

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2015



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 the third Sunday of Easter and again we read from Acts of the Apostles. Today's reading is an excerpt from the second major speech that Peter delivers in Jerusalem. The focus is on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus and takes place just after Peter heals a cripple. Like all of the speeches in Acts, this reflects the *kerygma* (oral proclamations) which Luke wants to preserve for us. One of the consistent themes in all of these speeches is the connection between the resurrection of Jesus and the God of the historical figures of ancient Israel. The speech ends with a call to conversion. It is not enough simply to listen, but we must change. Note the dramatic change in Peter from the bumbling, fumbling pre-resurrection man to this man of incredible faith and insight. The resurrection completely transformed him.

The author of this First Letter of John is not the same John who wrote the gospel. The language and terminology are dramatically different. He does not identify himself in this letter but in the second and third letters, he refers to himself as a "presbyter" suggesting some type of leadership within a congregation. Remember we would not have priests in the church until the late 3rd century; the early church had presbyters, appointed at first by the apostles to oversee a local church but were not ordained. That would come much later.

Our gospel is the final resurrection appearance in Luke and since Luke wrote both the gospel and Acts of the Apostles, it is not surprising that a similar theme arises in both: the death and the resurrection of Jesus fulfills God's covenant with Israel. Both in last week's resurrection story from John and today, Jesus greets his disciples with "Peace be with you," a comforting phrase given the trauma they have all experienced. Both John

and Luke place great emphasis on the physical resurrection. He invites his disciples to touch him "because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do." He also asks for something to eat, again emphasizing a physical resurrection. There is also found in both accounts an element of doubt and confusion. Finally, Jesus' final words convey two important elements of the early Church: the life, death and resurrection fulfill scripture ("the law of Moses and the prophets and psalms") and second, the instruction that the disciples are to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

If you listen carefully to these post-resurrection stories, you will easily hear the three fundamental doctrines of our faith surrounding death. First, note that no one recognizes Jesus at first. Remember Mary Magdalene at the tomb on Easter morning. She thought he was the gardener until he called her name. Remember the two disciples on the road to Emmaus later on Easter Sunday. They, too, did not initially recognize him. We conclude from this that our appearance after our own resurrection will be different than our pre-resurrection appearance.

Secondly, note that Jesus is not a ghost. He possesses a real physical body. He eats food, no one is frightened at his appearance. This gives us our second doctrine—that we will possess a real physical body after the resurrection.

And, finally, if you take a map of Israel and note all of the places where Jesus appears, it is obvious that he is free of the limitations of time and space. He suddenly appears in the upper room though "the doors and windows were locked." It is from this that we draw the conclusion that we, too, will be free of the limitations of time and space after the resurrection.

When you put these three factors together, death doesn't sound quite so bad.

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

Jamie Power, a seminarian from St. Patrick's Parish, will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, April 25, by Bishop Persico in a 10:30 AM ceremony at St. Mark's Seminary. Jamie will then be deacon at the 5 PM Mass that same day and preach his first homily. He will spend the summer months as a deacon at St. Joseph Parish, Warren, and then return to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to complete his final year of theology studies. In the spring of 2016 he will be ordained to priesthood for the diocese of Erie. I know you all join me in congratulating Jamie and in thanking him for responding to God's call. We desperately need young men like him to assume the mantle of priesthood, and our parish rejoices that he is moving in this direction.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner and lector, Attorney Ed Smith, who is one of eight candidates for judge. In voting by his peer attorneys, the Erie County Bar Association gave Ed the second highest number of votes among the eight candidates.

There will be a meeting of the Irish Festival Committee on Sunday, May 3, after the 10:30 AM Mass. This year we are not going to have a breakfast on the Sunday of the festival, but will continue with the festival from 11 AM until about 2 PM. Once the committee starts meeting, we can get things finalized. I think I mentioned we are moving the kitchen to the east side of church.

A woman went to a doctor in Donegal, Ireland, worried about her husband's temper. She says, "I don't know what to do. Every time my husband comes home drunk, he threatens to slap me around." The doctor replied, "I have just the cure for that. The next time your husband arrives home intoxicated, just take a wee glass of water and start swishing it around in your mouth. Just swish it around but don't swallow it until he goes to bed and is sound asleep." Two weeks later, she returns to the doctor and says, "Doctor, that was brilliant. Every time he came home drunk, I swished and swished the water and he never once threatened me or touched me. What's the secret?" she asks. The doctor replies, "It's not really a big secret. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."

Diocesan News

SafeNet, Erie's Domestic Violence Agency, is seeking donations of toothpaste, towels and washcloths for use by clients who have become homeless because of domestic violence. The agency is also asking for fitted sheets for Pack' N Plays. Please drop off items at the SafeNet offices, 1702 French Street. Thank you.

Transitions: A Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. The next meeting is Sunday, April 26th from 2 – 4 pm. This month's topic is "Dream, Believe & Do" Visit our website at: www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp

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, April 21, 2015.

