

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2015



Side altar at  
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 Fifth Sunday of Easter and we read again from Acts of the Apostles. One of the most dramatic moments in Acts is the conversion of Paul. Luke sees it as such a significant event that he offers three accounts of it. By the time Luke wrote Acts (about 85 AD), about 20 years after Paul's martyrdom, Luke saw Paul's conversion and thirty year mission to the Gentiles as the key to understanding the birth of the Church. Today we hear of the fear the disciples had with Paul. Prior to his conversion, Luke describes the terrible deeds of Paul, ie., dragging men and women out of their homes and handing them over to be imprisoned. Allowing Paul to infiltrate the church of Jerusalem would be very dangerous and it is only through Barnabas's witness and testimony that the disciples welcomed him. We're told that the Hellenists (Jews who spoke Greek) tried to kill him. Fearing for his safety, the disciples helped him escape to Tarsus, returning Paul to the city where he grew up.

In the first Letter of John, the presbyter (leader of the local church) urges people to love in word and in deed.

Our gospel readings for the three remaining Sunday of Easter are taken from John's "farewell discourse" (chapters 13-17) in which Jesus shares his final meal with his disciples. In MT, MK & LK, Jesus teaches through simple parables; in John, he does so in lengthy, highly theological discourses. Jesus refers to himself as the true vine and the disciples as branches. This metaphor would be expressed in Israel for centuries, ie, the vineyard is not being properly cared for. For John, it is not enough to remain in Christ, but we have to bear fruit. For John, bearing fruit means professing Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God to others as well as loving one another. We are told that God (the vine grower) is glorified

when they were bearing much fruit and being counted among Jesus' disciples. Just as Jesus glorified the Father through the resurrection, so too, followers of Christ have an avenue for glorifying the Father.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and our bulletin will include an insert listing the names of mothers both living and deceased whom you wish remembered in Mass.

Representative parishioners from both St. Hedwig and St. Patrick parishes joined parishioners from every other parish on the East Side of Erie for a Listening Session recently. The session is part of the Pastoral Planning for the diocese and have been held in every area of the diocese. At the session, each parish was asked to identify its strongest point, its weakest, rate the liturgies, homilies and music, the school or Religious Ed program, etc. We were asked how each parish can help foster an increase in vocations to the priesthood, etc. Once all of the listening sessions are complete, all of that data will be formulated and in June those same people will hear the results of those sessions.

After that stage is completed, the diocesan team who are spearheading the Pastoral Plan will sift through the data and make recommendations to Bishop Persico as to how we re-energize our parishes, what steps to we need to take to make the parishes more vibrant, do we need to merge some parishes or even suppress some? How do we assure quality liturgies, music and homilies, how do parishes continue to be financially stable and able to maintain their facilities, etc.?

According to the time plan which was given us, Bishop Persico will then announce a reorganization of the diocese in early January 2016, and we will then regroup and attempt to make the parishes more vibrant, etc.

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

The number of Catholic marriages in the United States is at its lowest point since 1965. Statistics show that there were over 420,00 Catholic weddings in 1970 but by 2014 that number had dwindled to 154,000. The report says there is no definitive answer but that we're seeing an increase in cohabitation, the notion of destination weddings, etc. The report also showed that annulments have dropped dramatically. In the US there were 60,691 annulments in 1985; last year there were 18,558. The report concludes that divorce is becoming less common and that more and more people who do divorce have no desire to seek an annulment before a second marriage.

I received our assessments from the diocese this past week, and I must tell you I am shocked at how high they are. On a total income of \$434,049, we must pay \$24,617 to the Diocesan Fund, \$11,275 to Priest Retirement, \$44,397 to Catholic School Support and \$46,585 to the Catholic Service Appeal. That totals \$126,000 or close to 25% of our total revenue. I realize that our income has increased dramatically from \$159,000 in 2009 to \$434,000 this past year; but those assessments seem to me to be inordinately high. We have the highest Catholic school assessment of any parish on the eastside of Erie while we have the second highest income. We are also the fifth highest Catholic school assessment of any parish in the entire diocese. At the same time, I think we have to realize how blessed we are at St. Patrick's with resources that many other parishes do not have; which always demands a response of stepping forward and doing our fair share. Perhaps the real challenge of the gospel is to do more than our share.

