

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## April 12, 2015



Stained Glass  
window at  
St. Hedwig

Saint Patrick Parish

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*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 Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. Again we hear from Acts of the Apostles. Today's reading describes the original community of believers in Jerusalem. We're told the church was "of one heart and mind," no longer concerned about personal possessions and guided by the leadership of the apostles. We are told that the apostles bore witness to the resurrection and preached repentance for the forgiveness of sin beginning in Jerusalem. You will note that people were selling their property and giving the proceeds to the apostles. This was because they felt the parousia (the second coming of Jesus) was immanent. This was the mindset of the early church, a mindset also taught by Paul and something which would bring great confusions and disarray as time moved on and nothing happened. It would ultimately present an enormous crisis for the early church.

In our reading from the first Letter of John, we hear him familiarly address his audience as "Beloved." More than a term of endearment it carries with it the ethical obligation to love God and obey his commandments. In the closing lines he uses the language of Spirit and truth, the same terminology he used in his gospel.

Today's familiar gospel story of the doubting Thomas is found only in John's gospel. Belief in Jesus is the major theme that runs through his gospel and is affirmed here in Jesus' words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." In the Synoptic gospel accounts (MT., MK., LK), it is Peter's confession that lays claim to Jesus' true identity. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." In the same way, in John's gospel, it is Thomas' confession of faith, "My Lord and my God." that stands of one of the New Testament's most powerful Christological themes.

Celebrant of the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Monsignor Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's Parish.

Pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal continue to come in at St. Patrick's. As you may recall, our assessment is \$46,585. Any monies we raise over and above this remain in the parish, and I can use it toward paying down the debt on the restoration of the church. We had pledges of \$1.1 million for the restoration but the final cost was \$1.3 million leaving us with \$200,000 debt. The plan of the Finance Committee is to generate money in the CSA and apply that toward the debt. Last year, we had a CSA assessment of \$42,000 and a goal of \$80,000 which we met. That extra \$38,000 was applied to the debt. This year we have a goal of \$100,000 which will give us almost \$58,000 to apply to the debt.

If you have not yet made a pledge, can I urge you to do so. At the present time, 231 families have pledged \$63,000. With a parish enrollment of over 760 families, there are a large number who have not responded. Will you help?

With the weather breaking (finally) we are going to put in all of the new shrubbery around the rectory. We removed the old shrubbery, which was in terrible condition, last fall and prepared the soil. Gannon University students doing community service are helping to plant the shrubbery.

I hope also this summer to continue replacing the sidewalks at St. Patrick's. We're about half way there, and I hope we can get another large section done this year.

Last summer, the entire exterior of the rectory was pointed and new mortar put in a large number of places. This summer, we are doing the same to the garages behind the rectory. If you look at them, you can see how the mortar has



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

completely disappeared in some places. Both of these buildings are 100 years old this year and require constant maintenance so they don't fall into disrepair.

Last year all of the windows in the rectory were re-caulked, and I can't tell you what a difference it was with the cold winter we had. The house was as warm and cozy as could be.

Another maintenance project this year is putting siding on the small back porch on the rectory. We paint it every year and it never lasts.

Is there a plumber in the parish who might be interested in volunteering some time? Paul Balzcun is a member of the Festival Core Committee and is trying to get water from the basement of the church to the east side of the building. If we can do that, we can then put the kitchen for the festival over there rather than behind the rectory. This will save us carting the food back and forth and should speed up service. If interested, contact the parish office.

Jamie Power, a seminarian from St. Patrick's Parish, will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, April 25, at St. Mark's Seminary. He will then return to the seminary for his final year of studies and hopefully in May 2016 will be ordained to the priesthood. I know I speak for all of you in congratulating him and in telling him how much we need his ministry.

An elderly couple pulled into a gas station and the attendant starts to fill the tank while striking up a conversation. "So where you folks going?" he asked. The hard of hearing wife says, "What did he say?" The husband said, "He wants to know where we're going" in a loud enough voice that she can hear. The attendant asked where they were from and again she says, "What did he say?" "He wants to know where we're from" shouts the husband. "Pennsylvania," he answers. "Oh, I know PA," says the attendant. "I used to drive rig and had a blind date with a woman there once. "Ugliest and most boring woman I ever met in my life," he added. "What did he say," yells the wife. "He says he thinks he knows you," replied the husband.



