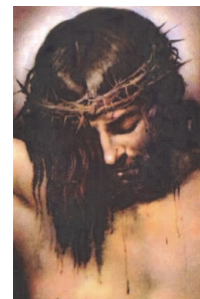
Lector Art Blum

Eucharist Charlotte Mabie

Ushers Nancy Widomski

Michelle Moskel

Altar Servers Nowosielski family





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,173.00
Online Giving	<u>1,276.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,449.00

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:

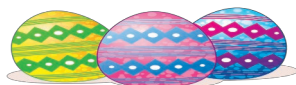
The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of the **Nemergut and Winiarczyk Families** from Irene & John Nemergut.

Donations to the **Food Pantry**:

- ♦ In memory of **Bob Jones and Bob Olsen** from Yvonne Gersims.
- ♦ In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski and John Black** from Mrs. Frances Sokolowski.
- ♦ In memory of **Bob Jones** from Alice & Kenneth Daub.
- ♦ In memory of **L. Yochim, MK Wright** from Nancy Yochim.
- ♦ In memory of **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach.
- ♦ In memory of the **Ashworth Family** from Mary Anne Ashworth.
- ♦ In memory of **James Fitzgibbon** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon.
- ♦ In memory of **Bob & Margaret Ann Fuhrman and Carl & Flossy Kuhn** from Margo & James Kuhn.

Also donations from:

Ed & Genny Chizewick, Judy & Philip Kelly,
Jeff O'Hara and Kathleen Horan



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.



Let Us **Welcome**
Cullen Charles Reitzell

son of
William and Nicole (Sims) Reitzell
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Mass

Congratulations to the following who will receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil:

Wendy Sadlier and Elizabeth Papa
will be Confirmed and receive
First Eucharist.

Kathryn Rotella will be Confirmed.
Please keep these candidates in your prayers.



Welcome

St. Patrick's WELCOMES these new Parishioners:

Anthony Andrezeski, Tammy Ang, Patricia Scroeck, Rick Heasley, Deborah & John Hromyak, Jennifer Widomski. Karen & Donald Kalivoda, Robert Romecki, Rachel Akers

**COUPON
DEALS!**

The "**Save Around**" coupon books are available in the Trinity Gift shop. There are just a few left and are on sale for \$10.00. If you use the book one time you have earned back the cost of the book. Check it out. The book is filled with coupons for restaurants, sporting events, shopping and so much more!

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.



**St. Patrick's Holy Week
Ministry Schedule**



As you can see there are several areas where we need ministers. Please call the Parish Office at 454-8085 if you are able to fill in where **NEEDED**.

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Shirley Winschel,
Kay Mannino

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Mary Williams

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: **NEEDED**

Good Friday, April 3, 2015 at 2:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur—Jesus

Dario Cipriani—Spoken Parts

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Shirley Winschel,
Forrest Mischler

CUP: Lynne Long, Anne Causgrove

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Michael, Joseph and Paul Causgrove

Ushers: **NEEDED**

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4, 2015, at 8:30 pm

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Mary Beth Pinto

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Mary Williams

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: **NEEDED**

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:00 am

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Cyndi Pristello, **1 NEEDED**

CUP: **2 NEEDED**

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Sarah Pristello, **1 NEEDED**

Ushers: Randy Pristello, **3 NEEDED**

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Forrest Mischler,
4 MORE NEEDED

CUP: **2 NEEDED**

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Jim Wehan, **3 NEEDED**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about potential dangers. Children 'meet' new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these 'friends' are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children's participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

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

A Family Perspective

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Transitions Support Group This Weekend

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. RSVP's not necessary. Visit our website at: www.eriercd.org/transitions.asp Come as you are; you are always welcome. This month's topic is: "Anger."

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.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER: Complete with salad and dessert; Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 12 Noon till 5 p.m. in St. Paul Center, 453 West 16th Street. Sponsored by St. Paul's Holy Name Society. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children's tickets are \$4.00 and may be purchased at the door. Take-outs are available. For more information call 490-6265 or 825-7288.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2015

Saint Hedwig & Saint Patrick Parishes

Palm Sunday, March 28 & 29

Vigil Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM at St. Hedwig's

Saturday 5:00 PM at St. Patrick's

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's only

Holy Thursday, April 2

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper – St. Patrick's Church

No washing of feet. Church closes after Mass

Good Friday, April 3

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross – St. Hedwig's

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross – St. Patrick's

2 PM Passion and Veneration of the Cross
– St. Patrick's

Holy Saturday, April 4

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
at St. Hedwig's with Father Santor

8:30 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 AM Mass – St. Patrick's

9:00 AM Mass—St. Hedwig's

10:30 AM Mass – St. Patrick's

Parish Offices closed
Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
Easter Monday



LITURGY INTENTIONS

March 28 *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

4:00 PM BETTY HORNAMAN - ST.H

(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

5:00 PM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI - ST.P

(DAUGHTERS, MARSHA GENSHEIMER & PATTI GRAY)

March 29 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER (RON & PATTI MERSKI)

10:30 AM JUSTINE & CHUCK BURGER (FAMILY) - ST.P

March 30 *Monday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 31 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

April 1 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM EMILY MALINOWSKI, ANNIV. 4-10

(DAUGHTER, PAULINE OSMER)

April 2 *Holy Thursday*

7:00 PM RAY & PAUL CICERO

(EDGAR & LORETTA BALCH)

April 3 *Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.H

12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.P

2:00 PM VENERATION OF THE CROSS - ST.P

April 4 *Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil:*

8:30 PM MARY LOU MCKENNA (SUSAN GANNON) - ST.P

April 5 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 AM DR. & MRS. ANTHONY MERSKI - ST.P

(RON & PATTI MERSKI)

9:00 AM REGINA LONCKI - ST.H

(DAUGHTER, MARY JO SULECKI & FAMILY)

10:30 AM MARY ANN KOWALSKI GOOLEY - ST.P

(DOLORES BULA & FAMILY)

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

03/28 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/31 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/01 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

04/02 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

04/03 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

04/04 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/06 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Mark 11:1-10

Reading II: Philip 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



"I'm only human" is a phrase you've heard spoken from time to time. Maybe you've said it yourself. The evidence of humanity is seen throughout Mark's account of the passion. In Peter, we see **BOLD** humanity that he will never deny Jesus and then **WEAK** humanity when he denies him 3 times. In Judas, we see **BROKEN** humanity in his greed and betrayal. In the Garden, we see **FRAIL** humanity in the apostles' inability to stay awake and pray. In Simon of Cyrene we see **SELFLESS** humanity in his compassion for Jesus. And we see Jesus **FULL** humanity on display from the Last Supper to the Cross. Jesus knows all about humanity. He has taken **OUR HUMANITY** upon **HIMSELF** so that we may be lifted up to the **DIVINE**. Which of his human traits draws you closer to Jesus?

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

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Change of Address

Moving

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