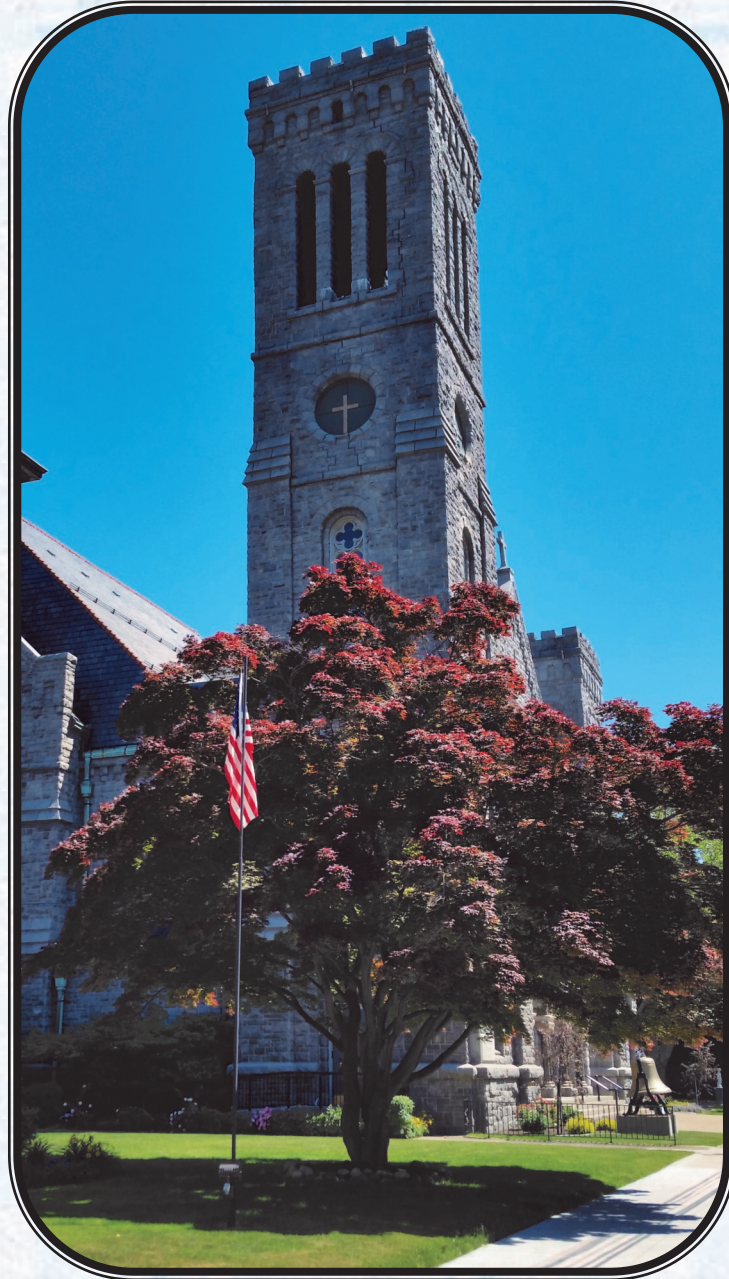


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2016



Summer 2016
St. Patrick Church

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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

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 read from the latter part of Isaiah. First Isaiah (chapters 1-39) is written just before the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of its leaders. Second Isaiah (chapters 40-55), written by a different author, portrays the time of the exile in Babylon. Third Isaiah (chapters 55-66) covers the return to Jerusalem. These last chapters are full of hope and images, like the one we hear today. After the long ordeal of exile the people hear joyous news and return to the home of their ancestors.

Our second reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians, a letter in which he defends the authenticity of his Gospel teaching and his authority against other teachers who insist that his dismissal of circumcision was a wrong-minded accommodation made only to win converts. Paul asserts that nothing more than the Cross of Christ is needed for salvation, not rules and laws and ritual cleansings. For Paul, the gospel message is simple: embrace the cross and salvation is yours. He has no patience with anyone who insists that anything more than Christ is needed. He concludes with a request that he is not to be bothered again by these senseless arguments. He points to his own suffering as reason enough for these false teachers to stop.

The joy of those who return to Jerusalem in today's first reading becomes the joy of those who proclaim the gospel to the nations. The truth being communicated here is that it is not we, but Christ who brings truth and the kingdom. The seventy-two are told to preach the same words to those who believe and those who reject: "the kingdom of God is at hand." The gospel is not an idea; it is an event, an historical moment that permeates throughout time. And today Jesus sends out disciples to proclaim that message.

Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, FL wrote of the recent massacre in Orlando." Sadly, it is religion, including our own, that targets, mostly verbally, and often feeds contempt for gays, lesbians and transgender people. Attacks today on LGBT men and women often plant the seed of contempt, then hatred, which can ultimately lead to violence. Those men and women who were mowed down were all made in the image and likeness of God. We teach that. We should believe that. We must stand for that. Even before I knew who perpetrated the mass murders at Pulse, I knew that somewhere in the story there would be a search for religion as a motivation. While deranged people do senseless things, all of us observe and judge and act from some kind of religious background. Singling out people for victimization because of their religion, their sexual orientation, their nationality must be offensive to God's ears. It has to stop. Will we ever learn?"

Our Catholic Service Appeal assessment this year is \$64,000. I was hoping against hope that we could raise \$100,000 because the excess stays in the parish and that would give me money to keep paying down the debt. I'm happy to tell you that, to date, we have pledges of \$106,000 and payments of \$78,000. Your generosity continues to amaze me. You make my work here very easy. Thank you.

The parish office is closed on the Fridays of July and August and Monday, July 4.

A special thanks to the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick, in particular to Mary Beth and Dick Wachter, for hosting coffee and donuts on the lawn after the 10:30 Mass on June 19. The costs for the coffee and donuts has been underwritten by another Knight of St. Patrick, Jim Spiegel. My biggest challenge at St. Patrick's is creating community—getting people to know one another. And this is one great way to do it.

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

Eight year old Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA wrote the following for his assignment to explain God. "One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups; just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can leave that to mothers and fathers. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head and asking for something they said you couldn't have. Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of his preaching and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. Besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway. If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into really deep water by big kids. But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And, that's why I believe in God."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** from Prizinsky family.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Gary & Laura Borowy.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Evelyn Belczyk** from the St. Hedwig Rosary Society.

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

The offertory for last weekend was \$593.

Peter Pence Collection was \$117. Thank You!

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Mary Ann Domowicz** whose funeral was celebrated on Monday, June 27th.

Masses celebrated at the Priest Retirement Home—

Peter Zielinski (Doris Sweeney)

Chet Loncki (Mrs. Janice Moskel)

Peter Dubowski (Steven Ryniewicz)

Albert Mabie (Patty & Joe Leone)

59th Annual Days of Prayer—

DAYS OF PRAYER at the Carmelite Monastery, 510 East Gore Road, Erie, begin Monday, July 11th and continue through Saturday, July 16th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Fr. Kevin Peek of the Archdiocese of Atlanta & Military Ordinate will be the preacher.

Mass each morning at 8:00 will be offered for the intentions of all making the DAYS OF PRAYER. Service each evening at 7:30 consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Sermon. There are NO SERVICES the evening of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Saturday, July 16). The Carmelite Nuns warmly invite all to pray with them during these grace-filled days in the Year of Mercy.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

July 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Saturday

Lector

Patricia Mielnik

Eucharist

Patricia Mielnik

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Art Blum

Altar Servers

Charlotte Mabie





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,745.00
Online Giving	<u>1,335.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,080.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Let Us *Welcome*
Remi Louise Cacchione
 daughter of
 Nicholas & Rachel (Lyon) Cacchione
 and
Arkham Flynn Lyon
 son of
 Jeffrey & Brittany (Smith) Lyon
 who will be baptized after the
 10:30 AM Liturgy

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

Donation made in honor of **Father Jamie Power**
 from Sr. Claudia Dombrowski

Donations made in memory of:

- ♦ **Veterans & Current Military** from Lynne Long
- ♦ **McGraw & Lynch Families** from Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch
- ♦ **Ruth Janoski, Ronnie Chesko & Norman Murphy** from Patrick Murphy
- ♦ **Gerrie Ciacchini & Quentin Orlando** from Q. Gregory & Nancy Orlando
- ♦ **John B. Purvis** from John D. & Cynthia Purvis
- ♦ **William J. Rennie** from Mark & Annette Rennie
- ♦ **Anthony Balistreri, Santo Faillaci** from Patrick & Madeline Faillaci
- ♦ **Judy Scully** from Vikki Scully

A Special Thank You!!!
 to **PANERA BREAD &
 HABCREEK EDIBLE ARRANGEMENTS**
 for their generous donations every week

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—
 will be on summer vacation and resume in
 the Fall.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Lector: **Chris Sanner**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Lynne Long, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Ann Scutella, Steve Scutella

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers.
 Jim Sertz

Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 8:00 am

Lector: **Nick Straub**

Eucharistic Ministers: **Kathryn Olds**

Ushers: John Maloney, Dave Korn

Sunday, July 10, 2016 at 10:30 am

Lector: **Ed Brown**

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Cyndi Pristello, Michelle Tortorelli,
 Colleen Welch

CUP: Patty Jackson, Ed Brown

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, **1 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

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

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney
 Tim Torrey

USHERS NEEDED—

The 8:00 am Mass attendance is growing, if you are interested and you attend this Mass we are looking for additional ushers. Please contact the Parish Office at 454-8085 or email stpats@neo.rr.com. Thank you!

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 **saintpatrickparish-erie.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.





