

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016



The Ascension
Stained Glass Window
St. Patrick Church

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Daily Mass 8 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Sixth Sunday of Easter and we read again from Acts. Our story tells us of the tensions which began to arise when Gentiles were coming into the early church. Jewish leaders felt that the Gentiles had first to embrace the Jewish law., ie., circumcision, observance of washing and purifying, etc. Paul would champion the cause of the Gentiles who saw no need for total observance of the Mosaic law. While Paul often asserts his authority as a disciple, here he acknowledges a higher authority as he and Barnabas set out for Jerusalem to consult with Peter, James and the other elders. Today's story only reports the conclusion of their meetings, not the arguments that were traded back and forth. Pastoral sensitivity has won the day, while the importance of Law is sustained without burdening these new converts. Is it not exactly what Pope Francis is saying in his new apostolic letter on The Joy of Love? Pastoral sensitivity must take precedence while the law is still observed.

Remember that the Book of Revelation was not written until after the turn of the century and Jerusalem and the temple—the very heart of Judaism—has been destroyed. The people are devastated, but John envisions a new Jerusalem, a holy city untouched by violence, a city described as a beautiful bride.

Today's gospel takes place during the Last Supper as Jesus is telling his disciples not to fear his departure for just as he taught and directed them while here on earth, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will come to help them. But first, Jesus is again the teacher, reminding them that there is no love without obedience. Jesus equates love with keeping his word. Anyone who keeps his Word receives the Father's love and becomes a living tabernacle, a place where God can dwell. Those who do not keep his Word do not love him

because by rejecting his Word, they reject the Father who is its source. While he comforts them as to his leaving them, he expects them to understand the necessity of his departure.

We welcome Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, retired pastor of Our Lady of Peace, this weekend as he celebrates the Masses at St. Patrick's. I am a guest of my good friend Steve Scully for the White House Correspondence Dinner in Washington.

A great deal is happening to prepare for the Irish Festival in September, the weekend after Tall Ships Erie. For one thing, we've received a very nice grant from the Erie County Gaming Authority to help with our expenses and we're exploring purchasing some kitchen equipment rather than renting all of it. We're also going to have a Fish Fry on Friday night and the Young Adults group is going to help staff that booth.

In addition, we will have a new children's area this year called Leprechaun Village. Among the activities planned is a photo booth where kids can dress up in Irish garb and have their picture taken. Friday evening of the festival will include a new meal: Fish and Chips. And, finally, you may recall we asked that you might bring a fifth of Irish whiskey for the Irish Whiskey Booth, and we received 48 fifths as well as \$125 in gift cards to purchase more. Going to be a fun weekend!!!!

For those of us living in the northeast United States, Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension, a holyday of obligation. A mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 12:05 PM. For the rest of the universal church, this feast has been moved to Sunday.

I'm grateful to the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick for a \$1,000 donation toward the work that has to be done on the Stations of the Cross. You can notice some paint chipping, peeling, some

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cracks in some of the wood, etc. Remember that these Stations were hand-carved in Munich, Germany between 1892-95 and so they are more than 120 years old, and we want to be as diligent as possible in maintaining them. In addition to this generous gift from the Knights and Ladies, I have received several other unsolicited gifts from parishioners and non-parishioners so that we now have enough money to pay for the work that has to be done.

We're hoping soon to get started on one last project in the church, and that is the men's restroom. You may recall that a few years ago we redid the former men's restroom as a new and efficient ladies' room; but we did nothing to the area that now serves as a men's room. I'm hoping we can get into that this summer.

April was a bumper month for baptisms at St. Patrick's with 11 baptisms. Good seeing all of these young families here.

You may occasionally be approached by a homeless person when you come to Mass here. They are asking for money; and can I ask you NOT to give them anything. It is only going for drugs and alcohol. We have adequate programs in place to help them with the necessities of life, ie., daily meals, lodging, dental and medical help, etc. Your handing them money is not helping them.

A man and his wife were awakened at 3 AM by a loud pounding on the door. The man goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Get out of here. It is 3 in the morning," he replies as he slams the door and returns to bed. "Who was it?" asks his wife. "Some drunk asking for a push." "Did you help him?" she asks. "No, it's 3 in the morning and it's pouring rain," he replied. "Shame on you. Don't you remember 3 months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us," she said. The man does as he is told, gets dressed, goes out into the pouring rain and calls out into the dark, "Are you still there?" "Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" "Yes, please," comes the reply from the dark. "Where are you?" asks the husband. "Over here on the swing," replied the drunk.

