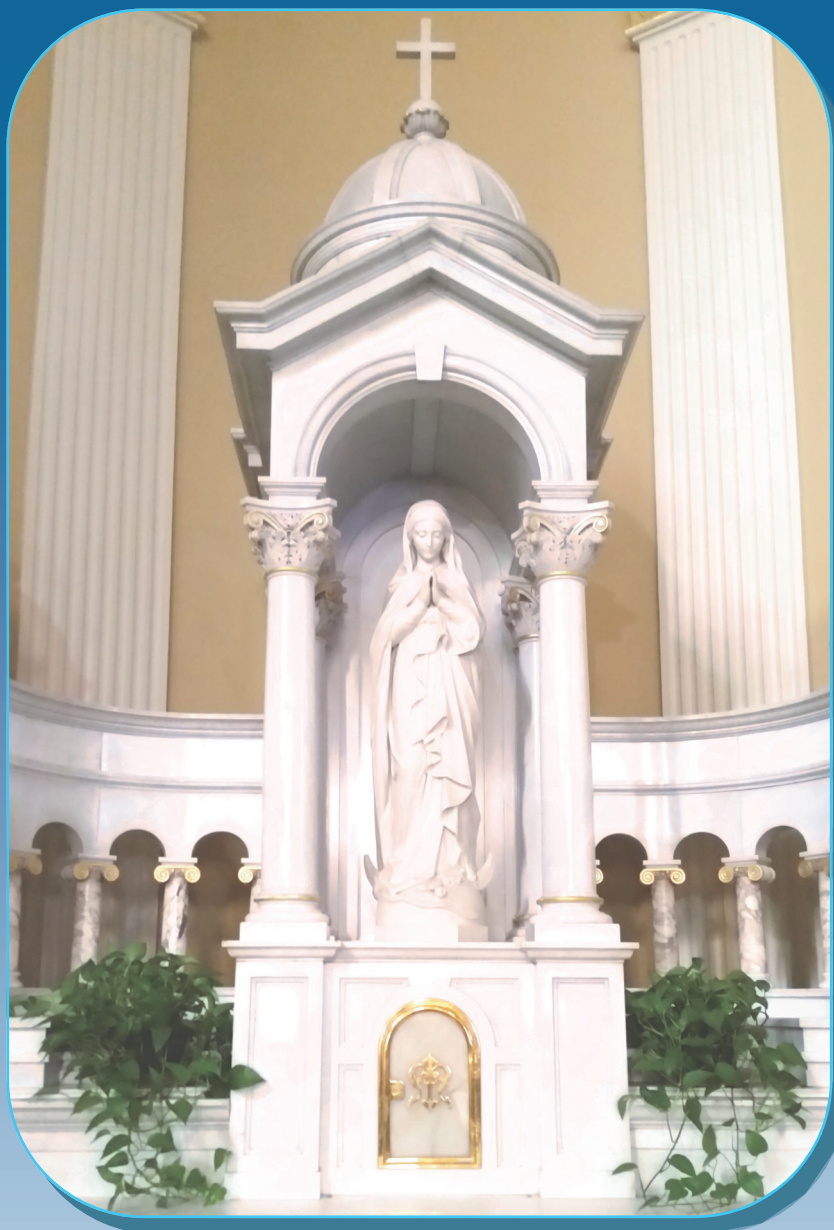


Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017



Mary's Altar
St. Patrick 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

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Monsignor Henry Kriegel, Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

The fourth book of the Pentateuch, Numbers, continues the story of the Exodus journey. The book is so named because it contains two accounts of "numbering" the Hebrew tribes. It gathers various laws and ritual practices. As the book opens, the escaped Hebrews prepare to move forward in their desert passage, and the author reviews various rules and practices. Today's reading, commonly called the "priestly blessing," was to be pronounced at the end of an act of worship. When the name of God is pronounced, it was believed that he became physically present to them and accompanied them.

Paul wrote Galatians about twenty-five years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this new movement, varying and sometimes conflicting interpretations of Christ and what God accomplished through him were circulating. Paul's major purpose in this letter is to defend and clarify his views of Christ in the face of those who opposed his preaching. Two points of disagreement were prominent: human salvation through the law or through grace in Christ, and whether Gentiles could be part of the new Israel. Paul upholds both the humanity and divinity of Jesus. The word "ransom" can be misleading; the word used more properly means "redeemed."