***Additional Easter Flower  
Memorials  
St. Patrick's***

***Received from...***

\* *Angela Abbato...*

*IMO John J. Abbato, Dom & Army Raymond, Alice Libertore, Anne & Pete Bechtos, Maria & John Abbato, Joe Corsale*

\* *Isabelle Abbato...*

*IMO Emelio & Angeline Abbato, Mary Sciarilli, Rose & Nell Cimino, Patsy & Isabelle Raymond, Anne, Frank, Judy & Patricia Zemanek, Lottie & Frank Stumpo, Marsha, Dick, Shawn & Ted Wilson*

\* *Patty Abbato...*

*IMO Louis P. Abbato, Mary & John Ferl, Joe & Evelyn Raymond, Connie & Joe Kopcznski, John P. & Randy Ferl*

\* *Stella Abbato...*

*IMO Bertha & Vincent Orelski, Jennie & Jack Pelkowski, Josephine & Angelo LaPaglia, Joe & Irene Orelski, Leo & Emma Orelski, James Orelski*

\* *Arderly Family...*

*IMO Aurelia "Irish" Arderly*

\* *Jeanne Bauman...*

*IMO M. John & Eve Bauman, Janet Bauman Grun, John G. & Crescentia Bauman*

\* *Fred & Phyllis Marchinetti...*

*IMO Louis & Anna Marchinetti, Frank & Stella Baniszowski, Robert J. Spinks, Kristy Spinks Newlin*

\* *Thomas & Darlene Kozesky...*

*IMO Bob & Betty Weiland, Walter E. Kozesky, Paul Robert "Robbie" Popka*

\* *Mr. & Mrs. William Power...*

*IMO Elsie Vollrath*

\* *Mr. & Mrs. Randy Pristello...*

*IMO Jim & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella Pristello, all deceased friends & relatives*

\* *Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vehec...*

*IMO Frances "Patti" Vehec*

\* *Mr. & Mrs. Tom Welch...*

*IMO Anthony & Louise Spenik, Thomas L. Welch, Catherine T. Welch*





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	03/29/15	\$ 8,673.10
Online Giving		<u>879.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 9,552.10

Easter Offertory	04/05/15	\$13,836.00
Online Giving		<u>1,216.00</u>
Total Income		\$15,052.00

*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 **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

### Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Carde Hunkele** from Sue Ellen & Luigi Pasquale.
- ♦ In memory of **Jack Carney** from William J. Carney.
- ♦ In memory of **Eleanor Smith, John Smith and Ron Roebach** from Jennifer & Ed Smith.
- ♦ In memory of **Sam Randazzo, Stanley Walkiewicz, and Matthew Walkiewicz** from Roselle & Stan Walkiewicz.
- ♦ In memory of **Mary Dudenhofer** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske & John & Carol Grady.
- ♦ In memory of **Al & Helen Wolf, Bill Detisch, Steve Batcho and Sandra Chase** from Patricia & Gerald Wolf.

Also donations from:

Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Mary & William Flanagan, Patty & Ray Fiorelli, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, Judy & Phillip Kelly and Mary Margaret & Timothy Mackey.

## 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.



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kay Mannino, Jay Habas, Carol Habas

**CUP:** Lynne Long, Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Dominick Kierzek

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Tom Golab, Ed Brown

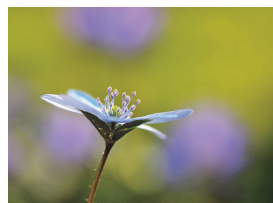
**CUP:** Michelle Tortorelli, Dr. Forrest Mischler

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



**Great Lakes Hospice** will hold its **Spring Memorial Service on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 5:15 pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, Erie, PA

Please join them for this **Service of Remembrance** to honor and remember those we have lost. Please plan to arrive between 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm. There will be time to gather with the Hospice and UPMC Palliative Care Staff after the service. For more information contact Cathy McKenzie at 877-6527. (There is parking on the West 22nd Street side of the church, but there are several stairs. Handicapped parking is available on West 23rd Street.

**GREAT LAKES HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS** meet on the First and Third Thursday's of every month at 1700 Peach Street, Suite 244 -Erie, PA 16501. Doors open at 4:30 pm, meeting starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Dinner or snacks are served courtesy of Hamot Health Foundation. Meetings are free of charge and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP please contact Cathy McKenzie at 877-6527 no later than the day before the scheduled meeting.





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## Divine Mercy Sunday

On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it "Jesus, I trust in You!"



