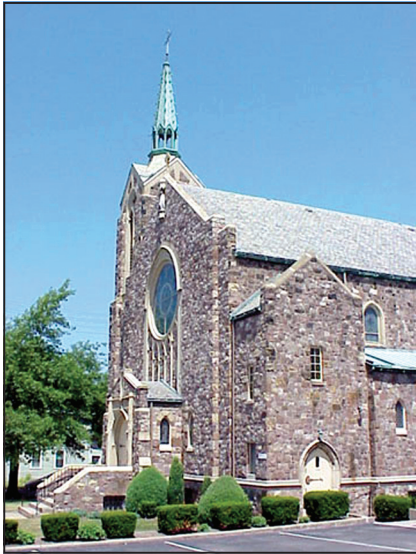


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie*

*Pastor*

**Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel**



## *Saint Hedwig Parish*

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**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

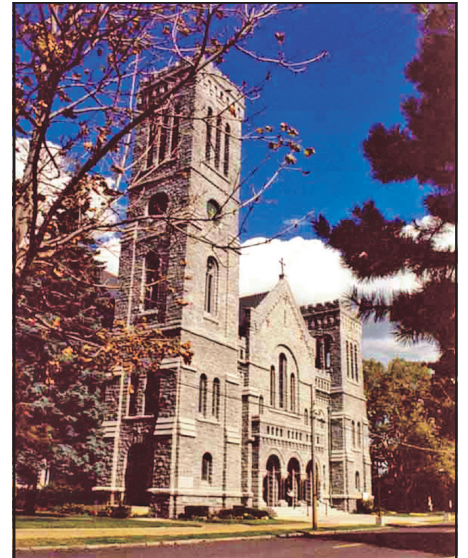
**HOLY DAY MASSES**  
Anticipation  
Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM  
Holy Day  
Saint Patrick 8:00 AM  
Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

## **CONFESSIONS**

30 Minutes before each Saturday  
Evening Mass or by appointment

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*For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,  
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah announces to Jerusalem that her time of exile will come to an end and that a new and glorious day of hope and light has dawned for them. In the midst of murky clouds and darkness a light has begun shining, and the light shines directly on those who have been living in fear. Isaiah's words have special meaning for us today. We are being roused from our sleep to hear God's message of hope.....Our second reading is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians and Paul is telling us that the revelation of God's saving action is not just a past event we gather to remember, but a present and ongoing reality that the Church must continually announce. Paul says that the universality of God's plan was not made known in the past but is now revealed by the Spirit. What does it mean? The very people Israel feared are now part of their family. Those once considered to be "others" are now "us." God has now made Jew and Gentile co-heirs and members of the same body.....In our Gospel, we hear today from Matthew because he is the only Gospel author to tell us this story of the Magi. There is not a single word about it in any of the other 3 gospels. Recall he is writing to a Jewish audience to show them that Christ is the fulfillment of all OT prophecies and that the Jewish people did not recognize Christ when he came. Instead it took these pagan magicians who recognized him and come to worship. And, once again, we hear Matthew take an Old Testament prophecy and relate it to Christ.....Let me update you on plans for the restoration of St. Patrick's Church. A "mock-up" or ten foot wide section from floor to the dome will be done in the coming weeks. This allows all of us to see what will be done throughout the building as well as allow the committee to tweek or make changes in the appearance. Work will begin in mid-August 2012 and will start in the northwest corner of the church. The workmen need places in the ceiling to provide breaks for the work. Once they complete this area, they will move to the center of the sanctuary. During that time, we will use a small portable altar in the center aisle, and we won't use lectors because the only microphone will be the one I am wearing.....Once the entire sanctuary is complete, the area along the east wall will be scaffolded and work begun there. Then they will scaffold the center of the church to do the dome but we will have access to the main aisle though it will be a bit dark. Then to the west center of the church. Then they will start and go across the back of the building.....As they finish each area, the company restoring the pews will come in on a Monday morning and take apart all of the pews in that area, install the new cushions, reassemble them and put them in place. We will do the carpeting of the aisles as the last and final step in the work.....Also to be done at some point is the polishing of the marble and alabaster altars.....I've written brides who have a wedding scheduled here during that time encouraging them to use St. Hedwig's or another church as their wedding is going to be terribly disrupted. We will only use the church for weekend Masses. I hope to have all funerals at St. Hedwig's during this period. We will not have any other services in the church and the building will not be open during the day as it is now.....I know this is going to be disruptive and unpleasant, but it's going to be worth every discomfort when we finally restore this magnificent building.....We will keep a constant update of the work on our web page and you will be able to see it each week when you come to Mass.....Two trends that are beginning to develop rather rapidly in the diocese are two issues that have to do with death. First of all, burials in our Catholic cemeteries have declined at a rapid rate. More and more people are opting for cremation and then not burying the urn. Church law says that the urn must be interred. Secondly, when someone died in the past, it was customary for people to offer a Mass for that person. That is a custom that is almost totally disappearing. Today, instead of offering a Mass, people tend to make a donation to a favorite charity of the deceased. We have parishes in the diocese where they simply have no Mass intentions. It's interesting to try to keep our finger on the changing church and world in which we live.....St. Patrick's Parish has received its annual distribution of \$1,610 from the trust established by the late Father Stephen Cauley. The letter from the diocese notes that its use is at the discretion of the pastor. Though there is temptation to use it for a cruise, it will go into the St. Patrick's Foundation.....Have you ever thought of remembering your parish in your will?.....An old Italian man wanted to plant some tomatoes in his garden in New Jersey, but the soil was rocky and he was too old to dig it himself and needed help. His son, Vinnie, was in prison, and the father sent him a letter complaining that there was no one to help him with the garden. Vinnie felt bad that he wasn't able to help his dad, but he thought that he had better send a response to his letter. "Dad," he wrote, "don't dig up the garden; that's where the bodies are." The next week the FBI showed up at that father's home and demanded access to the garden. They proceeded to dig up the entire garden looking for bodies. The following week, Vinnie sent his dad a second letter. "Go ahead and plant," he wrote, "that's the best I could do under the circumstances.".....I mentioned a few weeks ago that we have a new addition to the sound system which records the homily each week and then puts it on our web page so that shut-ins, etc. can click on that and listen to it. I want to thank Attorney Jay Habas, a St. Patrick parishioner and a lector, for taking the lead with doing this. I had also mentioned that it costs about \$1,600 and if anyone would want to make a donation of perhaps \$200 toward it, we can list on the web page that it is in memory of someone you designate. Contact the parish office if interested.





