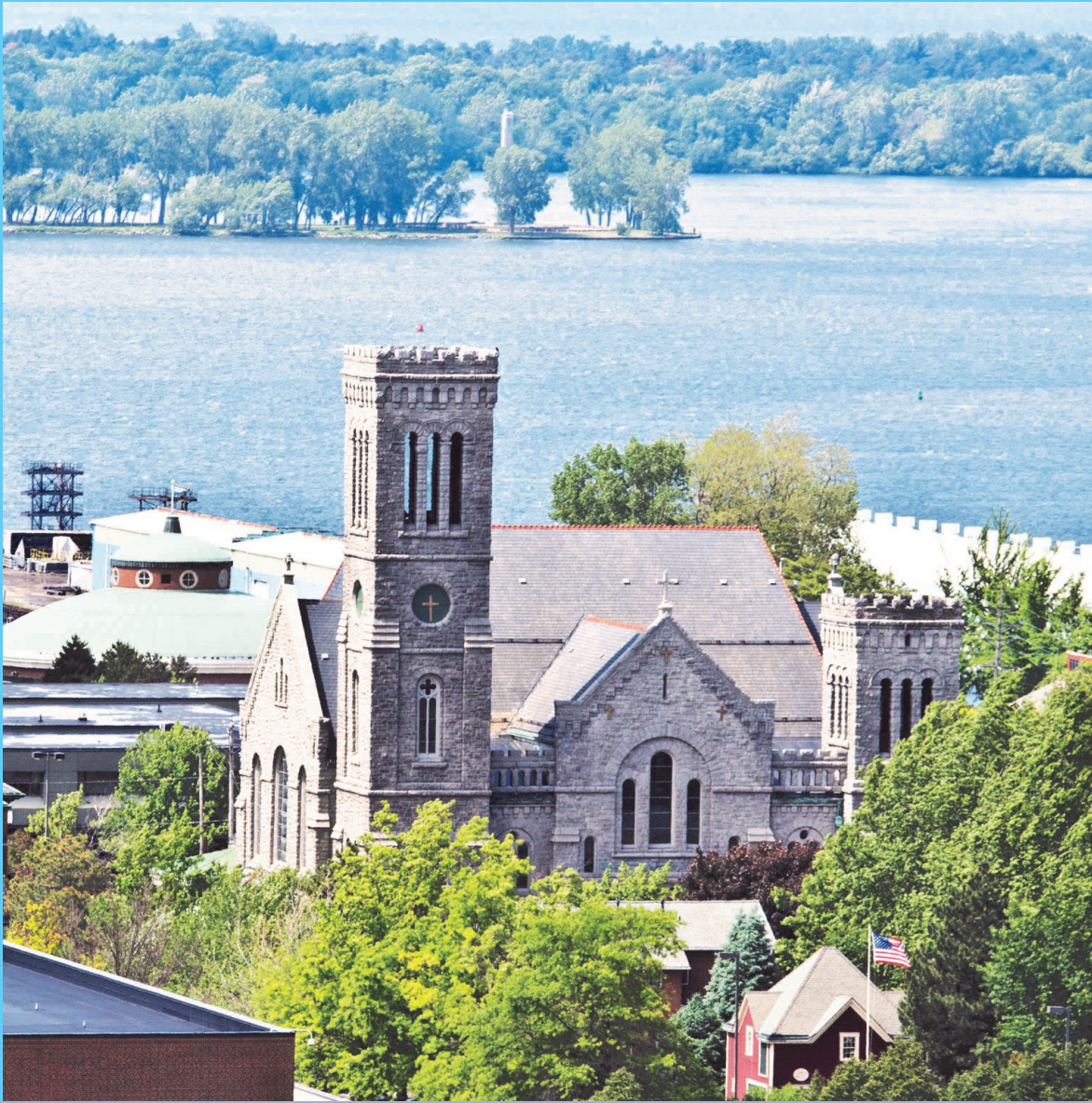


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 5, 2015



St. Patrick Church with Presque Isle Bay  
and Perry Monument in the background.

Photo by John Baker

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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Ezekiel, a priest who was taken prisoner among the early deportations leading up to the destruction of Judah. Judah became a vassal to Babylonia who began deporting the people; but even in exile, the Chosen People were given a prophet though they had refused to listen to many of his predecessors. Ezekiel is called to prophesy to a people who have long ignored God's word, rebelled against his plan, even attempted to kill prophets whose message they did not want to hear. Ultimately, they will come to recognize and listen to Ezekiel.

In a rather rare instance, today's second reading relates to both the first and the gospel. Like Ezekiel and Jesus, Paul must carry out the work he believes God has given him in the face of threats, resistance and difficulties. The precise nature of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" is unknown, but its purpose is clear: he must never congratulate himself but give thanks for God's grace. He begs God to remove his affliction only to be told that his experience of weakness can become the path to strength.

