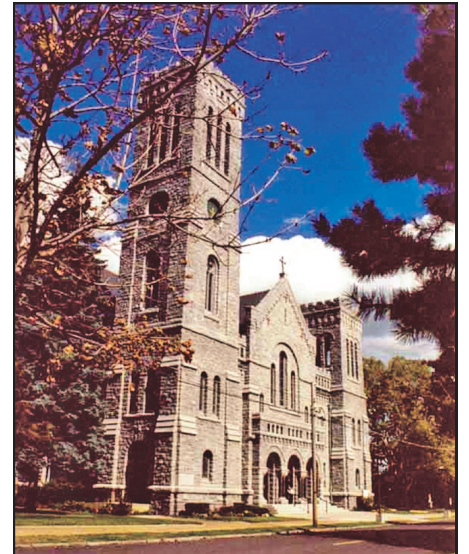


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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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.***



Today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and we again hear first from the prophet Isaiah. Knowing to whom we matter gives us a sense of who we are. One can forego many things on a perilous journey but woe to the would-be explorer who lacks a clear sense of identity. Scholars debate the identity of the "Suffering Servant" (was he Israel, the prophet himself or a future Messiah, but the Servant himself is clear about who he is: he is God's spokesperson, chosen from the womb to serve the Lord). Until now the servant has endured suffering and shame, but he has not given up. While the world may define us if we let it, the servant knows better: "I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord," he announces. In other words, it's not my success that gives me strength but my God. But now he announces that God's mercy and salvation is going to be offered to the entire world, not just Israel. This comes as a great shock to Israel, hence the servant will be subjected to more suffering.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, is again telling them that he is an apostle and that they are being called by Jesus to be his. Corinth was a city noted for its licentiousness, but Paul, in this lengthy greeting, indicates that Christians are not part of this. They have submitted themselves to Christ, not to the flesh. Paul alludes to issues he will address in his letter. Exhortations to holiness and right conduct we will hear during five of the next six Sundays.

Each year, the second Sunday of Ordinary Time offers a gospel from John instead of the designated evangelist for that year. In presenting these, they are focused on the manifestation of Jesus by using accounts of John the Baptist, the Wedding Feast at Cana, etc. John is particularly cautious in his gospel not to fuel any erroneous thinking about John the Baptist's superiority over Jesus. And, while John does not mention the baptism in his gospel, he does comment on the theological truth it reveals, which is Christ's unique status as God's Son. In this gospel account today, the Baptist, upon seeing Jesus, makes a profound declaration about Jesus's identity while also confessing his prior ignorance about the one whose way he was preparing. By declaring Jesus as the Lamb of God, John is already introducing the cross. Even this close to

Christmas, we are reminded that Calvary awaits this newborn.

If any St. Patrick parishioners would like a financial statement of your donations during 2013 for income tax purposes, please call the parish office and we will be happy to mail one to you.

According to an article in the Vatican newspaper, approximately 1,400 Catholic churches in the Netherlands will be deconsecrated in the next five years. Between 400 and 500 Protestant churches are also expected to close by 2018. Religious practice in the Netherlands has declined dramatically in the last 30 years. The Dutch bishops met with Pope Francis a few weeks ago and told him that in the 1950s, 95% of Dutch Catholics went to Mass. Today only 5% go. The archbishop of Utrecht said that of the 170 monasteries in the country, more than 150 will close in the next 10 years. They also told him that, unlike most European countries where churches are financed by the government, they get no subsidy and therefore the church is practically bankrupt. The Dutch bishops also told Pope Francis that Islam is fast becoming the largest religion in their country. Only 4% of Dutch are Protestant. What an incredible change in such a short period of time.

We are hoping to supply some volunteers to help with our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity with their Feb. 12-26 opening of their Social Center at night to provide a meal and an over night for the homeless. Seven of our parishioners participated in this during December and I'm hoping that more will consider doing it in February. There will be an informational session on Wed., Jan. 29 at the church Social Center (2nd and German). If interested, contact Daria Devlin at 460-5387 or daria@churchofthenativity.net.

I will be giving a lecture on Monday, February 3, from 7-8:30 at the Jefferson Society. I believe the lectures require a reservation by contacting them at 459-8000.

