

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2015



Ascension  
of the Lord  
Stained Glass  
Window 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

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter and today's first reading describes how the apostles replaced Judas. Matthew tells us that while Christ was on trial Judas went out and hanged himself out of deep regret for what he had done. Matthew also sees this as fulfilling the OT prophecy of Jeremiah and Zechariah. Luke, on the other hand, offers his account taking place after the resurrection and ascension. He sees it fulfilling two lamentation psalms (69:26 and 109:8) While their versions differ, they both have him dying in a field called the "Field of Blood." Matthew says this is because potters worked with clay, and the name originates from the red clay of the field. Luke says the name comes from Judas' own blood which was spilled there. There had to be 12 apostles as there were 12 tribes of Israel and so Matthias is chosen to replace Judas.

Throughout the Easter season we have heard from the first Letter of John for our second reading. Recurring themes of the imperative to love one another and to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world have become familiar to us and are prominent again today.

Our gospel for the past three Sundays has been from Jesus' farewell discourse (chapters 13-17) and he concludes that discourse today with a prayer of petition to his heavenly Father for himself, his disciples and for all future believers. Today we hear his prayer for his disciples. He prays for three specific requests. In the Jewish tradition, God's name was too sacred to be pronounced out loud, but Jesus as the Son, reveals him as Father and here he invites his disciples to remain in the intimate relationship between him and his Father. Second, Jesus prays they be protected from "the evil one." Thirdly, he prays "consecrate them in the truth." In John's gospel, Jesus is "the Word made flesh," and he is asking

that his disciples be consecrated in him so that he can send them into the world. Jesus blesses them with the truth so they can begin their evangelization: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16)

Celebrant of the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Father Tom Fialkowski, the retired pastor of Mount Carmel Parish. I am leaving on Tuesday with a group of 70 people for a 10 day trip to Italy. While there, we have tickets for an audience with Pope Francis, we have been able to get tickets for everyone to go through the "scavi," the cemetery under St. Peter's where Peter is buried, and I have received permission to celebrate Mass for the group at the tomb of Peter.

Congratulations to Father John Santor who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination at the Saturday 4 PM Mass at St. Hedwig's this weekend. Congratulations also to Father Thomas Aleksa who will celebrate his 40th anniversary of ordination with a special Sunday afternoon Mass at St. Hedwig's.

Congratulations to Christopher Odorisio and Malory Bemis who are being married at St. Patrick's this weekend.

Congratulations also to Camilla Emch, daughter of Steve & Deborah Emch, who will make her First Communion at the Sunday 10:30 Mass today.

And congratulations to Benjamin Patrick Stack, son of Kevin and Ashley Liebmann Stack, who will be baptized at St. Patrick's today.

And congratulations to Matilda Lee Lynch, daughter of Daniel and Karen Ruppel Lynch who will also be baptized today. There is a lot going on.



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

Thanks to those priests who abused children and bishops who refused to punish them, every priest and sister in the diocese who has contact with children now has to register with the State of Pennsylvania, be finger printed and annually be reviewed.

To date, we have pledges of \$70,000 for the Catholic Services Appeal. You may recall that our assessment is \$46,000 and anything we raise over that goal remains in the parish. We had planned to use this excess money each year to pay down the remaining debt on the restoration. Last year, with an assessment of \$41,000 we exceeded our goal of \$80,000 which gave us \$40,000 toward the debt. This year we have a goal of \$100,000 so that we will have \$54,000 to pay down the debt; but I need your help. To date only 136 families out of 753 have made pledges. Will you consider helping? Any amount would be appreciated.

Festival Committee chairs met last Sunday and began formulating this year's Festival. We are moving the kitchen from the garage behind the rectory to the east side of the church. We will also have volunteers taking orders and giving each customer a number which should speed up the line waiting for food. Because the Children's Area lost money last year and was underutilized, we are not going to have it this year. And because we had so many requests for lunch on Friday last year from Hamot and Erie Insurance employees, we will begin serving lunch this year on Friday at 11 AM. This year's event is being chaired by Angie Kontur and assisted by Gary and Becky Johnson who will chair next year.

After dying in a car crash, three friends go to heaven. They are all asked the same question: "When you're lying in your casket, and friends and family are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy responds, "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the great doctors of my time, and a great family man." The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in the children of tomorrow." The last guy thinks for a minute and then replies, "I guess I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's alive.'"