Jesus also requested that the Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy: **On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.** (Diary, 699)

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Elizabeth Kraus** requested by Lou Ann & family.

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

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by his family.

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

The offertory for the week of March 29th was \$1,070.00. Our offertory for Easter was \$2,307.00. Thank you and God bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

We have more than half of our assessment pledged. Thank you! \$6,685.00 has been pledged. We need \$5,119.00 to achieve our goal. Whatever is pledged beyond will stay in our parish and will help us maintain our beautiful church.

## Welcome!

We welcome Bobby J. Sulecki and Robert and Mary Jo Sulecki to our parish family.

## Additional Easter Flower Intentions

In loving memory of the Jarzomski family (Al, Betty, Mary and Jim).

In loving memory of the Rock family (Stanley, Dorothy and Tom) requested by Daniel and Diane Jarzomski.

In loving memory of Deceased members of the Michalski family requested by Carrie Dzikowski.

## St. Hedwig Rosary Society

The Rosary Society has been around for over 60 years, but our membership is losing ladies and we are not getting any new members. We will continue to have our annual Christmas Party the first week in December. We will no longer have the Bake Sales on Primary and Election Days.

## Annual Holy Family School Festival

The annual festival will be held on Sunday, April 19 from 11am until 5pm in the gym at Holy Family School, 1153 East 9th St. Erie, Pa. A Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be served (Chicken Parmesan on a bed of spaghetti with rolls and butter) \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 4-9 and Free/3 and under. Take-outs available for an additional \$.50 per dinner. Hot dogs from Parade Street New York Lunch, Fast food, Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, Theme Baskets, games for children and adults.

## Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Complete with salad and dessert: Sunday, April 26 from Noon until 5pm in St. Paul Center, 453 West 16th Street. 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.

## Families Always Matter

For information and some great links for families, check the Erie Diocese Families Always Matter Website: [http://www.eriecd.org/fam\\_allfamilies.htm](http://www.eriecd.org/fam_allfamilies.htm)

## St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 18

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector

Peter Pentz

Eucharist

Peter Pentz

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Michelle Moskel

Altar Servers

Nowosielski family

*Pray the Rosary  
Daily*





### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**April 11** *Saturday within the Octave of Easter, Vigil:*

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

5:00 PM THOMAS & EDDIE HEUBEL - ST.P  
(DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)

**April 12** *Second Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM EVELYN SKOVRON (THERESE DONOFRIO) - ST.P

10:30 AM MARY JEAN CIOCCIO (HERB CIOCCIO) - ST.P

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 14** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 15** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 16** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 17** *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 18** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM ALBERT MIELNIK (BROTHERS & SISTERS) - ST.H

5:00 PM ADAM REFCOFSKY (TERESA HUZINEC) - ST.P

**April 19** *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM ESTHER PIETRASIEWICZ - ST.P  
(RICH & JOAN FERGUSON AND ANNE MARIE &  
EILEEN ROPELESKI)

10:30 AM STEPHEN MAGOC - ST.P  
(MICHELE & ALEX WHEATON)

### 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

- 04/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/12** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary  
1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7, 8, 9 - Holy Rosary
- 04/14** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/19** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary  
1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7, 8, 9 - Holy Rosary

### *A Moment of Reflection*

Reading I: Acts 4:32-35

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Communal witness and personal experience both played an important role in bringing Thomas to a recognition of the Resurrection. Like Thomas, we come to know Jesus risen and with us through our own unique and personal experiences and through the witness of the community around us. We are the next generation of witnesses. What we know about Jesus' Resurrection is for giving away. The good news of life beyond death, of unconditional love, of forgiveness, and of peace are FOR GIVING. How FOR GIVING a life do you lead?

### **A Family Perspective**



In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

619. A Trip Down Memory Lane #11. First Fight. This might not be a happy memory, but hopefully you are not still fighting over the same issue. Focus on one disagreement that you have resolved satisfactorily. May it give you insight for the future.



### **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments** **Child Abuse Prevention Month:**

April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and there is no better time to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children! Parents, guardian, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today's fast-paced world. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will keep children safe from harm. Visit the NCMEC web site at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) and check out the helpful topics. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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

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

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

## Advertiser of the Week:

We thank **Dr. David E. Palo, DDS**

Lehrian & Palo Oral Surgery, PC

**814-454-3871**

For advertising in our parish bulletin.

See his ad on the back of the bulletin.