

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14, 2015



St. Patrick Church Sanctuary Dome

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

Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read first from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. He grew up in Judah and was one of the 3,000 Jews deported to Babylon in 597 BC. While in captivity, God called him to be a prophet. Among his warnings of the destruction of Jerusalem is this vision of hope for the exiled Israelites. Images of towering, majestic cedar trees bearing fruit, peacefully growing with birds nesting conjures up memories of the days of King David and the united monarchy from nearly 400 years earlier, when the kingdom was strong and faithful to God. Here God promised to restore the people to their land and give them a king.

Paul wrote the Second Letter to the Corinthians shortly after his first letter, in the fall of AD 55. Written about 25 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul still remains committed to his belief in the imminent return of Christ. This creates a tension between the present time and the impending future time. We hear that tension today when Paul speaks of the believers' desire to "leave the body and go home to the Lord." For Paul, closely connected to the Second Coming is the judgment of the world.

To understand today's gospel, it's helpful to go back to the first words of Jesus in Mark's gospel. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." For Mark, the reign of God is breaking into our world. In teaching about the kingdom, Jesus often drew upon images and experiences that Jews living in the rural areas of Galilee could easily relate to. Planted seeds and harvested fields were tangible images. The example of the mustard seed was a useful metaphor for God's coming reign. These parables, for Mark, also signal that Jesus' public ministry was fulfilling the prophecies of Israel, as we heard in the first

reading. An interesting aspect of Mark's Jesus is the secrecy that runs through it. Jesus will often command demons, his disciples and those he cures to be silent. Mark also tells us that Jesus did not interpret the parables for the crowds, but that he did so with his disciples. Scholars have long been puzzled over this secrecy theme, and modern scholarship feels that the mystery of Jesus was so deep, it could not be understood by ordinary means. Jesus is tutoring his disciples in it, but ultimately only God could reveal the secret—in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Every five years, the diocese audits each parish and recently both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's underwent an audit. We passed at both parishes with flying colors, but the reports show where each parish has gone. In 2009, St. Patrick's had 199 active families registered; today we have 761. In 2009, average weekend Mass attendance at St. Patrick's was 177 people (up from 90 the previous year); today it is over a thousand. A sacramental trend that has been reversed is deaths vs baptisms. In 2009, we had 12 baptisms and 29 deaths. In 2014, we had 33 baptisms and 19 deaths, several of which were non-parishioners. And, finally, over that same period of time, our ordinary income rose from \$330,479 to \$771,401.

At St. Hedwig's, the audit reveals that offertory rose from \$57,041 in 2007 to \$59,180 in 2014. However, total income declined in that same period from \$105,271 to \$81,079. There were 122 registered families in 2007 and 111 today. Average weekend Mass attendance has dropped from 108 in 2007 to 51 today. During that period, there were no baptisms, no First Communions, 1 marriage and 28 deaths.

At St. Patrick's, in 2014 our income exceeded our expenses by \$273,888, a large part of which was applied to our debt. At St. Hedwig's the 2014 total income of \$81,079 exceeded expenses by

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\$3,739. All of this information is being fed into the Diocesan Strategic Planning which will result in a reconfiguration of the parishes sometime before next January.

The report also noted that offertory income at St. Patrick's has increased from \$160,000 in 2009 to \$408,994 in 2014.

There were a few very minor recommendations on the report which I will review with the Finance Council and then we will adopt them. The only rather major recommendation is that we conduct a census of both parishes sometime within the next year. I will prepare a letter and form for each parish and mail it to all registered families asking that you return the form so we can update our records and have an exact count of the number of parishioners as well as your children. I will also meet soon with the Finance Council of both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's so that we can review the recommendations. All in all, the reports were rather laudatory as to how generously you have stepped forward to support both parishes as well as how generously St. Patrick's parishioners have responded to restoring our church.

Catholic Service Appeal pledges at St. Patrick's now total \$90,000 toward a goal of \$100,000 allowing us to date \$44,000 to apply to our debt.

Jerry was a contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and had reached the final question. If he answered correctly, he would win \$1 million. The question was "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nest of another bird? Is it the condor, the buzzard, the cuckoo or the vulture?" He had used up his 50/50 lifeline, and his Ask the Audience Lifeline and all that was left was his Phone-a-Spouse line which he hoped he would not have to use because his wife was blonde. He called, however, and she immediately said "the cuckoo." When he gave that as an answer, it was declared correct and he won \$1 million. Hosting a celebration party the next day he thanked his wife in front of the crowd and asked her how she knew the answer. "That's simple, everybody knows cuckoos don't built nests. They live in clocks!"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison, Jr.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte.

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

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

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Rose Wesolowski** whose funeral was celebrated on June 6th. We pray that Christ's consolation may touch the hearts of Rose's loved ones and friends.

Our offertory for last week was \$1,445.00, International Needs Collection \$87.00, Summer Festival Collection Update \$185.00. Thank you.