## Diocesan News

### EASTSIDE CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:

**THANK YOU**—to our parents who presented the last two countries of our Heifer Mission Project for this catechetical year. **Amy & Bob Babinsack along with Debbie Emch** presented the needs of the people in Meigu County, China, China who rely on sheep for sustainable living. The children also learned about the importance of fish to the people of Tanzania by **Michael Theimann** of Holy Trinity Parish.

The children and parents learned about *Heifer International* who has helped more than 18.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. **We are grateful for the generous gift our children and youth have contributed this year to the people of Tanzania, China, Bangladesh, Kumasi Georgia and Vietnam—in the amount of \$850.00!**

May God continue to bless the generosity of our hearts and hands!

### Country Fair coupon books available:

Villa Maria Elementary School in Erie is selling Country Fair coupon books valued at \$25 for only \$5 each. The book includes amazing deals. Purchase a coupon book through the VME Development Office by calling 814-838-5451, ext. 223, or by emailing [jessica.nelson@vmelementary.com](mailto:jessica.nelson@vmelementary.com).

**COUPON  
DEALS!**

### **Want to be a part of making a difference in someone's life?**

Want to share and give back to those who have served us? Saint Mary's is recruiting to add to their volunteer team!

Please join them at one of their special open houses to find out how:

Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge (main lobby) on  
Wednesday, May 20th

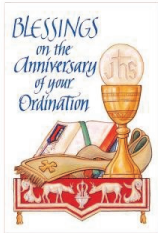
OR

Saint Mary's East (Reed Street entrance) on  
Wednesday, May 27th

- choose either location! Anytime between 1 pm - 2 pm or 5 pm - 6 pm on either date (No RSVP required).
- Information on their volunteer program, tours and light refreshments.



# Saint Hedwig News



*We congratulate Father Thomas Aleksa on his 40 years of Priesthood. Father is a native son of St. Hedwig Parish. His parents Stanley and Helen were life-long members and supporters of our Church.*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Stanley and Helen Aleksa**.

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

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **William Hayes** requested by Joe & Colette Vahey and family.

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

Our offertory for last week was \$801.00 plus \$162.00 for the Good Shepherd Collection. Thank you and God bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

So far \$9,910 has been pledged. We are \$1,894.00 short to meet our assessment of \$11,804. As you know, our over-goal amount comes to the parish for our use here. This is very important for us. Please make your pledge today.

## Made 2 Worship

Join us the first Wednesday of the month (May-Nov) for Made 2 Worship. Uplifting evenings of story, song and Eucharistic Adoration 7pm at St. George Church. Confessions begin at 6:30pm. Families welcome and encouraged to come. Fellowship follows each event. Prayer team available after each event to minister to those with specific prayer requests: 2015 Dates; June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept. 2, Oct 7 and Nov. 4.

## Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

May 23

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Patricia Mielnik
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik
Ushers	Pete Pentz
	Ray Nowosielski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



MAY IS THE  
MONTH OF  
MARY

There will be no voting at St. Hedwig's on Election Day. The Polish Falcons will be open from 11am to 5pm serving their usual delicious food.

## Mass of Thanksgiving

A Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the 50th Anniversary ordination of Father John Santor will be held at St. Hedwig Church on Saturday, May 23 at 4:00pm. A luncheon reception will follow the Mass at St. Hedwig rectory. All are welcome to celebrate with our native son.

## Annual Memorial Day Breakfast

Polish Falcons Nest 610 will hold their annual Memorial Day Communion Breakfast on Monday, May 25. Father Tom Aleksa will celebrate Mass at 9:00am at St. Hedwig Church followed by breakfast at the Polish Falcons #610. Tickets are only \$5.00. Please plan on attending this wonderful event.

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## Families Always Matter



Looking for information on adoption or foster parenting? Find the links on the Families Always Matter website: [http://www.ericd.org/fam\\_adoption.htm](http://www.ericd.org/fam_adoption.htm)

## A Family Perspective

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to "guard and protect" our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together. Ascension Sunday readings, or 7th Sunday?



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,983.50
Online Giving	<u>879.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,862.50

*Thank you for your 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 **Kathy Alessi**

Donations to the Food Panty:

- ♦ In honor of **Bill Welsh** from Jack
- ♦ In honor of **Barb Coughlin** from Tim & Cheryl Maloney
- ♦ In memory of **Pat Brugger** from Tim & Cheryl Maloney
- ♦ In memory of **Ryan Francis Belczyk** from Lynn & Thomas Belczyk
- ♦ In memory of **Abram Sorek** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper
- ♦ In memory of **Matthew Niebauer** (10 year anniv.) from Alice & Ken Daub
- ♦ In memory of **Paul & Norma Causgrove** and **Jim & Mary Ann Mahoney** from Anne & Paul Causgrove

Also donations from:

Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Christa Blose, Jeanne & Harold Bender, Mildred & Robert Biebel and Jane Carney

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Bishop Persico and The Diocese of Erie are asking all Parishes to give generously to the 2nd collection this weekend. This collection will help the people of Nepal who are dealing with the devastating earthquake which demolished their homeland. The money will go directly to the Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency.



