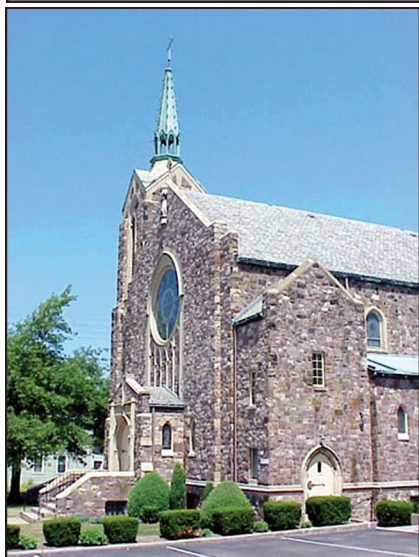


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

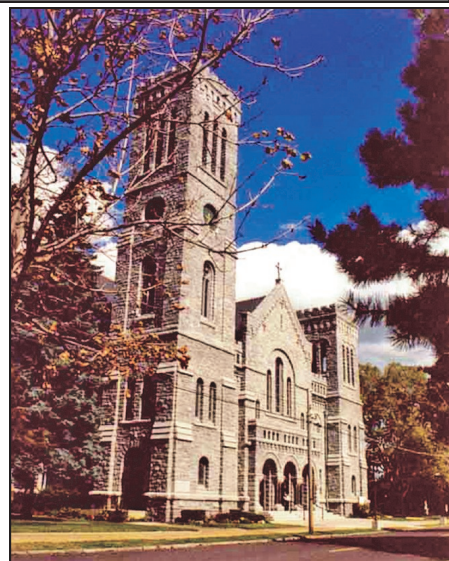
Holy Day

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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear again from Isaiah. In the verses immediately preceding today's reading, God asks those who have just returned from exile what spiritual discipline pleases him. His answer is clear. It is not ritual fasting, but doing justice and tending to the needs of the poor. Our treatment of others manifests the quality of our relationship with God. Right behavior makes our light shine "like the dawn," an image that connects this reading with today's gospel where Jesus calls his disciples "the light of the world." The theme of epiphany (manifestation) continues in today's readings, reminding us that we are called to become living manifestations of God's love in the same way Jesus was a living sacrament of God, manifesting divine love by surrendering his very life. Today's reading gives the returning exiles hope that Israel can be restored to its former glory IF they embrace God's justice and mercy. Note that the light replaces the gloom not only because of grand gestures, like removing poverty and oppression, but also because of small gestures, like retracting our pointed fingers and taming our tongues.

In our second reading Paul takes up the great stumbling block of Christianity, the weak and vulnerable Messiah who was crucified. He applies that weakness to his own suffering for he was imprisoned, beaten and would eventually be martyred. Paul seems to say that he doesn't have the preaching skills of some of the other orators in Corinth; all he has is the wisdom that human wisdom cannot save us; only the power of the cross can do so.

Matthew today addresses the need for us to continue to be an epiphany (manifestation) of God's love and mercy. He suggests that the role of being the light of the world has now passed to the Gentile nations. Understanding and prizing our status as "salt," "light," and "a city built upon a mountain" does not exempt us from the responsibility of manifesting who we are. And so we perform good deeds, not to glorify ourselves but to glorify God and to cast light onto God's mercy in a way that draws others into a relationship with him.

This is a very strange request and one that could be pure torture! I've been asked by a number of

people to put my homilies on discs by topic. I'm wondering if there would be some people in the parish who would be willing to go to the web page, listen to the homily and then try to give it a title and a one line sentence describing it. For example, the September 8, 2013 homily I would title "What Do We Believe" and describe it as "An understanding of the difference between doctrine, teachings, disciplines and practices in the Catholic Church." If anyone is interested perhaps you could take a month or two of them and see if you could title and describe them. If interested, please contact me. Several months are already done.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Father Dennis Martin, chaplain at St. Vincent's. Celebrant of the 8 and 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's next Sunday as well as the 9 AM at St. Hedwig's will be Msgr. Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's.