An Irishman's first drink with his son. "I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink. Off we went to the local pub, which is only two blocks from home. I got him a Guinness Stout, but he didn't like it so I drank it. Then I got him a Harp, but he didn't like that either so I drank it. It was the same with the Beamish Stout and the Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale. By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home."

## *Saint Hedwig News*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Theresa Paluh.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Judy Pentz.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo & Teresa Brugger.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$800.00. Thank you and God bless.

### **Catholic Services Appeal**

We have received \$9,685.00 in pledges. We are still short \$2,119.00 of our assigned goal of **\$11,804.00**. Please make a pledge. We not only want to meet our goal, but also surpass it, because all money in excess of the goal are used for our parish.

### **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.



For those of you who would like to honor our Blessed Mother or your deceased mother, vases will be in place to receive your carnations at Mary's Shrine.

### **Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule**

	<u>May 9</u>
	Saturday
	4:00 PM
Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Ushers	Pete Pentz
	Ray Nowosielski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



*May,  
the Month  
of Mary*



## *SAINT PATRICK WEDDINGS 2015*



### **May 9**

Michael Easter & Paige Parisi

### **May 16**

Christopher Odorisio & Mallory Bemis

### **June 6**

Russell Groner & Abigail Grasinger

### **June 20**

Wesley Smith & Melissa Campbell

### **July 18**

Jamey Stewart & Jennifer Marz

### **July 25**

Christopher Behn & Rachel Dahlstrand

### **July 31**

Ken Marchant & Patti Schroeck

### **August 8**

Chris Thomas & Corinne Mullen

### **August 14**

Noah Murphy & Danielle Hutchinson

### **August 15**

Brian Fochler & Lacie Jo Fuller

### **August 22**

Ryan Wagner & Elizabeth Bahny

### **September 26**

William Stertz & Kate Lynn Czerwinski

### **October 3**

Jeffrey Sharp & Kathleen Fiorenzo

### **October 10**

Andrew Watts & Breanna Miklos

### **October 16**

Brandon Kemmer & Melissa Reichelderfer

### **October 17**

Casey Herbst & Catherine Chimenti

### **December 19**

John Wells & Margaret Sonntag

## *Diocesan News*

### **Recite the Rosary**

Recite the Rosary Saturday's in May 9:15 a.m. At Mary, Queen of Peace Cemetery mausoleum chapel 6000 Lake Pleasant Road.

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

If you're too busy to have a weekly date with your spouse, you may be too busy. Tonight choose several hours next week-end that you can devote just to each other. This week the wife plans what to do, next week it's the husband's turn.

### **Erie Diocesan Cemeteries reminder**

Just a reminder all artificial decorations are to be removed now for spring clean-up at the Erie Diocesan Cemeteries. A listing of cemetery rules and regulations is available on our website [www.eriercd.org](http://www.eriercd.org) or visit our office at 3325 West Lake Rd. Erie, Pa.

### **A Family Perspective**

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

### **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@eriercd.org](mailto:madamus@eriercd.org) for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website [www.Eriercd.org](http://www.Eriercd.org) under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,242.00
Online Giving	<u>1,109.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,351.00

*Thank you for your continued 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 by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**

Donations to the **Food Pantry**:

- ♦ In memory of **Dolly Higgins** from Yvonne Gersims,
- ♦ In memory of **Ruth "Dolly" Higgins** from Lord's 2nd Shift, Eileen Causgrove, Jim & Sandy Foster, Marilyn Riser, Michelle Gates & Sandy Caldwell.
- ♦ In memory of **Joseph Bohrer, Jr.** from Kimberly & Joseph Bohrer.
- ♦ In memory of **Carol Zeelsdore** from Mary McCarthy.
- ♦ In memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski.
- ♦ In lieu of Easter flowers from Patricia Schmidt.