Today's gospel begins by drawing to a close Luke's account of the shepherds' response to the angelic message of a Savior's birth in Bethlehem. As he often does, Luke stresses joyful response to the Good News, and the shepherds seek out the infant, telling Mary and Joseph of the heavenly revelation they have received. Mary responds like a woman immersed in her Jewish understanding of God's Word: it is to be accepted even if it cannot be understood. Mary surrendered to Gabriel's incomprehensible message in this way, and now it is confirmed by the words of

a most unlikely source: a band of shepherds, people despised as unclean sinners. She names her son Jesus, which means "God saves." Though we read from Matthew this year, this gospel comes from Luke because he is the only author to tell us these things. Matthew does not mention any of these events.

A happy and blessed New Year to everyone. Let us all pray that this year can bring peace to our world, an end to racial tension and bigotry. Let us all pray that people can live in harmony with one another's differences.

Among the many jobs that Sister Marie held for all of the years that she was here was one that was extremely time consuming and important. We are the oldest parish in the city. Our records go back to 1837. Today there is a great interest in family genealogy which means that a large number of people contact the parish searching for the baptismal, marriage and death information on ancestors. Some of the old records are written in Latin and some of the older books have become very fragile. As a result, we had them all photographed and put on discs so that we do the research on a computer rather than with the actual books. We also have the cemetery books which show every grave in Trinity and Calvary Cemetery up until 2010. That again helps families in their research.

We can't let people go through these records themselves because there is some very personal and private information in some of them. As such, Sister Marie has been doing this research, and it is now going to be done by Mary Pat Schlaudecker, and I'm very grateful for her willingness to do this.

We read our gospels this year from Matthew and if anyone wants a good book to read on his gospel, there is one written by an Erie priest: Father

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

Ron Witherup who is a noted scripture scholar and the Superior General of the Sulpician Fathers, a group of diocesan priests who teach in seminaries throughout the world. His book is "Matthew: God With Us," a very readable and understandable approach to this gospel.

Your January packet of envelopes was supposed to include an envelope for a donation toward the upcoming Homeless Shelter that we will sponsor for a week in February. Because the envelope company failed to include it, there are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to help. That week costs us about \$6,000, so any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Our Food Pantry distributed 15,129 pounds of food in November at a cost of \$823.08 to the parish. We served 713 families including 406 elderly and 983 children. Thank you for your generous support of this project. Without your help we simply would not be able to serve these people in need.

St. Patrick parishioner Judy Alstadt recently donated two lodges and 3.5 acres of land on Brokenstraw Creek to Gannon University. The site will become a new environmental center for the university. The lodges include large observation decks overlooking the creek where students studying biology, freshwater and marine biology, environmental science, etc. will be able to do field research

Continuing with the book report of a fourth grader on the Bible. "One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a sling-shot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets but we don't have to worry about them. And that concludes the Old Testament.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of **Albert "Mickey" Mabie** from Charlotte Niewolak.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Hattie Gleba** from Frank & Linda Young

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Chester Loncki** from Helen Zielinski.

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

The offertory for the December 17, 2016 was \$580.00.

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for December 24, 2016 and December 31, 2016 will be published in the January 8, 2017 bulletin.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials—

From: Janice Moskel

IMO: Richard Moskel, Alice Russell, Raymond Moskel, Mom & Dad Flowers, Mom & Dad Moskel

From: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sulecki

IMO: Chester & Regina Loncki, Kelly Ann & Robert Sulecki, Mielnik, Loncki, and Sulecki families

From: Bobby Sulecki

IMO: Wojciech & Jozefa Mielnik, Chester and Regina Loncki, Robert & Kelly Ann Sulecki, Franciszek and Mary Loncki, Msgr. Franciszek Robaczewski, Rev. Louis Kozlowski

Parishes of Holy Rosary and St. John to host Epiphany concert—

Epiphany concert scheduled for January 5 at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church. There will be a prayer service with sacred music that includes St. Stephen's Choir and Daniel and Emily Cabanillas.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

January 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 12/18/16	\$ 7,691.00
Online Giving	<u>1,335.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,026.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$130.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Due to early publication deadlines the offertory for December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017 will be published in the January 8, 2017 bulletin.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials—

