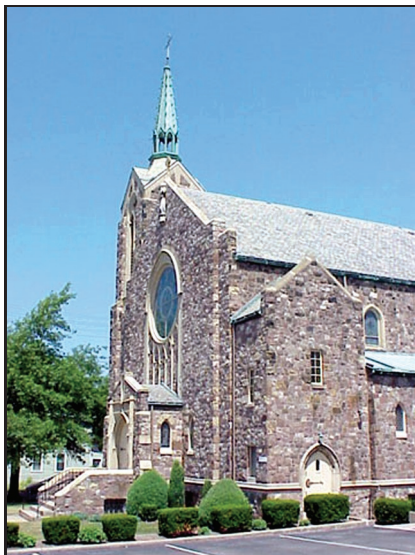


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

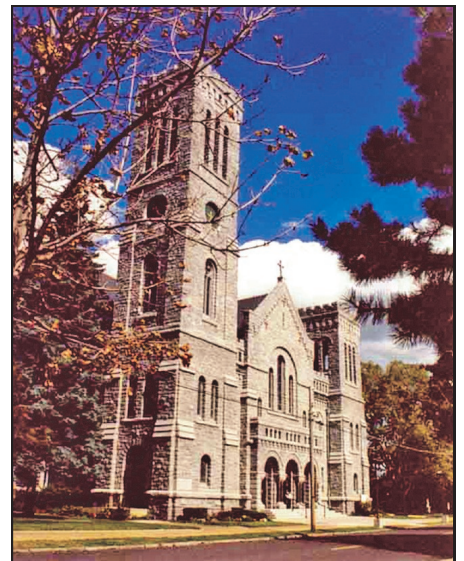
Anticipation

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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-8085

www.saintpatrickparisherie.org



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



Today we return to Ordinary Time in the Church as we observe the 2nd Sunday. Our first reading comes from Samuel, dedicated to the Lord's service before he was born. Now under the tutelage of the temple priest, Eli, he begins his temple service as a very young child. In today's excerpt he is probably about 13 years old and he experiences a divine encounter that will set the trajectory of his life. Samuel will become a prophet much like John the Baptist. He lives partly while Israel is ruled by the judges but then the kings, first Saul and then David. The characters in today's reading are the young, naïve Samuel and the tired and patient Eli. When Eli finally understands what is happening, God finally speaks. Samuel, on the other hand, is a child and thinks he is doing what he is told. Slowly, however, Samuel understands what is happening and he responds in humility.....Our second reading is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and once more Paul is chastising his readers. Corinth was a wealthy city, a crossroads, but also the scene of great immorality and loose morals. Paul never hesitates to speak strongly, but instead of scolding, he offers some persuasive arguments for moral behavior based on his respect for the sacredness of the body. Paul states clearly that any lewd conduct is incompatible with the dignity we are given through oneness in Christ. He reminds them, and us, that we don't have a right to violate ourselves for we are no longer our own. Instead, at great price God has purchased us.....Our gospel comes today from John. After he identifies Andrew, he goes off to proselytize his brother Peter. His testimony is a combination of certainty and disbelief. And there is no way that Peter can realize that, by changing his name, Jesus would forever change his destiny.....On Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will send a brochure to all registered parishioners outlining our hopes for raising the necessary money to undertake the restoration of the church. Recall that we are also including 3 years of the Catholic Services Appeal in that undertaking so that we won't be running two appeals simultaneously. I hope each family will sit down, study the brochure and the extent of the project and do what you are able to do to participate. We have parishioners—good parishioners—who live almost solely on Social Security, and they're not going to be able to help with this appeal, as much as they would like to. There are others in the parish who can help, and in varying degree. All I ask is that you study the brochure, talk about your pledge as a family and then return your pledge card to the parish office.....During the month of November, the St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 29,326 pounds of food at a total cost to the parish of \$635.48. That food was distributed to a total of 949 families. Again, I simply marvel at all of the good these volunteers do. We can always use help. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesday from 9-12. If interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office.....Let me give you an indication of how the Catholic Church in Catholic Ireland has totally collapsed in the past few years. Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin is one of the finest bishops in the world. He has been ostracized by the Irish bishops for his condemnation of the way they covered up abuse scandals, and he is highly criticized by the Vatican for his outspoken approach. And he's the only honest man in the crowd. He recently released a report saying that the Church of Ireland is facing its biggest crisis since emancipation in 1829. He noted that weekly Mass attendance is now down to 14%. Meanwhile the salaries of priests have been cut by 15% over the past two years as collection have fallen. He also noted that there are 456 priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin and that number will drop to 294 in the next eight years. By 2020, a recent study estimates that only 235 priests will be available to serve 199 parishes. In addition, 153 abuse cases have been settled at a cost of \$18 million. Twenty years ago if you went to Ireland, the Catholic presence was everywhere, and it's baffling that it would have unraveled in so short a time.....Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your will? You can establish a trust fund which will allow an annual gift to your parish, you can leave an outright sum of your estate, etc. There are a multitude of ways in which you can remember your parish, including a life insurance policy which names your parish as the beneficiary. St. Patrick's recently received it's annual \$1,610 distribution from the trust established in 1940 by Father Stephen Cauley. All monies left to St. Patrick's Parish will go into the St. Patrick Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. None of those monies will ever be used for operating expenses.....I'm grateful to the Rosary Society at St. Hedwig's for purchasing a new portable microphone for use at weekend Masses and funerals. The one we've been using is not up to snuff and I'm always complaining. I'm thrilled that the Rosary Society heard my complaint (Father Santor joins me with it), and am grateful they have made this gift to the parish. At their recent Christmas dinner, the Rosary Society presented me with a check for \$7,000 to help with finances at St. Hedwig's. That's an incredible amount of money from a small and very hardworking group of women who love their parish and are always willing to go the extra mile to support it. I hope they know the gratitude of the entire parish.....A Sunday School teacher asked her children, "Why is it necessary for people to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl answered, "Because people are sleeping!!"



