

Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 3, 2016



The Rose Window
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

Saturday Vigil Mass 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk.....

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday. During the Easter season, our first reading will be from Acts of the Apostles; it is normally from the Old Testament. Acts, written by Luke, begins with Pentecost and traces the early church. Recall how Peter suffered from the habit of putting his foot in his mouth; worse, recalled his inflated promises to Jesus that crumbled the minute Peter sensed danger for himself. Now, he is an esteemed leader, renowned among believers and non-believers for the power of God that flows through him. We're told today that his shadow is enough to heal. He has been completely transformed by the resurrection. On Divine Mercy Sunday these stories told in Acts demonstrate God's mercy. Forgotten is Peter's betrayal. The growth of the early church testifies to the teaching of Peter and the apostles who were totally transformed by the resurrection. Also at work is God's mercy which turns hearts into fertile ground for the seed of the gospel.

Apocalyptic literature, like the Book of Revelation, is foreign to us. Our readings will come from here for the next five weeks. Apocalyptic literature always involves a revelation or unveiling of some hidden truth about the future. But to unveil it, this style of writing employs highly symbolic language—a "code" that is difficult to decipher. Created to offer comfort and hope to people suffering persecution, apocalyptic writing assures readers that God will ultimately triumph over evil. John, its author, had been exiled to the Greek island of Patmos, a trial which helps others suffering in the name of Jesus to identify with him.

In our gospel, John focuses on physical details of the resurrection. The disciples are hiding in fear because they have lost their anchor and fear for their safety. When Jesus appears, despite locked doors, he is telling us that the resurrection is not

a spiritual resurrection but a physical one. And then he "breathes on them" just as God first breathed on Adam, initiating a new creation. By having Thomas absent, John is again showing how doubt about this resurrection can be dispelled; again, with physical evidence. The gospel concludes with Jesus chiding Thomas about his unbelief, transformed to believe because he has seen Christ. Jesus praises those who will believe "but not have seen."

We have been doing a great deal of work on the rectory over the past two years to get it up to snuff, so to say! All of the exterior mortar was pointed, much replaced, etc.; the eaves and all of the windows painted outside; new shrubbery around the entry; central air; re-wiring the house; etc. Just as I thought we were caught up, you may recall that the kitchen ceiling came down several months ago! That is now repaired and I was ready to take a breath only to discover that a window fell out on the second floor. It seems we have 8 windows that are in very bad shape and need to be replaced. I'm getting bids and will then have the Finance Council look at them and decide what we should do. The original windows are over a hundred years old and in incredibly good shape. However, several were replaced at some point with plastic windows which are not well built and have completely collapsed. Those we have to replace.

Seven St. Patrick parishioners are going to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd at St. Peter's Cathedral. They are Peter Bloomstine, Emilio Filippi, Taylor Gushie, Juliette Morales, Daniel Scutella, Lauren Scutella and Caralyn Wilcox. They have each spent the last year preparing for the sacrament, have written a letter to Bishop Persico telling him why they want to receive the sacrament and each have a personal interview with me as part of the preparation process. I know you all join me in congratulating

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

them. They have all given a great deal of time and effort to prepare for this moment and we need to applaud them. Unfortunately, Confirmation is being administered at the cathedral on a Saturday afternoon at 4 PM and I won't be able to join them.

Thank you to all who are supporting our annual Catholic Services Appeal. The response is incredible; I just hope more parishioners would be willing to step forward with a pledge in any amount whatsoever. You can see in the report the percentage of parishioners who are participating. Our assessment this year is \$64,000 (up from \$46,000 last year!) and I am able to keep anything above that for the parish. We use the extra funds to pay down the debt on the restoration of the church.

In addition, this year we need some extra funds to cover the costs of the repairs which we are undertaking on the Stations of the Cross. I had mentioned that some of the wooden bases are cracking, there is a broken finger on one, there is some paint peeling, etc. Those statues were hand-carved out of wood between 1892-95 and need constant attention. Unfortunately, one of the stations had a Roman soldier with a whip in his hand, and someone stole the whip. It was there for over a hundred years, but now has disappeared, and we're not going to be able to replicate it, so we will restore without it.

At their recent Parish Council meeting, we agreed to offer coffee and donuts after some of the Sunday summer Masses this coming summer. Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick are going to host one or more and the Young Adults group is going to do the same. We'll gather on the lawn between the church and the rectory.

