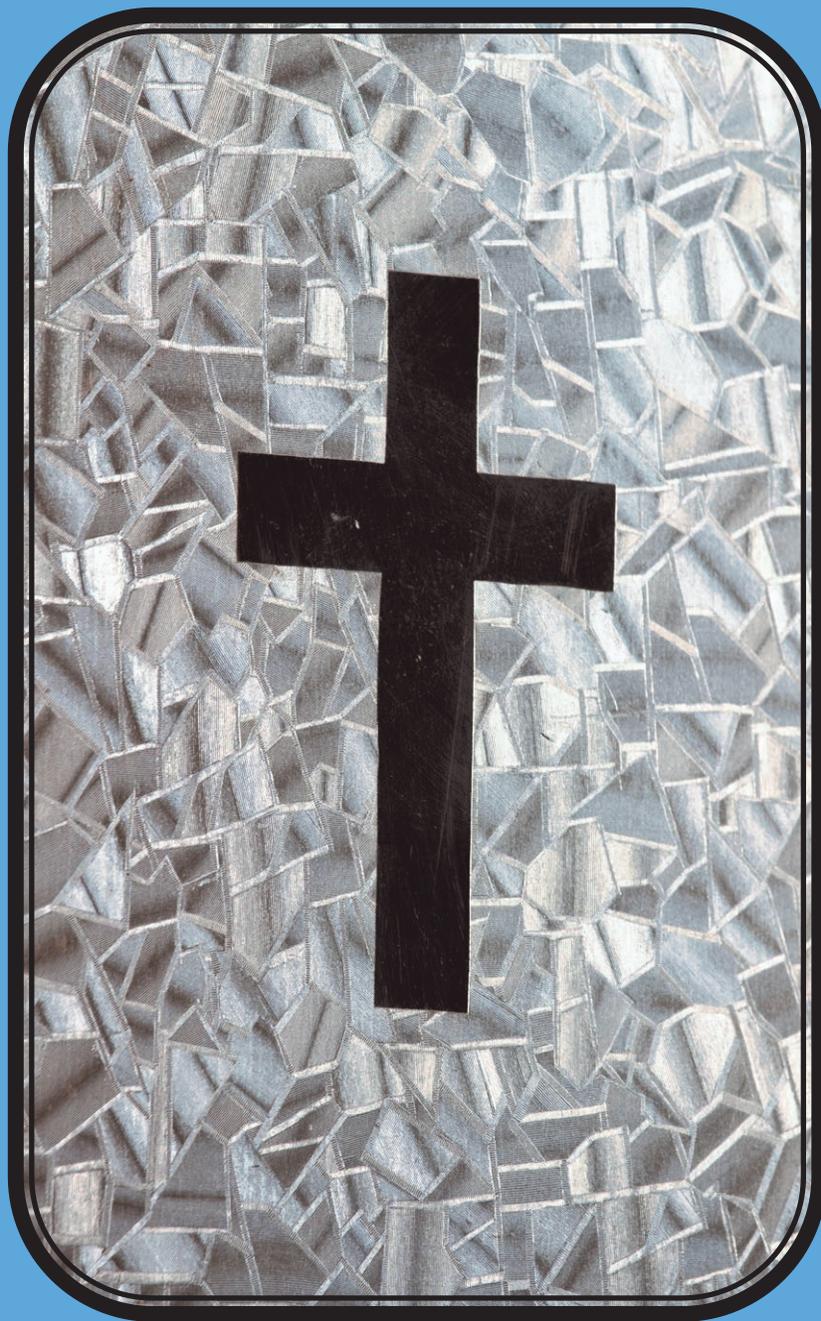


Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016



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

Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Whether a seed in the ground, a child in the womb, or the unfolding of an idea, growth is always a mystery. Why did this fledgling Jesus movement flourish despite the opposition? How did a group of uneducated disciples spread news of Jesus within a hostile Jewish environment and a threatening Roman empire? And why did so many people risk their lives and undergo such hardship for the sake of the Kingdom. Luke, the author of Acts, is as amazed as anyone and realizes there is no simple answer except that God willed it and the Holy Spirit led the way. Today we're told of Paul returning to Lystra. He was here before and was stoned almost to death by the residents; but here he is back to ensure that his converts are growing and thriving. Paul knows what he is talking about when he refers to hardships.

Apocalyptic writing was composed for people enduring great trials and persecution. What John is proclaiming to these people is the end of all that is finite, incomplete and painful. From out of heaven, he sees a new reality descending; it is the new and glorious Jerusalem, the eternal city of everlasting peace and looks like a bride adorned for her groom. The "voice" announces that God is not aloof and distant, but a neighbor who lives with us. Borrowing from Isaiah, John proclaims a time when tears and mourning and pain no longer describe the human experience.

Remember that John's Jesus is utterly divine; unlike the Synoptic Jesus of Matthew, Mark & Luke, John's Jesus knows he goes to death; but he does so in absolute obedience and peace of mind. He knows that death will neither shame him nor thwart the divine purpose for which he came. Jesus knows that his time with the disciples is short and he gives them a new commandment: "Love one another." We are called to

imitate our Master whose love had no limits. He gave everything, even his life, for his disciples. For John, the glory of the cross is not only Christ's; but also ours.

