

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2015



Saint Patrick Parish

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and our reading from Acts of the Apostles continues with what we heard last Sunday when Peter healed a crippled man and he and John are now on trial for doing that. For Luke, the author of Acts, the speeches and trials are ideal occasions to insert the early church's oral preaching about Jesus. Scholars debate how much Luke is preserving and how much he is shaping and defining it. In today's speech before the Sanhedrin, Peter makes two declarations about Jesus: first, it was God himself; "who raised Jesus from the dead," thus confirming Jesus' innocence before the group that condemned him. Second, "there is no salvation through anyone else." Luke also presents Peter citing old testament prophecies, a conviction that the resurrected Christ was foretold from of old.

Throughout the Easter season, the first Letter of John is our second reading. We know that John the evangelist did not write these letters and today the author identifies himself as a "presbyter," one who oversees the community.

Numerous times in John's gospel, Jesus identifies himself as *ego emi*, in Greek, "I am." Today it is in reference to him being the Good Shepherd, a title found only in John but one which his audience would recognize that the Law and the prophets refer to the Lord as their "shepherd." In referring to himself as the good shepherd, Jesus makes two assertions: as shepherd, he is no hired man. His relationship with his sheep is as intimate as his relationship with his Father, assured by the commitment, "I will lay down my life for the sheep." Second, "other sheep" from another "fold" is a likely reference to his Gentile followers. He concludes his Good Shepherd discourse by foreshadowing his own death and resurrection: "I lay down my life to take it up again."

On Wednesday evening, I'll host ten of our bridal couples for drinks and dinner. I usually do these at St. Patrick's rectory; however, this year I am hosting them at the recently restored Watson/Curtze Mansion at West Sixth and Chestnut Sts. The restoration is so magnificent that I want people to see the building. We gather for drinks at 5:30 and then dinner at 6:30.

On Thursday evening, at the same venue, we will have a two hour cocktail party for lectors, Eucharistic ministers and ushers. I always invite the spouses to join us because if one spouse is volunteering for some role, the other spouse is picking up some slack. Because parking at the Watson/Curtze Mansion is so limited, people have been asked to park at the church and the trolley will keep making a circle all evening. The event will be from 5:30—7:30.

On May 11, we will host a similar event for choir, greeters, Station keepers, Homeless Shelter leadership and offertory counters. It's a good opportunity for us to get to know one another better because we're not a neighborhood parish, we don't have a school which would bring people together; and so we have to use these opportunities. I recently co-chaired a \$3 million capital campaign for the Historical Society, one million of which is being used to restore the mansion. The results are rather spectacular which is why I am having the cocktail parties there rather than at the rectory. I just want people to see the building.

I know I keep harping on it, but our Catholic Service Appeal continues. With an assessment of \$46,000, I am hoping we can raise \$100,000 which will give me over \$50,000 to apply to the debt on our restoration. To date we have pledges of \$64,395 from 231 number of families in the parish. With over 750 families, the majority have not participated. Can I ask you to think about joining in this effort?

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

If we can continue to make a \$50,000 payment on the debt each year, we will erase it in 4 years. I would then like to take a similar amount of money from the CSA and begin the restoration of the pipe organ. Our plan is to do that over several years. We will close down the organ immediately after Christmas and have it ready again for Easter and the wedding season. Then we will repeat the same process until it is completed.

Our pipe organ at St. Patrick's is an incredible instrument, but it desperately needs major work.

A special thanks to several Gannon University students who, as part of their community service, planted all of the new shrubbery around St. Patrick's rectory. Under the guidance of foreman Mary Pat Schlaudecker, they did a beautiful job and saved the parish a great deal of money. Gannon University should be applauded for the way there are reaching out to improve our community.

Archbishop Leo Cushley of Edinburgh, Scotland, announced last week that the number of parishes in the archdiocese is being reduced from 100 to 30 in a reorganization plan. "Like the church of the first few centuries," he said, "we are called to be poorer, but purer, to cope with fewer material resources, but at the same time increase our spiritual resources. This is a time of sober realism, we must not submit to pessimism."

A woman reported to police that she fended off an attack by an alligator with a small pistol. "While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside of The Villages with my soon-to-be ex-husband, we were discussing property settlement and other divorce issues when we were surprised by a huge 12-foot alligator which emerged from the murky water and began charging toward us with its jaw wide open. I think she was protecting her nest because she was very aggressive. If it had not been for my little Beretta Jetfire .25 caliber pistol, I would not be here today," she said. "What happened?" asked the policeman. "Just one shot into my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. I was able to walk away at a brisk pace to safety. Plus the amount I saved in lawyer's fees is incredible," she replied.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the health of **Edie Spacht** requested by Judy & Peter Pentz.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by her grandson Bobby J. Sulecki.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$811.00**, Holy Land Collection **\$135.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

We have received \$8,385.00 in pledges. We still need \$3,419.00 to reach our assigned goal. Please make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. Thanks for your help.

