

Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Easter Sunday
2016

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 the Third Sunday of Easter and we hear how incredibly the cowardly apostles who hid at the crucifixion and afterwards were amazingly transformed by the resurrection. The last line of today's reading summarizes well the effect that the resurrection had on them: "They left... rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name." A careful reading of Acts reveals to us how transforming the resurrection had been. They leave the appearance before the Sanhedrin not rejoicing that they are set free, but that they are worthy to suffer for Jesus. Remember what cowards these men were; how in Mark's gospel they couldn't understand who Jesus is, etc. And now, they are completely transformed.

Today's reading from Revelation thrusts us into the heavenly throne room where a vast assembly worships God and the "Lamb." John describes a cosmic ritual in which every form of life becomes a single chorus of praise to God who created it all and to the Lamb who won salvation for all. Remember that apocalyptic literature gives hope to people, but is confusing to those who do not understand the various symbols, etc. Mention is made of the slain lamb who is Christ. At the time of the Exodus, the blood of a lamb was used to mark the homes of the Israelites so that the plagues sent against their Egyptian oppressors would pass over them. Similarly, the blood shed by the Lamb of God brings salvation from sin and death to believers. There is an interesting aside here in that Catholic theology says there is no difficulty if life is ever found on other planets. Why? Because we're told today that Christ is the King of the Universe.

Today's gospel sets forth several realities: the authenticity of the resurrection, a glimpse of men set adrift by the sudden loss of their leader, a

rehabilitation scenario for Peter and it establishes Peter as the head of the church. Having lost their leader, the disciples return to their trade as fisherman; but they fish through the night with no success. The dawn brings Jesus but, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they fail to recognize him. When they respond to Jesus' order to cast their nets again, they catch "153 large fish," interestingly the number of then known species of fish. We also see the resurrected Jesus, in human body, preparing a meal and eating with them to show that he is not a ghost.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 16,817 pounds of food in February. We served 555 families comprised of 1,863 individuals at a cost of \$1,072 to the parish. This is the smallest number of families we have served in one month in several years.

Several weeks ago, I mentioned a refugee family that we are helping to resettle in concert with BEST. People came forward with furniture, etc., we were able to get them adequate housing, etc. Our final need was for clothing for the six children in the family, and I asked if you would consider helping with this. The various sizes of the children were outlined in a letter, and—once again—your response was over the top. Thank you.

Our final expenses for the Homeless Shelter in February are complete, and it cost the parish \$6,269 to staff and run the shelter. Among expenses were \$1,000 for rent, \$1,360 to Bonded Services for daily cleaning, \$1,811 for clothing and essentials for the clients, \$838 for milk, juice, etc., and \$475 for a dumpster. Thankfully, all of these costs are covered because of your generosity. Some people are able to help staff the shelter; others cannot but made generous contributions to underwrite these costs. Trust me when I say that God smiles on each and every one of you who reach out, in any number of ways, to the

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

people who cannot care for themselves; and you responded to Christ's invitation that we care for them instead.

The annual Good Shepherd Collection will be taken as a second collection at all Masses next weekend. This collection helps with retirement costs for our priests. We presently have 115 priests including 7 retired who continue in active ministry. In addition, we have 49 retired priests and in the next five years, 30 more priests will reach the age of 75. This collection last year raised \$208,149, the highest ever! Since this appeal began in 2009, we have raised \$1,352,879 to help cover expenses for retired priests. I hope you would consider supporting this appeal.

We recently paid a bill in excess of \$2,700 for more repairs to the boiler at St. Hedwig's. That boiler is in such deteriorating condition that our custodian has to go down there every morning—even on weekends—and drain parts of it, patch up new leaks, etc. We've been patching it for the 7 years I've been here, and I don't know what we will do if it fails on us. We simply have no resources to replace it and those buildings cannot survive a winter without it. That is in addition to the windows both in the church and rectory which are in terrible shape. The stained glass windows in the church need serious attention, and the windows in the house are so bad that you simply cannot live there in the cold winter months. Again, there simply is no money to replace or repair them. On top of that, we have to face the reality that parish membership now totals only 88 families (133 people), a sizeable number of whom are an elderly widow or widower. Very few of them are in any position to be able to contribute to a capital campaign for this repair work.

Some random thoughts: "Every day, thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians. Help end the violence. Eat bacon." "The fact that there is a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about the anticipated traffic numbers." "When you're dead, you don't know you're dead. It's only difficult for others. It's the same way when you're stupid." "Sometimes I sit quietly and wonder why I'm not in a mental asylum. Then I look around and realize...maybe I am."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwicki** requested by Carmie Hogan Munsch.

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

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert (Bob) Osmer** requested by Dan Cash.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

The offertory for the last week was \$798. Thank you and God Bless!

Additional Easter Flowers Memorial:

Received from...

* Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Zielinski
IMO...Peter Zielinski, Helen Zielinski, Raymond & Rose Ruffley, Sr., Raymond Ruffley, Jr.



Son of God Prayer Group extends invitation to healing Mass

The Son of God Prayer Group, affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary parishes in Erie invites everyone to a healing Mass celebrated by Father David Poulson, with Father David Renne, at Holy Rosary Church, E. 28th and East Avenue, Erie, on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. to provide participants time to write petitions on a simulated brick wall. Petitions will be presented at the offertory procession. Music will be provided by St. Joseph/Bread of Life Community

A Family Perspective—

Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." Like the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us at this beach breakfast that meals are more than about eating. They are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each others' stories, and support one another in love.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 16, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Ron Helminski
Eucharist	Ron Helminski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Art Blum
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family



*Say the Rosary
Daily*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 10,519.50
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,275.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 11,794.50

Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 89,363
Number of pledges	180
Percentage of parishioners	% 25.71

Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Regina Dillon
from Ron & Patty Merski

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week by Kathy Alessi.

