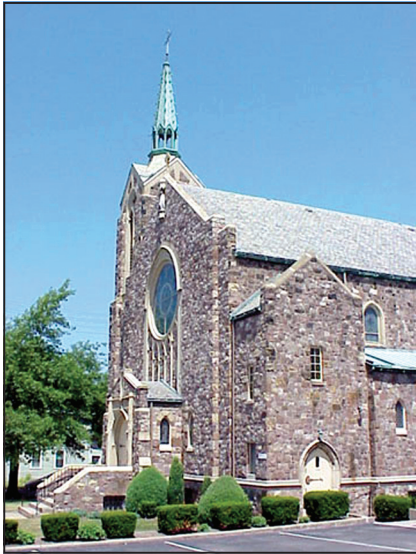


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910
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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

Saint Patrick Parish

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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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from the Old Testament prophet Jonah. This is the second time that God comes to Jonah. Initially, Jonah disobeyed because he had no desire to be a vehicle of conversion or repentance for the Ninevites. But God intervened with the famous story of the whale and Jonah now has a different outlook. However, even though he does God's bidding, he hopes that the Ninevites won't listen. He feels so strongly that the Ninevites so deserve the punishment that he can't wait to see it fall upon them. You can imagine his incredible response when they repented. Later, in this same book, we'll hear Jonah lamenting the fact that God spared the Ninevites. Jonah is one of the biblical characters who never seems to learn.....Our next reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians deals with the fact that the early Christians felt very strongly that Christ would return to them soon. They so believed this, that many of them sold their businesses, their homes, gave up their jobs and began to live in a frenzied state of charismatic prayer, living in common and giving their wealth to the community. It is in this line of thought that Paul is writing. The later church would have a very difficult time when they slowly began to realize that Christ's second coming is not immanent.....We get our gospel today from Mark and it announces that John has been arrested and hints that as Jesus follows John in ministry, so will he follow him in death. An awareness of John the Baptist's impending death forces Jesus to proclaim the kingdom, to gather his disciples and begin his public ministry, a ministry that will lead to his death..... I recently signed the 2012 contract with Vineyard Gas for our heating fuel for this year and am happy to report that our per unit cost has come down again this year. That happened last year and it's simply because we are using less fuel each year. At this point, we've been able to reduce our fuel usage at the church and rectory by about 20% and, in addition, we don't have the fuel costs of the Cauley Auditorium. Of course, I've got frostbite on my fingers and there is a build up of ice in my ears, but I'll sacrifice anything for the good of the parish!!!!.....It's fascinating where some of our clichés come from. I know these have nothing to do with religion, but religion doesn't have to be serious all of the time! England is very old and people started running out of places to bury the dead in the 1400s. They would then dig up the coffins and take the bones to a bone-house and re-use the grave. When opening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realized they had been burying people alive. They then started to tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone sat in the graveyard all night (hence, "the graveyard shift"), to listen for the bell. And, thus, someone could be "saved by the bell," or was considered a "dead ringer.".....I'm happy to tell you that we have sold over \$5,000 worth of the new books on the history of the parish.....I mentioned that we have installed a device at the pulpit that will record the homily and place it on our webpage. People can go to the webpage, click on it and hear the homily. Once we are finished with the restoration of St. Patrick's Church, we are going to set a camera in the choir loft so that when people click on the webpage, they will get both audio and video. When I was at St. Jude's and we had a funeral, we used to record two of the hymns and the homily and give it to the family. I still have people tell me that they listen to that every once in awhile. I think once we get this system working well, we'll make a CD for families and give it to them after a funeral.....A ten year old in the parish lost his I-Touch about a month ago. In early December his mother found this note which her son had written: *Dear St. Anthony—I need your help to find my I-Touch. If you find it, give it to me on St. Nicholas day if you need more time give it to me on Christmas. If you do it I will be nicer to my brother. Please help me. Your friend, Jared.* On the eve of St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5) his mother was up late packing for a family trip. She spotted a box that needed to be sorted and there was the I-Touch. She could not imagine how it got there and then she remembered her son's note. She looked at the clock and it was 1:38 AM on December 6, the feast of St. Nicholas. She read her son's note again and placed his I-Touch on the mantle next to his stocking! I love those stories of simple pure childlike faith.....The company that has printed our bulletin for the past years has been purchased by a larger bulletin company in Cleveland. This transition enables us to do a number of things that we were never able to do in the past, including the use of color photographs in the bulletin. It's going to take us some time to get familiar with all that is available to us, and I ask your patience. Once the restoration begins at St. Patrick's, we can run weekly photos which will help keep our shut-ins up to date on what is happening.....I'm grateful to St. Patrick parishioners Paul Balczun, Dick Brugger and Jim Wehan for their expertise and time in working with the electrical upgrades for the church as well as all of the specifications for the new A/C system. Work is underway on those projects now. Once the wall units for the A/C are installed, they will be faux finished to match the marble, making them much less visible. Electrical upgrades are also underway in the church to accommodate the new system as well as the upgrades we will make to the lighting once the restoration work gets underway.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus as it seemed he had his own plans for his children. We often forget that our children were never ours to begin with. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,255.50**, and **\$284.00** for **Faith Life Communion**. 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. There are many opportunities for prayer here at Saint Patrick's. These include daily, Lord's Day, Holy Day and Holiday Masses, our Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal each Monday at 7:00 PM, our Prayer for World Peace each Wednesday at 7:00 PM, and the Rosary each Saturday 4:30 PM.