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for the weekend of January 1st was **\$12,109.98**, and for the weekend of January 8th, **\$5,939.40**. Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL THANKS to Judy Emling for the beautiful photos that she took of St. Patrick's during Christmas. These photos were featured in the double page spread in last week's bulletin. "Thank you, Judy" for sharing your talent with us.

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 Restoration Fund** in memory of **Bev Hartigan** from Mary Duncan; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Mary Pascale** from Family: 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 **Kathy Alessi** in memory of deceased family members; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Florence LaPlaca** by Barb McGill.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathy Sertz, Kit Jaskiewicz, Carolyn Power*

Greeters: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Mary Beth Graml*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Gail Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Yvonne Gersims, Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab*

Altar Servers: *Leah Taccone, Andrew Wilcox*

Ushers: *David Wilcox, David Taccone, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Alex Wheaton, Tim Torrey*

Extra copies of the Ministers schedule are available in the Trinity Gift shop. The February schedule is now being prepared. If you know your availability, please call or email the office. (454-8085, ext.1 or stpats@neo.rr.com) Remember that if you can't serve your assignment, you need to find a substitute.

THANK YOU to the many volunteers who came forward to help last Sunday as the Church was "undecorated". The Church looked so beautiful that it was a bit sad to see the decorations come down.

Additional Christmas Flowers Memorials

From

In Memory Of

Jean Wroblewski.....Frank & Mary Ann Wroblewski

Frances Dolores Gress (sister)

Therese Kaval, Veterans,

Carol Gustafson, Loved Ones

Joe & Jane Nies.....John Nies Family

Edward Kreidinger Family

Marilyn Wayland



INCOME TAX INFORMATION:

Cheryl Bates, Director of Pre-Tax, a branch of the United Way will be at the Food Pantry on the morning of January 31st to offer advice on how to receive tax preparation

help. This service offered by the United Way is open to Food Pantry clients as well as parishioners. Stop by to find answers to your tax questions.

LENDING LIBRARY: Some of you may not be aware that St. Patrick's offers a lending library. Books and periodicals are located on a bookcase on the east wall of the vestibule. In conjunction with that library, the Food Pantry is starting a library for its clients. This library is on the honor system. You may borrow a book or magazine and then return it for someone else to enjoy. If you have any books or magazines that you would like to donate, simply bring them in to the vestibule and add them to the shelves. We will share the items with the Food Pantry library.



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.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 1 Samuel 3-3b-10, 19

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 6-13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Jesus reminds us that our bodies belong to God. What difference might it make in my attitudes or behavior to accept my body as God's gift?





Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Raymond Ruffley Sr.** requested by Nancy and Frank Hodas, Our Lady's Shrine light burns for the intention of **Rose Niedzwiecki** and St. Joseph Shrine light burns in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by children and grandchildren.

Our offertory for Dec 25th was **\$2,663.00** and Jan 1st was **\$1,016.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

We warmly welcome Chris and Mary Ellen Magoc to our parish family.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorial

In loving memory of Berniece Budney; Walter, Mark and Jeremy Dyleski requested by Dan and Terri Dyleski.

