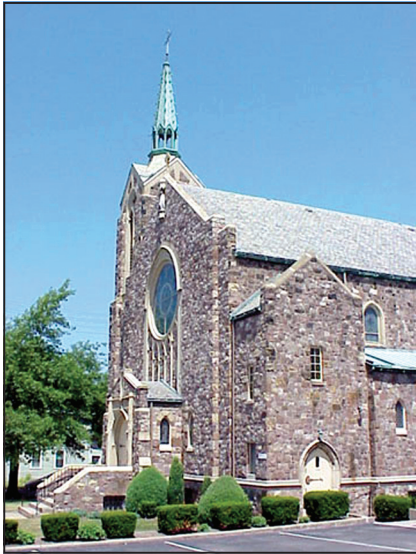


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



DAILY MASS

Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Saint Hedwig 4:30 PM

Saint Patrick 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

Saint Hedwig 9:00 AM

Saint Patrick 10:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

Anticipation

Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

Holy Day

Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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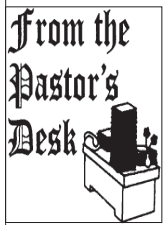
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Today is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Pope Paul VI in 1967 designated this day as World Day for Peace and all of the readings were directed toward that. However, when elected, Pope John XXIII abolished that and instituted this as the feast of Mary. Generally, the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's is the Feast of the Holy Family, but we do not have that this year.....Our first reading from the Book of Numbers is a familiar Old Testament prayer that Jesus himself would have used. It's a beautiful blessing prayer.....Our second reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians notes that Jesus is born of a woman (Mary) and that he is subject to Judaic law. Paul will enunciate that Christ's coming through Mary raises us from slavery to children of God.....Our Gospel once again varies from Mark who we are reading this year and is taken from Luke. Scholars tell us that Luke either personally knew Mary or knew someone who had known her. We learn more about Mary in Luke's gospel than in the other three combined. Mary, the focus of this solemnity, sits serenely at the heart of this reading, ie., "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.".....We are installing a device at the pulpit that, when I begin the Sunday homily, it will be recorded and then uplinked to our parish web page. Anyone can go to that web page, click on the button for that week's homily and listen to it. This device costs \$1,600. If there are parishioners who might like to make a donation of, say, \$200 or \$250 toward this, we would list it on the web page. We can list either a memorial for someone or the name of the donor. Contact the parish office if interested. I'm grateful to St. Patrick parishioner Attorney Jay Habas for taking the lead in doing this.....As I mentioned at Mass a few weeks ago, I was in Milwaukee in early December to meet with the Conrad Schmitt people, and plans are fast progressing for the restoration of St. Patrick's. They will be here around the third week of January to do a ten foot wide mock up on the side wall. This gives us an opportunity to see what we are proposing, and it gives the Restoration Committee the opportunity to tweak anything and make changes. When you look at it, please let any member of the Restoration Committee know your thoughts whether you like what you see or not. Members are Chip Wachter, Sister Marie, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Mary McCarthy, Tom Brunner, Mark Alloway, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun, Dick Brugger and Gary Johnson.....Plans now call for the work to begin mid-August and be finished before Christmas. I have written the 8 brides and grooms who are on the calendar for a wedding during that time hoping that they will consider using another church. They will not be able to process down the main aisle, they will have to sit in a pew, etc. We are going to hold all of our funerals during that period at St. Hedwig's.....We have received the schedule of assessments from the diocese for the 2012 Catholic Services Appeal. At St. Patrick's, our assessment is increased from \$26,618 to \$30,791. At St. Hedwig's, our assessment last year was \$10,283 and this year is \$10,200. If you recall, we have decided to include the 2012, 2013 and 2014 CSA assessments in our overall budget for the restoration of the church and will take the funds from that.....A new study by CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) reveals that in 1987, Hispanics made up 10% of U. S. Catholics. Today, they comprise 34%. While Catholics number about 24% of the total U.S. population, the report also states that one in 10 Americans is now a former Catholic. The study shows that political party identification among Catholics has become more Republican and less Democratic as they move up the economic ladder and as church leadership has become more focused on abortion as an issue rather than social justice. And, finally, the report shows that 4 in 5 American Catholics say that the locus of moral authority resides with individuals and not with the hierarchy.....Parish closings continue throughout the country, most particularly in the northeast. Five years ago, the Archdiocese of Boston closed 51 parishes. Recently they announced further plans to reduce the total number of parishes from 289 to 125!! And in Detroit, they just announced the closing of 48 parishes. Erie will have to face that reality in the years ahead. We will also most likely see the closing of many of our schools as well. And those school closings will most likely occur not because of a lack of money, but a lack of bodies. Baptisms in the Diocese of Erie have decreased 65% in the past ten years! Given that reality, where will students come from in the future?.....The message on the signboard of Immanuel Lutheran Church somewhere in Iowa reads, "The Pastor Saw His Shadow. Six More Weeks of Lousy Sermons!".....A grandfather and his young grandson were shopping for groceries. The child was constantly crying and complaining and wanted to go home. "The grandfather talked softly, "Keep calm, Albert," "It's all right, Albert," "We're almost finished, Albert." Finally, they came to the check-out line and the cashier said to the grandfather, "I am so impressed with the way you talked to your grandson, Albert, trying to calm him. It is so stressful to take little children shopping." "Oh, no," said the grandfather, my grandson's name is John. I'm Albert!"



