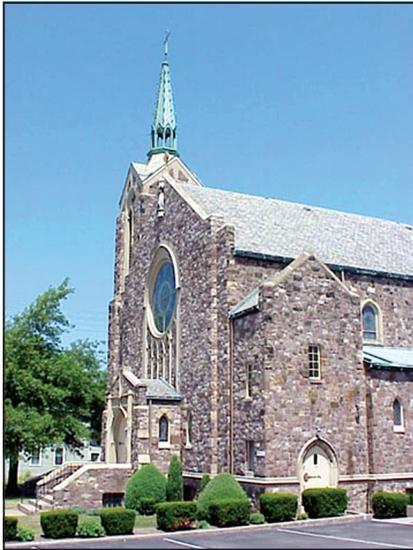


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



Saint Hedwig Parish

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DAILY MASS
Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

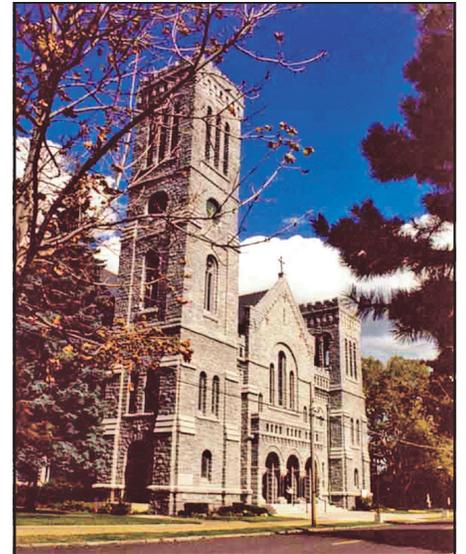
SATURDAY EVENING MASS
Saint Hedwig 4:30 PM
Saint Patrick 5:00 PM

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**



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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 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from Deuteronomy. The Jewish people never said God's name aloud. To say his name was to call him into their presence and they felt that they could never be in his presence. Here Moses announces God's decision to send a prophet like himself whom they need not fear, for the people believed a direct encounter with God would result in death, since no mortal could survive God's presence. But God warns that intermediaries can bring problems, for some may ignore the words the prophet speaks in God's name. And God reminds them sternly that if they do so, "I myself will make him answer." Originally the passage referred to the whole line of prophets, but would later be refined to refer to Jesus.....Again our second reading comes from Corinthians and Paul is trying to answer their questions about marriage and sexuality. The problem is, taken out of context, the passage makes little sense and may even alienate some listeners. Paul's main intent may be best found in the first and last sentence where he is trying to be pastoral. Paul, like most early Christians believed that time was running out, that Christ would soon come again and so he urges people to maintain the status quo.....In our gospel, we finally turn to Mark and encounter an unclean spirit in the synagogue where Jesus is teaching. The people sense his authority, and the "spirit" knows who he is encountering and calls Jesus out. His tactic serves only to demonstrate further Jesus' character. The exorcism serves Mark's purpose of demonstrating Jesus' authority, though it's not his power to perform miracles that Mark wants to accent; rather the depth and power of his teaching. Driving out the spirit simply validates the supremacy of that teaching. The miracles says here is one whose authority is manifest in both word and deed.....I've just finished preparing a brochure that will be sent to all parishioners within the next few weeks concerning our upcoming restoration of St. Patrick's Church. I hope you will sit down as a family and review our goal, what funds we need to generate and decide together what you can do as a family to support this project. I think when you see the way it is broken apart and how manageable it will be for all us, you'll agree that this is very possible. We're going to conduct this appeal during Lent and hopefully have our pledges by Easter. To date, we have slightly more than \$250,000 raised toward our \$850,000 goal meaning we have yet to raise \$600,000—a sum significantly lower than what was raised here in the late 90s to undertake the restoration of the Stations, repairing the stained glass windows and pointing the exterior of the building. I know we can do this. I know we can.....Bishop Trautman has told me that we cannot begin this work until I have raised 50% of the necessary funds. I feel fully confident that we can do that and still be ready to start the work in mid-August.....Rick Statz from the Conrad Schmitt Studios is coming to Erie this week to spend a day with Chip Wachter, a parishioner and an architect who has been very involved with the Restoration Committee. At this time we'll decide where the "mock-up" will go and zero in on some dates.....I need to say something about weddings, and if I sound uncommonly stern—I am. Marriage is a sacrament in which two people give themselves to each other and seek God's help in pursuing that noble goal. However, some of the hysteria that surrounds weddings is beyond your comprehension. Brides have to learn to put this into proper perspective. It is a joyful time, a time to create a special day but it needs to be calmed down in many cases. What is now happening is that brides for 2013 are reserving a place for their reception and then calling here wanting that date for their wedding only to discover that it is not available. The hysterics which follow are beyond anything I've ever seen. Let me state clearly again our policy. NO wedding date is reserved at St. Patrick's Church until the reservation form is completed and accepted by the parish office. No exceptions and no further discussion. With the large number of weddings requested here, we have to do it this way.....Villa Maria Elementary School is hosting an Open House Sunday, January 29, from 1-3 PM. You can explore options available at their website www.velementary.com..... The American bishops have just received a report on the decline of Catholic chaplains for our military. There are presently 275,000 troops being served by only 198 active Catholic chaplains. That number of chaplains is down from 400 in 2001.....All of the priests from the Erie East Deanery are meeting this week to begin discussions on how we better coordinate things such as the unnecessary duplication of holyday Masses at which most of the churches are only 25% full. We're also trying to begin to coordinate with priests in other deaneries what we will say to the new bishop regarding the downsizing of Catholic schools and parishes. It is inevitable that it has to happen, and it's going to be very painful for a lot of people. How do we make it less painful? How do we make the decisions? One criterion will be spiritual viability, ie., are there more baptisms than deaths. A second would be financial considerations and finally proximity to another Catholic church.....A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin who was 5 and Ryan, age 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson and said, "If Jesus were sitting here, he would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" At that, Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."