Masses celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez

Masses celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West:

Grace Karle (Helen Dombrowski), **Albert "Mickey" Mabie** (Theresa Juchno), **Hattie Gleba** (Marie Nowakowski).

Masses requested for the soul of Edward J. Bukowski:

Linda Zausen, Joan I. Zausen, Mary Mroz, Don Duska & Kathy, Carol Le Corchick, Patricia & John Sienicki, Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Irene Mielnik, Virginia Belczyk, Dave Duska, Dolores Dombkowski, A. Duchini, Inc.

Thank You...

Thanks to the people who took the time to decorate our Church for Christmas: Barb Juchno, Amanda Juchno, Charlotte Mabie, Emily, Nina Siggia, Tom Kurpiewski, Theresa Paluh, Karl & Beth Ludwig, Dolly Bargielski, Chris Pentz, Pete Pentz & Judy Pentz, Rob Showers, Nancy Widomski. The church looked beautiful. These same people also helped to take the decorations down this past week.

Pray the Rosary Daily



We are in the process of forming a choir at St. Hedwig's. We have beautiful voices in our church and would like volunteers to sing at either Mass. If interested, please call the office on Wednesdays at 454-6232.

Ushers for January

4:30pm

Roland Henderson
Ray Nowosielski

9:00am

Tom Zielinski
Sharon Zielinski

January 21 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Server

Dave Widomski
Dave Widomski
Charlotte Mabie

January 22 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Servers

Tom Zielinski
Barb Juchno
Breanne & Nicholas
Hayes

"The Book of Revelation" - The Book of the Risen Christ

Mt. Calvary Church, 2022 E. Lake Road will be holding a weekly Bible Study on Wednesday nights beginning at 7:00pm. The Bible Study will focus on the Book of Revelation. All are welcome to attend! This Bible Study will last through the Wednesdays of Ordinary Time, and then on the Wednesdays of Lent, we will be continuing our study of various books of the Bible which will be accompanied by a mass and a soup and salad supper. If you have questions, please call Mt. Calvary Church at 454-0061. Bring your Bible if you have one. The New American Bible translation is preferred but not required.

Volunteers Needed

We still need volunteers to help 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. Call Jim Gorski at 456-3766 or the parish office at 454-6232.

We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials....

St. Teresa of Avila



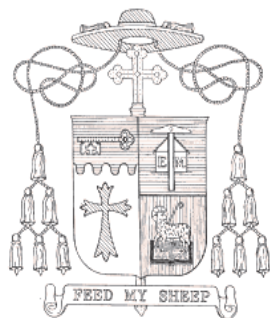
Christmas 2011





at St. Hedwig's





Office of the Bishop

*Diocese of Erie
P. O. Box 10397
Erie, Pennsylvania 16514-0397*

January 9, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you receive your last issue of *Faith* magazine featuring Punxsutawney Phil on the cover? We've heard from many who enjoyed our take on the whimsical annual event that has brought worldwide fame to one of the communities here in our diocese. The story is just one example of the connections we have come to appreciate through *Faith* magazine. Your support of the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Campaign** will allow this important outreach to continue.

We featured another couple from Punxsutawney last January, as Frank and Maria McSteen invited us into the enriching experiences they've had through Worldwide Marriage Encounter. One of the aspects that pleases me most about the magazine—in addition to the opportunity for all of us to grow in the love of our faith—is the way it has increased awareness about what's going on in parishes across the diocese. In recent months we've learned about the deep pro-life commitment of parishioners in Coudersport, the impact technology is having on education in DuBois and the great dedication of teens like Matt Burnett and Alexis Braid who raised enough money to travel to Honduras and help a small community build a well. We also heard inspiring first-hand accounts from men and women around the diocese who “came home” to the Catholic Church in recent years.

We are fortunate to also have *FaithLife*, an information-oriented newspaper available through parishes every other week. This year, *FaithLife* kept us up-to-date on the coming changes with the new Roman Missal. It was also a good way to keep you apprised about my ad limina visit to Rome, during which I brought a “state-of-the-diocese” report to Pope Benedict XVI. Whether it's the dedication of a new Marian grotto in Frenchville or an update on what's going on in campus ministry at the University of Clarion, *FaithLife* fosters unity, understanding and greater awareness of events that are important to Catholics on the local, national and international level.

Today the possibilities are endless: www.ErieRCD.org will be a vital tool this year since we are likely to meet the man who will become our new bishop; we offer blogs for teens, for vocations and for our Mission of Friendship. We have hundreds of friends on Facebook and invite you to join today.