# Saint Patrick News



The Church looked glorious with the beautiful Christmas decorations. Everyone enjoyed and commented on the beauty, but now it is time to remove the decorations. Join us after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, January 8th as we “undecorate” the Church for another year.

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 donation was made:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Esther Fix** from Alice Carlotti; The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Jay Habas*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino,  
Barb McGill*

*Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner*

*Altar Servers: Needed*

*Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Angie Kontur*

**Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Mary Kearney*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Forrest Mischler, Dario Cipriani  
Cyndi Pristello, Randy Pristello, Arlene Barlekoff*

*Greeters: Gail Arneman, Marlene Golab*

*Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

*Ushers: Randy Pristello, Tom Welch, David Wilcox,  
Paul Kaiser*

*Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

*Extra copies of the ministers' schedules are available  
in the Trinity Gift shop.*

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Isaiah rejoices that God's light banishes the world's darkness. When has God's light lifted the shadows of my heart?

Dear Parishioners –

Our Christmas collection at St. Patrick's this year was \$29,132.00! That is astounding and it speaks of your generosity, your love for this parish and your commitment to keeping St. Patrick's as one of the great places of prayer in the city of Erie. Some of that money, though given in the Christmas collection, is earmarked for the restoration of the church. I can't begin to thank you for all of this. You make my work so much easier. Every bill is paid, all of our assessments with the diocese are current and we continue to deposit money in investments for the future of the parish. Thank you and God bless you.

Father Kriegel

The *Erie Times News* recently cited 6 individuals whom they identify as having made a difference in the City of Erie this past year. It's nice to know that, of the six, two are affiliated with our local Catholic Church: Sister Mary Claire Kennedy, SSJ and our own Mike Litzinger. When Mike retired in 1998 after 40 years with the telephone company, he, along with his friend Jeff Hardner, volunteered for the St. Patrick's Food Pantry. Mike says he found it to be “one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.” Today, Mike and Jeff lead a team of 20 – 35 volunteers that distribute approximately 2 ½ tons of food each week to about 200 needy families. Mike has served at the Food Pantry for 13 years, and we would not be able to make the inroads to helping the poor that we have without him. I know you join me in congratulating him for being recognized, but more than that for being a man who truly lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ and reaches out to those in most need. Mike, God bless you.

