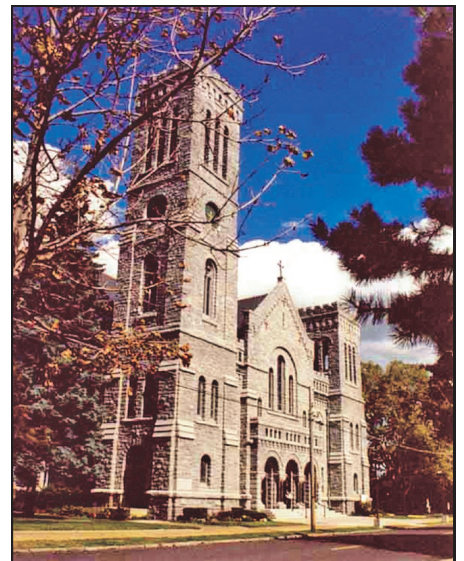


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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.***



In older understandings of the liturgical year, today's feast, forty days after Christmas, brought the celebration of the Nativity to a formal conclusion. The day was previously known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and

focused on Mary's observance of the Jewish legal requirements for purification after child bearing. That perspective is gone and today the feast celebrates another manifestation of Jesus. The Epiphany marked Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles; today Jesus is manifest to his own people as the fulfillment of their messianic hopes.

Our first reading comes from the last book of the Old Testament, written at a time when Israel's faith was low and even the priests had become negligent in observing the law. The prophet warns of a "great and terrible day," a day of reckoning that few will endure. God will send a messenger in anticipation of that day who will appear in the temple. Matthew identifies John the Baptist as this messenger. This reading is the basis of Luke seeing Jesus as Malachi's Lord.

In coming to faith, one encounters many stumbling blocks. One of these is the humanity of Jesus and his suffering. Early Christians struggled with the notion that Jesus is human like us. In the verses preceding today's reading, the author argues that Jesus accepted human existence and for a time lived "lower than the angels," but now reigns in glory above all. Since siblings share blood and flesh, Jesus, our true brother, also had to share in them. By entering human experience and accepting the ultimate destiny of all mortal life—the grave—Jesus was able to destroy death. The central theme of Hebrews is that Jesus intercedes for those who continue to be tested.

Malachi's prophetic words find ultimate fulfillment in this gospel. Jesus is presented in the temple where a spirit-filled man recognizes him as the fulfillment of prophecy. Simeon alludes to Isaiah's second song of the Suffering Servant when he speaks of Jesus as a "light for the Gentiles." Another elderly person in the temple—Anna—also recognizes Jesus as the hope of Israel. We leave Matthew today and hear from Luke who presents what amounts to a second Epiphany, this time to the Israelites rather than the Gentiles. While Anna's response is all praise, Simeon's

casts a shadow. His penetrating vision sees how the child will one day bring turmoil and dissension and how his mother's heart will be pierced.

I recently ran a blurb in the bulletin asking if anyone wanted to join a Bible Study. A significant number of people indicated they would IF I would teach it!!! Not sure I want to take on one more thing at this time, but I'll do 4 Introductions to the Scripture classes during Lent. They will be on a Thursday morning from 10—11 AM. If less than 20 people show up, we'll hold it in the weekday chapel. If more, we can go into the church. I'll put together some handouts that should help you better understand the Scriptures. If you are planning to attend, can you please call the office so I can have an idea of how many handouts to print. I can't tell you how thrilled I am at this type of an interest in the Scriptures.

The Scripture classes will be held on March 6, 13, 20 and April 3 from 10-11 AM in either the church or the weekday chapel.

You're probably wondering if we're ever going to get the restroom in St. Patrick's Church finished. It has literally been the restroom from hell. We started in August!!! We're now waiting for the new door which will be placed on the southeast tower room entry to the restroom. It was ordered over 3 months ago, but the company discovered a few weeks ago that they forgot to order it. The plaster, etc. is all repaired, painting done, plumbing in place and once we get the door we should be finished. This was the men's restroom and it will now become the women's and we will start work on the other restroom. There is also a restroom behind the main altar. You can access it via the weekday chapel.

This past week, we hosted the choir members and their spouses for drinks and dinner at the rectory. The week prior to that we had the group who care for the Stations of the Cross in for a similar evening. This Wednesday evening we will host the Eucharistic Ministers and their spouses. We still have the lectors, ushers and greeters. Last year we did all of them together and it was fine, but we thought this year we would invite the spouses to join so we broke them into smaller groups. Next year, we're going to try to have everyone together again and do it in the Watson - Curtze Mansion.

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

Remember also that we always welcome parishioners who wish to serve in one of these rolls. Your participation in the ministry of the Mass is extremely important, and if you are interested in becoming a lector, Eucharistic Minister, usher, greeter, join the choir, etc., we more than welcome you. Just call the parish office and someone will contact you and train you.

We have been meeting to plan the 2014 Irish Festival and soon we'll be able to meet with all of the committee chairs to present our proposal for the layout, etc. to be able to bring the festival back into the neighborhood. We already have permission to close Fourth Street between French and Holland and to fence the area. We are now getting bids on tents, port-a-potties, etc. We plan to tent the parking lot behind the rectory and that will be the food area. The stage will be in the middle of Fourth St. It's exciting but it does involve a lot of work. I'm grateful again for Cal Pifer's leadership with this.