Please support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Campaign** the weekend of January 21/22. Only the Lord knows what the future holds, but through your generosity we will continue to use every technology available to grow together in Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L.
Bishop of Erie

The original with signature is on file in the Chancery

This letter is to be read, published, or otherwise communicated to the faithful on the weekend of January 14-15, 2012. Many thanks for your assistance.

Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Service Refugee Resettlement Needs Your Used Items!

This year has been a very busy year for Refugee Resettlement and we need parishes to help us meet our current and future furniture and household item needs. We have very limited current inventory for certain items and we actually have “back-fill” requests on certain other items. Here is a sample of our urgently needed essential items:

- couches, loveseats, living room chairs, end and coffee tables
- dressers, kitchen and dining room tables and chairs
- pots and pans, sets of dishes, flatware, etc. (these are not optional items!)

Ready to donate or have questions?

Please call CCCAS Refugee Resettlement at 814-456-2091.

All donated items should be in “good - gently used” condition.

Parish groups: Could you consider finding a “near-to-you, neighborhood storage area (a garage)” for you to store parishioner -donated items? We could send our driver out to your parish weekly or arrange for periodic transportation to help make our pick-up function more efficient? Let’s talk! Please call Deacon John at 814-528-3623. This could really make an impact on our deep need. Think about what we could do together and thank you for whatever you can do!

Spaghetti Dinner at Mount Calvary Church: “Spaghetti Dinner” – Mount Calvary Roman Catholic Church, Feeny Hall, 2022 East Lake Road. Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Cost is \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Dinner includes: All you can eat spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, meatballs, and dessert. Take outs also available. For more information, call 454-0061.

Cancer support Group: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie invites you and your family members to share thoughts, hopes, angers, and fears about cancer. We will listen to our stories, offer suggestions, and join in prayer. Our group will be led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. We will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center (429 East Grandview Blvd in Erie) in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the West side and look for the big red "C" on the door). Our next meeting will be January 19 from 7:00 pm until 8:15 pm. There is no charge and parking is plentiful & free. If you have questions-please contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holytrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church – 456.0671.

Natural Family Planning Seminar - Erie/South

Face facts and make a choice: FACT: 50% of marriages in the US end in divorce.

FACT: 0.2 - 5% of marriages of couples who use Natural Family Planning end in divorce. FACT: NFP is chemical-free, inexpensive, and easy to learn. Sign up today! Don’t miss out on the upcoming classes being offered starting Friday, Jan 27th from 7 - 9 PM in Erie / South at the Instructors' Home. Find out how NFP can be a part of your life! Call Annette (814) 866-0122 for more information and learn the safest, healthiest, fastest growing means of family planning!

Natural Family Planning Seminar - Erie

MARRIED and ENGAGED COUPLES: Would you like to gain a better understanding of yourself as man, woman, and couple? Learn about your gift of fertility and true love. Attend a Natural Family Planning series and realize your potential. For more information, call Gretchen (814) 866-3008 for classes starting Thursday, Feb 16th from 7 - 9 PM in Erie at Our Lady of Peace.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 & KATHLEEN WEHAN) - ST.P

Jan. 16 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Jan. 17 Tuesday, St. Anthony, abbot

8:00 AM ANN KRUSZEWICZ (HELEN DUBOWSKI)

Jan. 18 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM MARY PASCALE, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Jan. 19 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (HER SISTERS)

Jan. 20 Friday, St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr*St. Sebastian, Martyr*

8:00 AM DOLLY BURDIS (BROTHER & SISTERS)

Jan. 21 Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)5:00 PM ADAM HOLLAND - ST.P
(BETH & JIM RESPECKI)**Jan. 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(LOU ANN & FAMILY)10:30 AM YVETTE SWEENEY - ST.P
(DAVE & SUE TACCONE)**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

01/14 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Prep -Holy Rosary

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/15 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

01/16 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**01/17** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/18** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

7:00 PM RCIA - R

01/21 10:00 AM—1:00 PM Confirmation Mini Retreat
at Holy Rosary

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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HIGH SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT (Gr. 9/10/11) –

All students in the faith formation program (and their parents) are reminded to bake for the ***Bake Sale for the Missions*** the weekend of **January 21/22**. Proceeds will be shared among three ministries: our "Sister Diocese" in Mexico; our east side parishes with food pantries; with S.O.M.E. (*So Others Might Eat*), a ministry to the homeless and the extreme destitute in Washington, DC. The bake sale will take place at St John the Baptist Church and Holy Rosary Church after the weekend Masses. Questions: contact Kathleen @454-6322.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐

Saint Hedwig

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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 Rectory