Additional Easter Flower Memorials

In loving memory of **The Jarzomski Family**: Al, Betty, Mary and Jim and, In loving memory of **The Rock Family**: Stanley Dorothy and Tom requested by Daniel and Diane Jarzomski.

Mother's Day Memorials

The Mother's Day bulletin will include the names of living or deceased mothers whom you wish to honor. Please return the letter you received or the envelope in your packet no later than May 4.

A BIG "THANK YOU!"

Our deepest gratitude to the Polish Falcons #610 for their generous donation of \$2,432.00 to St. Hedwig Church. It covers the entire cost of repairing our gas well regulator. Please remember to support our Polish Falcons Club.

I Have Chosen You from the World

Ministry Schedule

	May 3
	4:00PM
	Saturday
Lector	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Pete Pentz
	Ray Nowosielski
Altar Server	Nowosielski Family



*May, the Month
of Mary*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,118.00
Online Giving	919.00
Total Income	\$ 7,037.00

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Geneva Evelyn Folsom Black** 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 in memory of **Trish Hardner, Jerry, Tom & Jim Hardner & Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Brennan & Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim.
- ♦ In memory of **Susan Gerard** from Barbara Gingenbach.
- ♦ In memory of **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Margaret & Kevin Cohick.
- ♦ In memory of **Jo Johnson, Bud Johnson and Joe Kohler** from Gary & Becky Johnson.
- ♦ In memory of **Katherine & Jack Tellers** from Mary Tellers.
- ♦ In memory of **Dan Greulich** from Susan & Mark Sullivan.
- ♦ In memory of **all deceased members of the Huzar Club.**

Also donations from:

Kathleen Horan, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Joel & Jill Blaga-Walz, Alice & Ken Daub, Diane & David Lauer, Cynthia & John Purvis

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Lynne Long

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Dominick Kierzek

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Katie Froehlich, Ed Brown

CUP: Michelle Tortorelli, Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Norann Brugger, 1 **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



The unreal but beautiful and pastoral notion of shepherds conjures up all kinds of images in John's Gospel, but few of us today have any experience of shepherds, or do we? Christ is the Good Shepherd. What does it mean to be a good shepherd in our time in history? Perhaps modern-day shepherds can be any of us; as parents, teachers, clergy, coaches, mentors, soldiers, police officers, supervisors, social workers, health care professionals, CEO's, neighbors, etc. Who constitutes our flock? Is it our children and family, our friends, the elderly/ disabled, our neighbors, our parish, our Facebook friends, our colleagues of LinkedIn, our classmates? What is our responsibility towards them? To those who are not in our flock? When we pursue social justice as advocates for the poor, the homeless, children, the disabled, are we not assuming the role of shepherds? What flocks depend on you for your protection?

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 **saintpatrickparish-erie.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.





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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,

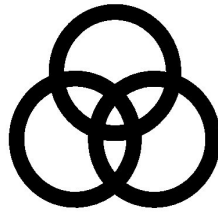
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel", written over a horizontal line.

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

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Prayer - Planning - Possibilities

What were the PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS?

One of the five task forces created for the Pastoral Planning Process is the **Parish Listening Session Task Force**. Each pastor in the diocese was asked to invite ten active parish members who have leadership roles in the parish—in addition to clergy, women religious and school principal if applicable—to one of the sessions held in each of the ten deaneries of the diocese.



During the two-hour sessions, participants sat at tables with their fellow parishioners so that all of their discussions were held in the context of their particular communities.



After a video introduction by Bishop Lawrence Persico, during which he encouraged participants to speak honestly and openly, facilitator Msgr. Richard Siefer emphasized that the evening would not include any discussion about closing parishes or schools.

"No decisions have been made," he said. "We are early in the planning process, and proposals for change will flow out of the process in the months to come. **Your ideas are needed for how we can make our parishes and the diocese better.**"



★ Meet the TASK FORCE MEMBERS!



DAVE HEINZER ▶
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Oil City

◀ **CHAIR, MSGR. RICHARD SIEFER**
Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, DuBois

CO-CHAIR, ROSEMARY CARNOVALE ▼
Sacred Parish, St. Marys



◀ **MAUREEN HORAN**
St. Catherine of
Siena Parish, DuBois



MARY ANN NICHOLLS ▶
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Siena Parish, DuBois



THOMAS ROOKEY ▲
St. Joseph Parish
Sharon

WHAT PROCESS WAS USED TO GATHER INFORMATION at the Parish Listening Sessions?