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim responds, "I feel just like a newborn baby." "A newborn baby?" asks his friend. "Yes," Slim replies. "No hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Rose Niedzwiecki

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Helen Zielinski** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mishalski.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Charlott Niewolak** requested by Susan Moyer.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

*On February 22, 1931, a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, saw a vision of Jesus with rays of mercy streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it "Jesus, I trust in You!" Jesus also requested that the Sunday after Easter be officially established in the Church as the Feast of Mercy: **On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.*** (Diary, 699)



The offertory for the week of March 20th was \$ 835 and the offertory for Easter Sunday was \$1,053. Thank you and God Bless!

The **Catholic Service Appeal** campaign is well underway, as of now, we have \$6,025 in pledges. Our goal is \$10,910. Whatever is pledged beyond will stay in our parish. Thank You!

Additional Easter Flowers Memorial:

Received from...

* Helen Dombrowski
IMO...Stefania Dombrowski

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

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



*Say the Rosary
Daily*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection 3/20/16	\$ 7,331.52
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,105.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,436.52

Offertory Collection 3/27/16	\$ 12,948.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>1,235.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 14,183.00

Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$ 100,000
Assessment	\$ 64,000
Pledges to date	\$ 82,941
Number of pledges	162
Percentage of parishioners	% 23.14

Thank you for your generosity!

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:

Sr. Mary Pascal Food Pantry

- ◆ In memory of **Gala & D'Alessandro families** from Mary Beth & Tom Galla
- ◆ In memory of **George Garfield** from Marilyn Garfield
- ◆ In memory of **John Gloystein** from Patricia Heasley
- ◆ In memory of **Norman Murphy & Ruth Janoski** from Patrick Murphy
- ◆ In memory of **Hagmann family members** from Deborah Musolff
- ◆ In memory of **Kay & Hank Borden** from Patti & Rob Oligeri
- ◆ In memory of **Alfred Sokolowski & John Black** from Frances Sokolowski
- ◆ In memory of **Herb Krahe** from Susan & Mark Sullivan
- ◆ In memory **Carol & Debby Donnelly** from Patricia Donnelly

Also donations from:

Patricia & William Gloekler, Kathleen Horan, Anne Lynch, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Scott Muck, Barbara & Mark Sargent, and Alice & Ken Daub

A Special Thank You!!!
to **PANERA BREAD** for their generous donations every week to the Food Pantry.

Let Us **Welcome**

Aiden Matthew Cohick
son of
Matthew & Kathryn (Miller) Cohick
who will be baptized after the
5:00 PM Liturgy
&
Evan James Lukehart
son of
Michael & Jill (Foster) Lukehart
and
Adrianna Clair Krol
daughter of
Matthew & Carrieann (Reynolds) Krol
who will be baptized after the
10:30 AM Liturgy



Additional Easter Flower Memorials

Received from...

- * *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biebel*
IMO...*Mr. & Mrs. Peter Biebel*
- * *Hubert Cioccio*
IMO...*Mary Jean Cioccio*
- * *Nancy Crunk*
IMO...*Al Crunk, Grace Karle*
- * *Judy Emling*
IMO...*Jerry & Dorothy Emling, Flanagan family*
- * *Richard and Claudia Filippi & Family*
IMO...*Frank & Ines Filippi, Art & Ann Hinchberger*
- * *Yvonne Gersims*
IMO...*Kay Miller, Howard Gersims*
- * *Cyndi & Randi Pristello*
IMO...*Jim & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella Pristello,*
...*all relatives & friends*
- * *Donna Haskins*
IMO ...*Alan Haskins*
- * *Denise & Phil Rewers*
IMO...*Dominic & Mary Masenas, Gail Masenas Orbanek,*
...*John & Joan Rewers*
- * *Tom & Jeanette Schaaf*
IMO...*Joseph Kozik Sr., Richard Schaaf, Eileen Schaaf,*
...*Lee Schaaf*
- * *Marjorie A. Stewart*
IMO...*Mom & Dad, Clyde & Elnora Casey, and*
daughter, Linda Winkleman
- * *Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Styn*



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





166 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

IDENTICAL TWINS, CONNECTED AT THE HEART

If it's true the Lord loves a cheerful giver, then he's got double the love for Kathleen Wehan and Eileen Balczun—twins, identical down to their generous temperaments and big hearts, It would be easier to give you a list of things Kathleen and Eileen don't do around the parish and in the community—the list of what they do is long and impressive: Food pantry, rectory office., Ladies of St. Patrick, special collections for needy families, and the chairpersons of the Grand Raffle. Starting in February, they sell Raffle Tickets. Weekend, after weekend, after weekend, (and year after year), they set up booths and tables at events around town and sell raffle tickets for the festival. And they refer to this hard work as an "honor to help the parish." It's a major source of income and we couldn't run the festival without it or them.

