

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 17, 2016



St. Patrick Church
Easter 2016
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Saint Patrick Parish

Saint Hedwig Parish

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.....

Our first reading continues from last week's where you may recall Paul preached in the temple. The audience was so impressed that they invite him back to preach again as we hear today. Under Paul's guidance, the audience will shift from primarily Jewish to Gentile. He relates to that audience that Jesus was the fulfillment of all the Old Testament prophecies aimed only at the Israelites. However, Paul says that the Spirit has opened his eyes to the fact that many of those people kept their hearts and ears closed to Jesus, and so he extends it to anyone who will listen. While the Gentiles respond with great joy, the Jewish leadership were enraged. The ending words are important in that not only did Paul & Barnabas shake dust from their feet in protest to the Jewish leadership, but at the same time, they rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

Human hearts long to hear words of comfort and assurance like those proclaimed at the end of our second reading. During times of crisis, we all need a pledge that tears will be wiped away and that the one who loves us will forever shelter us. Though written to Christians enduring persecution, the Book of Revelation contains a timeless message. It asserts that those who oppose God's work will not prevail; that suffering, even martyrdom, will lead to new and greater life than we could have imagined.

Coming at the end of Jesus' Good Shepherd discourse, found only in John, today's brief passage asserts Jesus' devotion for his sheep and his identity with his father. In this reading, Jesus has been confronted by Jewish authorities who want him to tell them clearly if he is the Messiah. He responds by saying they don't believe because they are not among his sheep. His sheep, he says, are those who "hear" and "follow" him and he goes on to assert that they are hearing the

Father for whom he speaks. His opponents won't follow him because their hearts as well as their ears are closed.

I can't begin to thank so many of you for your generous response to the Catholic Services Appeal. This annual drive levies an assessment on each parish and any funds raised beyond that stay in the parish. As you can see, we have surpassed our assessment and I'm hoping that those who have not responded will consider a gift—whatever amount you want—so that we can use this extra money to pay down the debt on our restoration.

Speaking of that debt, in 2012 it was \$780,000. Today the balance is \$180,000 and by paying \$10,000 plus interest a month, we will have it down to \$60,000 in a year and pay it off completely in a year and a half. All of this thanks to your generosity.

The second collection this weekend is the annual Good Shepherd collection which helps with the retirement costs for our priests. We presently have 115 active priests in the diocese, including 7 of whom are over the age of 75. In addition, we have 49 retired priests and an additional thirty priests who will reach the age of 75 in the next five years. I hope you will consider helping with this annual appeal to help offset the costs of their retirement. Since this appeal began in 2009, we have raised \$1,352,879.

Open Doors, the organization that advocates for persecuted Christians, published a 47 page report recently which said that a minimum of 9,000-11,500 Christians have been killed in northern Nigeria, that 1.3 million Christians have fled their homes since 2000 and that 13,000 churches have been closed or destroyed. The report blamed radical Islam, Boko Haram and Muslim Hausa-Fulani herdsmen for the persecutions.

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

I think by now you are aware of the draft plan unfolded for the future configuration of parishes in the Diocese of Erie. There is bound to be pain and nostalgia as people say goodbye to churches where they have worshipped all their lives, received sacraments, buried parents and grandparents. But we simply cannot go on as we have; we have to control change or change will control us.

Now that the draft proposal has been presented, people will have an opportunity to react to it and a final proposal will be presented in September. As you know, St. Hedwig's will no longer be partnered with St. Patrick's. St. Patrick's will remain a stand alone parish while St. Hedwig's will join a cluster of parishes under the title of Mother of Sorrows (St. Casimir, Holy Family, St. Ann's and St. Hedwig's.)

St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 16,739 pounds of food during the month of March at a cost to the parish of \$1,403.98. The Food Pantry served 759 families including 997 children and 429 elderly. Thank you for your ongoing support of this outreach project.

At the present time, we pay a Catholic school assessment of \$46,000 a year to the diocese. The new formula, which will tax 20% of offertory income, will be phased in over three years beginning in the 2016-17 fiscal year. We also pay a tax for secondary schools, and, as part of the transition, the amount distributed to secondary schools will be reduced by 50% over the transition period.

Bridal couples have been coming in for an evening of drinks and dinner at the rectory over the past few weeks and with two more to come.

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, one of my first days on the job, I found an elderly gentleman dressed and sitting on his bed with a suitcase at his feet who insisted that he did not need a wheelchair to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down, I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he replied, "she's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown!"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Joseph Witkowski** requested by Ray & Heidi Higgins.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Emily Malinowski** requested by Ron & Barb Arthur.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Paul Wernicki** requested by Earl Carter .

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

The offertory for the last week was \$550. Thank you and God Bless!

Catholic services Appeal—

We have received \$6,675 in pledges. We still need \$4,235 to reach our assigned goal. Please make a pledge to help your parish fulfill this commitment. Thanks for your help.

Mother's Day Memorials—

The Mother's Day Bulletin, May 8, 2016 will include the names of living or deceased mothers whom you wish to honor. Please return your envelope that is in your envelope packet no later than Saturday, April 30.

Bingo Bags and Totes—

Sunday, April 24 at 1 p.m. doors open at 12. at Holy Trinity Parish Social Center 2220 Reed St., Erie, PA. Tickets \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Ticket include one packet, additional packets \$2 each. Tickets are available at the rectory or from committee members. Fun includes: Bakery, Tips, Instant, finger foods and drinks, Chinese auction.