Also donations from:

Mary Anne Ashworth, Patty & Ray Fiorelli, Judy & Phillip Kelly, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler and Denise & Phillip Rewers.



Let Us **Welcome**  
**Brielle Christina Reilly**  
child of  
Sean & Colleen (Ryan) Reilly  
who will be baptized after the  
10:30 AM Mass

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims,  
Shirley Winschel

**CUP:** Ray Fiorelli, Mary Beth Pinto

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Ed Brown

**CUP:** Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,  
Gail Smith

With the summer vacation soon upon us please let us know of your availability. Please call the office at 454-8085 or email the office at [stpats@neo.rr.com](mailto:stpats@neo.rr.com).  
Thank you!



**Mother's Day carnations** provided by People for Life will be available before and after Masses next weekend. 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.

*Welcome*

**St. Patrick's WELCOMES**  
**these new parishioners:**

Anna & Kevin Xander, Matilda & Kenneth Evans,  
Emily & Charles Ingram, Shannon & Jason Reid,  
April Soriano and Nicole & Benjamin Hirschmann

**MSGR. KRIEGL'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 **saintpatrickparisher.ie.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.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- 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)
- May 4** *Monday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 5** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM EVELYN BELCZYK (NANCY WIDOMSKI)
- May 6** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM JEAN N. YEZZI, ANNIV. (WILLIAM YEZZI)
- May 7** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 8** *Friday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM HARRY CALDWELL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 4/24  
 (FAMILY)
- May 9** *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
 4:00 PM HOLY NAME MEMBERS,  
 LIVING & DECEASED - ST.H  
 5:00 PM MARY JEAN CIOCCIO (HERB CIOCCIO) - ST.P
- May 10** *Sixth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day*  
 8:00 AM ROSE (PONTORIERO) GEORGE - ST.P  
 (THE GEORGE FAMILY)  
 10:30 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. - ST.P  
 (SISTER, MARY)

**OUR LADY OF MERCY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF & SPORTS RAFFLE:**

The Knights of Columbus are once again hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf & Sports Raffle on May 15 from 6 to 11pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church located at 837 Bartlett Rd, Harborcreek, PA, 16421. This year's Grand Prize is a six day Royal Caribbean Cruise for two to Bermuda. Other prizes include Steeler tickets, a sailing charter, Seawolves passes, a day fishing trip, large screen TV, golf course memberships, sets of clubs, day golf passes, plus many other prizes. Casino games, raffles, Chinese Auction and door prizes will also be a part of this great evening.

Tickets are \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. Free food and refreshments are provided. *Must be over 21 to attend.* Tickets will also be available at the door.

If you have questions, please call Tom Palisin at 572-5437. We hope to see you there for a great evening of fun, food and prizes..

**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

- 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. McGarrey's Oakwood Cafe
- 05/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 05/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 05/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Acts 9:26-31

Reading II: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



The metaphors of Jesus being the vine of God, the vineyard grower, and the disciples being the branches of that vine provide a theme for meditation by any gardener re-engaging in the awakening growing season. Growing is not a brief task, but requires patient and constant tending during a long season. And so it is with each of us in our relationship with God-responding to God's constant tending throughout our lifetime. Jesus uses the word "remain" eight times in this passage, a term which implies the promise of security and good things to come. Jesus "remain" connotes not only the significance of their relationship to him, but to one another, and to becoming a fruitful community together, to become church. As a church community, we should have the courage and wisdom to take the necessary actions by bearing the fruits of the Spirit and then we will remain. What pruning do you still need to be more fruitful in your living as a true Christian?



**PRESQUE ISLE CHORALE** will be performing in concert on Sunday, May 3rd at the First United Presbyterian Church at 7th and Sassafras in Erie. Admission is free. Don't miss this beautiful performance!

**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.



# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

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

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

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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For advertising in our parish bulletin.  
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