

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 2015



Mass with
Msgr. Kriegel
at the altar of
St. Joseph in
St. Peter's Basilica,
Rome, May 2015

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the Book of Wisdom, written about 50 years before the birth of Christ. It contains the clearest Old Testament references to the afterlife. Emerging only about 160 BC, belief in the afterlife was not held by all Jews. The author is writing to Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt who were being persecuted, and he tells them that God will not allow death to have the last word. In the Hebrew mind, sin and death were linked together. The author is reminding his readers that death will not reign over God's creation, and that justice will never die. He will tell them that death originated not with God but with Satan, and the One who created all things always wields greater power than the powers of sin and death.

Our second reading continues from last week and will continue one more week from II Corinthians. Last Sunday Paul stressed the love of Christ as the impetus for all Christian service, and today's reading calls for concrete action rooted in such love. There was a widespread famine in Jerusalem and the Christians in Antioch took up a collection to help them. Paul is asking the Corinthians to do the same thing.

Early in Mark's gospel, Jesus announces that God's rule, "the kingdom," is beginning. Jewish belief held that God's kingdom would overthrow the evil forces of the world. Demons were very real in the ancient mind. The people believed that poverty, oppression, sickness, etc. were caused by evil powers, and they considered the devil to be the source of all of this, most particularly, death. And so Mark describes Jesus' first public acts as a series of healings and exorcisms. In Jesus, the Messiah, God's mighty power is now breaking into this world, conquering all evil. As is common in Mark, the evil spirits recog-

nize Jesus. Immediately after an exorcism we encounter Jairus, a man of astounding faith. In this and in all of the instances in today's gospel, Jesus notes that it is faith that will heal us. There is an interesting aspect in today's gospel in that Mark uses the same Greek word for the girl when she "arose" as he uses for Jesus rising from the dead.

A new report from CARA (Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) notes that the world's Catholic population has grown by 400 million since 1980 with the growth occurring mainly in Africa (up 238%) and Asia (up 115%). The decline of European Catholicism continues with the numbers stagnant. The number of European parishes has declined by 12% and the number of priests is down 32%. The number of priests worldwide has declined by 35% over that period. The report also shows that the proportion of Catholics receiving the sacraments on a regular basis has declined with the steepest decline in Europe and the Americas. The number of Catholic marriages in Europe has dropped from 1.5 million in 1980 to 650,000 in 2013.

The recent meeting of parish representatives to review findings from the study of parishes and schools in the diocese shows the following: Catholic school enrollment has declined 12% in the past 5 years; Religious Ed has declined 30% in the past 10 years. The number of marriages has dropped 37% in the past ten years; baptisms have declined every year for the past 20 years and were 43% less in 2014 than in 2004. The number of First Communions has dropped 38% in the past ten years. The number of active priests has declined from 159 in 2005 to 121 today.

That number is projected to decline to 74 active priests in 2024 and 36 by 2034!! Those figures are absolutely startling. In 2005, there were 24 seminarians; today there are 14. Fifty-eight

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

percent of priests are between 60 and 79 years old. When I was ordained in 1970, I was priest number 305 in the diocese. Today—121. The total number of U. S. priests has declined from 58,000 in 1965 to 36,000 today. In 2007 there were 476 women religious in the diocese; today there are 295. In 1965, there were 279,954 women religious in America. Today there are 56,000 and the median age is 75.

Last week, the Irish bishops joined several other bishops conferences around the world in asking for open discussion on the ordination of married men and women deacons.

Another startling statistic is the decrease in the number of people registered in a parish. There are an estimated 225,000 Catholics in the diocese but only 142,000 are registered in a parish. And, finally, the number attending weekly Mass has declined every year with it being down 26% between 2006 and 2014.

Ironically, every single statistic is exactly the opposite at St. Patrick's. Parish membership is up; Mass attendance is up over 500%; the number of baptisms, marriages, etc. are all up. The only area that has not increased are deaths. It's also important to remember with deaths at St. Patrick's, over half of them are not parishioners. They are people who were baptized here, married here, etc. & want to be buried from here.

The parish office is closed on the Fridays of June, July and August. More and more parishes are closing their office on Friday year-round.

Some phrases appealing to we who are getting on the older side of life. "Wouldn't it be nice if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller." "The biggest lie I tell myself is 'I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it.'" "I smile because you are my sister-in-law and I laugh because you married my brother." "Why do I have to press 1 for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?" "At my age, getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I came there for."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Regina Loncki** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Dolores & 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 \$620.00 Thank you and God bless.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Dr. John C. Kalata**. Dr. John was a longtime member of our parish. His funeral was celebrated this past Wednesday. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Memorials to St. Hedwig Church

In memory of Charlotte Niewolak from Thomas Kurpiewski, Bob & Mary Jo Sulecki and Bobby Sulecki, and Mary Lou Scottino.