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Mary and Joseph heard many things about their newborn son from the shepherds who came, and Mary "kept these things close in her heart". Remember to keep all the 'good things' you hear and witness about your own children close in your heart; these memories will sustain you for years to come.



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Parish Stewardship: Because of an early deadline for this bulletin, we will publish the Christmas Offertory next week.

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. There are many opportunities for prayer here at Saint Patrick's. These include daily, Lord's Day, Holy Day and Holiday Masses, our Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal each Monday at 7:00 PM, our Prayer for World Peace each Wednesday at 7:00 PM, and the Rosary each Saturday 4:30 PM.

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 **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Restoration** in memory of **Pauline & Irwin Fetscher, and David Fetscher** by Henry & Kate Chalupezyński; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Helen Connors** from the Bill Power Family; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Salvatore Randazzo, Stanley Walkiewicz and Matthew Walkiewicz** from Stan and Roselle Walkiewicz.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 7, 2011 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, January 8, 2011 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Scully, Paul Kaiser,
Arlene Barlekoff, Mary Kearney, Randy Pristello

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun,

David Taccone, David Wilcox

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh

Tim Donlin

Thank you to all of our ministers for volunteering your time and also for your patience as the schedule is prepared. It is very helpful that make your availability known so that the schedule can be completed. Remember that you are responsible for finding a sub if you can't participate on your scheduled day.

HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S: The book written by Msgr. Kriegel about St. Patrick's has been a huge success. Many people purchased the book to give as Christmas gifts. It seems everyone has a connection to St. Patrick's. The book is still available for purchase in the Trinity Gift Shop at the rear of the church. It is also available at the rectory office during the week from 8:30 to 4:30. Cost is \$20.00.

ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW

PARISHIONERS: Donald & Mary Ann Nucерino, Christopher & Mary Ellen Sorce, Craig & Mary Bartlett, Jeannie Bayhurst, Roy & Mary Harsh, Mary Kay Zawadzki, Andrew & Elizabeth DeLeon Soto, Denise Fabian, Bryan & Gretchen Baumann, Kim Bohrer, Jerry & Elaine Fagley, Michael & Katharine Filutze, Veronica Harrison, Michael Lorei, Christopher Magno, Ray & Patti Massing, Timothy & Sheila McCarthy, David & Kathy Wagner, Pierre & Kathy McCormick.

SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS! We still have the box in the vestibule where you can drop your saved box tops. It is on the far left on the top shelf of the book shelves. To date we have earned \$800 for a local school by saving these box tops.

PEOPLE FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 7 ...34th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast (9a.m.) Guest speaker is Lila Rose, an amazing 23 year old from San Jose, CA who is already a nationally recognized pro-life leader.

Saturday, January 14...Annual Erie March for Life in downtown Erie (11 a.m.) No cost to participate. The March and the Memorial Service that follows take just a little more than an hour.