The twins go way back with the church. Their maternal grandparents came from County Cork and were part of the founding group of St. Pats and 4 generations of their families have been baptized here.

This year's raffle hopes to be bigger and better than ever—the winner may choose between an all expense paid trip for two to Ireland, or \$3000 in cash. You'll get your chance to help in July when the 800 families of St. Patrick's will get an envelope in the mail with raffle tickets to either sell or buy. You will make these ladies' day, week, month, and year if you all respond to the raffle request. SLAINTE!

Eileen and Kathleen can be found, along with husbands Paul and Jim, most Sundays at 10:30 Mass, right side, 3rd pew from the back—season ticket holders! You can't miss them—you'll think you're seeing double! Offers of help or expressions of gratitude may be sent to

Kathleen at papajames5x@yahoo.com or Eileen at westy4818@yahoo.com.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. You can still donate jewelry and purses by dropping them off at the church gift shop.

Reminder message from Erie Diocesan Cemeteries

Artificial flowers and wreaths must be removed by March 31. Cemetery grounds summer hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week for visitation

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 2** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter*
4:00 PM CHESTER LONCKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN)
5:00 PM PAT HART - ST.P
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER & SR. MARIE)
- April 3** *Second Sunday of Easter*
8:00 AM PHILOMENA & ROCCO FIGLIUZZI - ST.P
(FAMILY)
10:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
WILKINSON FAMILY - ST.P
(DAVID & DARLENE WILKINSON)
- April 4** *Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 5** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 6** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 7** *Thursday, Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 8** *Friday, Easter Weekday*
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 9** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*
4:00 PM ALYCE BORTZ, ANNIV.- ST.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)
5:00 PM RAYMOND DOMBROWSKI - ST.P
(JOE & MARSH FINAZZO)
- April 10** *Third Sunday of Easter*
8:00 AM FRANK LAROCCA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(ANGIE KONTUR)
10:30 AM THOMAS & EDWARD HEUBEL (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

- 04/02** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/03** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
- 04/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/10** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 pm Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

**A Family Perspective
Second Sunday of Easter—
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Patty Dailey, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: NEEDED

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Mary Ellen Dahlkemper

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Karyn Polaski

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Katheleen Pae,
Michelle Tortorelli

CUP: Cyndie Pristello, Charla Leehmuis

Greeters: Charla Leehmuis, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

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

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

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS



House of Mercy Tea

In celebration of the Year of Mercy, the Sisters of Mercy, House of Mercy cordially invites you to the 5th House of Mercy Tea on Sunday,

April 10, 2016 from 1-3pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16510. Tickets are \$20. Enjoy traditional tea, sandwiches, fruit, cookies, gift auction and live entertainment. Contact Sr. Michele Schroeck at 898-0167 for tickets.

Sacred Heart Casino Night

Plan now to attend Sacred Heart Casino night, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Saturday, April 23 from 6-10 pm at Sacred Heart Auditorium, 816 W 26th St., Erie. Cost is \$10 per person which includes food and drink. \$1,200 cash giveaway, hourly \$100. Special \$200 gift card from Field and Stream. Call 456-6256 for more information.



SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER:



Complete with salad and dessert; Sunday April 24, 2016, from 12 Noon till 5 P.m. in St. Paul Center, 453 W 16th Street. Sponsored by St. Paul's Holy Name Society. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children's tickets are \$4.00 and may be purchased at the door. Take-outs are available. For more information call 825-7288

Italian Market scheduled in Erie

The Wolves Club of Erie Den VIII will sponsor its annual Taste of Italy & Italian Market on April 24 from noon to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Boston Store, 716 State St., Erie. Sample a large selection of Italian cuisine and enjoy live entertainment and a gift auction. Proceeds will benefit the Wolves Club of Erie Scholarship Fund for Gannon University and Mercyhurst University. Admission includes food and beverage samples from Erie's best restaurants. Advance ticket sales are two for \$25; tickets at the door are \$15 each.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and there is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children! Parents, guardians and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep them safe in today's fast paced world. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. Visit the NCMEC web site at www.missingkids.com and check out the helpful topics. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>.

Good Shepherd Sunday, April 16-17

A special second collection will be taken up to assist with the needs of caring for the retired diocesan priests.

MSGR. KRIEGEL'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

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CHILD _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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Advertiser of the Week:

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William M. Lyden, Supervisor
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For advertising in our parish bulletin.