75 DAYS TO THE IRISH FESTIVAL

IRISH AMERICAN PATRIOTS ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

Who was the first Irish-American President? It's probably not who you think it is.

Andrew Jackson, who was elected in 1828, was born in South Carolina two years after his parents left Boneybefore (just outside of Carrickfergus!), a village in County Antrim, Ireland. County Antrim is now in Northern Ireland, but back then it was simply called "Ulster" and was populated predominantly with Protestants who began coming to America in large numbers in the early 1700's. They settled in eastern and then western Pennsylvania, many eventually moving south into Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, and Maryland. About 250,000 of them came during the colonial period, and another 100,000 Irish Catholics joined them, many as indentured servants.

When the American Revolution broke out, huge numbers of Irishmen answered the call, so much so that an English Major General who went back to testify in the House of Commons noted that "half the rebel Continental Army were from Ireland." It's estimated that Washington had 1,500 Irish officers. After the war, another Brit, Lord Mountjoy, told Parliament that "America was lost by Irish emigrants."

And after they helped win American Independence? Well, all those Ulstermen went back into the hills of Kentucky and the Carolinas, made moonshine, and eventually invented country music and stock car racing. And when the Irish Catholics started coming in droves during the great hunger of the 1840's, the Ulster Protestants started calling themselves "Scotch-Irish" to distinguish them from the hoards of poor Catholic immigrants. Even back then Irish Protestants and Catholics didn't mix well.

In addition to making moonshine, the other thing those Scotch-Irish did was run for President. After Andrew Jackson, there were 21 more Presidents of the United States with Irish ancestry, all but three of them descendants of the Scotch-Irish Ulstermen (There have been 43 men sworn into office, so more than half have been Irish-Americans).

So who are the three Presidents descended from good Irish Catholic stock? Well, of course you know John F. Kennedy was the son of Irish Catholic Bostonians, but the other two may be a bit of a surprise. Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama are the only other Presidents descended from Irish Catholics! We told you it would be a surprise.

If you'd like to learn more about the Irish in America, come to the 2016 Erie Irish Festival.

Gary and Becky Johnson, Festival Chairs, can be reached at gjohnson@brotolocsouth.com or beckykj@neo.rr.com. Ask not what your festival can do for you...

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

July 2 *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM PATRICIA WERNICKI (BARBARA VAHEY) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY K. DUDENHOEFER - ST.P

(JOHN & CAROL GRADY)

July 3 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM NATALIE (OLESON) GEIGER - ST.P

(CHERYL & MIKE STEPHANY)

10:30 AM GERRIE CIACCHINI - ST.P

(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

July 4 *Monday, Independence Day*

8:00 AM **NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE**

July 5 *Tuesday, Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;*

8:00 AM RAY KANTOROWSKI (THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

July 6 *Wednesday, Saint Marie Goretti,*

Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM JIM & IRENE WILKINSON

(DAVID & DARLEEN WILKINSON)

July 7 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ROSELLA BURGOYNE ZABORAC

(MONICA ZABORIC)

July 8 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS,

LIVING & DECEASED

July 9 *Saturday, Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 PM ST. HEDWIG HOLY NAME MEMBERS, -ST.H

LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM EDWARD KOSCELENIK - ST.P

(DAVID & JOAN HEUBEL)

July 10 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THERESA MERSKI (RON & PATTY MERSKI)- ST.P

10:30 AM MSGR. ROBERT SCHRIEFER - ST.P

(SUE & DAVID TACCONI)

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

07/02 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/04 **Office Closed—4th of July**

07/05 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

07/06 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/09 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

**Calling all Volunteers—**

"To Volunteer to work this year's Irish festival, go to the website:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>.

Under the "Search By Email" section, type in the email address - fischers6@roadrunner.com. After clicking "Search" you will see the box to click for the Irish Festival sign-ups. Scroll through the days, times and areas for volunteering and check the slots that you wish to work. You will be asked to enter your contact information and will receive email reminders about your time slots."



June 17, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

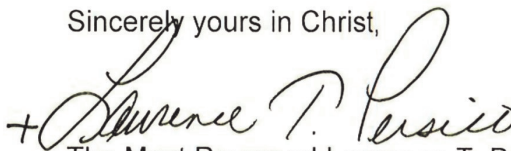
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has shown himself to be a great teacher with a heart of mercy. Like Jesus, he teaches by word and example, keeping the poor, the vulnerable and the troubled in clear view at all times. In that spirit I write to you today.

The **National Needs Collection**, to be taken this year the weekend of **July 9th and 10th**, affords the opportunity for Catholic communities to stand in solidarity with the less fortunate in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- **The Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which impacts the lives of nearly nine 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 throughout the United States.
- **The Black and Indian Mission Collection**, which 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.

At a time when the struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis has grown substantially, I ask you for the gift of your generous response to the **National Needs Collection** the weekend of **July 9th and 10th**. Your support will make a difference. Be assured of my prayers and gratitude.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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