Catholic Services Appeal

Our Catholic Services Appeal pledges are now at \$12,460.00. Remember that anything we raise above our goal will stay at St. Hedwig's.

Summer Festival Collection

St. Hedwig's does not have a Festival, instead, we depend on your generosity to give as if you were buying raffle tickets or playing games of chance. The proceeds go directly to and stay with St. Hedwig and are used to help cover our regular operating expenses.

New Website

Parishioner, Bobby J. Sulecki, has created a website on the history of St. Hedwig Church and needs your help. He is looking for your old photos, memories, etc. He is also looking for people to interview about growing up Polish in Erie. Bobby is also working on a site on the history of Erie's Polish Community. You can view his site at <http://sthedwighistoryerie.com/> His email is: suleckibobby@gmail.com Phone after 3pm at 899-2731. Dziekuje!

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 20

4:00 PM

Lector	Peter Pentz	PRAY THE ROSARY
Eucharist	Peter Pentz	
Ushers	Tom Kurpiewski	
	Art Blum	
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$10,006.18
Online Giving	<u>1,199.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,205.08

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us **Welcome**

Laurel Ann Gray

daughter of

Matthew and Guilynn (DiStefano) Gray

and

June Lynn Hirschmann

daughter of

Benjamin and Nicole (Sharpe) Hirschmann

who will be baptized after the

10:30 AM Mass

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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In honor of newly ordained **Deacon David Romanowicz**
- ♦ In memory of **Nellie Kozlowski** from daughter, Dr. Joanne Finn
- ♦ In memory of **Barbara Korn** from David Korn
- ♦ In memory of **Genny Chizewick** from:
Ed Chizewick, Ray & Hilda Borgia, Merle & Vicki Upperman, Ken & Jean Swatsworth, Brian & Kim Sullivan, Donna Hedderick, Richard & Lillian Bement, Mike & Maria Mioduszewski, Paul & Ruth Hazlett, Marty & Colleen Wallace, Dianne Monroe, Kathleen Pae, Martin & Cheryl Goetz, Barbara Mack, North East School District, Alfonse & Kay Ferrante and Gary & Sheryl Decker

Also donations from:

Kathleen Mannino, Stephanie & Scott Nick,
and Judy Emiling

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.

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Jay Habas**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Bill Power, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Carol Habas, Carolyn Power

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Mary Duncan**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Williams, Charla Leehmuis,

Michele Wheaton

CUP: Katie Froehlich, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

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 stpat@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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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

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8:00 AM MARY ANN FESSLER (FRIENDS) - ST.P

10:30 AM JUSTINE & CHUCK BURGER (FAMILY) - ST.P

June 15 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 16 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JENNIE PAZDZIESZ (WANDA & JOE HABAS)

June 17 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI

(LARRY & DOLLY BARGIELSKI)

June 18 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 19 *Friday, Saint Romuald, Abbot*

8:00 AM JANE PAMULA, ANNIV. (DOLORES ZAWISTOSKI)

June 20 *Saturday, Vigil: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM HELEN KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H

(TOM KURPIEWSKI & FAMILY)

5:00 PM KEN KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS) - ST.P

June 21 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARIAN PLOTT (DEBIE DRAGOVAN) - ST.P

10:30 AM MICHAEL CUMMINGS (GERRY RYAN) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/16 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**06/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**06/20** 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 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**.

Families Always Matter

Check out the monthly reflections on Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, the preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families. You can also register for a great prize package each month.

<http://www.eriercd.org/fam.htm>**Volunteer opportunities available to families**

Get Connected Erie is kicking off its summer campaign for family volunteerism June 22-27. The Families Serve program is an opportunity for local families to get involved with service projects and

learn more about local and nonprofit organizations, including many Catholic-related ministries. Many opportunities will be available throughout the summer. Volunteering as a family can be a great opportunity to spend quality time together, give back to the community and instill an ethic of service in children/youth. Additional information and current Families Serve opportunities can be found at <http://www.getconnectederie.org/familiesserve/>. Questions may be directed to Melissa Fenn at mfenn@thenonprofitpartnership.org, or by calling 814-454-8800, ext. 2..

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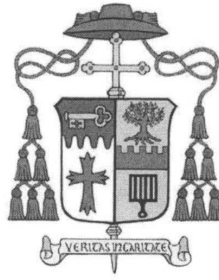
As you know, Msgr. Kriegel's homilies are recorded and on-line for all to see and hear. Unfortunately, there has been increased interference and we are told it may be due to active cell phones. Please turn off all devices when you enter the church. Thank you!

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.





June 8, 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. As every year, the **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. The collection will be taken in our parishes this year on the weekend of **June 27th and 28th**.

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as the earthquake in Nepal, floods, typhoons and drought. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most needy of our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue. Please be as generous as you can.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, all of us here in the Diocese of Erie are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Please know of my gratitude for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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