I recently buried Rosella Burgoyne Zaborac, age 92. Her maternal grandfather was John Cauley, one of the brothers to the four priests who were at St. Patrick's from 1892-1954, then succeeded by their nephew, Msgr. Charles Crowley, until 1965, when he was succeeded by his nephew, Father Tom Plunkett, who was here until 1974. The pastors here from 1892-1974 were all from the one Cauley family. Rosella had four children, but the Cauley family is fast passing out of existence. One of her children wrote a detailed history of the family which is fascinating. She spent time in Ireland finding the village that the father and mother of the four priests migrated from, their baptismal records, etc.

The wedding season at St. Patrick's is now up and running! We are completely booked from now until Thanksgiving with a wedding every Friday or Saturday. In addition, the bridal couples have been coming to the rectory in groups of 5 or 6 couples for an informal evening of drinks and dinner.

Once a final plan is announced in September for the reconfiguration of parishes, we will all then move toward a February 2017 implementation date. Once that date arrives, it will directly affect St. Hedwig's Parish. The church itself will only be opened for funerals and on the annual feast day of St. Hedwig's. The challenge is that the building must be maintained, heated, etc. while it is not really being used. Decisions as to the future of the building will be vested in the hands of the parish Finance Council. They can vote to maintain the building for those limited uses or they can vote to ask Bishop Persico to formally close the parish and close the building.

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

The ongoing maintenance of buildings which once served a vibrant parish but no longer do so is going to be a major challenge for the future. The cost of maintaining these old buildings is extremely high. Utilities have to be paid, taxes are owed on property and buildings with the exception of the church itself. As you look at some of these beautiful old buildings, it seems a crime to have to close them; but the alternatives are few. Part of it will depend upon the ongoing revenue from parishioners vs. the ongoing maintenance expenses. There are some very difficult decisions ahead.

Diocese after diocese has faced what we are now facing with parishes and schools. Many of these churches were built to serve immigrants who flocked to them, supported them and attended. As each new generation came along, people have moved away from many of these immigrant structures, are not living in these neighborhoods and are not supporting or attending. For years, we priests have been asking that we undertake this process of pastoral planning, and now we are finally into it. As painful as it is to say goodbye to old structures and buildings, we can't live in the past; but have to face the reality of the moment at hand.

Father Antonio Spadaro, the Italian Jesuit who was an influential figure at the recent Synod of Bishops on the Family, now writes that Pope Francis has removed all restrictions on the access of divorced and remarried Catholics to the sacraments. His controversial interpretation of the document appears in *Civiltà Catholica*, the Jesuit Journal that he edits. *Civiltà Catholica* is regarded as a semi-authoritative source because its contents are always approved in advance by the Vatican Secretariat of State. Fr. Spadaro has worked closely with Pope Francis.

Some thoughts on WALKING: Walking can add years to your life. This enables you, at 85 years of age, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month!.....My grandfather started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't have a clue where he is.....The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again!

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **William Hayes** requested by Pete & Carol Lubowicki.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for all the members of the **St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Living and Deceased.**

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** from St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

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

The offertory for the last week was \$528. Thank you and God Bless!

Catholic services Appeal—

We have received \$6,675 in pledges. We still need \$4,235 to reach our assigned goal. Please make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. Thanks for your help.

Mother's Day Memorials—

The Mother's Day Bulletin, May 8, 2016 will include the names of living or deceased mothers whom you wish to honor. Please return your envelope that is in your envelope packet no later than Saturday, April 30.

Get Your Tickets!

Don't Miss the 21st Annual Catholic Charities Ball, Friday, May 6, 2016 from 6:30-11:00 pm at the Bayfront Convention Center. Erie's own Tennessee Backporch will provide the music for the evening, which includes a sumptuous plated dinner, our "Celebrity" Dance Contest, and the presentation of the Helping Hands Award to Dr. Peter and Ellie Scibetta for their faithful support of our Church and Community. For more information or tickets, please call 824-1258 or you may purchase your tickets online at www.eriecd.org

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 30 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

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





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,649.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,060.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,709.00
Good Shepherd Sunday	\$ 2,611.00
Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 101,148
Number of pledges	219
Percentage of parishioners	% 31.28

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us **Welcome**
Charles Thomas Frank

son of
David & Katherine (McCain) Frank
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy

&

John Henry Bauman
son of
Douglas & Anne (Schloss) Bauman
and

Waylon Joseph Stevens
son of
Craig & Stephanie (Chiz) Stevens
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy

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 Restoration

- ◆ In memory of **Mary G. Walker** from her daughter Mary C. Walker

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ◆ In memory of **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn
- ◆ In memory of **Sr. Norbert Willey, SSJ** from Mildred & Robert Biebel
- ◆ In memory of **Carl, Florence, Jack & Patrick Kuhn** from Charlene Pelinsky
- ◆ In memory of **Mary Jean Cioccio** from Hubert Cioccio
- ◆ In memory of **Phil Fatica** from Kathy Fatica