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gary M. and Laura Borowy.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for all the members of the **William Hayes** from Daniel and Stephanie Maxumczyk.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Charlotte Niewolak** 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 \$445. Thank you and God Bless!

Catholic services Appeal—

We have received \$7,075 in pledges. We still need \$3,835 to reach our assigned goal. Please make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. Thanks for your help.

Pro Life Carnation Project—

Next weekend, Mother's Day, volunteers will conduct the annual carnation sale for the local pro-life organization, People for Life. By donating \$1.00 for a carnation or six for \$5.00, you will have an opportunity to honor your mother with a symbol of your love for her. You will also help in the effort to reach others with accurate information about human life issues and promote positive attitudes about the value of each and every human life.



Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Richard Dombkowski (Irene Mielnik), Peter Zielinski (John Kominski), Hedwig Lynch (Teresa Whitford), Chet Loncki (Larry & Dolly Bargielski) Robert Osmer (Brenda Morrison), John Borgielski (Grace Madonia), Raymond Kantorowski (Theresa Juchno) Peter Dubowski (Pauline Dubowski), Albert Mabie (Irene Mielnik), Hattie Gleba (Milt Neal & R. Schaaf)

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

May 7, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

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| Lector | Dave Widomski |
| Eucharist | Dave Widomski |
| Ushers | Ron Helminski |
| | Richard Mielnik |
| Altar Servers | Charlotte Mabie |





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Stewardship

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| Offertory Collection | \$ 6,473.00 |
| Online Giving | <u>1,275.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$ 7,748.00 |

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| Catholic Service Appeal (Goal) | \$ 100,000 |
| Assessment | \$ 64,000 |
| Pledges to date | \$ 102,498 |
| Number of pledges | 225 |
| Percentage of parishioners | % 32.14 |

Thank you for your generosity!

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

- ◆ In memory of **Ginny McGinnis** from William McGinnis
- ◆ In memory of **David O. Matthews** from Patty & Bill Jackson
- ◆ In memory of **J.B. Purvis** from Cynthia & John D. Purvis
- ◆ In memory of **Rev. Mark J. Skertich** from Denise & Phil Rewers
- ◆ In memory of **Judy Scully** from Vikki Scully
- ◆ In memory of **MK Wright** from Nancy Yochim
- ◆ In memory of **Forrest & Gertrude Shorts** from Judy Freiwald
- ◆ In memory of **Joseph R. Novotny** from Carolyn & Robert Schenker

Also donations from:

Candy & Mark Bukowski, Alice & Ken Daub, Thomas Fontecchio, Patricia & William Gloekler, Margo & Jim Kuhn, Lynne Long, Patti & Rob Oligeri, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Barbara & Mark Sargent, and Dotty & Michael Schloss

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



Welcome new parishioners!

Paul & Nancy Ditmore, Matthew Ihrig, James Malone, Eden Mishler, John & Carolyn Bauman, Barry Ebricht, Jamie Cieszynski & Keith Kaval, John & Michelle Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Gerald & Susan Kanonczyk, Tammy Birkmire, Lori & Tim Colvin, James H. Hynes II, James & Jane Hynes, Jillian Hynes, Arthur & Diane Martone, Raymond & Laurie Wasielewski, Jessica Edmondson, Judy Freiwald, Matt & Trish Simonoff, Rodolfo & Sheila Cardonna.

Mother's Day Carnations—

People for Life is sponsoring a Mother's Day carnation sale after all Masses on Sunday, May 8. Help celebrate Mother's Day by getting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. Your donations of \$1 per carnation or \$5 for each half dozen will help support local pro-life educational activities.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Lynne Long, Kay Mannino, Yvonne Gersims

CUP: Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Collin & Ryan Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Nick Straub

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Charla Leehmuis, Kathleen Pae

CUP: Tim Scully, Katie Froehlich

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

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



MSGR. KRIEGLER'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.



138 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

TIME OUT FOR A BRIEF COMMENT ON THE ORIGINS AND CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF CORNED BEEF

You won't find corned beef and cabbage on the menu in most restaurants in Ireland. They don't eat it and they wonder why we think they do. Here's why:

In ancient Ireland, cattle were kept not for meat, but for milk—they love their dairy products in Ireland. The only beef that was eaten came from old cows that could no longer produce milk (which, by the way, is the origin of Erie's famous Ox Roast). No, the Irish favor pork, which they call "the bacon." Back in the days before refrigeration, in order to preserve their pork, they would cure it and turn it into "ham," which made it dry. So to make it edible again, they would soak it in brine and eat it with a cheap and filling veggie — cabbage. The salt they used for the brine was large, like kernels of corn, so they called it "corned" bacon. 'The bacon' is actually usually pork shoulder or butt. What we call "bacon" in the US, they call "rashers" in Ireland. They do eat ham, which they call "ham," but only if it comes from the leg. Got it?