From: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Filippi

IMO: Ines & Frank Filippi, Art & Ann
Hinchberger, Ralph & Ola Burris



From: Mr. & Mrs. Todd Humphrey

IMO: Charles Weis. Peggy Q. Humphrey

From: Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Klaus

IMO: Klaus & Bauder families

From: Mary McCarthy

IMO: James L. McCarthy

From: Luigi & Sue Ellen Pasquale

IMO: Jack & Dorothy McManus, Ted & Madeline
Hunkele, Otto & Luigina Pasquale

From: Susan Wressell

We continue to thank those who make special donations to our parish and we pray for those people in whose memory and honor the donations were made:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **John & Marjorie DeBias** from Kevin & Margaret Cohick
- ♦ **Carol & Debra Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ **John & Elizabeth Perry** from Dr. Leo & Jane Fitzgibbon
- ♦ **Lois Dahlkemper** from Bill & Patty Jackson
- ♦ **Bishop Michael Murphy, Father "Tex" Hilbert** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini, Quentin Orlando** from Q Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **Charles Orbanek** from Phil & Denise Rewers
- ♦ **Josephine Scheloski Krick** from Robert & Carolyn Schenker
- ♦ **Tim Yochim, Tweed Koket** from Mark & Susan Sullivan
- ♦ **Our Parents** from Robert & Roberta Vitron
- ♦ **Dietisch & Wolf families** from Gerald & Patricia Wolf
- ♦ **Mark Kulyk, John Masterson, Wm Baker** from Don & Mary Lou Zone

Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD &**
HABORCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Shirley Winschel,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Phil & Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan & Collin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers,
1 NEEDED

Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathryn Olds,
Audrey Reigel

Ushers: John Maloney, Chuck Straub, **1-2 NEEDED**

Sunday, January 8, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton, Ed Brown,
Charla Leehmuis

Greeters: Charla Leehmuis, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

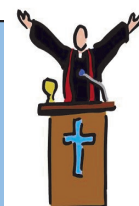
Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun

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

MSGR. KRIEGLER'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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Dec. 31** *Saturday, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*4:00 PM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI
(PETER & JUDIE PENTZ) - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

Jan. 1 *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*8:00 AM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. - ST.P
(LEN & DORIS ZAWISTOWSKI)10:30 AM ROCCO & FILOMENA FIGLIUZZI & DECEASED
RELATIVES (FAMILY) - ST.P**Jan. 2** *Monday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 3 *Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*8:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI
(LARRY & DOLLY BARGIELSKI)**Jan 4** *Wednesday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*8:00 AM PETER JOSEPH DUBOWSKI
(MR. & MRS. M. HAMILTON)**Jan. 5** *Thursday, Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

8:00 AM FRANK LARocca, ANNIV. (ANGIE KONTUR)

Jan. 6 *Friday, Saint Andre Bessette*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 7 *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:00 PM MARY ANNE DOMOWICZ (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM VIOLA AMATANGELO - ST.P
(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)**Jan. 8** *The Epiphany of the Lord*8:00 AM LYNNE LONG (JAY & CAROL HABAS) - ST.P
10:30 AM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. (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=Rectory, CV=Convent

12/31	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
01/03	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
01/04	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
01/07	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
01/08		No Religious Education Classes

HOMELESS OVERFLOW SHELTER—

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have meals and volunteers covered for the overflow homeless shelter we will be hosting February 1-8. However, we are in need of monetary donations for the many expenses we incur including dumpster, daily cleaning service, supplies and a donation to Church of the Nativity to cover utilities and miscellaneous items. Contributions can be dropped in the collection basket or sent to the rectory. Envelopes are available next to the bulletins in the back of the church. Thank you for your support of our community members who are in need. If you have any questions about this project contact Angie Kontur 434-9653 or angiekontur@gmail.com.

A Family Perspective—

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today to decorate our homes with values that build up, not tear down.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Traditionally people make resolutions to improve themselves at the beginning of the year. In marriage, since you are united in love, what improves one spouse also improves the other. What marriage practice do you want to start or continue during 2017?

For ideas click here.

