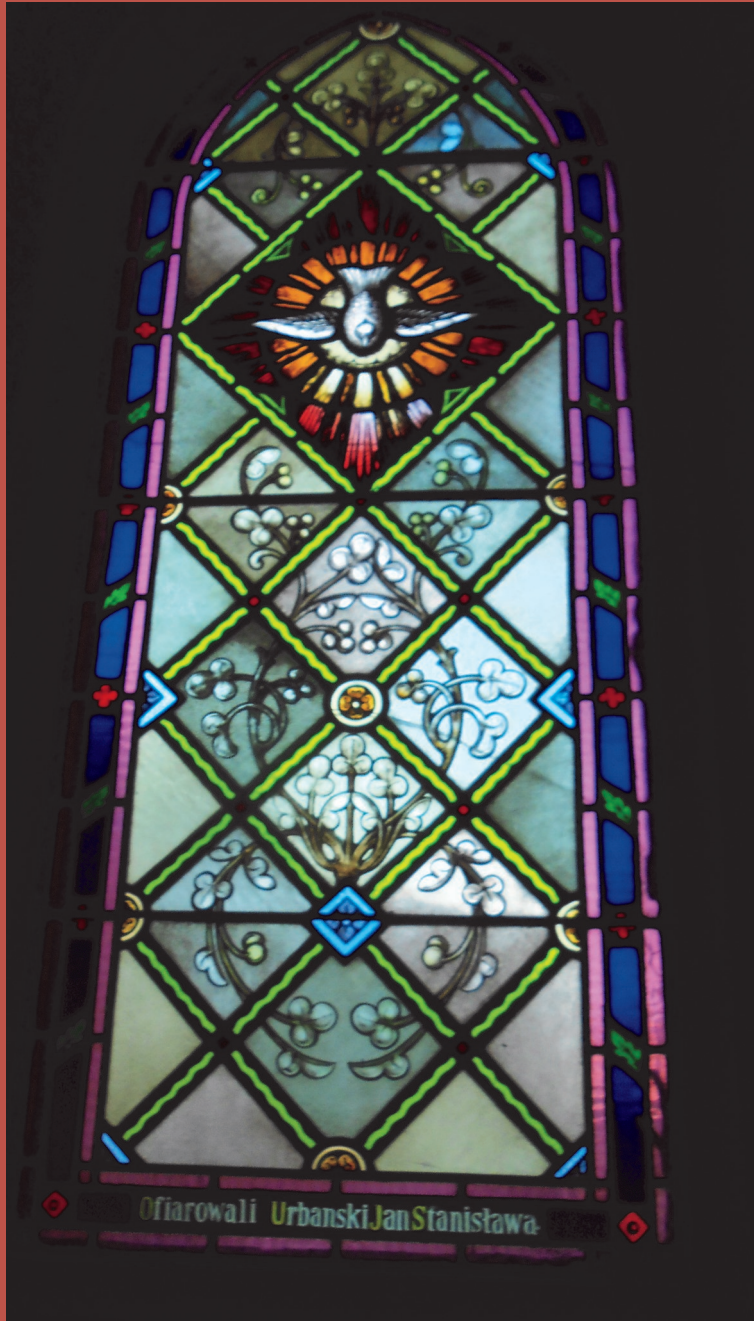


Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2015



Stained Glass Window
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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is Pentecost and though we have different readings for the Vigil and for Sunday, let me focus on the Sunday readings. Luke records in Acts the descent of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the prophecy of John the Baptist (Lk 3:16) and the promise of the resurrected Christ (Acts 1:8). As the Spirit descends on them in the form of fire, for Luke their very nature is changed. No longer frightened, the disciples are now able to boldly proclaim the good news of the death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord. For Luke, the Holy Spirit plays an important role. He "filled" Zechariah, Elizabeth and Simeon; he "overshadowed" Mary, resulting in the conception of Jesus, he led Jesus into the desert and he remained present to Jesus in his ministry. No other gospel author emphasizes the Holy Spirit as much as Luke does.

Paul was very upset when he wrote this letter to the Galatians over the fact that male Gentiles were submitting to circumcision. For Paul, this was no longer compatible with life in Christ. Jews and Gentiles were now one. Paul today presents a list of virtues and vices that represent the tension between Spirit and flesh. Paul no longer sees a need for the Law for those who live according to the fruit of the Spirit.