Spaghetti and meatball dinner to be served at St. Paul Center:

A spaghetti and meatball dinner, complete with salad and dessert, will be served Sunday, April 26, from noon to 5 p.m. at St. Paul Center, 453 W. 16th St. The event is sponsored by St. Paul's Holy Name Society. Adult tickets are \$8 and children's tickets are \$4. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Take-outs are available. For more information, call 814-490-6265 or 814-825-7288.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The way to know Jesus "is to keep his commandments." (1 John 2:3) Examine your conscience about which of the commandments (10 Mosaic or the 2 Great Commandments) is the most difficult for you. Can you entrust this discernment to your spouse? How can you support each other with your challenge?

A Family Perspective

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention**.

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

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

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Leonard Heid** whose funeral was celebrated on April 7th. Leonard was a faithful member of St. Hedwig Holy Name Society. We pray for the repose of his soul and that Christ's consolation may touch the hearts of his loved ones and friends.

Our offertory for last week was \$1,026.00
Easter Flower Donations \$ 610.00
2015 Property Taxes paid \$2,590.00

Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

So far, we have received \$8,285.00 in pledges. We still need \$3,519.00 to reach our assessed goal of \$11,804.00. This is a very important collection for our parish because we get to keep for the parish what we bring in over our goal. The parish depends on your generosity. Warmest thanks for your support!

Thanks to Barb Juchno, Charlotte Mabie, Judy Pentz and Amaria Enes for the beautiful way they decorated St. Hedwig Church for Easter!

Additional Easter Flower Memorials

In loving memory of M & M Respecki, "Red" Respecki, G. Crynock, C. & D. Crynock, C. Trambley, Fr. J. Barr requested by Del Trambley.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 25

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector Jim Gorski
Eucharist Jim Gorski
Ushers Nancy Widomski
Michelle Moskel
Altar Server Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY



The letter in which you can make requests for remembrances on Mother's Day have been mailed to St. Hedwig's parishioners.

A Breathtaking Beautiful Church

This is a church at Schweidnitz near Breslau, the new Polish names are now Svidnice and Wroclaw. After the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945, the town became part of Poland according to the post-war Potsdam Conference in 1945. The German population who had not fled during the war were subsequently expelled to Germany and replaced with Poles. They changed the historical names to Polish and have so become unrecognizable as being of German origin, but the craftsmanship which the original natives have left there are now rich sources of Polish tourist trade. An Old Wooden Church in Poland.....really something to see. This church is so beautiful, one has to wonder how you could possibly concentrate on the service. This church had been built by Germans since this part of Poland had been German until WWII, when the Oder/Neisse line had been drawn. Take a good look. Use the pointers at the bottom of the picture to view, up and down and the + to zoom in—IT'S INCREDIBLE. Move your cursor around to see it all.

<http://zieba.wroclaw.pl/kpg/kps.html>

Mark Your Calendars

A Spring Card Party sponsored by St. Paul Church on Sunday, May 3rd in St. Paul Center, 453 West 16th Street beginning at Noon. There will be a Style Show by the Sassy Peacock, Chinese Auction and a 50-50. Admission is \$10/person and includes a luncheon of penne pasta, meatball, salad and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at Dancewear Center, 3834 Liberty Street or by calling Carolyn at 449-3469 or Ann at 825-7288.

Prayer

"Prayer is talking to God with mind and heart, and often with the voice. It is a response to God's invitation to seek Him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2559). The gospels encourage us to pray with these attitudes, sentiments and goals:

-conversion of heart (Matthew 5:23-24))

-faith (Matthew 7:7-11)

-pray with the boldness of a child (Mark 9:23)

-with a desire to do God's Will (Matthew 9:38)

-watchfulness (Mark 1:15)

-perseverance (Luke 11:5-13)

-humility (Luke 18:9-14)

(Catechism, 2607-2613).





April 19, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Since 2009, the diocese has established the Good Shepherd Collection so that parishioners can show their appreciation and love for our priests – those already retired those who will retire in the future. We have been so blessed with dedicated priests who have tirelessly given their lives to serve the people of the diocese. This has been, and continues to be, a true blessing and one for which we are so grateful.

When a priest is ordained there is a point in the ceremony where he kneels in front of the bishop and places his hands inside those of the bishop and promises obedience of service to his bishop; in return the bishop, by holding the new priest's hands, commits himself to be responsible for the priest's well-being throughout all of his life, including old age and retirement.

Our priests are with us every step of the way celebrating new births and burying our deceased loved ones. They offer their lives without expectation of financial gain beyond that which they need to sustain themselves. As they are, we, in turn, are called to minister to their needs. Let us show our gratitude to our priests by helping to provide for their care and needs in retirement.

The number of priests reaching retirement age continues to grow each year. Currently, there are 50 retired priests within our own Diocese. Although they may be viewed as "retired", many of them remain very active providing sacramental ministry in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and substituting for priests to allow them to take vacation.

The response to the Good Shepherd collection has been one of great generosity. The unfunded liability in our priests' retirement fund, along with the rising expenses of healthcare needs for retired priests now and in the years to come, relies on funds generated by this annual collection.