Now, when the Irish started fleeing the famine in the 1840s—in 1847 alone 52,000 Irish immigrants came to New York City, which then had a population of only 372,000—and they went looking for "the bacon," they discovered that almost all of the butchers in their poor section of the city were Jewish—so no pork. Instead, because this was America where there were 5,000,000 head of cattle in Texas alone, they found an abundance of cheap beef—brisket being among the cheapest and with a consistency not unlike "the bacon." So the corned "bacon" and cabbage became corned beef and cabbage. And in Boston, which in that same year of 1847 saw 37,000 Irish Catholic immigrants flood into a city of 115,000 Protestants, there was a tradition of boiled dinners, like lobster, so the Irish there started boiling their corned beef with cabbage and potatoes and whatever else they could come up with—all in one pot.

Then in New York, on St. Patrick's day, 19th century bars began to offer "free" corned beef and cabbage to the Irish laborers in the neighborhood. It was "free: to those who bought a drink or two (so basically everyone on St. Patrick's day). It became a thing. And today it's still a thing with the 33.3 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry.

And the Reuben Sandwich? Well, that was invented in the 1920's either by a Lithuanian in Omaha with the first name "Reuben" or a German in New York with the last name "Reuben." But that's another story.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. Hungry? Wait until you see what we're serving up at the Festival!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

May 2 *Monday, Saint Athanasius,*

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 3 *Tuesday, Saints Philip and James*

8:00 AM WENDY KILGALLON (MCKEE FAMILY)

May 4 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY

May 5 *Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord*

12:05 PM JAMES MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(WIFE, MARY)

May 6 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN LOREI (FRANK & ELAINE MOZDY)

May 7 *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM HOLY NAME MEMBERS, - ST.H

LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. - ST.P

(SISTER, MARY)

May 8 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE KUZIMIN (KATHY KUZMIN) - ST.P

10:30 AM RUTH "DOLLY" HIGGINS - ST.P

(LINDA HARILLA)

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

04/30 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

05/03 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/04 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/07 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.





Last Chance!

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.eriecnd.org

First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

Erie Apostolate of Divine Mercy of St. Ann's (Our Mother of Sorrows Parish) invite you to:

First Friday, May 6th—

Adoration from 11 am 11:45 am and Confessions

Mass at 12:05 followed by the Rosary

Celebrant, Rev. Jerry Priscaro

First Saturday, May 7th—

Confessions, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet starting at 8:15 am. Mass at 9:00 am with Procession of Our Blessed Mother of Fatima

Celebrant, Rev. Msgr. John Swoger

Marian hymns and songs

Please join us, and bring your family!



Spring open house planes at St. Luke School

Erie's St. Luke School (grades pre-K to 8) will host its spring open house May 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registrations are still being accepted for grades K-8. For more information or to schedule a tour on a different day, call the school at 814-825-7105.

St. Peter's Cathedral to host special concert—

More than 70 voices from Mercyhurst University, the Erie Symphonic Singers, Chautauqua Chamber Singers, the choir of New York's Church of Christ Savior and elsewhere will come together to sing Vespers by Sergei Rachmaninoff, titled, "All-Night Vigil" - Opus 37, on May 15 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.



VME Summer Program—

The Villa Maria Elementary Summer Program is currently taking registrations. VME will be offering Summer Day Camp from June 13th - August 19th, 2016 VME's Summer Day camp runs from 7:30am - 5:30pm, Monday through Friday. The program is available for students entering 2-year-old Preschool through grade six. The program fees include a morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack, and field trip fees.



For more information on fees and for a registration form, please visit our website at <http://www.vmelementary.com/student-life/summer-camp>. Register before May 20th to guarantee your Summer Day Camp t-shirt. Questions? Contact the school office at 838.5451x221.

Learn about being an associate of the SSJ's

The Sisters of St. Joseph will offer an informal information session for anyone interested in becoming an associate of the religious community. The session will be held May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road, Millcreek.

SSJ associates are women and men committed to living the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph within the context of their lives and responsibilities. Associates make an annual, written commitment of their desire to live the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Associates participate in a variety of spiritual, ministerial and social events.

Associate membership is open to all men and women, regardless of age, marital status, spiritual tradition or vocation. For more information, contact Linda Kuhn or Nancy Donnelly at 814-836-4134 or email associates@ssjerie.org.

Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michael Adamus at 814-824-1257 or email him at madamus@eriecnd.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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