While all four gospel accounts report on Jesus' empty tomb and the first witness of Mary Magdalene, much of the remaining resurrection accounts are unique to each gospel. Only Matthew contains the report of the guards to the chief priests; Luke alone tells of the resurrected Jesus' encounter with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Mark's original ending does not even contain a resurrection narrative, ending instead with an empty tomb. And John has two separate resurrection narratives and endings to his gospel. Today John tells of Jesus' twofold message to his disciples. "Peace be with you" is twice

repeated to give them comfort and secondly, is a message of commission: "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins..." While Luke gives us the vision of fire descending upon the disciples, John gives us today's version of Pentecost, the birth of the church.

The parish office will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

We are reading our gospels this year from Mark and miracle stories occupy roughly a third of his gospel (more than the passion). Mark describes the miracles of Jesus as "mighty word," not signs that authenticate the ministry of Jesus. From our perspective they are better called symbols of the power of God manifest in Jesus. This power is stronger than the forces of evil and illness and responds to the needs of suffering people. They comprise four groups: healings, exorcisms, nature miracles and one resuscitation. Mark incorporates these for several reasons: to show Jesus as prophet mighty in word and deed, to exalt him above other claimants to divine power and to evoke wonder and awe in God's power. In Mark, Jesus, the powerful one, submits to God's will in becoming the powerless victim who is raised up by God. The resurrection is the ultimate work of power in Mark.

Celebrant of the weekend Masses at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Monsignor Casimir Bogniak, retired pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish. Our group will return from our Italy tour very late on Saturday night.

We are continuing to have serious problems with water damage in the St. Patrick's Food Pantry. We can't seem to determine if it is the roof or that very high chimney which you can see on the back side of the church. We recently had a chimney sweeper check it to see if the leaks are coming from the bricks, etc. We put a new roof on that

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

area three years ago but that has not solved the problem. We'll keep at it until we find the source of the water.

Representatives from both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's parishes will gather June 4 at Our Lady of Peace for a feedback session on all of the data that has been gathered as part of diocesan planning. We had earlier sessions when we all came together in regions (we were the eastside of Erie) and we focused on the strengths and weaknesses of our parishes. In addition, there was a survey which individuals could complete on their parish, ie., quality of liturgies, homilies, outreach, etc. All of that data has now been compiled and will be presented to representatives of the parishes on June 4. We have 10 people from St. Patrick's who will attend and 5 from St. Hedwig's.

The timetable given parish representatives is that the Planning Committee will make recommendations to the bishop in September and those will be reviewed through November. A reconfiguration of the diocese is scheduled to be announced in January 2016. At this point, any conclusions are mere speculation because this could turn in any number of directions. There may be parish mergers, closings and the same may happen with parish schools. What participants have been discussing up to now is the vitality of a parish and the vitality of its leadership. Also to be considered is aging population, finances, state of the buildings, etc.

A husband went to the police station to report his wife missing. "She went shopping yesterday and hasn't come home yet." Sergeant: "What is her height?" "Oh, 5 something." "Her build?" "I don't know, she's not fat and she's not slim." "What is the color of her eyes?" "I never noticed." "Color of her hair?" "I think it changes with the seasons." "What was she wearing?" "I don't remember." "Did she go in a car?" "Yes, a 2015 Corvette Stingray 3LT with the Z51 Performance package, shark gray metallic paint, with the 6.2 liter V8 engine with Direct Injection generating 460 HP, 8-speed paddle shift automatic, transmission and GT bucket seats." At the point the husband started to cry and the sergeant said, "Don't worry, sir, we'll find your car."

Diocesan News

Diocesan Cemeteries Memorial Day Mass

The Diocesan Cemeteries Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9 a.m. with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico. Please join us at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 w. Lake Road, Erie. For more information, call 814-838-7724 or visit www.riedc.org

Camp Notre Dame open house set for May 31

Camp Notre Dame in Fairview is celebrating its 55th open house on May 31, with Mass at 12:15 p.m. and an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be free refreshments, hot dogs, wagon rides and an opportunity to win a free week of camp. Registrations will be accepted for overnight camp (children ages 7 to 16), and for day camp (children ages 4 to 8).