Trash to Treasures is back at Holy Rosary—

Come to Trash to Treasures, a spring rummage sale in Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary Parish, E 28th St and East Ave., Erie, on April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only items in good condition are offered. Among the items for sale are dishes, pots and pans, coats and furniture.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

April 23 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector	Bobby Sulecki
Eucharist	Ron Helinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski
	Art Blum
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie



*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$	8,267
Online Giving	\$	995
Total Income	\$	9,262
Catholic Service Appeal (Goal)	\$	100,000
Assessment	\$	64,000
Pledges to date	\$	95,243
Number of pledges		200
Percentage of parishioners	%	28.57

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

The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, Bud Johnson** from Gary and Becky Johnson.

- ♦ In memory of **Carol & Debie Donnelly** from James Donnelly
- ♦ In memory of **Lee Orsini, & Harry Reichel** from Yvonne Gersims
- ♦ In memory of **Kitty Medina** from Pamela Konieczko
- ♦ In memory of the **Wegner family** from Lynne Long
- ♦ In memory of **Mom & Dad, Sissy & PaPa Russ** from B.J. Spitzig
- ♦ In memory of **Sr. Norbert Willey, SSJ** from Mildred & Robert Biebel

Also donations from:

Ed Chizewick, Michael & Mary Jancek, Vikki Scully, Barbara Brairton, Julie & Dave Sanner, Judy & Phil Kelly, Margaret & Kevin Cohick, Thomas Fontecchio, and Cynthia & John D. Purvis

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



Let Us **Welcome**

James Camden Fetzner

son of

James & Julie (Grant) Fetzner

who will be baptized after the

5:00 PM Liturgy

&

Harvey Daniel Rois

son of

Steven & Laura (Halupczynski) Rois

and

Maci Renee Corner

daughter of

Steven Corner & Ashley Will

who will be baptized after the

10:30 AM Liturgy

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 23, 201 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Kay Mannino, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Mary Anne Ashworth, Mary Tellers

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 24 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: Fred Olds

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Olds

Ushers: Mike Nies, Dave Korn

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Cyndi Pristello, Charla Leehmuis,

Michele Wheaton

CUP: Ryan Palm, Dario Cipriani

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

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.



CONGRATULATIONS! to Chelsey Nagle who celebrated Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist this Easter Season.



152 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

THE ONCE AND FUTURE CHAIRS

What do Angie Kontur and Barb Fischer have in common—aside from charm, grace, and good looks? They are the bookends to this year's festival. Angie shepherded the festival from Rainbow Gardens to outside on 4th street—with no blueprint or prior knowledge, but with lots of eager and experienced helpers, she built the outdoor festival. And Barb is next to take over the reigns and give the festival her personal stamp, working this year in tandem with this year's chairpersons.

Angie is a recent inductee as a Lady of St. Patrick who once bathed an elephant in the Mekong River—"Why?" you may ask—because she got it dirty riding on it, of course! After a successful real estate career that landed her in the RE/Max Real Estate Hall of Fame, she spends her time volunteering at the food pantry, the homeless shelter, the St. Patrick's Pastoral Planning group, Parkinson Partners on NW Pa. and, of course the Irish Festival. In her leisure time (do you believe this!) she kayaks, cycles, snowshoes, cross country skis, and plays pickleball. She's trekked, on foot, through Cuba, Iceland, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Turkey, Croatia, and Bhutan, with trips to other spots in just about every continent. We get tired just talking about her.

After raising six children, Barb still an early riser. You'll usually find her at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass with her husband, Greg. And if the six kids weren't enough, they hosted another dozen foreign exchange students from Mexico. Ay Chihuahua! Barb started out selling tickets and helping Kathy Sertz decorate the festival, but soon found herself in charge of coordinating volunteers, a big job that she tackled and subdued, adding an online sign up last year that will go online again as we get closer. It's a job she'll be giving up when she moves into the chairperson's seat full time in 2018—Father K recently made the chairpersonship a two year sentence, oops, we mean privilege, so Barb will carry it into 2019 as well.

During the restoration, Barb put her energy and fearlessness to good use photographing the progress of the work—which meant crawling up and down and all around the scaffolding and in all of the nooks and crannies with her camera. Those are her many, many photos on the website—click **About Us**, then **Restoration**, then flip through them. She and her husband also provide food for the homeless shelter and Greg is on the board of the St. Patrick's Haven. Their kids are now on both coasts and in Pittsburgh and we're told they have a granddaughter named Coraline who is absolutely perfect in every way—takes after Barb, we guess.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykij@neo.rr.com. Don't hide your light under a bushel—let it shine as a volunteer.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

April 16 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM JOSEPHINE MIELNIK - ST.H
DOROTHY, RICHARD & PATTY MIELNIK

5:00 PM BERTHA MARIELLA (FAMILY) - ST.P

April 17 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM GINNY MCGINNIS (THE CLINES) - ST.P

10:30 AM FRANK FILIPPI (SR. MARIE) - ST.P

April 18 *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 19 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM CHESTER LONCKI
(CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN)

April 20 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE ALECCI, ANNIV. 4/16
AMANDA GLOYSTEIN

April 21 *Thursday, Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 22 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM JEAN SICARI (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

April 23 *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*

4:00 PM ALBERT "MICKEY" MABIE - ST.H
(CHARLOTTE & SONS)

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

April 24 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM REGINA DILLON (MARILYN REISER) - ST.P
10:30 AM THOMAS KAMINSKI - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

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

04/16 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/17 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg. - Gr. 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 pm Rel. Ed 7 - 10 Holy Rosary

04/19 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

04/23 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Child abuse remains a national problem. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 742,00 instances of confirmed child abuse. Through scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 8, is Mother's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful women who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your mother has already gone to her eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling her of your love for her.

Our bulletin of May 7 and 8 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased mother or grandmother whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 29, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Kriegel".

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

From

_____	_____
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_____	_____

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

Advertiser of the Week:

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For advertising in our parish bulletin.