Check out Website

History of St. Hedwig Church. Bobby Sulecki is looking for your old photos, memories, etc. He is also working on a site on the history of Erie's Polish Community. Site at: <http://www.sthedwighistoryerie.com>

His email: suleckibobby@gmail.com You can also phone after 3pm at 899-2731.

Father's Day Raffle

Winners: Wine Raffle - Teri Paluh
Gift Card Raffle - Dorothy Mielnik

Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle in any way.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 4

4:00 PM

Lector	Patricia Mielnik	
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Pray the
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Rosary
	Richard Mielnik	
Altar Server	Michelle Moskel	



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,902.09
Online Giving	<u>1,039.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,941.09

Thank you for your generosity!



*The Sanctuary Lamp burns in
memory of **Kathleen Raseal Stone**
From Carol & Frank Vona*

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 **Trish Hardner, Jerry, Tom & Jim Hardner, and Lois Paradise** from Jeff Hardner.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

- ♦ In memory of **Ed & Dolores Bendseil** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
- ♦ In memory of **George Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ♦ In memory of **John & Barb Jacquel, and George Zack** from Phyllis Zack
- ♦ In memory of **Emilio R. Guida** from Elisa Guida
- ♦ In memory of **Genny Chizewick** from Yvonne Gersims, Theresa Ferrante, Deborah & Steven Chizewick, Susan & Robert Johannes, William Banak & Rosale McBrier, Stan & Cathy Woldanski and Davis Primary School Social Committee (North East, PA).

Also donations from:

Barbara & Mark Sargent, Lynn & Thomas Belczyk, Alice & Ken Daub and Dotty & Michael Schloss



Let Us **Welcome**
Coraline Debra Fischer

Daughter of
Daniel & Kristen (Werder) Fischer
who will be baptized Saturday after the
5:00 PM Mass and
Dawson John & Jude Dennis
twin sons of
Giovanny & Colleen (Maycock) Hanson
who will be baptized Sunday after the
10:30 AM Mass

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Chris Sanner**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz, Lynne Long

CUP: Jay Habas, Carol Habas

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Mary Kearney**

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST: Mary Kearney, Katie Froehlich,
Forrest Mischler**

CUP: Mary Williams, Ed Brown

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Sarah Pristello

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

**Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Tim Torrey**



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 OF THE WORD:

Today is the last Sunday of the summer that Sr. Marie will be taking the children for Liturgy of the Word. She will begin again in the Fall.



WEAR YOUR GREEN! THE ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



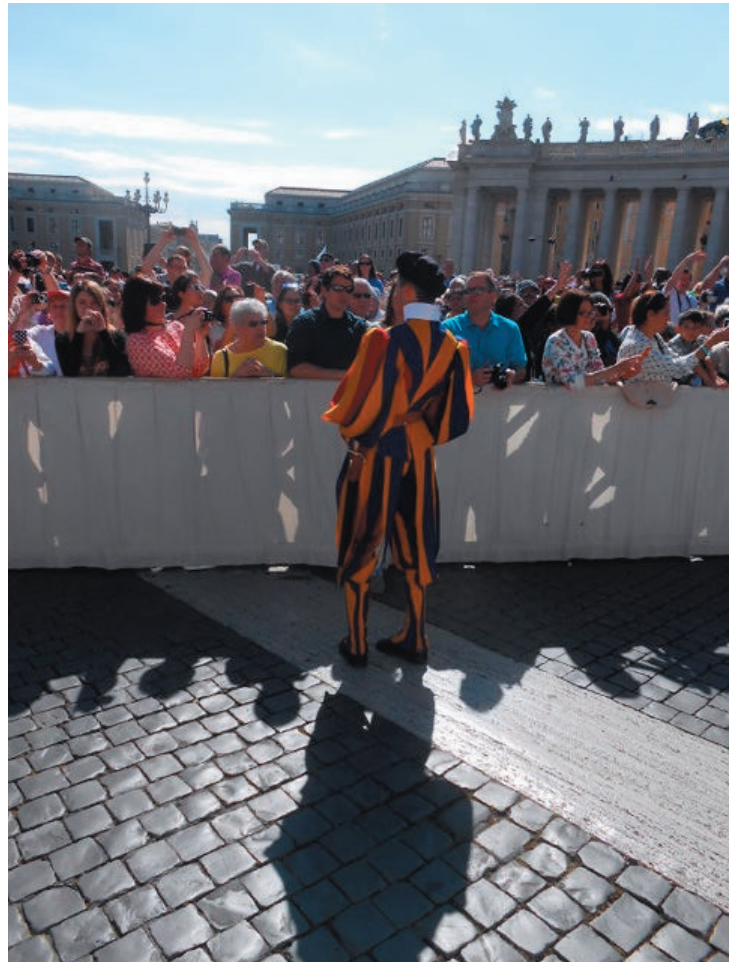
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING A SUMMERTIME GET-TOGETHER.