Kudos to St. Patrick parishioner Elisa Guida, founder of StringsforaCure. Elisa, a two time breast cancer survivor, uses guitar strings from celebrities to create one-of-a-kind bracelets, ear rings, pendants and rings. Proceeds are then

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

used to provide financial assistance to cancer patients, primarily those with breast cancer. Elisa was a guest of Bret Michaels at his recent Erie appearance, and he then gave her a set of his used guitar strings.

Congratulations to St. Hedwig parishioner Peter Pentz III who received a \$500 renewable tuition scholarship for receiving one of the top ten scores (number six) on the 2013 Cathedral Prep School Entrance exam.

Cal Pifer and I are working on the floor plan for the layout of booths, etc. for our Sept. 19 & 20th Irish Festival which we are moving downtown. Local businesses are thrilled with the prospect and are jumping in with both feet to help us. The Russian Church of the Nativity are allowing us the use of their Social Center on Sunday, Sept. 21, for our Irish Breakfast. Once we get a preliminary plan put together, we're going to meet with the committee chairs to start ironing out all of the wrinkles and see how we can make this work. We are going to tent the parking lot behind the rectory and that will be the food area.

Monday, Jan. 20, is Martin Luther King Day and in concert with the diocese, the parish office will be closed.

God bless our children!! Teacher: "Why are you late? Student: "Because class started before I got here." Teacher: "Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'" Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L. Teacher: "No, that's wrong." Glenn: "Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it."Teacher: "Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago." Winnie: "Me!" Teacher: "Jerry, why do you always get so dirty?" Jerry: "Because I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are!" Teacher: "Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I'". Millie: "I is...." Teacher: "No, Millie, always say, 'I am.'" Millie: "All right. I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."Teacher: "Harold, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?" Harold: "No, sir, it's the same dog."Teacher: "George, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?" George: "A teacher!"

Saint Hedwig News



Our parish observed the funeral of **Jeanette Borowy** on Saturday, January 11. At 96 years of age Jeanette was the oldest parishioner of the parish and was honored as such at our 100th Anniversary. We offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to her loved ones. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary & Edward Miller** requested Lou Ann Nowosielski and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Charlotte Mabie. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$2,190.00**. Thank you and God bless.

A Special Thank You!

To the many people who helped make our Christmas celebration here at St. Hedwig so meaningful. All those who worked on music, decorated the Church which is so beautiful, served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and all of you who attended the Masses, made this a truly wonderful Christmas.

Check Out Pope Francis

The new picture of Pope Francis, next to Our Lady's Shrine, was donated by the Ray Nowosieski family. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner at Scheffner Hall, 1553 E. Grandview Blvd on Sunday, February 23 from 11:30am until 5pm Adults \$7.50 at the door, Adult advance ticket \$7.00, Seniors 60+ is \$6.00. Call 825-6706 for tickets or information.

Pray the Rosary Daily

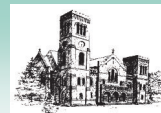


Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>January 25</u> Saturday	<u>January 26</u> Sunday
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski	Tom Zielinski Sharon Zielinski
Altar Server	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for the weekend of January 12th was **\$6,427.00, plus \$607.00 from online giving and \$1,520 mailed for a total of \$8,554.00.** Thank you for your generosity.

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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long; in memory of **Bob Lechner** from BJ & Barbara Lechner; in memory of **Gretchen Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach; in memory of **JoAnne Barber-McCormick** from Dr. Maureen Barber-McCormick; in memory of **Richard McMahan** from Rosemarie McMahan also donations from Timothy Torrey, Robert & Amy Babinsack, Theresa Rotunda, Laura Reiting, Robert & Mildred Biebel, Ed & Genny Chizewick, Bridge Club Members: Kathy Fatica, Mary Agnes Hoppe, Sue Warshaugh, Linda Scalise, Libby Lechner, Gloria Walker, Anne Pysh and Barb Lechner.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Habas, Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Angie Kontur, Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Ed Brown, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

Please remember in your prayers the families of **Justine Purvis and Mary Ann Welsh** who passed away last week. Justine was the mother of parishioner, John Purvis, who is an usher at 10:30 Mass. Mary Ann was the sister of parishioner, Bill Welsh, who is an offertory counter. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

OPEN HOUSES :

St. Peter Cathedral School, Sunday, January 26th, 1-4PM.

Villa Maria Elementary School on January 26th from 1-3.