Your contributions for the "Good Shepherd Collection" can be made on Good Shepherd Sunday—April 25/26 at your parish or online at www.ErieRCD.org. Every contribution both great and small is greatly appreciated and will make a difference in the lives of our retired priests. This collection should not be confused with the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which occurs in December and assists religious men and women – nuns, brother and priests belonging to religious orders. That - collection does not benefit retired diocesan priests.

I know that you hold great affection for our priests and deacons in the diocese who now serve our parishes in active ministry. Please pray that our Diocese will be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord. I know all our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity to 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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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful women who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your mother has already gone to her eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling her of your love for her.

Our bulletin on May 9 and 10 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased mother or grandmother whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

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Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,539.00
Online Giving	<u>879.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,418.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Encarnita Preston** from Annie & Brian Candela & Family*

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 from **Kathy Alessi**.

Donation to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Patricia Brugger** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper.
- ♦ In memory of **Charles & Isabell Evanoff and Walter & Violet Mack** from Cynthia & Christopher Mack.
- ♦ In memory of **Attilio Chimenti** from Marjory & Merle Painter.
- ♦ In memory of **Geraldine Ciacchini and Dr. Quentin Orlando** from Nancy & Q Gregory Orlando.

Also donations from:

Hannah Kirby, Dotty & Michael Schloss, Cynthia & John D. Purvis, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Jill Blagawalz & Joel Walz, James Spiegel, Rev. John Bauer, Rehrig Pacific Co. and Mary Beth & Jim Murray

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 25, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Bill Power**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carolyn Power, Caroline Power, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Yvonne Gersims, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: Emilio & Gemma Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Mary Williams**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney, Colleen Welch

CUP: Cyndi Pristello, Tim Scully

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

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



Healing Mass: The Son of God Prayer Group, affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary parishes invites everyone to attend a healing Mass celebrated by Father David Poulson at Holy Rosary Church, East 28th and East Avenue on April 21st at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to provide time for participants to write their petitions on a simulated brick wall. Petitions will be offered with the presentations of the gifts. Music will be provided by St. Joseph/ Bread of Life.



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. Parking for the handicapped is available on West 23rd Street.)

Additional Easter Flowers:

Mr. Thomas Fontecchio

Mr. Jeff O'Hara



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 18** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*
 4:00 PM ALBERT MIELNIK (BROTHERS & SISTERS) - ST.H
 5:00 PM ADAM REFCOSKY (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)
- April 20** *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 21** *Tuesday, Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 22** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 23** *Thursday, Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 24** *Friday, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*
 8:00 AM HARRY CALDWELL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)
- April 25** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*
 4:00 PM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H
 WIFE, CHARLOTTE & SONS
 5:00 PM JIM (VINNIE) VINCENT (JUDY VINCENT) - ST.P
- April 26** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM LAWRENCE ZIELINSKI - ST.P
 (DOROTHY SNIDER & FAMILY)
 10:30 AM IRMA BOGOLIN LYDEN (JANE CARNEY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

- 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
- 04/21** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/22** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/25** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/26** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed Gr 7, 8, 9 - Holy Rosary

MISSION OFFERINGS ~ The children in Kdg- Gr 6 are reminded to bring their *Lenten mission money* to their *Faith Formation session Sunday, April 19th*.



FIRST COMMUNION ~ Please remember the following children as they prepare to celebrate their *First Communion*: Holy Trinity-Xavier Bathurst; Holy Rosary- Caden Carpenter, Dominick Ekendorf, Olivia Fickenworth, Sophia McGill, Gavin Terrill; St. Patrick- Camilla Emch; St John the Baptist-Caitlin Tharp.

FIRST RECONCILIATION ~ The following children from our Eastside parishes celebrated their *First Reconciliation*: Holy Rosary- Eli Baker, Layne Caldwell, Roger Havyarimana, Mackenzie Rossi; Holy Trinity- Breanna Heidt; St Patrick- Owen Atzert.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments
Child Abuse Prevention Month:

"I don't want to be the first to say anything." "It's none of my business." "Let's pretend it didn't happen." "I'm not going to be the one to tattle." The distinction between "tattling" and "telling" is a simple one. *Tattling* is done to get someone in trouble. *Telling* is done to stop a person from hurting themselves or someone else. So don't be the one to "tattle," but please be the one who "tells," and save a child's life. Call reports of disclosed or suspected abuse to the Pennsylvania child abuse hotline, *Child line*, 1-800-932-1313. To see what the diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48



In today's Gospel, the disciples had every right to be troubled. Jesus response: "Peace be with you." Jesus response, showed his caring for them. For us, too, in a world that is hectic and confused, he offers the same remedy. This peace is always there in the midst of our struggles, if we're willing to look for it. Our call is to discover that he is there and appreciate his closeness to us, and instead of allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by troubles, we should let him overwhelm us with his peace. What blessings are you thankful for and how can you share with others?

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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