Throughout the sessions, participants were invited into several "structured conversations." After praying for guidance to the Holy Spirit, each parish table received various questions throughout the evening. Sometimes everyone had the same question while other times, a variety of questions were distributed. (cont'd on next page)



DAVID THIEMANN ▲
Holy Trinity Parish, Erie

Participants then had a short time to reflect on the questions and write responses prior to sharing their ideas at the table. After each person responded, the group discussed and came to consensus about which response their facilitator would share with the entire room. All of the responses from each table were later collected to be tabulated for the task force.



Among the questions considered during the sessions were:

1. *What do I consider the greatest strength of my parish to be?*
2. *What can the administrative offices of the Diocese of Erie do for us as a parish?*
3. *With the decrease in Mass attendance, how will my parish sustain community, good liturgies, facilities and pastoral services?*
4. *With the decrease in the number of priestly vocations, how can my parish assure Catholics of a strong Catholic leadership for them and their families as well as provide sacraments and pastoral services?*
5. *With the rising cost of a Catholic school education, how can my parish assure children and young adults of a foundation in their faith for the future?*
6. *With the rising cost of running a parish, how can today's Catholics financially sustain a viable parish?*

HOW WILL THE INFORMATION FROM THE LISTENING SESSIONS BE USED?

Members of the Parish Listening Task Force have been tabulating and organizing responses from the listening sessions. The Meitler firm, hired to help guide the Diocese of Erie through the pastoral planning process, will be looking at common themes and developing a report to ensure that the task force has access to the creative and useful suggestions made by those who attended the sessions.

TIMELINE Here is a look at some of the key components of the Pastoral Planning Process and an estimate of the timeframe in which they are expected to occur:

ACTIVITY	DATE(S)
Data collection/analysis	Oct. 2014 to Jan. 2015 (Done)
Listening Sessions	March to May 2015 (Done)
Presentations: Key findings/issues	June 2015
Task Force groups work on preliminary plans for diocese	June to Sept. 2015
Parish self-assessments	July to Sept. 2015
Consultation on diocesan-level plans	Sept. to Nov. 2015

THE STANDING SURVEY

After reviewing information about a number of trends in the diocese—several of which have been shared in these bulletin inserts—members were asked to take a standing survey, selecting two of the following trends as the challenges they considered to be the greatest concerns in the diocese:



1. Increasing Mass attendance
2. Bringing back the one-third of Catholics who are registered but inactive
3. Increasing vocations to the priesthood
4. Counteracting the rising number of unchurched
5. Encouraging more baptisms and partaking of the sacraments
6. Encouraging more Catholic parents to send their children to Catholic schools
7. Encouraging more Catholic parents to send their children to religious education
8. Encouraging Catholics to increase their financial support to the church

Finally, the evening concluded with participants filling out a two-sided survey exploring a number of important topics including collaborative efforts, faith formation for children and adults, and evangelization. Among the questions were:

- What is the greatest challenge facing my parish?
- What is one way my parish could be forming adults differently or more creatively?
- What big idea or change in approach would make my parish more vibrant and healthy?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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
- April 27** *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 28** *Tuesday, Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;
 Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 29** *Wednesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin
 and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM REGIE LONCKI (DOLORES DOMBKOWSKI)
- April 30** *Thursday, Saint Pius V, Pope*
 8:00 AM JOHN GORSKI (JOSEPHINE ROTH)
- May 1** *Friday, Saint Joseph the Worker*
 8:00 AM JOHN GORSKI (JOSEPHINE ROTH)
- May 2** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 4:00 PM JOSEPHINE MIELNIK, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H
 5:00 PM STEVE KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS) - ST.P
- May 3** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 8:00 AM RICHARD REIM - ST.P
 (SEAN & BERNADETTE CARROLL)
 10:30 AM JAMES MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
 (WIFE, MARY)



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

Child abuse remains a national problem. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 905,000 reported child abuse victims in 2006 alone. Through scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

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

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.

**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

- 04/25** 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
 Closing Session
- 04/28** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/29** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 05/02** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 05/03** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr 6 - Holy Rosary
 Closing Session
- 05/03** 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR
- 05/03** 12:00 PM Ave Mtg. - McGarreys Oakwood Cafe

MEETINGS

Join us for the first Festival meeting for the Erie Irish Festival on May 3rd after the 10:30 Mass in the Pascal Room. The festival is scheduled for September 18, 19 and 20! This meeting is for all committee chairs and all who are interested. Bring your ideas! We are anxious to hear what you thought about the festival being on church property last year. What did you think worked well? What do you think needs to be changed? We are open to all suggestions, thoughts and ideas!



The Ave Maria Care and Concern Society will hold a meeting on May 3rd at Noon at the Oakwood Café.

GREAT LAKES HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS MEETINGS:

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.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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