**David Romanowicz** would like to invite his St. Patrick friends to his Deacon Ordination to be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter Cathedral and a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 21, 2015 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Lake in Edinboro.



Let Us **Welcome**  
*Benjamin Patrick Stack*

son of

Kevin & Ashley (Liebmann) Stack  
and

*Matilda Lee Lynch*  
daughter of

Daniel & Karen (Rupel) Lynch  
who will be baptized after the  
10:30 AM Mass



**Congratulations to Camilla Emch,**  
daughter of Stephen & Deborah Emch who  
will make her First Holy Communion at the  
10:30 am Mass

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli, Bill Power*

**CUP:** *Patty Dailey, Carolyn Power*

**Greeters:** *Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers*

**Altar Servers:** *Gemma & Emilio Filippi*

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

**Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Ryan Palm*

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** *Dario Cipriani, Mike Vehec, Katie Froehlich*

**CUP:** *Cyndi Pristello, Patty Jackson*

**Greeters:** *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

**Altar Servers:** *Sarah Pristello*

**Ushers:** *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox,*

*John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

**Offertory Counters:** *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,*  
*Tim Donlin*

With the summer vacation season 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!

## Additional Mother's Day Memorials:

**In memory of:** *Anna Collins, Doris Wehan, Mary Nies, Ellen O'Hara Vahey*

**From:** *Kathleen & Jim Wehan*



**In memory of:** *Helen Balczun, Anna Collins, Ellen O'Hara Vahey, Rosemary Biebel Balczun*

**From:** *Eileen & Paul Balczun*



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- May 16** *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
 4:00 PM STEFANIA DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H  
 (HELEN DOMBROWSKI)  
 5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (LETTY S. KAZYPCZAK)-ST.P
- May 17** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
 8:00 AM EVELYN SKOVRON (EMIL CHIMENTI) - ST.P  
 10:30 AM CHARLES R. GENCK, ANNIV. - ST.P  
 (NANCY DWYER)
- May 18** *Monday, Saint John I, Pope & Martyr*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 19** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 20** *Wednesday, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 21** *Thursday, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 22** *Friday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- May 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*  
 4:00 PM MASS OF THANKSGIVING, - ST.H  
 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION -  
 FR. JOHN SANTOR  
 5:00 PM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY, ANNIV. - ST.P  
 (FAMILY)
- May 24** *Pentecost Sunday*  
 8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. - ST.P  
 (BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)  
 10:30 AM MICHAEL & MAUREEN BYRNE - ST.P  
 (EITHNE, PATRICK & MICHAEL)



**HOLY LAND GIFTS** will have handmade articles such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosary, the last supper and many more beautiful articles for sale after all Masses this weekend **May 16 & May 17**. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive

wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of these beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families. Thank you for supporting this project.

**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

- 05/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P  
**05/19** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR  
**05/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
**05/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

The Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity

**TROIKA****Russian Festival**

Friday, May 22—Sunday May 24

Our neighbors, The Russian Church of the Nativity invites everyone to the 7th Annual Troika Russian Festival. The festival takes place at the Church of the Nativity Community Center, 109 German St.

Friday, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, noon - 6:00

Sunday, noon - 9:00 pm

**NEW THIS YEAR** is a Russian Breakfast Saturday and Sunday followed by "Run Through Little Russia" 5K on Saturday at 9:00 am.

**Food, Fun and Entertainment!**

For more information visit their website:

<http://www.churchofthenativity.net>

**A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Reading II: 1 John 4: 11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19



In today's Gospel Jesus' prayer for us is that we become one just as Jesus and the Father are one; for Jesus, this means that they were completely inseparable. Unfortunately, in daily life, unity sometimes means mere uniformity, wherein we look, feel, think, and act alike, but do not have a deep sense of relationship. We need to resist the urge to belong to a class, religion, or club for the security of being surrounded by like-minded individuals. Differences in ethnicity, culture, language, economic status, political views, etc. should not disrupt of sense that we are all children of God with that divine spark of God within each of us, each loved and cherished by God. Christ sends you "into the world" to do what? How do you share Christ's joy?

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory

**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 **[saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://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.