Today's gospel follows immediately from last Sunday's account of Jesus raising the synagogue official's daughter. Here the people continue to be astonished at him; he not only works wonders like a prophet, but he teaches in the synagogue. Usually only someone schooled in the Scriptures could speak in the synagogue but the people recognize Jesus' authority. The reference to Jesus as "son of Mary" is very unusual since Jewish custom referred to man as the son of his father. Some scholars suggest that Mark here expresses his belief that Jesus' true father is God. The people's resistance to Jesus indicates lack of faith, and so Jesus cannot perform further mighty deeds among them. They are

confused how God could work through someone so ordinary. In many miracles, faith is a prerequisite; in others, it is the result of the miracle.

Do you ever get the feeling that God is calling you to a closer relationship, but you aren't sure how to go about getting there? Consider spiritual direction, an ancient practice in the church which is the help given by a qualified spiritual director which enables one to learn how to be aware of and pay attention to God's personal communication with us. Direction usually occurs once a month. St. Patrick's has a qualified spiritual director as a parishioner. Ron Mangine has over 35 years of experience and has completed a graduate study certification program in Christian Spiritual Guidance. He also teaches methods of contemplative prayer. He has also taught RCIA and facilitated the Why Catholic program for over 15 years. If you have an interest in learning more about spiritual direction and how it might help you develop a closer relationship with God, Ron can be reached weeknight evenings at 474-3555. At this time, there are only five openings.

Saint Patrick's Finance Council met last week to review the recommendations from the recent audit done by the diocese. A small change we will be making is that envelopes will be mailed on a bimonthly basis rather than monthly, resulting in a small savings. The audit also called for the Finance Council to review the finances of the Food Pantry as well as the gift shop. Both of those are under review at the present time. In a new policy for the diocese, only the pastor of the parish and the Dean of that area (in our case, Father John Malthaner, pastor of St. Luke's) have their signatures on the parish checking account. In the past, a second person either on the parish staff or a lay person had their name on the account; and Bishop Persico has altered that policy.

The most reaching recommendation is that we



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

undertake a census of the parish. We are getting ready to do that after the first of the year. We will print out the census information we have on each family and mail it to you so that you can make any changes and then return it to us. Our parish population has grown significantly to where we are now at more than 750 families. Otherwise, the finances at St. Patrick's are very solid.

The Finance Council of St. Hedwig's Parish also met last week to review the recommendations from their audit. Unfortunately, the finances there are not in a very good position. As a matter of fact, we will probably close the fiscal year with a deficit for this year of about \$15,000. Membership also continues to decline as older parishioners die or move into some form of assisted living and are not longer able to attend Mass at the parish and consequently unable to support the parish. The recommendations from the diocese call for the checking account of the Holy Name Society and the Rosary Society to be under the direction of the parish office with only the pastor's name being on the checking accounts of both of those organizations.

A further recommendation from the diocese is that since there is so little bookkeeping, etc. at St. Hedwig's, that this work be transferred and done in the office at St. Patrick's. The Finance Committee voted not to undertake this move at this time, but to continue doing things the way we have. There is also a recommendation that there be a census of the parish, and, once again, we will undertake that after the first of the year. Parish membership is presently at less than 100 families and there have been no baptisms in the last eight years, two weddings and a large number of funerals, more in fact than at St. Patrick's.

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he replied, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket and ask the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said, "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No," he replied. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near a window?"

## *Saint Hedwig News*



### INDEPENDENCE DAY



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Louise Broski** requested by the Juchno family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Paul Grabinski.

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

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Helen Zielinski** whose funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Helen was a life-long member of St. Hedwig Parish. She was also a devoted member and officer of the Rosary Society.

Our offertory for last week was **\$689.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

#### **Summer Festival Collection**

St. Hedwig Parish does not have a Summer Festival, instead, we depend on your generosity to give as if you were buying raffle tickets or playing games of chance. To date, we received **\$305.00**. The proceeds of this collection go directly to and stay with St. Hedwig and are used to help cover our regular operating expenses. Because of the one weekend Mass, we are showing a deficit in our regular offertory collection. Your contributions are needed. Please be generous.

**Days of Prayer:** *Carmelite Monastery, 510 E. Gore Rd. begins Sunday, July 11 through Thursday July 16. Mass each morning at 8am. Services each evening at 7:30pm consisting of Benediction & Sermon.*

#### **St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule** **Saturday, July 11**

	4:00 PM	PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY
Lector	Barb Juchno	
Eucharist	Tom Zielinski	
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	



# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,825.86
Online Giving	964.00
Peter's Pence	562.00
Total Income	\$ 7,351.86

*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 Sr. Norbert Wiley, SSJ from Midred & Robert Biebel
- ♦ In memory of Debby Donnelly & Carol Donnelly from Patricia Donnelly
- ♦ In memory of Nancy Gallagher from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon
- ♦ In memory of Tony Pastore from Janice & Donald Pastore

Also donations from:

Kimberly & Joseph Bohrer, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Mary & William Flanagan, Marjory & Merle Painter, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, and Karinna Vernaza

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.



### WEAR YOUR GREEN!

THE ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING A SUMMER-TIME GET-TOGETHER.