Father Kriegel

**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.

**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.





# Christmas 2011







at St. Patrick's





# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Peter Dubowski** requested by David M. Mike-ska, Our Lady's Shrine light burns **For the health of Rose Niedzwiecki** requested by D. Dombkowski and St. Joseph Shrine light burns in loving memory of **Wanda Damico** requested by Barb & Amanda Juchno. Please also remember, especially in your prayers, those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

## **Masses Celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez**

Masses celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Good Health for Ed Slivinski & Family** (Ed), **Constance Halupczynski** (Irene Szymanski), **Poor Souls**.

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

## **Volunteers Needed**

We need your help to assist the weekend Masses at St. Hedwig's. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers at either the Saturday or Sunday Mass and also an usher for the Saturday 4:30pm Mass. If interested, please call Jim Gorski at 456-3766 or the parish office at 454-6232.

## **100th Anniversary DVD**

Anyone interested in a DVD of our Anniversary Mass, call Lou Ann Nowosielski at 453-4314.

## **Microwave Potato Bags**

They are still available for \$5.00 each at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th Street. The microwave bags were a fundraiser for our 100th anniversary.

## *Pray the Rosary*



## **Ministry Schedule**

### **January 14 - 4:30pm**

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Servers

Charlotte Mabie  
Patricia Mielnik  
Portia & Yvonne  
Nowosielski

### **January 15 - 9:00am**

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Server

Judy Pentz  
Peter Pentz  
Charlotte Mabie

## **Lecture on Catholic Thought and Action**

Gannon will welcome Todd David Whitmore, Ph.D., as the keynote speaker for the University's Thomas J. and Mary H. Loftus Lecture on Catholic Thought and Action. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at 7:30pm, Tuesday, January 31 in the Waldron Campus Center, 124 West 7th St. Whitmore is associate professor of theology and director of the program in Catholic social tradition at the University of Notre Dame. Whitmore's lecture at Gannon, "The Coherence of Catholic Social Teaching: A Framework for the Global Economic Crisis", will offer a broad overview of Catholic social teaching and the contemporary social issues and concerns. Whitmore's lecture will be the focal point of the University's "Celebration of Catholic Education at Gannon."

## *The Epiphany of the Lord What is the Epiphany?*

*According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Epiphany is "the Feast which celebrates the manifestation to the world of the new-born Christ as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the world. The Feast celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the Wisemen (Magi) from the East, together with His Baptism in the Jordan and the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee (p.876; no. 528).*



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****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. YACOBOZZI - ST.P  
(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)**Jan. 09 Monday, The Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**Jan. 10 Tuesday, Weekday**8:00 AM DR. JOSEPH MCCLELLAN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(JOE MESSINA)**Jan. 11 Wednesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ROCCO FIGLIUZZI, ANNIV. (ESTATE)

**Jan. 12 Thursday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ALBA SLIVINSKI (ED SLIVINSKI)

**Jan. 13 Friday, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church**

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

**Jan. 14 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time**4:30 PM JOSEPH BORGIA, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(ROSE (BABE) NIEDZWIECKI)5:00 PM GERTRUDE M. BRECHTEL - ST.P  
(TIM RETTGER & TIM SMITH)**Jan. 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
(MARY MROZOWSKI)

10:30 AM GINA HESS (JIM &amp; KATHLEEN WEHAN) - 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

<b>01/08</b>	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
<b>01/09</b>	9:00 AM	Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 PM	Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary
<b>01/10</b>	7:00 PM	MM Novena -St.P
<b>01/11</b>	11:00 AM	Food Pantry - PR
<b>01/12</b>	12:00 PM	A.A. - PR
	7:00 PM	Peace Prayer - CP
	7:00 PM	RCIA - R
<b>01/14</b>	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Prep -Holy Rosary
	3:30 PM	Confessions - St.H
	4:30 PM	Confessions - St.P
<b>01/15</b>	9:00 AM	Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
	1:00 PM	Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

**HOLY EUCHARIST PREPARATION** – Parents and children are reminded that the first session to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist is **Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 10 am to 11:15 am** in Hastings Hall at Holy Rosary.

**CONFIRMATION MINI-RETREAT** – All Confirmation Candidates will participate in a retreat, **Saturday, January 21st from 10 am to 1 pm**. We ask our faith communities to continue praying for our teens preparing to celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation*.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Bible Study will begin **Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm** at Holy Rosary in the school building.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**