INCOME TAX INFORMATION: Cheryl Bates, Director of Pre-Tax, a branch of the United Way will be at the St. Patrick 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 and parishioners of both parishes. Stop by to find answers to your tax questions.



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,962.01**, and **\$166.15** for Faith Magazine. Thank you for your generosity.

Please note: The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 31st.

Please keep in your prayers the family of **Pierina Turco** who passed away on January 18th. May her 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 **Beverly Hartigan** from Cheryl (Quinn) McKnight, Pat Quinn, and Theresa (Quinn) Friley; The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Justine Burger and Agnes O'Brien** from Chuck Burger; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Mary (Dolan) Poulson and Andrew Dolan** from Bill and Betty Filipkowski.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 4, 2011 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Yvonne Gersims
Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: *Brendan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, February 5, 2011 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Audrey Reigel, Colleen Welch
Mary Kearney*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, Charla Leemhuis*

Altar Servers: *Leah Taccone, Andrew Wilcox*

Ushers: *David Taccone, David Wilcox,
Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith*

The February Minister Schedule has been emailed to everyone who provided an email address. Extra copies of the schedule are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Please remember that you must check in at the Gift Shop when you arrive at Church. Otherwise, Alice is searching for people who were scheduled and finding substitutes for those who don't show up. You are responsible for finding your own substitute. Names and phone numbers are available for each ministry in the Gift shop. Please call or email the office with your availability in March.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHOIR, PLEASE SEE MARK (OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR) AFTER EITHER MASS. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS WE RAISE OUR VOICES IN SONG TO PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD!

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.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE—2012 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Sunday, January 29, at 2:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek, 6724 Buffalo Road, Harborcreek. Guest Speaker: Sister Mary Ellen Plumb, OSB. Sponsored by Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County (814) 454-2411 the material this year was prepared by a working group composed of representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and Old Catholic and Protestant Churches active in **Poland**. It was decided to focus on a theme that is concerned with the transformative power of faith in Christ, particularly in relation to our praying for the visible unity of the Church, the Body of Christ...