<http://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm>**NEED PRAYERS?**

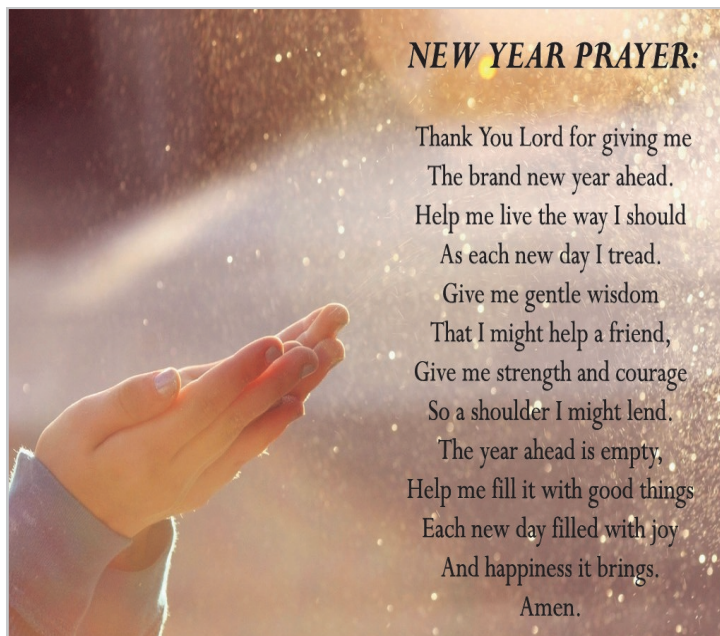
Please call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your prayer intentions placed on our joint parish prayer wheel. Please be assured that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality.



Thank you! The response to our collection of toiletry items for use at the overflow homeless shelter was overwhelming. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

**NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

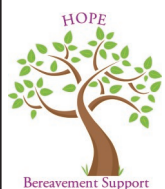


DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Pro-Life Breakfast—

People for Life's Annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 14 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center. The main speakers will be Ruth Graham and her daughter Windsor Bauders. Ruth is the daughter of Evangelist Billy Graham and Ruth Bell Graham. Tickets are \$15 for ages over 12, \$7 for ages 3 to 12, and free for children under 3. Free childcare will be available. Payments can be mailed to People for Life; P.O. Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. For more information or to pay by credit card, call (814) 882-1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.life/january2017.

2017 Great Lakes Hospice Support Groups—



Meetings are free of charge and open to the public, doors open at 5:00 pm; meeting starts promptly at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served, courtesy of Hamot Health Foundation, promptly from 5-5:30 pm the first of every month. Please RSVP by calling Cathy McKenzie at 814/877-6527 no later than the day before the scheduled meeting.

Scheduled meetings:

- January 5th (dinner), January 19th (snack)
- February 2nd (dinner), February 16th (snack)
- March 3rd, (dinner), March 23rd (snack)
- April 6th (dinner), April 20th (snack)
- May 4th (dinner), May 18th (snack)
- June 1st (dinner), June 15th (snack)

Make A Difference—Volunteers Needed

Highmark Caring Place is a center for grieving children, adolescents and their families. The peer support group programs offered at the Caring Place are provided at no cost to families in the Erie County Community, but rely on the dedication of a large group of caring adult volunteers.

We are currently recruiting volunteers. No particular experience is needed—just an ability to truly listen to others and to support them through their heartache and their healing. Volunteers are provided with the necessary training which gives them an understanding of how children grieve, and of how the Caring Place program works.

If you would like to join a team of compassionate, caring individuals who support grieving children and families, please call Kristen Huber, Volunteers Services Coordinator at 814-528-0934 or kristen.huber@highmark.com. Training starts in January 2017

Consider Engagement Encounter—

Planning for your marriage in 2017? An Engagement Encounter is scheduled for January 27th through 29th at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our website at <http://www.erieRCD.org/ee.htm> for more information or to register. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime." Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.



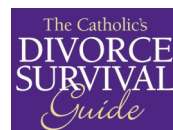
Natural Family Planning Seminar—Erie



MARRIED and ENGAGED COUPLES: Would you like to gain a better understanding of yourself as man, woman, and couple? Attend Natural Family Planning series and realize your potential. For more information, call Annette at 814-866-0122 for classes beginning Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 PM in Erie.

Catholic's Divorce Healing Program—

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide (CDSG) 12-week group to help those who are separated or divorced begins on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Luke School Library in Erie (Cost-\$15 for book/journal). Many topics to begin healing will be addressed through DVDs with experienced presenters and real men and women who have felt the pain of divorce. Please call St. Luke Church, (814) 825-6920, the Family Life Office, (814) 824-1261, email familylife@erieRCD.org or visit www.erieRCD.org/cdsg.htm for more information.



Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michele Inter at 814-824-1257 or email at d&dministry@erieRCD.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Ministries.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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