- ◆ In memory of **K Wright, T Yochim** from Nancy Yochim
- ◆ In memory **Robert Tullio** from Mary Beth and Richard Wachter
- ◆ In memory of **Shirley Campbell** from Terri and Dennis Michalski
- ◆ In memory of **Ed Wright** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski
- ◆ In memory of **Alice Duer** from Mary Lou and Don Zone

Also donations from:

Thomas Fontecchio, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz,
Rev. John Bauer, Mary Ellen Demyanovich,
Mary & Bill Flanagan and Theresa Rotunda

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tom Golab, Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella

CUP: Yvonne Gersims, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: Mike Nies, Dave Korn

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ryan Palm

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tim Scully, Katie Froehlich, Mary Kearney

CUP: Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sara Pristello

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

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. If you know of anyone in a Long Term Care Facility needing conversation or a friendly visit, please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085.

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.



MSGR. KRIEDEL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right, For the audio version just click on the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "you tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "You Tube" on that page.



159 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

OLD ENGINEERS NEVER DIE, THEY DON'T EVEN FADE AWAY

When Paul Balczun retired after 42 years as a mechanical engineer at Lord Industries, he may well have thought his engineering days were behind him. Fat chance! Father Kriegel first tapped Paul's engineering skills to serve on the Restoration Committee and then, again, in 2014 when the Irish Festival moved from its indoor home at Rainbow Gardens to its forever home on the street and parking lots around the church. Paul sharpened his pencil and designed the tent layout, worked with the electricians to bring power to the street, worked with kitchen folks to bring plumbing to the parking lot, and helped Bob Parisi and his team design and build the main stage. He ordered all the tents, tables, and chairs. The reason we can have trays in the food tent is because Paul designed and built a portable three stage washing sink required by the health department. He even put lights in the porta-potties that first year when night fell and we were all caught in the dark. And when he's not designing, building, or trouble shooting, he's helping brother-in-law, Jim Wehan, serve Irish Coffee and wine.

So what's he do in his off time? His favorite job is being married to Eileen (Grand Raffle Twin) and spending time with their 3 kids and 2 grandkids, and every Tuesday he delivers food pantry packages to dozens of folks who are homebound.

Paul needs licensed electricians to volunteer time to set up and tear down the electrical service for the festival—we could use four of you guys or gals. This would save nearly \$5,000! Please if you are an electrician, give Paul a call at 866-1086 or shoot him an email at westy4818@yahoo.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. Won't you join us in this grand endeavor?

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem. Only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. It is every adult's **moral** responsibility to protect possible victims by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities at the Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline, *Child Line*, 1-800-932-0313. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 9 *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM ALYCE BORTZ, ANNIV.- ST.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

5:00 PM RAYMOND DOMBROWSKI - ST.P
(JOE & MARSH FINAZZO)

April 10 *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(ANGIE KONTUR)

10:30 AM THOMAS & EDWARD HEUBEL (FAMILY) - ST.P

April 11 *Monday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 12 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM LOUISE BROSKI (JUCHNO FAMILY)

April 13 *Wednesday, Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 AM REGINA DILLON, MEMORIAL
(BLOOMSTINE FAMILY)

April 14 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM ROBERT "BOB" OSMER
(FLOYD & ROSANNE HYATT)

April 15 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JIM GRIFFITH
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER AND
AUDREY REIGEL)

April 16 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM JOSEPHINE MIELNIK - ST.H
DOROTHY, RICHARD & PATTY MIELNIK

5:00 PM BERTHA MARIELLA (FAMILY) - ST.P

April 17 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM GINNY MCGINNIS (THE CLINES) - ST.P
10:30 AM FRANK FILIPPI (SR. MARIE) - 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

04/09	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
04/10	9:00 AM	Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 pm	Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary
04/12	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
04/13	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
04/16	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
04/17	9:00 AM	Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 pm	Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

Eastside Faith Formation—

Parents of students K - 6 are invited to stay after the opening prayer at 9:00 a.m. on April 10 for a short meeting on the proposed schedule for 2016 - 2017. Beginning April 10, we will take early registrations for the 2016-2017 year. Parents are welcome to register their children before or during class times.



March 8, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2007, the Diocese of Erie established the Good Shepherd Collection so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for our priests. In our parishes, countless lives have been changed because of our priests. Now it is your turn to help those priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

The response to the annual Good Shepherd Collection has always been one of overwhelming generosity by the people of the Diocese. This tells me that you love our priests and are grateful for their presence in your lives. The Good Shepherd Collection helps us provide for them in their retirement years. The income generated from this annual collection provides needed funding for retirement and health care for these faithful priests.

The number of priests reaching retirement age continues to grow each year. Many of our retired priests remain very active providing sacramental ministry in parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, often substituting for our active priests to allow them to get time off for retreat and vacation. Please show your appreciation to our retired priests once again by giving generously to the Good Shepherd Collection at your parish at your parish the weekend of April 16-17 or online at: www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and will help make a difference in the lives of our retired priests. Please be sure not to confuse this collection with the Retirement Fund for Religious, taken in December for consecrated men and women belonging to religious communities. These are separate collections..

I know you have great affection for the priests who serve our parishes in active ministry today. Please pray for them and for more young men willing to respond to the Lord's call to the priesthood. I know our priests join me in thanking you in advance for your kindness and generosity toward our retired priests through the annual Good Shepherd Collection.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes with His love this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Saint Hedwig

Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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