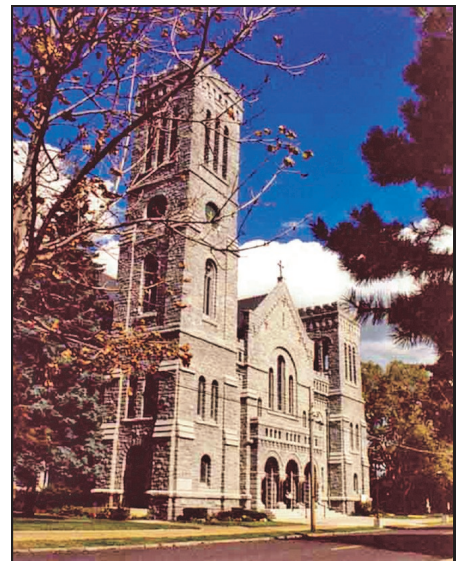


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

## **HOLY DAY MASSES**

**Anticipation**

**Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM**

**Holy Day**

**Saint Patrick 12:05 PM**

## **CONFESSIONS**

**30 Minutes before each Saturday  
Evening Mass or by appointment**



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Established 1910

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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This ancient ceremony, which actually predates Christmas, is part of a fourfold manifesta-

tion of the Christ that begins with the shepherds, and continues with the Magi, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and his first miracle at Cana. Today's celebration focuses on the fact that Christ comes not just to the House of Israel but to all nations, a reality particularly articulated by Paul who was the very first to understand that Jesus came for all. Had those who argued against Paul remembered their Scripture, they might not have been so resistant. This magnificent first reading from Isaiah anticipates Israel's light to all the nations. Her exile will end and the darkness in their hearts will give way to a bright light. No flame of a star will brighten their light, but the Lord himself will shine upon them. Isaiah paints a picture of impossible things: their children will be carried to Israel by the Gentiles in whose lands they have been exiled; within Israel, foreigners will sing praises to Israel's God.

Our second reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians contains Paul's defense of his right to be called an apostle, even though he acknowledges that he did not enter by being a disciple of Christ, but came in through the back door. He notes that he did not experience Jesus on earth, but in a divine revelation and he believes that he is given the special task of taking Christ to the Gentiles. Paul met with great resistance among the Israelites, particularly Peter.

An epiphany is a manifestation and what is manifested in today's gospel is a child who is God among us. We find this story only in Matthew and he wants most of all to demonstrate that Jesus' life fulfills the ancient prophecies and that the hand of God guides Jesus from birth to death. We're told that not only Herod, but "all Jerusalem" felt the tremors from Bethlehem. These leaders had strayed so far from the promises of the patriarchs that they feel compelled to plot against the very will of God. This story would have been a great insult to Jewish leadership because it is saying that they could not see the coming of the Christ; it takes pagans from foreign lands to first recognize that God has come among us. From the moment they heard this story, they would have begun plotting to rid themselves of this new born King of the Jews.

Today we encounter the Magi, a story told only in Matthew. It is not found in any of the other gospels. The popular story contains many details that are assumed to be part of Scripture, but are not!! We assume there are three Magi, but Scripture doesn't say that. We have names for them, but Scripture doesn't say that. It's often assumed that the Magi traveled on camels, but there is no mention of that in Scripture. The Magi are pictured as coming to the manger shortly after the birth of Jesus. However, the story says that they came to the "house." Remember, Herod had every child two years and younger put to death, which means that Jesus must have been somewhere around that age. The story doesn't say that the Magi followed the star from the East, rather, it says that they *observed* the star at its rising. We also believe that the Magi went back to their own country by another route because of a dream, but no mention is made in Scripture of a dream!

The Magi could not have had an easy trip. Travel was difficult and dangerous. Roads were bad with no signposts; inns were awful places to stay; thieves were everywhere and there was no law enforcement to protect people. In the story, Jesus is adored by Gentiles at the same time that he faces death from the leader of his own people, Herod. The Magi prostrate themselves and give homage to Jesus, an action properly given only to God. Throughout Jesus' life and even after his resurrection, there will be two ways of responding to the revelation of who he is. On one hand discovery, new awareness, acceptance and homage. On the other hand: fear, defensiveness, anger and violence. There is no neutral approach to Jesus and this story exemplifies that.

Frankincense, one of the gifts of the Magi, is made from the resin of the boswellia tree that grows in the Horn of Africa, near Arabia. Scientists believe there may soon be a shortage because farmers are cutting down the trees to increase land for their cattle or farmland. Most estimates are that they will all be gone in 50 years. About half of the 4,500 tons of frankincense exported annually from Ethiopia is sent to China where it is used in medicine.

"The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak

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

and the doors of the sacraments must not be closed for simply any reason." *Pope Francis in his new encyclical The Joy of the Gospel*. Those words could have ramifications not only for divorced and remarried Catholics but also calls for rethinking refusing the Eucharist to politicians and others who do not uphold church teaching on some matters.

My apologies for the long delay with the new ladies restroom in St. Patrick's church. The process was much more complicated than we anticipated mainly because that building is built so well that trying to get through the walls, etc. is a real nightmare. We're getting very close to being complete. Then we'll start on the men's room.

We have had all of the sacramental records at St. Patrick's photocopied and put on discs. The 176 year old ledgers are now wrapped in a way that no humidity can get to them and we now can read the information on a disc on the computer. I am now starting to do the same thing with the sacramental records at St. Hedwig's so that they are preserved.

During November, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 19,886 pounds of food at a cost of \$518.77 to the parish. We distributed to 901 families, a sharp increase from the normal 700. I spoke recently with Rev. Rick Crocker of the City Mission and he was telling me how their number of clients has skyrocketed. How Congress can allocate huge amounts of money for some of the silly projects they do and then attack the most vulnerable in our society by cutting food stamps and monies for the poor is beyond me.

