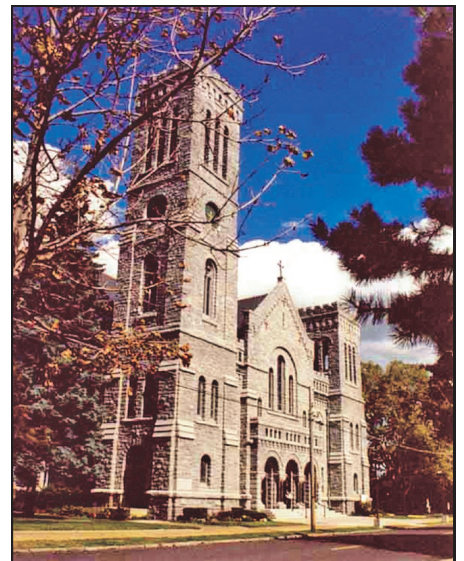


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and again we hear first from the prophet Isaiah, a reading we earlier heard during the Christmas season. The lands of Zebulun and Napthali were parts of the northern kingdom of Israel which had been occupied by

the Assyrian Empire. Isaiah recalls the pain and shame of that occupation and promises a future time of glory when these lands will become Galilee, west of the Jordan river.

Our second reading continues from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians. Scholars believe that there were originally three such letters, but today we only have two of them. The double endings of the first letter indicate that one letter has been lost. There is a great deal of rivalry and discord within the community and Paul urges them to change. Paul writes this letter from Ephesus and expresses concern that they have lost sight of the meaning of baptism. He reminds them that they were baptized in Christ Jesus, not in Paul's name or any other leader. Apollos was a fine orator and won the allegiance of the intelligentsia; Cephas (Peter) drew the loyalty of the Jewish members of the community; and Paul drew the pagan converts. Paul vents his frustration through three rhetorical questions.

In our gospel we are told that a great light has shone in Zebulun and Napthali, but the only one who can understand it (John the Baptizer) has just been thrown into prison. Ironically, John's imprisonment sets the stage for Jesus's proclamation of the reign of God; it's as if John's exit were the cue for Jesus's entrance. Jesus moves to Galilee and it is here, among the gentiles, and not his own people, that he begins his ministry. Matthew is again showing that the gentiles accept Jesus, but his own people reject him. Note again that Matthew cites an Old Testament prophecy to show how Jesus is now the fulfillment of that prophecy. Then he calls men to assist him and Matthew notes how they immediately responded and followed him. Matthew notes that they leave everything (nets, boats, even their own fathers.) Jesus enters people's lives and turns them upside down. And then Jesus immediately begins what will be the characteristics of his ministry: teaching, proclaiming, curing. We're told that Jesus heals every disease and illness among the people.

During Lent each year the diocese conducts the annual Catholic Services Appeal. We did not have the appeal the past two years because of our capital restoration campaign (though we still had to pay the assessment.) The goals for this year have arrived and our assessment at St. Patrick's continues to skyrocket. This year it will be \$42,350. My first year here (4 years ago), the assessment was \$26,616. Any money we raise above the assessment can remain in the parish, and I am hoping that we can raise money to help pay the debt on the restoration.

In looking back on the parish, the 2008/09 total parish income was \$160,000, a decline of 4% from the previous year. This past year, our total income was \$781,133 of which \$354,769 was payment on pledges for the restoration and the remaining \$427,000 from offertory, etc. In the audit which I had done by the diocese when I became pastor, the report notes that total weekend Mass attendance in 2009 was 107 people. During October of this year, our average total Mass attendance was over 1,000 people. There were 291 families registered in the parish in 2009 and today we are just under 700 families.

Cardinal Walter Kasper gave an interview to the German newspaper *Die Zeit* recently which was later picked up by Vatican radio in which he said, "Christians who want to live by faith with the church, who acknowledge that they have made mistakes by the breaking of a first marriage, which they also regret, for them it should be a way back fully to participate in Christian and ecclesial life." He went on to say that the rules will shortly be changed to allow divorced and remarried Catholics to be admitted to Holy Communion. He also said, "Turning someone away from the communion rail—one doesn't do that."

Our neighboring Russian Church of the Nativity will again open their Social Center from Feb. 12-26 for homeless people to have a meal and stay overnight. They are in need of volunteers to cook/serve a meal for approximately 40 people as well as people to take shifts during the night. Supervisors will always be there. In December 7 of our parishioners volunteered and I'm hoping that some of you will again. An informational meeting will be held Wed., Jan. 29, at 6 PM at the Social Center (2nd & German). Contact Daria

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

daria@churchofthenativity.net or by calling her at 460-5387.

If any St. Patrick parishioner would like a statement of contributions for 2013 for income tax purposes, please call the parish office and we will send one to you.

We have a group of volunteers who will bring in a few meals for the first few days that a new mother is home from having a baby, someone is back home recovering from surgery, etc. Please call the parish office, and we'll take it from there.

The leak we had high on the east wall of St. Patrick's church has definitely been sealed. Water was coming in through a break in the mortar. The contractor who discovered and repaired it told me to wait at least 6 months for that area to completely dry and then we can go up there and paint the damaged area. We have also stopped a leak in the vestibule above the west door. Again we are waiting for that to completely dry and we will restore it.

