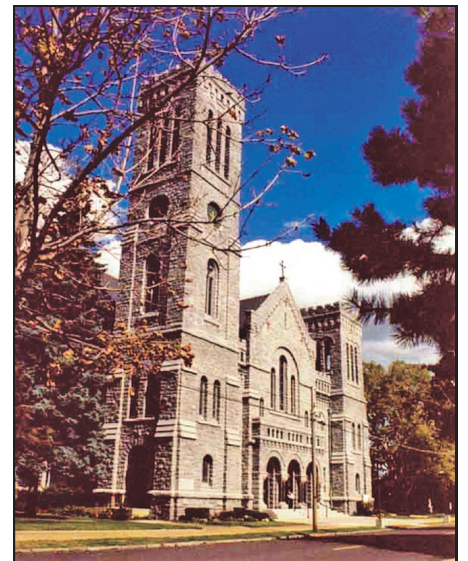


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from Isaiah. The passage comes from a section of Isaiah known as Trito-Isaiah or Third Isaiah because it is believed to have been written by a different author than chapters 1-39

and 40-55. Third Isaiah draws on Isaian themes, but develops them in light of the people's new situation. No longer are the people exiles in a foreign land; they have returned home to Jerusalem. We hear that the Lord has restored Israel and the names given Jerusalem reflect the Lord's forgiveness for the people's association with pagan fertility cults. God refers to Jerusalem as a bride, an obvious connection to today's gospel.

For the first four Sundays of Ordinary Time, our second reading comes from the latter half of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Today we are focused on the diversity of gifts in the Christian community. Corinth was mired by ugly divisions within the church. They were silly issues that sidestepped the real issues such as what kind of meat they can eat, should women cover their heads when they pray, etc. Paul explains to them the diversity of gifts and how we all use our unique talents for the good of all. The last gift he mentions is "speaking in tongues" because it was the most controversial of all of the gifts.

Our gospel from John is the familiar story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, a story only found in John. It is not to be found in Matthew, Mark or Luke. This is the first of four signs in John's gospel, signs that are much more than miracles because they will reveal the abundant glory and power that Jesus brings into the world. There are three distinct sections to this reading. The first is the setting. The second includes the preparation for the sign, the sign itself and the headwaiter's public recognition of what Jesus has done. Note that Jesus doesn't do anything that causes the water to turn into wine. Rather, his words coupled with the obedient action of the servants yield the transformation. The consequences of the sign follow in the last section and we learn that more signs are to come. Witnessing this miracle will allow the disciples to make the next step in their faith journey.

I've been to Cana and it's a beautiful little village in southern Galilee. There are wonderful remains of an early house which gives you an indication

of how people lived. An open courtyard was a very prominent part of the house. There is also a small fourth century church near what is believed to be the site of the miracle though contemporary Scripture scholars dismiss it as not being historically correct.

It's amazing seeing the large number of people who are stopping to see the church and the joy and wonder they express at what they see. Everywhere I go people stop me and comment on the church.

I can't figure out the delay in the rest of the electrical order. It was placed in early November and we still do not have it. When the rest of the lighting is put in place you're going to be even more amazed because the room will just jump out at you. Hopefully it will be here soon.

There has been such interest expressed by the employees at Erie Insurance Exchange that I am working with their communications department and we are scheduling four different times for the people who want to see the church to come over and see it. The times are being scheduled during their lunch hours and the communications department will determine which groups can come at what particular time. As you know, without the generosity of Erie Insurance, we would not have been able to do this. We had to vacate the building and their generously giving us the former Cauley Auditorium made all of this possible. And beyond allowing us to use the building, they would not take any rent nor anything to cover the cost of the utilities. Erie Insurance is the best thing that ever happened to downtown Erie.

The same interest has been expressed by UPMC Hamot for us to schedule an Open House so that their employees might also see the restored building.

The regular tour groups who visit the church are all now calling and scheduling tours. Sister Marie gives an explanation of the building, Alice Daub opens the gift shop and Mark Alloway gives a demonstration on the pipe organ.

In conjunction with the diocese, the parish office will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Day. Please notice that there is no Mass also.

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

A new sociological study reveals that Catholics now report the lowest proportion of "strongly affiliated" followers among major American religious traditions, while the data indicates that evangelicals are increasingly devout and committed to their faith. The report states that in 1970, there was only a 5 point difference between how strongly Catholics and evangelicals felt about their religion. Today, that gap is twenty percent. Only 35% of Catholics today describe themselves as "strongly affiliated" with their religion as compared to 56% of evangelicals. Even mainline Protestants reported a higher level of religious intensity than Catholics, at 39 percent.

The study notes that the decline among Catholics began in the mid-1980s, and that coincided with the first revelations about the sexual abuse of children by clergy, a scandal that has haunted the church ever since. Moreover Latino Catholics are much less likely to report a strong affiliation compared with other Catholics, and the number of Latino Catholics has been growing steadily in past decades.

The study states that the surge in evangelical devotion began in the early 1990s and coincide with their growing presence in the public square. African Americans report a religious intensity similar to evangelicals. The study surveyed over 40,000 people.

