

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
June 7, 2015



The Tabernacle  
at  
St. Hedwig Church

Saint Patrick Parish

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*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 Corpus Christi, Latin for the Body of Christ and we celebrate the gift of his body and blood as life-sustaining foods for eternity. In our first reading from the Book of Exodus we learn of God establishing a relationship with Moses, but just with him; God did this with Abraham but with an entire nation of people. The relationship was to be centered on the Law. The Torah is the teachings, the instructions that Moses received on Mt. Sinai. The Torah consists of the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. Not only did they contain the law, but the stories of Israel's ancestors such as Sara and Abraham, Joseph and his brothers, the forty years wandering in the desert. There were lessons to be learned from these stories. Central to living the law was the practice of offering sacrifice including animals such as young bulls. The blood was carefully drained from the animal and some of it splashed on the altar while the rest was poured into bowls and sprinkled on the people. This ritual became known as the Blood of the Covenant.

While the author of the letter to the Hebrews is unknown, the audience were Jewish Christians. One of the aims of the letter was to make sense of Jesus' death on the cross. Hebrews draws a sharp contrast between blood of goats and calves which was a Jewish ritual repeated annually and Jesus' blood shed once for all.

Mark gives us the earliest account of the Last Supper, but we know that even in Paul's letters (written 50-60 AD, twenty years before Mark) we have similar accounts. It is clear that certain aspects of the final week in Jesus' life were carefully preserved and recorded. Chief among these were Jesus' last words at the Last Supper. Paul tells the Christians in Corinth in 55 AD about the tradition he received of Jesus instituting the

Eucharist at the Last Supper. In both First Corinthians and Mark we hear Jesus' fourfold action of taking break, blessing it, breaking it and giving it to them. "Take it; this is my body." In a similar way he took the cup of wine and said "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Mark connects all of this to the Passover Lamb about to be sacrificed in the Old Testament.

The new Pew Report on Christianity in America is rather frightening. The percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christian dropped by nearly eight percentage points in just seven years to 71 percent. At the same time, the share of those who are not affiliated with a religion jumped from 16 percent to 23 percent in the same time period. The older generation of millennials (born between 1981 and 1989) are becoming even less affiliated with religion as they grow older. In 2007, 25% of them did not affiliate with a religion; that number is now 34%. There are more religiously unaffiliated Americans (23%) than Catholics (21%) and Protestants (15%). A whopping 13% of all Americans were raised Catholic but are no longer Catholic. There are 3 million fewer Catholics today than in 2007. The most startling finding according to those who did the survey is the continuing religious disaffiliation among older cohorts.

The section of that survey which dealt with Catholics only show that for every convert to Catholicism in the US, there are six former Catholics. The majority of U. S. adults (85.6%) say they were raised as Christian. But more than a fifth of them (19.2%) no longer identify with Christianity. Hindus and Muslims are the only religions in America which are retaining their membership and, in some instances, growing. In 2007, 68% of respondents who were raised Catholic continued as such as adults. Today, that percentage has dropped to 59% who still identify with Catholicism

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

while 41% do not. And finally, one in five people who were raised Catholic now say they have no religious affiliation at all. These are certainly sobering statistics.

Mike Litzinger has served as director of our Food Pantry for the past 16 years and has done an incredible job. The Food Pantry would never be where it is today had it not been for his leadership. Noting that he is now 73 and has a long neglected bucket list, he has resigned that position. I know I speak for all of the Food Pantry volunteers in thanking him for his leadership and in wishing him well.

We are getting bids to replace some more of the sidewalk in front of St. Patrick's Church. We've been doing a section each year and hopefully we can finish up next year.

The Catholic Service Appeal drive at St. Patrick's is now at \$88,100.00. Only \$12,000 to go!!!!

Representatives of St. Hedwig and St. Patrick's parishes were among other Erie parishes this past week for another session in the diocesan strategic planning. This session was a report on the earlier discussions, the survey taken on line, etc. Since the bulletin is printed before the session, I'll give you an update next week.

The "Last Rites" was abolished by Vatican II and more correctly replaced with the Sacrament for the Sick. It is an anointing that should be given to anyone who is seriously ill or quite elderly. At all of the local hospitals, anyone undergoing surgery is given the sacrament. Many times families wait to call for the priest until someone is hovering at death's door. I'm not blaming anyone—that is what you were taught. However, that has changed and we shouldn't wait so long. If someone in your family is seriously ill or elderly, please call the office and I will come and anoint them.

Sister was teaching her first grade class the parable of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw someone lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" Little Mary in the third row raised her hand and said, "I think I'd throw up."

## Saint Hedwig News



### *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

Today we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). At each Mass Christ is made present to us in the sacrament of His body and blood. As we celebrate His presence, we recognize that we must take the effects of this Mass out into the world.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **St. Hedwig Rosary Society Members.**



Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by Mary Jo Sulecki.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **J. Josephine Juchno** requested by the Juchno family.

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

We offer our sincerest condolences and prayers to the family of **Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski** whose funeral was on May 30, 2015 and **Mrs. Charlotte Niewolak** whose funeral was celebrated on June 1, 2015. Nellie and Charlotte were longtime members of Saint Hedwig's. May God bless them and their families.