Annual novena planned in honor of St. Anthony of Padua

An annual novena in honor of St. Anthony of Padua will be conducted by Father Leo Gallina June 5-13 at St. Paul Church, W. 126th and Walnut Streets, Erie. Services will include traditional hymns in Italian, the Litany of St. Anthony, Mass and homily. For more information, call 814-454-7735, 814-838-9395, or 814-864-6610.

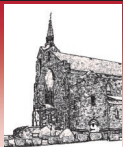


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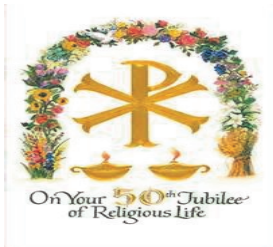
- 9 a.m. weekdays
- 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6
- 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 7
- 9 a.m. concluding Mass on Saturday, June 13, followed by a catered breakfast featuring blessed St. Anthony's bread. (Donation for breakfast is \$6; reserve a space by June 10.)

Villa Maria Elementary holds golf scramble

Villa Maria Elementary School invites the public to participate in the first annual VME Golf Scramble June 19 at Whispering Woods Golf Course, 7214 Grubb Road, Erie. The event will be a four-person scramble format. Lunch will be available at 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and awards beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes green fees, a cart, lunch and a steak dinner. Family and friends can attend only the dinner for \$20. The dinner will feature raffles and prizes. The field will be limited to 120 golfers, so register early. All proceeds benefit Villa Maria Elementary School. Registration forms and sponsor information can be found on the VME website: <http://www.vmelementary.com>.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Congratulations to Father John Santor who celebrates 50 years in the priesthood today. His parents, Edward and Sabina were active, life-long members of our parish. We thank Father John for his continuing service to our parish.

Please join us in the rectory for a celebration luncheon immediately following the Mass. All are welcome.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of the **Deceased Polish Falcon Members**
Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Joseph Sul**
requested by the Juchno family.
St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel**
requested by Janice and family.

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

Our offertory for last week was **\$501.00**. The offertory for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake was **\$170.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Pray the Rosary



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	May 25	May 30
	Monday	Sunday
	Memorial Day	
	9:00 AM	4:00PM
Lector	Jim Gorski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Charlotte Mabie
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

Catholic Services Appeal

9,910.00 has been pledged so far. We are very near reaching our goal for the Appeal. Those of you who have not pledged, please do so now! We not only want to meet our goal, but also surpass it, because all moneys in excess of the goal are used for our parish. We need your help.

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 Third Street Polish Falcons. Tickets are only \$5.00 and are available in the vestibule. Please plan on attending this wonderful event.

Made to 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 request.

2015 DATES: June 3, July 1, September 2, October 7, and November 4.

What kinds of sins are forgiven when we make a regular Act of Contrition?

*An Act of Contrition is sufficient to forgive Venial Sins. We may therefore go to Holy Communion without Confession if we have no Mortal Sin, and after praying an Act of Contrition....It is always a good practice to make an Act of Contrition before we take Our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. This can and should be done before Mass begins. We must never receive Our Lord in Communion if we are aware of having committed Mortal Sin. When we receive Christ in Communion while we are in a state of Mortal Sin, we commit a Mortal Sin called **sacrilege** every time we receive Christ in a state of Mortal Sin.*





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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, June 21, is Father's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful men who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your father has already gone to his eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling him of your love for him.

Our bulletin on June 20 & 21 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased father or grandfather 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, June 12, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

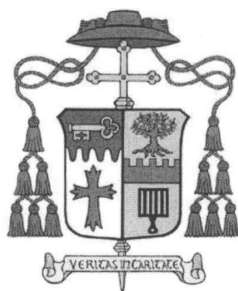
Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

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May 8, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

The various tragic events on the world stage over the past year – both natural and man-made – have heightened our awareness of the need to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. The **Collection for International Needs** provides us with opportunity to do just that.