At the pearly gates, a taxi driver and a priest are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." He next greets the priest and says, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven." "Just a minute," says the priest. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. Something is wrong here. "Up here we work by results," says St. Peter, " while you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

Did you know? That Coca-Cola was originally green. That the cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven is \$16,400. Finally, that the more intelligent a person, the higher the level of zinc and copper in their hair.

Saint Hedwig News



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

Our offertory for last week was **\$955.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Volunteer Needed

We are in need of an Usher to assist at the 9am Mass on Sundays in March, July and November. If you are interested, please call Jim Gorski at 456-3766.

Spaghetti Dinner - Mount Calvary Church

Feeny Hall, 2022 East Lake Road on Sunday, January 27 from 11am until 4pm. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$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.

Reflection

In creating us, God gave us the power and right to choose which path we should follow in life: either the path of obedience, or the path of disobedience to His commandments. Each of us must choose for himself. We shall be strengthened in the choice of the difficult path if we remember that we belong to God, that He loves us, that He will help us and is waiting for us at the end of the road...of obedience.

Pray the Rosary.....



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>January 26</u>	<u>January 27</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski	Tom Zielinski Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,824.35** and **\$1,195.00** from on-line giving bringing our weekly offertory total to **\$8,019.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR
CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 9**
will begin on Sunday, February 3rd.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Ron Angelotti** whose funeral was held last Saturday at St. Patrick's. Ron grew up in this parish, went to school at St. Pat's and was an altar server. His family is still active at St. Pat's. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 **David Burton** from Charles and Wendy Weber; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in honor of **Michelle, Joanne and Patricia** from Mom and Dad Filipkowski; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Kathy Barber Young** from Frank and Carol Vona.

St. Patrick's Welcomes New Parishioners:

Grace Augustiniak, Charles and Maria Agresti, Kathleen Brown, Joe and Kathy DeAngelo, Richard and Janet Holmes, Gabrielle Randall, Erin Snyder, Michael and Patricia Tellers, Scott Woofert, Megan Collins, Phillip and Jeanne Niebauer.

PUB NIGHT AT MOLLY BRANNIGAN'S

Come join the fun as the Rince Na Tiarna Dancers host "Pub Night" at Molly Brannigans on February 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Celebrity bartenders will be available to take your order and the dancers will perform throughout the evening. A hand made quilt will be raffled. The quilt is on display at Tipperary West if you would like to see it and purchase your tickets before Pub Night. Gift cards to Molly Brannigans are also on sale. All profits to benefit the Rince Na Tiarna dancers. For more information call Monica at 881-2546 or Carolyn at 566-9458.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli,
Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello,
Cheryl Stephany, Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Jim Wehan,

Paul Balczun, ONE NEEDED

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

Lector books are available in the Trinity Gift Shop and at the rectory. Also, lists of Ministers are in the gift shop. Remember you are responsible for finding your own sub and this list will help you with the phone numbers of possible substitutes.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalm 96: 1-2, 7-10

Reading II: Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11



By now the Christmas tree is down. Everything is packed away and church feast days have faded. The word ordinary derives from the Latin, *ordnarius*, meaning "regular, usual, orderly." However, this week we read of an astounding gospel event. Jesus, at the request of his mother, performs his first sign by transforming ordinary jars of water into an abundance of the best wine. Chances are, we won't be changing water into wine, but we can certainly open our eyes to the transforming presence of God already at work in plain old ordinary time. How deeply do you believe that God is at work transforming your life?

February Women's Cursillo

If you are looking to enrich your life with a weekend retreat, call Tom and Sharon Zielinski at 825-0464 for more information on the Women's Cursillo held in February.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 19 Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)

5:00 PM BECKY FLAHERTY (CATHERINE GOOD) - ST.P

Jan. 20 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM DOLLY BERDIS (BROTHER & SISTERS) - ST.H

10:30 AM WILLIAM SCHRIEFER - ST.P
(REFOCUS GROUP)**Jan. 21 Monday, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 AM NO MASS

**Jan. 22 Tuesday, US Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

8:00 AM IDA MAE OWENS

(PAUL & EILEEN (HAYES) BALCZUN)

Jan. 23 Wednesday, St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 AM JENNIE PAZDZIESZ (WANDA & JOE HABAS)

**Jan. 24 Thursday, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM BERNARD & JANE KUTZ (THE TORBIC FAMILY)

Jan. 25 Friday, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Jan. 26 Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM GENEVIEVE TACONE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**Jan. 27 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM MARGARET KLAN - ST.H

(MR. & MRS. EDWARD KLAN)

10:30 AM CYNTHIA HAHN EDWARDS - ST.P

(VIRGINIA YOUNG & DICK)

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

01/19 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/20 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary

01/21 OFFICE CLOSED**01/22** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/23** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

01/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/27 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**PLAN NOW FOR THE FIFTH
ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST – Superbowl Sun-
day, February 3rd from 8:30 am to****12:30 pm** in Hastings Hall on the
Holy Rosary campus. The Knights of
Columbus host this breakfast on be-
half of the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry.
The proceeds are used to purchase **Catholic Youth
Bibles** for the children and youth of our Eastside par-
ishes. **Mark your calendars now and support our
Knights who support us in our ministry to the chil-
dren, youth and their families!****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.**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ 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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