Our offertory for the week of May 23 was \$1,305.00 and for last week was \$842.00. The Pro-Life Carnation Sale was \$107.00. Thank you and God bless.

### **Fr. Santor's 50th Anniversary of Ordination**

The reception for Father John Santor was a huge success. The church was full and we served over 100 people in our beautiful rectory. We thank everyone who helped in any way; those who decorated the church and rectory, baked or served. Father Santor was overjoyed.

If you would like to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, drop the Spiritual Bouquet envelope or the letter you received in the collection basket or mail it to the office no later than June 12th. The names will be published in the bulletin on Father's Day.

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

June 13

Saturday

4:00 PM

Lector	Ron Helminski
Eucharist	Ron Helminski
Ushers	Tom Kurpiewski
	Art Blum
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie



**PRAY THE  
ROSARY  
DAILY**





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection week of May 23/24	\$4,927.28
Online Giving	<u>\$1,211.00</u>
Total Income	\$6,138.28
Offertory Collection week of May 30/31	\$6,475.17
International Needs	200.00
Online Giving	<u>784.00</u>
Total Income	\$7,459.17

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

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 **Genny Chizewick** from Rita Demers
- ◆ In memory of **Wm. Baker** from Mary Lou & Don Zone
- ◆ In memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long
- ◆ In memory of **Gail Masenas Orbanek** from Denise & Philo Rewers

Also donations from:

Mary & Bill Flanagan, Patricia & William Gloekler, Carol & Jay Habas, Mary Beth & Richard Wachter and Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi



Members of both St. Hedwig and St. Patrick Churches offer sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Genevieve (Woldanski) Chizewick**, who passed away on May 19th. Genny was very involved at both parishes. She was a "paraprofessional" at St. Hedwig's School while her four sons were enrolled there. She was a founding member of the Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry at St. Patrick's and volunteered there tirelessly. In later years she remembered the food pantry with a donation and a lovely note every month. We are deeply appreciative that Genny named the Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry as recipient of memorials in her name. Once again our sympathy to Genny's husband, Ed and her family.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Yvonne Gersims

**CUP:** Mary Beth Pinto, Chris Sanner

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

**Altar Servers:** Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

**Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Cyndi Pristello,

Michelle Tortorelli

**CUP:** Tim Scully, Colleen Welch

**Greeters:** Norann Brugger, Charla Leemhuis

**Altar Servers:** Ryan Jubulis

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

**Offertory Counters:** Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith

With the summer vacation season here, 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!



## The 2015 Diocesan Anniversary

**Celebrations** for couples celebrating 25, 50, or 60+ years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 2 pm at Saint Tobias Church, Brockway and Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 2 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Erie. To register, please contact the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities at (814) 824-1265 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 265; or online at <http://www.eriercd.org/anniv.asp>. Forms are also available at the back of the church.

*Welcome*

## St. Patrick's WELCOMES

**these new parishioners:**

Keith and Carolyn Taylor

Barbara Spitzig, Donna Hull

Todd and Sheila Post

Gary and Mary Pat Froehlich

Terrence Scully, Florence Heibel

James and Emily Heubel

Richard and Lynn Miller



PARTY  
AT THE  
WATSON-CURTZE  
MANSION



THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
PARISH MINISTERS  
WHO SERVE  
SO  
FAITHFULLY.













**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**June 6** *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

4:00 PM EVELYN BELCZYK (NANCY WIDOMSKI) - ST.H  
5:00 PM RON ANGELOTTI ) - ST.P  
(LEE & DORRIS ZEWISTOWSI)

**June 7** *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND - ST.P  
(DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL)  
10:30 AM HUGH KEARNEY - ST.P  
(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY)

**June 8** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**June 9** *Tuesday, Saint Ephrem,  
Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM MARCELLA MAJCYK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (5-30)  
(GRANDDAUGHTER, ANN)

**June 10** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM IRMA LYDEN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(BILL & RENEE LYDEN)

**June 11** *Thursday, Saint Barnabas, Apostle*

8:00 AM BARBARA SZCZESNY CHIARAMONTE  
(ANGIE ZEBROWSKI)

**June 12** *Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:00 AM LEONARD HEID (JUDY & PETER PENTZ)

**June 13** *Saturday, Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM WILLIAM HAYES - ST.H  
(SR. MARY ANTHONILLE)

5:00 PM LEO MCHUGH (BILL & JERI RIORDAN) - ST.P

**June 14** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER (FRIENDS) - ST.P  
10:30 AM JUSTINE & CHUCK BURGER (FAMILY) - ST.P

**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

**06/06** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/09** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**06/10** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**06/13** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**EASTSIDE CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION  
MINISTRY :****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](mailto: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*.

**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.



Please  
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!

**Child Protection and Creating Safe  
Environments****Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:**

Talk to your children about never, for any reason, agreeing to meet someone face to face that they met online. This could potentially be very dangerous. You simply just don't know who you are talking to online. Over the course of two years, one social media site moved 90,000 known registered sex offenders off its website. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.ereircd.org/protectyouth.htm>

**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 **[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.



# NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**

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