Also donations from:

Barbara Brairton, Margaret & Kevin Cohick,
Judy & Phil Kelly, Cynthia & John D Purvis,
Vikki Scully, Jill Blaga-Walz & Joel Walz,
Candy & Mark Bukowski and Thomas Fontecchio

A Special Thank You!!!

to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Beth Pinto*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Beth Pinto, Shirley Winschel, Kathy Sertz*

CUP: *Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: *Mary Ellen Dahlkemper*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathryn Olds*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Dave Korn*

Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Kearney, Mike Vehec, Forrest Mischler*

CUP: *Michelle Tortorelli, Ed Brown*

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney*

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS to—

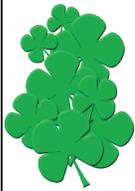
Peter Bloomstine, Emilio Filippi, Taylor Gushie, Juliette Morales, Daniel Scutella, Lauren Scutella and Caralyn Wilcox who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday afternoon, April 23 at St. Peter's Cathedral.



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.





145 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

BEATITUDE #9: BLESSED ARE THE FOLKS WHO ALWAYS DO EVERYTHING WITHOUT BRAGGING OR COMPLAINING

There's a guy up on the altar every week, sometimes in white robes, sometimes not, who goes quietly about the business of making sure the Monsignor has everything he needs to minister to his flock, which is to say, us. He is the Sacristan—he opens and closes every Mass, every single Mass, every single week, every single year. Without him would there be a Mass? Maybe, but I'm guessing none of us, including Father Kriegel, would want to find out. Know his name? If you do you're in the minority—this is not a guy who blows his own horn, and as you will see, he's got a pretty big horn to blow.

For quite a while, we thought that he was found in a basket on the church steps 70 years ago and raised in the bell tower by one of the Cauley brothers, where he lives secretly to this day. Nobody can remember him not being here and there's nothing about this church he doesn't know. Turns out, though, he's a regular guy who's been a life-long member of the parish—who knew? He went to grade school here then Cathedral Prep, then night school for electronics and electrical work, then served in Germany in the US Army signal corps, then worked for Scott Electric and Krause Electric for a total of 46 years, then he retired and got really busy. And he lives a block from the church (so not in the bell tower as we originally thought).

He's been volunteering at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center for 5 years, 7 years at the Sister Pascal Food Pantry, and, get this, 25 years at the Second Harvest Food Bank, where, among other things, he gleans—he is a bona fide gleaner. Like the Israelites who gleaned the stubble from the field to make bricks for Pharaoh, he spends his summers picking the leftovers from farmers' fields. But he does it to help feed the hungry. And he works on the team that cleans and tends the stations of the cross here at St. Pats. In fact, not much goes on here that he isn't a big part of, including the Irish Festival where among other things, he's in charge on non-alcoholic beverages (hey, someone's got to do it). He's been working the festival since like one day when the festival was at the old Cauley Center and in the old grade school playground.

When he's not gleaning or Sacristanning he makes his own fishing poles and then fishes with them. He hikes the trails on Presque Isle and is an accomplished woodworker and cabinet maker. His name by the way is Tom Golab, a great guy who works quietly behind the scenes to make St. Patrick's and the whole community a better place. If you would like to offer your assistance, you can find him at any Mass or email him at tomhm3@msn.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. You can sponsor an area or activity for as little as \$100. It'll make you feel good.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 4:00 PM ALBERT "MICKEY" MABIE - ST.H
 (CHARLOTTE & SONS)
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)-ST.P
- April 24** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM REGINA DILLON (MARILYN REISER) - ST.P
 10:30 AM THOMAS KAMINSKI - ST.P
 (Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)
- April 25** *Monday, Saint Mark, Evangelist*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 26** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM GENEVIEVE GORSKI (HELEN ZIELINSKI)
- April 27** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM MARK KUTZ (THE NOWOSIELSKI FAMILY)
- April 28** *Thursday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
 Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 29** *Friday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
 Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 30** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 4:00 PM ALBERT MIELNIK - ST.H
 (DOROTHY, RICHARD & PATTY MIELNIK)
 5:00 PM MARY LOU SPINELLI - ST.P
 (SISTER, CAROL & RON CONRAD)
- May 1** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM DONNA JEAN MERSKI - ST.P
 (RON & PATTY MERSKI)
 10:30 AM BOB JONES - ST.P
 (AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)

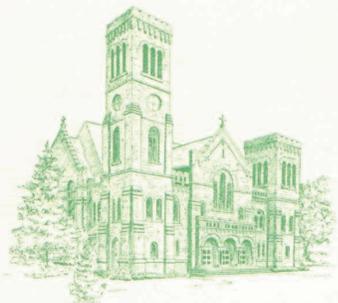
DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
 CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
 PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent

- 04/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/24** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 04/26** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/30** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 05/01** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-6, Holy Rosary, Final Session

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*, 1-800-932-0313. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 8, 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 of May 7 and 8 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, APRIL 29, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

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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

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

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