Monday, January 23...39th Annual Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC (Leave Erie at 11 p.m. on the 22nd and return about 1:30 a.m. on the 24th) This March is truly awesome and awe-inspiring. Last year we filled four buses with groups from middle schools, Mercyhurst College, Gannon University, and from a number of area churches.



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.



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Zyczmy Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!
Happy New Year!

We also celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. On this day, in a special way, we turn to Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our mother. We ask Mary, the Queen of Peace to pray for us and for all her children, which means all the people of this world. We join her in prayer for peace for all people, of all places that the grace of her Son, might enable the people of the world to put aside politics, pride, prejudice and greed so that peace might truly have a chance to take root. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his family, Our Lady's Shrine light burns in loving memory of **Isabelle Dombrowski** requested by Helen Dombrowski, and St. Joseph Shrine light burns in loving memory of **Edward Bukowski** requested by Dolores Dombrowski. Please also remember especially in our prayers, those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Religious Retirement Collection **\$272.00**, Fuel & Heat to date **\$176.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Mass Intentions

For the soul of Raymond Ruffley Sr. requested by: Doris Sweeney, Judy & Pete Pentz, Nancy and Frank Hodas, Helen Zielinski, Larry and Dolly Bargielski.

Masses Celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez

Masses celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: Raymond Ruffley Sr. (Helen Zielinski), Sigmund Gorski (Mrs. Regie Loncki), Ann Kruszewicz (Marie Bartnik).

Welcome!

We warmly welcome our new parishioner Nina Siggia to our parish family.

Please Join Us

The Holy Name Members will be reciting the rosary Before the 9:00am Mass beginning at 8:30am on Sunday, January 8th. We are in need of new members. If you are interested in joining or would like More information, call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467.

THANK YOU. We want to thank the Rosary Society for donating the two new beautiful Christmas trees that are in the Sanctuary.

WE ARE GRATEFUL: Thank you to all who helped decorate our Church so beautifully for our Christmas joy. We have many visitors during the Christmas season who come to see the beauty of the Church and visit baby Jesus.

Ministry Schedule

January 7 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Server

Dolly Bargielski
Dolly Bargielski
Charlotte Mabie

January 8 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Servers

Peter Pentz
Tom Kurpiewski
Breanne & Nicholas
Hayes

Anyone interest in joining the choir at St. Hedwig's, please call the parish office at 454-6232.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist the weekend Masses at St. Hedwig's. We need Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at either the Saturday or Sunday Mass. If you think you want to actively participate in the weekend liturgies, call the parish office at 454-6232 or Jim Gorski at 456-3766.

Pray the Rosary Daily



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Dec. 31 Saturday, Vigil: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM ROBERT THOMAS NIEDZWIECKI - ST.H
(MOM & FAMILY)

5:00 PM EMILIO & ANGELINE ABBATO & FAMILY - ST.P
(THE ABBATO FAMILY)

Jan. 01 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION - ST.H

10:30 AM ROCCO & PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Jan. 02 Monday, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00 AM NO MASS

Jan. 03 Tuesday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM EILEEN MOZUR
(AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN SOCIETY)

Jan. 04 Wednesday, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 AM SOPHIE PASTEWKA
(CHARLOTTE MANKOWSKI)

Jan. 05 Thursday, St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 AM MATTHEW PURZYCKI (HARRIET PURZYCKI)

Jan. 06 Friday, Saint Andre Bessette,

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Jan. 07 Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM PETER ZIELINSKI, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM ERNEST SOKOL - ST.P
(JOHN JACKSON FAMILY)

Jan. 08 The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM MARY ALICE MADONIA - ST.H
(THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

10:30 AM ANDREW J. YACOBOSZI - ST.P
(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

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

01/01 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
01/03 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P
01/04 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
01/05 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP
7:00 PM RCIA - R
01/08 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions - St.P
01/09 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS There are **no sessions January 1st**. Sessions for **ALL levels resume January 8, 2012. FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION** – Parents and children are reminded that the first session to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is **Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 10 am to 11:15 am** in Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary. *If you did not receive a letter or the schedule for these sessions and want your child to celebrate this sacrament, please contact Kathleen Kutz – 454-6322 or S. Marie Kebort, SSJ – 454-8085.*

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Moses blesses the people, asking that God's face will shine on them. When have I felt God's love gaze on me?

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rector