Blessed Sacrament on January 26th from 10:30-12:30. Enter to win \$500 Family Tuition voucher.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



WELCOME

ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES

THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

Linda Leitzinger, Keith and Jamie Young, Jim and Norma Kalie, Christopher and Cynthia Mack, Katie Froehlich, Donna Haskins, Don and Mary Lou Zone.

NOVA is a one-day marriage preparation program specifically designed for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics include adjusting to remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Pre-registration is required. Call the Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or 800-374-3723 ext 261 to register. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st in Erie.

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.



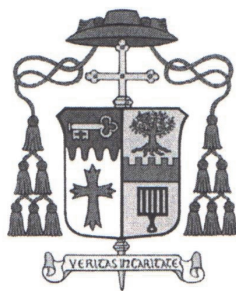
A REMINDER THAT MSGR. KRIEGEL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

The homilies are also available on You Tube. To access either go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org**

Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right and then follow directions for either audio or video.





January 3, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an opportunity we had for Catholic communications in 2013! The unexpected resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the international gathering of cardinals to elect a new pope and the arrival of Pope Francis on the scene would have been more than enough to keep you informed and inspired.

But many news items of interest on the diocesan and local scene also surfaced this year: Natural disasters inspired generosity, allowing people in the Diocese of Erie to provide relief nationally as well as in Union City and DuBois. Our Communications Office also reported on my commitment to launching a comprehensive strategic plan for the Diocese of Erie in order to ensure we are using our human and financial resources as efficiently as possible as we preserve and grow the faith for the next generation. We also tried hard to provide clear, concise information about several complex issues such as our successful efforts to preserve religious liberty in the face of the Affordable Care Act.

We used every means possible to communicate with you: the bi-monthly *Faith* magazine mailed to your home, now available as a free app for your mobile device; *FaithLife* newspaper, distributed in parishes every other week; and www.ErieRCD.org, our website which allows us to share everything from news releases to office and personnel contacts. We have blogs, we have a Facebook page, we Tweet, we have a YouTube channel...and we even introduced a few Pinterest boards in recent months. Are you on board with us?

This year, the Holy Father is asking that we “rediscover, through the means of social communication as well as by personal contact, the beauty that is at the heart of our existence and journey, the beauty of faith and of the beauty of the encounter with Christ.” That is why **I hope you will give serious consideration to your participation in this year’s *Help Spread the Faith* campaign. Your donation helps us make the best possible use of all forms of media.**

Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter—and keep us posted about stories in your corner of the diocese that will inspire others. **And please—support the *Help Spread the Faith* collection January 18/19** so we can continue getting the word out!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

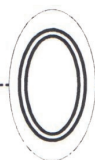
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Sunday, January 19th and the Rince Na Tiarna
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Call for reservations for parties of 8 or more.

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(814) 453-7800

www.mollybrannigans.com

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 18 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)

5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH (MARY DUDENHAFFER) - ST.P

Jan. 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV (WIFE, ANGIE) - ST.P

9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(HUSBAND, TOM & FAMILY)

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP (FAMILY) -ST.P

Jan. 20 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 21 Tuesday, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. (SISTER, ANN)

**Jan. 22 Wednesday, USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

**Jan. 23 Thursday, Weekday, USA: Saint Vincent, Deacon
and Martyr**8:00 AM ROSE FIORELLI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(RAY AND PATTY FIORELLI)**Jan. 24 Friday, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM MARY ZIELINSKI (DOLORES AND FAMILY)

Jan. 25 Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI (WIFE, JEAN & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY (EILEEN BOKOL)-ST.P

Jan. 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time8:00 AM CLARE KOWALSKI - ST.P
(BARB & MIKE CROSS)

9:00 AM JANE KUTZ (THE TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM VIRGINIA HIEGEL - STP
(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY & 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

01/18 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/19 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

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

01/20 OFFICE CLOSED**01/21** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/22** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**01/25** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/26 9:00 PM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary***A Moment of Reflection
Ordinary Time***

*My friends,
we have entered
Ordinary Time, and
the Alleluia echoes
have died to a
silent chorus
in our hearts.*

*Gold has faded to green
before the altar
of our eyes,
and the Lord of glory
awaits a quiet welcome
into the everydayness
of our lives.*



Suzanne Meyer IHM

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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