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 Safe Harbor Behavioral Health; 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 **Volunteers of the Food Pantry**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Aleks Woldanski** from Ed & Jenny Chizewick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino,
Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Needed

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, 29, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Audrey Reigel,
Charla Leemhuis, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Gail Arneman, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi, Juliette Morales

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Pal Balczun, Randy Pristello

Offertory Counters: Susan Merski, Mary Frick,
Michele Wheaton

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Reading II: 1Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jonah is surprised when he shares God's message with others. What has happened when I shared God's good news?



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.

We Watched Him Die – I am looking for any parishioner interested in volunteering to help with St. Patrick's very popular annual post Passion play. For the past 18 years or so, parishioners at St. Patrick have performed this play during Holy Week. The play draws hundreds for each of the Palm Sunday and Good Friday performances. Audiences come from outside St. Patrick and from other denominations. We have a core group of dedicated people that return each year. This is the first year that we decided to post an announcement in the bulletin looking for volunteers. We are looking for volunteers to fill acting and non-acting positions. We need 3 men and 1 woman for the cast and 5 people for the crew. To volunteer call Albert Boorady at 218-2544 or 824-4898.



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.





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Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jim Gorski, Our Lady's Shrine lamp is burning for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine light burns in loving memory of **Mary & Edward Miller** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski. Please also remember, especially in your prayers, those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory collection for January 7/8 was **\$2,130.00**. Fuel & Heat update **\$231.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Masses celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez

Masses are celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Wanda Donikowski** (Dick & Pat Mielnik), **Special Intention**.

Ministry Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to assist at the weekend Masses at St. Hedwig's: Altar servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at either the Saturday or Sunday Mass. If interested, please call the parish office on Wednesdays at 454-6232 or call Jim Gorski at 456-3766.

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 call the parish office on Wednesdays at 454-6232.

Our New Flutist

We are so pleased to welcome **Yvonne Nowosielski** to our choir. Yvonne will be the flutist at the 4:30pm Mass. She is also one of our altar servers.

Microwave Potato Bags

They are still available at the Remnant Store, 306 E. 11th Street. The potato bags were our fundraiser for 100th anniversary.

Monday, January 23

Day of Penance

Day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Ministry Schedule

January 28 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Servers

Jim Gorski
Jim Gorski
Portia & Yvonne
Nowosielski

January 29 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Server

Sharon Zielinski
Art Blum
Charlotte Mabie

What is the Church?

We could write volumes and never begin to scratch the surface of this human and divine mystery. She is the great sacrament of encounter with Christ. All that we need for salvation can be found in the Church. We need to remember that the Church is not only a human institution but also a divine one. The Church is literally the INCARNATION of Christ in a "visible" society, his contemporary earthly state. Those who view the Church as an intermediary that must be gone beyond or even dismissed to find Christ have it all wrong. Instead, it is through the Church that Christ gives himself to us.

Pray the Rosary Daily



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 21 Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 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 TACCONO)**Jan. 23 Monday, Weekday**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

**Jan. 24 Tuesday, St. Francis de Salles, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (PETER & JUDY PENTZ)

Jan. 25 Weds., The Conversion of St. Paul the apostle8:00 AM CHARLOTTE KURFIST
(THERESA, BARB & AMANDA JUCHNO)**Jan. 26 Thursday, Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops**8:00 AM CYNTHIA EDWARDS
(VIRGINIA & DICK YOUNG)**Jan. 27 Friday, St. Angela Merici, virgin**8:00 AM JOHN BATOREK
(JAN, DAVE, RICK & ROB RODEMS)**Jan 28 Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM JANE M. WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(ROSALIE TELLERS FAMILY)**Jan. 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM JOAN E. GILMORE - ST.H
(JAN, ANDY, BOBBY & JOE MALINOWSKI)10:30 AM ELEANOR CHIMENTI - ST.P
(EVELYN SKOVRON)**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**01/21** 10:00 AM—1:00 PM Confirmation Session
at Holy Rosary

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/22 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

01/23 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**01/24** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/25** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

01/26 7:00 PM Knights & Ladies Mtg.- PR**01/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions - St.P

01/29 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT (Gr. 9/10/11) –****this weekend, January 21/22.** Proceeds will be shared among three ministries: our "Sister Diocese" in Mexico; food pantries in our east side parishes; S.O.M.E. (*So Others Might Eat*), a ministry to the homeless and 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.**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN JANUARY and FEBRUARY–** Kdg–Gr 6: **Jan 22, 29; Feb 12, 19, 26.** Jr High & Sr High: **Jan 22; Feb 19.** Confirmation Sessions: **Jan 21/ Sat.→ mini-retreat; Feb19.****VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to assist in facilitating activities with our Jr High Youth. If you can share an hour or two and are willing to be a positive role model for our young people, please contact Venessa Cochran or Kathleen Kutz @ **454-6322**. The youth activities are scheduled to be once each month.**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

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Moving

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