**SITE:** PLYMOUTH TAVERN.

**DATE AND TIME:** THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.  
**PLEASE CONTACT JACK MALONEY**

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 5:00 pm**

**Lector:** Bill Power

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**HOST:** Shirley Winschel, Ray Fiorelli,  
Yvonne Gersims

**CUP:** Carolyn Power, Patty Dailey

**Greeters:** Tom & Linda Brunner

**Altar Servers:** Addie & Owen Babinsack

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

**Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 10:30 am**

**Lector:** Michele Wheaton

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**HOST:** Tim Scully, Patty Jackson, Michele Wheaton

**CUP:** Charla Leemhuis, Colleen Welch

**Greeters:** Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

**Altar Servers:** Juliette Morales

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

**Offertory Counters:** Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

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!



## FESTIVAL NEWS:

Festival meeting July 19, 2015 after 10:30 am Mass. All committee chairs and anyone interested in pre festival planning are invited to attend.



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN LADIES AND GENTS**—to clean out and recycle your costume jewelry for the Festival Jewelry Booth! We are beginning to organize the jewelry to be sold at the Festival (with all proceeds benefitting the parish).

Donations can be dropped off at the Trinity Gift Shop, the Parish Office or by calling Gail Smith at 833-9484.



An Irish Blessing from the Land of Eire

May you always have these blessings.....

A soft breeze when summer comes,

A warm fireside in the winter,

And always the warm, soft smile of a friend.

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

4:00 PM LEONARD HEID (PETER &amp; 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

**July 6** *Monday, Saint Maria Goretti,  
Virgin and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 7** *Tuesday, Weekday*8:00 AM MARY ELIZABETH FULLER  
(NICK & JOAN KOZEL)**July 8** *Wednesday, Weekday*8:00 AM DAVID BLINZLER  
(GEOFF & LOUISE CRANKSHAW)**July 9** *Thursday, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM FELICIA PURZYCKI (DAUGHTER, HARRIET)

**July 10** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

**July 11** *Saturday, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:00 PM HOLY NAME MEMBERS OF ST. HEDWIG PARISH,  
LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (MARGE DELUCA) - ST.P

**July 12** *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM ANTHONY OLSEN (JACQUELINE DEFAZIO) - ST.P

10:30 AM EVELYN CICERO SKOVRON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(BRIAN & ANNE MARIE TENNEY) - 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

**07/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/07** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**07/08** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**07/10** OFFICE CLOSED**07/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/12** 12:00 PM Ave Meeting @ McGarrey's Oakwood  
Café - 1624 W 38th St.**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*.**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.eriecd.org/anniv.asp>.

Forms are also available at the back of the church.

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!

**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.



# DIOCESAN EVENTS



## 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](http://neighborhoodarthouse.org)

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Juice & Coffee)

**July 12th, 2015**

St. Boniface Cafeteria—9363 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA

Sponsored by the St. Boniface - Erie Knights of Columbus to benefit the Elevator Fund.

- Donation per individual \$7.00
- Donation Children 12 and under \$4.00
- Children under 3 Free
- Donation per family \$20.00 (Mom, Dad, and children under 18)

Carry Out Available!

## Sacred Dance Guild conducts six-day festival

The Sacred Dance Guild at Mercyhurst University in Erie will host Dancing on Waves of Grace Sacred Dance Festival, six days of sacred dance classes, concerts and events July 24-29 at Mercyhurst's Erie campus. Faculty members will present a sacred dance concert July 28 at 8 p.m. in the Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. The evening features dance performances, followed by a reception and talk-back session with the artists. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from the box office at Mercyhurst at 814-824-3000. The public is welcome to attend all events. Day rates are available for local participants. For more information, visit [www.sacreddanceguild.org](http://www.sacreddanceguild.org) or call 877-422-8678.

## Merton presentation planned at Mount St. Benedict Monastery

"Thomas Merton Alive at Fourth and Walnut" is a one-man, one-act presentation on the spiritual journey of writer-monk Thomas Merton by actor and playwright James Nagle. The event is open to the public and free of charge at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, July 20 at 7 p.m.

## Sportsman's Raffle at St. Luke Parish



If you enjoy the outdoors, attend the August 15th Sportsman Raffle at St. Luke Parish gymnasium, 421 E 38th St., Erie, PA from noon to 4 p.m. Msgr Goodill Knights of Columbus sponsors the event, which includes prizes for hunting, fishing, golf, kayaking and grilling. There will be free food and beverages, as well as a \$250 early bird drawing. All tickets returned before July 4th are eligible for the drawing. Doors open at 11 a.m. Several other "floor" raffles will be available and there will be a gift auction and a 50/50. Must be 21 years old to attend. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 for three.

For more information, contact Don Lutz at 814-450-7501



## Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Erie DAWN invites golfers to its First Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Monday, August 17. The event will be held at the Lake Shore Country Club located in Erie, PA. All proceeds will benefit the homeless women and children of Erie DAWN. The events' registration fee is \$125 per player which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, and beverages. There will be skill contests such as the \$10,000 Hole-in-one prize, silent auction items and raffle baskets.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and Shotgun Start will be at 1:00 p.m.

For more information call (814) 453-5921

# 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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We thank **Home Aides**  
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