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II: 1Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



This week we reflect on what it means for us to recognize God's presence in our lives. Paula D'Arcy, a speaker/author about spirituality, puts it this way: God comes to you disguised as your life; "How closely are you paying attention to where God's truth and your recognition meet in your life these days?"



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Felicia Purzycki** requested by her daughter Harriet, Our Lady's Shrine lamp is burning in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his great-grandchildren, and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Stanley Kurpiewski** requested by Tom & Carol Kurpiewski. Please also remember, especially in your prayers, those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

We offer our sincerest condolences to Tom Kurpiewski and his family on the death of Tom's wife, **Carol Kurpiewski**, who passed away last week. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our offertory collection for January 14/15 was **\$1,067.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Masses celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez

Masses are celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Harry Niewolak** (Charlotte & John Yanosko), **Victor Glembocki Sr.** (Chet & Regie Loncki,; **Jean Baginski** (Barbara Sauer).

We are forming a choir at St. Hedwig's. We would like volunteers to sing at either Mass. If interested, call the parish office on Wednesdays at 454-6232.

Microwave Potato Bags

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

Catholic Service Appeal

Commitment Sunday is February 19th. Our goal this year is \$10,200. The goal amount goes directly to the Diocese. The over goal amount remains at St. Hedwig's.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The breakfast is scheduled for April. More information coming. We are preparing several Theme Baskets to be raffled at the breakfast. Any donations for the baskets would be appreciated.

Reminder:

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary before the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, February 12th starting at 8:30am. Please join us. To join the Holy Name call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467.

AT THE END OF OUR LIFE, WE SHALL ALL BE JUDGED BY CHARITY.ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Ushers for February

4:30pm Usher needed
Richard Mielnik

9:00am Tom Kurpiewski
Tony Wernicki

February 4 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister Dolly Bargielski
Reader Dolly Bargielski
Altar server Charlotte Mabie

February 5 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister Peter Pentz
Reader Don Moehler
Altar servers Breanne & Nicholas Hayes

Simple Living

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta provides an authentic and familiar example of simple living in response to the call of the Lord. This simple woman of faith wowed Presidents and First Ladies, Kings and Queens and United Nations assemblies. This simple woman, from one of the poorest areas of the world, mixed with the world's most powerful and prestigious people. It wasn't her dress, her jewels, nor her position that drew people to her. It was her authentic love of God, her simple words, simple life, simple faith. So, it is only when we do away with the clutter in our lives that there is room for God. Only then do we truly profit because God provides and sustains us now, and forever into the future. The simpler the heart's response, the more room for God's grace.

PRAY THE ROSARY



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Jan. 30 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Jan. 31 Tuesday, St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00 AM ROBERT DOMBROWSKI
(JEAN & FRANK WORZNAK)

Feb. 01 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM PIERINA TURCO (SR. MARIE)

Feb. 02 Thursday, The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 AM MONICA ZAWADZKI
(DAVE & BILL SCHLAUDECKER)

**Feb. 03 Friday, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop**

8:00 AM JOSEPH WITKOWSKI (DOROTHY MIELNIK)

Feb. 04 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS-ST.H

5:00 PM CHARLOTTE SERTZ, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 05 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM MADY PLIZGA, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. DONALD PASTORE)

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

- 01/28 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 01/29 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
- 01/30 7:00 PM MM Novena - St.P
- 01/31 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/01 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP
- 7:00 PM RCIA - R
- 02/04 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
- 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



SUPER BOWL PANCAKE

BREAKFAST – The annual *Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast* to benefit the children and youth of the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* will be served up by the Knights of Columbus, **Sunday, February 5th**

from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at Holy Rosary, East 28th Street. **Adults – \$7, Children – \$4, Under Age 4–FREE.**

CHILD PROTECTION– A CD/Video and discussion on **Child Protection/Safe Environment** will be given by Ms Kim Lytle from the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Erie to the children (Kdg–Gr 6) and youth (Gr 9–10) at their scheduled Faith Formation sessions **February 19th**. The material being presented is age appropriate for each group. These presentations are mandated by the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* and must be done annually. All parents are invited to attend the session with their child(ren).

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: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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