This annual collection, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 30 and 31, offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. This collection is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

- It helps build churches and train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders in Central and Eastern Europe;
- It provides for the victims of war and natural disasters, and aids the Church suffering under persecution.
- It provides needed material assistance to the Church in Africa, which is growing rapidly, but has few resources.

Please give generously to the Collection for International Needs on May 30-31 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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Bishop of Erie

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Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,686.67
Good Shepherd/Priest Retirement	969.00
Victims of Nepal Earthquake	1,059.50
Online Giving	<u>894.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,709.17

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of **Marcella Majczyk** from Granddaughter, Ann*

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 in whose honor the donations were made:

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Trish Hardner, Jerry, Tom & Jim Hardner and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Helen Oncea** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ In memory of **Pat Brugger** from Patty & Ray Fiorelli
- ♦ In memory of **MK Wright & CW Brennan** from Nancy Yochim
- ♦ In memory of **Mary K. Dudenhofer** from Carolyn & Robert Schenker
- ♦ In memory of **Violet Eck & Dr. Ward Peterson** from Jane Carney
- ♦ In memory of **Lyons family, Stephany family & Theiss family** from Mary & Tom Lyons
- ♦ In memory of **Rita Jackson & Lois Dahlkemper** from Patty & Bill Jackson
- ♦ In memory of our mothers, **Cecelia Vitron & Marjorie Wenstran** from Roberta & Robert Vitron
- ♦ In memory of **James Fitzgibbon** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon

Also donations from:

Barbara & Mark Sargent, Jeanne & Wellie Yapple, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Chris Sanner*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Shirley Winschel, Tom Golab, Lynne Long

CUP: Yvonne Gersims, Chris Sanner

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Dominick Kierzek*

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

Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Tim Scully, Mary Williams

CUP: Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney*

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

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

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.

Thank you!

TROIKA Russian Festival at The Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity, 109 German St., Erie, PA continues thru Sunday, May 24 from noon - 6:00 pm. Please stop by, for more information visit their website: <http://www.churchofthenativity.net>



The punch line for the joke in last week's bulletin was inadvertently left out so here is the joke in its entirety:



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.'"

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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)
May 25 *Monday, Memorial Day*
 8:00 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE OR MASS AT ST.
 PATRICK'S CHURCH
 9:00 AM DECEASED POLISH FALCON MEMBERS - ST.H
May 26 *Tuesday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
May 27 *Wednesday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
May 28 *Thursday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
May 29 *Friday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
May 30 *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*
 4:00 PM MARY L. ZIELINSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
 (DOLORES & FAMILY)
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS - ST.P
 (FAMILY)
May 31 *The Most Holy Trinity*
 8:00 AM ANNA FEDASH (DEBI MASI) - ST.P
 10:30 AM PATRICK LYNCH (DOUG & LINDA POUST) - ST.P

David Romanowicz would like to invite his friends at St. Patrick and St. Hedwig 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.



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
- 05/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
05/25 OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY
05/26 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
05/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
05/30 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

EASTSIDE CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

The Children and Youth made wonderful "purchases" to benefit many people throughout our world through *HEIFER INTERNATIONAL*. With the **\$850.00** contributed in our mission efforts this year, they were able to buy: 1 Llama, 1 Goat, 1 Sheep, 1 Pig, Tree seedlings, Trio of Rabbits, 1 Fish Farm and 2 flocks of Chicks. Thank you children youth and your family members who helped you reach out to those in need!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS/SENIORS

If you are entering the 11th or 12th grade in 2015-2016 and wish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, you are asked to register as a Candidate as soon as possible. Please contact the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Office: 454-6322 or through e-mail: hr-faith@verizon.net to register.

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KDG - GR 10 - If you have not registered for the **2015-2016** Catechetical year, you are asked to do so as soon as possible. New registrations are also welcome at this time. Your early registration helps facilitate the ordering of materials for our program.

Special Note to students entering Gr 9 & 10 - You *must* be enrolled in faith formation session for two years (9th & 10th grades) prior to registering as a Candidate for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.



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Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

CELL PHONE USAGE

As you know, Msgr. Kriegel's homilies are recorded and on-line for all to see and hear. Unfortunately, there has been increased interference and we are told it may be due to active cell phones. Please turn off all devices when you enter the church. Thank you!

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** 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.



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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