Paddy had a heavy night of drinking with his buddies and started home in the midst of a howling, ice cold rain storm. Part way home, he stumbled and fell about five feet down into an open ditch. A bit later, his friends started home and found him lying there. Unable to get him out by themselves, they asked what he wanted. "Get the rabbi," Paddy replied. "What?" they asked. "Get the rabbi," he said again. Finally they asked, "Why do you want the rabbi?" Out of the ditch came Paddy's shaky voice, "Dear God, you would want to call a priest out on a nite like this!"

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Felicia Purzycki** requested by daughter Harriet and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by the Juchno family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,028.00** plus Christmas Flower update of **\$745.00** and Religious Retirement Collection update **\$347.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### Please Join Us

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary before the 9am Mass on Sunday, January 12th beginning at 8:30am. We continue to look for new members. Call Tom Kurpiewski for more information at 455-3467.

### Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Bethlehem was only a beginning. The three wise men didn't stay around the crib, waiting to see what would happen next. They carried the message with them, returning to their own countries, and their daily routines, changed and enriched by what they had seen and heard. Many people think that they need to be another Mother Teresa or a well-known saint in order to be holy and do as God wills. But faith is lived in the grindstone of daily life, in the concrete situations, families, neighborhoods, and friends which we call home. It is found in the daily kindnesses and heroic self-giving that goes unnoticed and unheralded. If our world is a little better because we traveled through it, then our journey of faith has not been in vain. We've shared our life and our love, the essence of manifesting the Presence and love of God.



### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>January 11</u>	<u>January 12</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Zielinski
	Ray Nowosielski	Sharon Zieinski
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for the weekend of December 21/22 was **\$7,794.31, and 770.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,564.31**. Also, **\$90.00 for Human Development**. Thank you for your generosity. Because of an early bulletin deadline, the offertory for Christmas and December 28/29 will be published on January 12th.

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.

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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Charles Joint** from Carl & Alice Carlotti; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **James Pace, Sr.** from The Power Family; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Rita Ebisch** from Diane & Robert Boeh; in memory of **Loretta Sawizral** from Barbara & John Reitingner; in memory of **Madeline & Stanley Gorgacz** from JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz ; in memory of **Dr. Quentin Orlando and Geraldine Ciacchini** from Nancy & Q. Gregory Orlando; in memory of **Alfred Sokolowski** from Mrs. Frances Sokolowski also donations from Nancy Yochim, William Hertel, Patricia Schmidt, Mark Marasco, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Kathy & Phil Fatica, Kathleen Horan and Dotty & Michael Schloss.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Chris Sanner, Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Angie Kontur, Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Owen Babinsack, Addie Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Dario Cipriani, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Norann Brugger, Charla Leemhuis

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith



Let us **WELCOME**

Oyayi Dela Cruz Magno daughter of Christopher and Cristina Magno who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.



## Additional Christmas Flower Memorials:

**From:** Dr. Jeanne Bauman

**In Memory Of:** Janet Bauman Grun, Eve Hoden Bauman & M. John Bauman

**From:** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parisi

**In Memory Of:** Dominick & Rose Parisi and John & Marie Whitehill

**From:** Mr. & Mrs. William Power

**In Memory of:** Richard & Maureen Power

**From:** Kevin & Elizabeth Sweeney

**In Memory Of:**

Gary King, II, Yvonne Testa, Yvette Sweeney

**Also Donations from:**

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Cook, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Fatica

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon

Mr. Laith Wardi & Dr. Carla Orlando

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



## 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.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Jan. 4** *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:30 PM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS - ST.H

5:00 PM SANDRA & JOSEPH O'HARA - ST.P  
(FRANK & CAROL VONA)**Jan. 5** *The Epiphany of the Lord*8:00 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY (ANNIV. OF DEATH) - ST.P  
(WIFE, MARY)

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

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. - ST.P  
(ANGELOTTI FAMILY)**Jan. 6** *Monday, Christmas Weekday, Saint Andre  
Bessette, Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 7** *Tuesday, Christmas Weekday, Saint Raymond of  
Penyafort, Priest*

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

**Jan. 8** *Wednesday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM MATTHEW PURZYCKI (HARRIET PURZYCKI)

**Jan. 9** *Thursday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM SOPHIE CRABB, ANNIV. (SISTER, VIKI)

**Jan. 10** *Friday, Christmas Weekday*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (BRIAN &amp; PAMELA LEWIS)

**Jan. 11** *Saturday, Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord*

4:30 PM DOLLY BERDIS (BROTHERS &amp; SISTERS) - ST.H

5:00 PM DAN MURRAY (JIM &amp; KATHY SERTZ) - ST.P

**Jan. 12** *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (JANET BEDNARO) - ST. P

9:00 AM JENNIE PAZDZIESZ (WANDA &amp; JOE) - ST.H

10:30 AM ROLAND (CHIC) & GERALDINE CIACCHINI,  
DECEASED, WEDDING ANNIV. - 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

**01/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/05** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

**01/07** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/08** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**01/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/12** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



The Epiphany finds us following the Magi, possibly Persian scholars and priests, representative of all the nations on earth, searching for the light of the newborn King of the Jews. The Magi were open to mystery and guided by grace, first to Jerusalem and then to Bethlehem, where they enter the house where the Holy Family is staying and offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They then return to their own country. Today, these men represent the universality of the church; anyone seeking Jesus can enter the Kingdom. The Epiphany is a mystery of light. Each of us having received this light by virtue of our baptism is responsible for manifesting its glory. What areas of darkness around you would you like to bring some light?

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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