I am lecturing on Monday, February 3rd, at 7 PM at the Jefferson Society on Pope Francis. The lecture is open to the public but you must register by contacting them. I believe there is a \$10 fee for people to attend the lecture. It is titled, "Pope Francis: Taking the World by Storm."

The minister's five year old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why. "Well, honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant. "I'm asking God to help me preach a good sermon." "How come he doesn't answer?" she asked.

A preacher was completing a sermon on temperance when he exclaimed, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even great emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I would throw it in the river." And finally, "If I had all the whiskey in the world, I would throw it in the river." After he sat down for a moment of silence, the organist announced "Our closing hymn today is #365—'Shall We Gather at the River?'"

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We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Genevieve Gorski** who passed away January 12th. We also thank God for the gift that Genevieve was to her parish family here at Saint Hedwig. For many years "Jean" was part of our choir and soloist and was also an officer of the Rosary Society and dedicated much of her life to it. 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 in loving memory of **Anthony Kantorowski** requested by the Juchno family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by his son, Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$979.00**, Campaign for Human Development Update **\$143.00**, Religious Retirement Update **\$347.00**, Catholic Communications **\$150.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Consider Carmel as a Vocation

The Carmelite Order of Nuns ministry is in and for the Church and the Diocese of Erie—praying constantly for all its needs and intentions, including for our bishop, priests, sisters and lay people. If you have ever wondered if Carmel may be for you, visit the website to see a glimpse of their vocation and way of life at www.eriecd.org/Carmelites.asp

It is by Religion that we fulfill the purpose for which we are created. By believing what God has revealed, we know God. By knowing God, we cannot help but love Him. By practicing what we learn and obeying God's commands, we serve Him. The Lord Jesus says: "He who has My Commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me." (John 14:21)

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>February 1</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>February 2</u> Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	Tom Kurpiewski Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6623.63 and \$682.00 for a total of \$7,305.63.** We also received **\$544.00 for Catholic Communication.** 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 the **Nemergut & Winiarczyk Families** from John & Irene Nemergut, **The Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Helen Starnar Larocca** from Frank & Sadie Randazzo, in memory of **Al Flak** from David & Diane Lauer also donations from the Barber Center Employee Service Fund, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi and Mrs. Karen Euliano.

Transitions Support Group This Weekend

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, January 26th from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. RSVP's not necessary. Visit our website at: www.eriescd.org/transitions.asp Come as you are; you are always welcome. This month's topic is: "Who am I now that I'm single?"

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

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. KRIEGL'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.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Tom Golab, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Pae, Tim Scully, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Juliette Morales

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Baczun

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

The February Minister schedule is available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Also available are lists of the ministers for your use in finding substitutes.

If anyone is interested in joining a ministry, please contact the office at 454-8085, ext. 1. We really need altar servers—adults or children. If you or your child is interested, please call the office at the number listed above. Training is provided.

OPEN HOUSES :

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

Villa Maria Elementary School
Sunday, January 26th from 1-3PM

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



Applications are now available for STAR Foundation and Bishop's Tuition Assistance scholarships to attend Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie. To obtain an application, go to a local Catholic school or online at www.eriescd.org/pdf/schools/tuition14-15.pdf. The due dates are March 1 for Erie high schools and March 31 for all other schools. Applications should be mailed directly to the address on the bottom of the last page. Applications will not be accepted at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie.



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Jan. 25 Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

Jan. 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM CLARE KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS)-ST.P

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

10:30 AM VIRGINIA HIEGEL - ST.P

(PATRICK & MARY KEARNEY & FAMILY)

Jan. 27 Monday, Weekday, Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Jan. 28 Tuesday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM HELEN LARocca (SR. MARIE)

Jan. 29 Wednesday, Weekday8:00 AM MAX KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, ANN)**Jan. 30 Thursday, Weekday**8:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI, ANNIV.
(LOUANN & FAMILY)**Jan. 31 Friday, Saint John Bosco, Priest**

8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ (JEAN BEALE & FAMILY)

Feb. 1 Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM MIEDY PLIZGA, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI - ST.P
(RON & KATHY DOMBROWSKI)**Feb. 2 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM CHARLES JOIN (CARL & ALICE CARLOTTI)-ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT, SOPHIE & ALEX ZALEWSKI AND
THOMAS ZALEWSKI - ST.H
(ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI)

10:30 AM NICHOLAS MALY, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBERSt.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent

01/25 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

01/26 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary
NO classes for grades 7-10**01/28** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/29** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/01** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/02 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary
1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary**A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Reading II: 1 Corinthians
1:10-13,17

Gospel: Mathew 4:12-23

This week's gospel lifts up the image of light as it portrays the beginning of Jesus' ministry. To follow Jesus is an invitation to be light for others, for the world. His disciples were ordinary people, who responded in faith. Jesus lit up their hearts and they followed. Jesus' voice comes to us today in many ways - when we use our gifts and talents. How do you bring light to the people in your life?

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

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