SITE: PLYMOUTH TAVERN.

**DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, JULY 9TH
2015 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE CONTACT JACK MALONEY
(814-897-6115) REGARDING ANY QUESTIONS.**

ERIE PILGRIMS VISIT
TOMB OF PETER,
GREET POPE FRANCIS

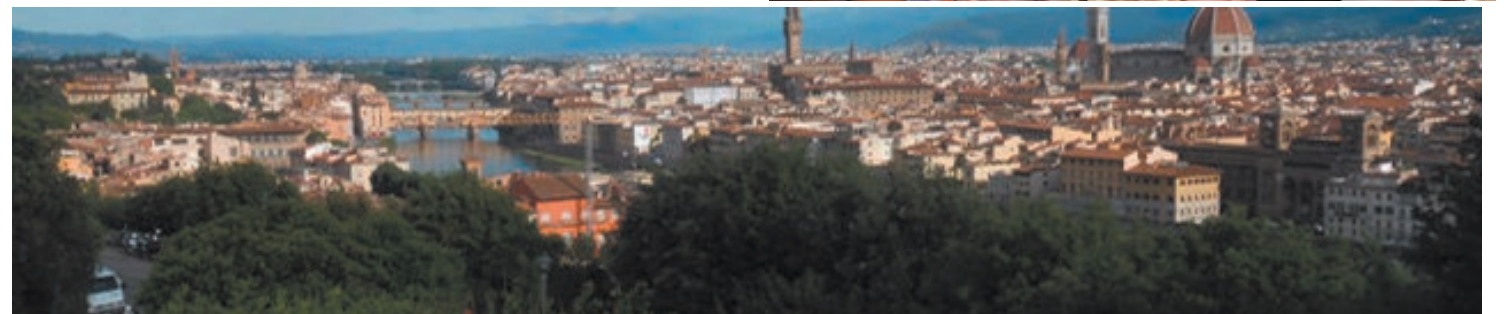


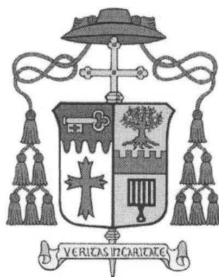


*Mass at the altar
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June 15, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. Like the Apostles, we are called to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love and sacrifice, both around the world and here at home.

The **Collection for National Needs**, to be taken this year on **July 4 and 5**, affords the opportunity for Catholic communities to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- **The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses. The dioceses funded by the appeal comprise nearly 45 percent of all US dioceses.
- **The Black and Indian Mission Collection** helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials and ministry training.

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in home mission dioceses. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 4 and 5. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home. Be assured of my prayers and gratitude.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico, JCL

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

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LITURGY INTENTIONS**June 27** *Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM WILLIAM RENNIE (WIFE & FAMILY) - ST.P

June 28 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM RUTH WRIGHT (JIM VALAHOVIC)

10:30 AM JAMES MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
(WIFE, MARY) - ST.P**June 29** *Monday, Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 30 *Tuesday, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 AM CARL SNIDER (CYNTHIA SNIDER & FAMILY)

July 1 *Wednesday, Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest*

8:00 AM ROBERT (BOB) OSMER (BERNARD PRESUTTI)

July 2 *Thursday, Weekday*8:00 AM MEAD & ANN CALABRESE,
DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (FAMILY)**July 3** *Friday, Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 4 *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM LEONARD HEID (PETER & JUDY PENTZ) - ST.H

5:00 PM TONY & IRENE IZBICKI - ST.P
(DAUGHTERS, PATTI GRAY AND
MARSHA GENSHEIMER)**July 5** *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM GERRI CIACCHINI - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

10:30 AM CHARLES R. GENCK (NANCY DWYER) - ST.P

Additional Father's Day Memorials:*From Jean Wroblewski**In memory of father, Frank Daniel Wroblewski
grandfathers, Frank & Stanley***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!

DATES TO REMEMBERSt.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent**06/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/30 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**07/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**07/03** OFFICE CLOSED**07/04** 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*.**20th Anniversary Celebration
Neighborhood Art House**The Inner-City Neighborhood Art House is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year. The occasion will be marked –rain or shine– at the Art House, 201 E. 10th St., Erie, on Sunday, July 12, from noon to 3 p.m. There will be cake, ice cream, and entertainment by *Tennessee Back Porch*.For more information call **814-455-5508** or visit neighborhoodarthouse.org**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** 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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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

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