I will lecture on Monday evening at 7 PM at the Jefferson Society. Topic is "Pope Francis: Taking the World by Storm." It is open to the public but reservations are needed by calling the Jefferson Society. I believe the fee is \$10.

Have you ever considered including your parish in your estate planning. Both of our parishes have old buildings which are constantly in need of maintenance. We have the St. Patrick's Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance of St. Patrick's Church. A gift in your estate can make a major difference for us.

A man brings his best friend home for dinner unannounced, arriving at 5:30, after they finish work. His wife meets them in the hallway and goes ballistic at him. She begins screaming at him while his friend stands there and listens. "My hair and makeup aren't done, the house is a mess, the dishes aren't washed, I'm still in my robe and besides I can't be bothered cooking tonight. What in the world did you bring him home for?" The husband replies....."Because he's thinking of getting married."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by Pete & Judy Pentz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski 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 **\$1,054.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Please Join Us

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary before the 9am Mass on Sunday, February 9 beginning at 8:30am.

Scholarship Applications now available

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.eriecd.org/pdf/schools/tuition14-15pdf. 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.

Mark Your Calendars: St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 6th

Putting Our Faith into Practice

Frequently remind yourself that you will be accountable to God and someday be judged and held accountable by God.

We should *form the habit* of making an act of perfect contrition as often as possible. It is only necessary to raise our hearts to God in pure love, and say some such words as: **"O my God, I am sorry I ever offended Thee (You), because Thou (You) art so good, and I love Thee (You)!"**

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

| | <u>February 8</u> | <u>February 9</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | Saturday | Sunday |
| | 4:30 PM | 9:00 AM |
| Lectors | Dave Widomski | Barb Juchno |
| Eucharist | Dave Widomski | Judy Pentz |
| Ushers | Ron Helminski | Tom Kurpiewski |
| | Richard Mielnik | Tony Wernicki |
| Altar Servers | Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski | Charlotte Mabie |



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,895.48** and **\$607.00** from online giving for a total of **\$5,502.48**; **\$56.00** for the **Faith Communication Campaign**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 **James Pace Sr.** from the Power Family; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Harry & Rita Caldwell** from Renee Calabrese; in memory of **Toni Dillou & Paul Staub** from Anne & Paul Causgrove; in memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long; in memory of **Irene Loudon** from Rosemarie McMahon; in memory of **Helen Wright** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski; in memory of **Mary Anne Welsh** from Mary Beth & Richard Wachter and her siblings Sue, Sandy & Bill; also donations from Joe & Jill Blaga Walz, Lynda & Thomas Cook, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Debra & James Murray and Genny & Ed Chizewick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Kathleen Haslett*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ray Fiorelli, Lynne Long, Chris Sanner*

Greeters: *Judy Kelley + 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Addie Babinsack, Owen Babinsack*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Charla Leemhuis, Cyndi Pristello, Forrest Mischler*

Greeters: *Norann Brugger, Charla Leemhuis*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

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

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

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 are interested, please call the office at the number listed above. Training is provided.

Transitions: A Monthly Peer Support Group

Are you Widowed, Separated or divorced? Consider attending Transitions, a peer support group offered monthly at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This month's topic is: "The Many Faces of Grief". Call 814-824-1265 or email: familylife@erieRCD.org for more information. Visit us at: www.erieRCD.org/transitions.asp

Cancer Support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holyltrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, February 21, 2014.

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 Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4

Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



In the Spirit of Simeon and Anna, this week we reflect on the process of waiting, the experience of waiting. Waiting is not easy, and it is up to us how we deal with it when it is filled with expectation, anxiety, wonder, and challenge. When has waiting been difficult for you? When has waiting brought you closer to God?



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

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Feb. 1 Saturday, Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord**

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

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI - ST.P
(RON & KATHY DOMBROWSKI)**Feb. 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

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

Feb. 3 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 4 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS)

Feb. 5 Wednesday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 AM RAYMOND BOROWY (BRADLEY FISH FAMILY)

Feb. 6 Thursday, Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)**Feb. 7 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Feb. 8 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM PETER WERNICKI (PAT WERNICKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM GRACE DIETZ (MADELINE LYNCH) - ST.P

Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM COLLEEN GRESSLEY (BARB & MIKE CROSS)-ST.P

9:00 AM JOE WITKOWSKI (DOROTHY MIELNIK) - ST.H

10:30 AM MADELINE STEPHANY - ST.P
(JOE & MORA NILAND GRREN)**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

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

1:00 PM Session 6 Confirmation Preparation

02/04 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/08** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/09 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY –**Grades K - 6 and Jr and Sr High:**Feb. 2, 16, 23** at the regularly scheduled times. Please Note:
There are NO Faith Formation sessions Feb. 9th.**CONFIRMATION SESSIONS – Feb. 2 and 23****CATECHIST INSERVICE** – The *Catechist Inservice* is at Holy Rosary, **Sunday, Feb. 9th at 9:00 am** for Catechists teaching Grades K–6.

We thank the John J. Quinn Funeral Home for advertising in our parish bulletin. See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

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E-MAIL: _____

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