Later this month, all parishioners will receive a letter outlining the 2014 Catholic Services Appeal. Each year, each parish is assessed a set amount which has to be paid the diocese. Those monies are then used toward the education of priests, for retired priests, Catholic Charities, the Marriage Tribunal, etc. Any money raised beyond the assessment remains in the parish. Our assessment at St. Patrick's this year is \$42,350 and at St. Hedwig's is \$11,803. We did not conduct the appeal the past two years at St. Patrick's because of our capital campaign, but I still had to pay the assessment each year. I'm hoping this year that we can raise extra funds at St. Patrick's to apply toward the debt on the restoration. Any extra monies at St. Hedwig's will go into operating expenses. I hope you'll consider participating in the appeal this year. I really need your help.

I am going to be teaching an Introduction to the New Testament during Lent. The classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 10-11 AM either in the church or the weekday chapel depending on the number of people. Classes will be March 6, 13, 20 and April 3. You will not need to purchase a book as I am preparing handouts that I can give you and you can keep for future reference. I'm going to focus primarily on the four gospels, how they differ, where they are similar, how each one is unique, etc. I'm going to do the final

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

class on the Passion Narratives, the stories each of the evangelist tell us about the suffering and death of Christ. While there is consistency in the four of them, I think you'll be amazed at the differences and how each of them treat the moment differently. I have to add that I am thrilled that so many people are interested in learning more about the Scriptures. As I have said many times, the greatest failure of the church is that we have not taught people the wonder of these words.

I'm starting the interviews with bridal couples for 2014, and we've got a full house again this year. At this point, the only dates left open are May 24, August 9, November 1, November 22 and November 29. The diocese tells me that there are more weddings at St. Patrick's than in any other parish in the diocese. Right behind us is the cathedral.

All of the Erie priests met recently with Bishop Persico to be updated on the planning committee for the reconfiguration of parishes. Data from the October report is being coordinated and then the committee will meet and begin their work. We also discussed ways in which we can help the poor and homeless of Erie. I'm happy to say that St. Patrick's is joining with our neighbors at the Russian Church of the Nativity in helping them as they host a homeless shelter during February.

Answers given in their 2nd grade religion class. "Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark."..."Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night."..."Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients."..."The sixth commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."..."Moses died before he ever reached the UK. Then, Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol."..."Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."..."When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."..."Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption."..."Jesus enunciated the Gold Rule, which says to do to others before they do one to you."..."The epistles were the wives of the apostles."..."A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Edward J. & Mary T. Miller** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Wanda Donikowski** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Peter Joseph Dubowski** requested by the Dubowski family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$902.00**. Thank you and God bless.

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

Vera Bradley Bingo

On Sunday, March 9 at 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gym, 1553 E. Grandview Blvd. Admission is \$20 in advance (including 20 games) or \$25 at the door. All winners receive a Vera Bradley handbag. In the event of multiple winners, there will be one winner and consolation prizes. Doors open at 1pm. Refreshments and food available, door prizes, instant tickets, Special Vera Bradley Raffle. Must be 18 years or older to attend. For tickets in advance, call the school office at 825-2822.

2013 Offertory Statements

If you need a statement for income tax purposes call the office at 454-6232.

Fuel & Heat Update

To date we have received \$250 for the gas bills. We appreciate your help.

What did Jesus Christ Our Lord promise to those who love Him and are loved by Him?

Jesus Christ promises eternal happiness to those who love Him. "I came so that they might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 16</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Rossi	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helinski	Tom Kurpiewski
	Richard Mielnik	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,407.30**, and **\$742.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,149.30** and **\$503.00** for **Second Harvest**. 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Nicholas Maly, Anniv.** from Sophie Maly and Family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathy Alessi; The **Food Pantry is sponsored** in memory of **Nancy Gallagher** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **David Schmidt** from Patricia Schmidt, in memory of **Carrie Giles, Jack & Dorothy McManus** from Sue Ellen & Liugi Pasquale, in memory of **Margaret Macmurdy** from Kathleen MacMurdy, also donations from Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Joel & Jill Balga-Walz, and Kathy & Pierre McCormick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Ed Brown,
Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Andrew Wilcox

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something online makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

COME FOR CHILI AND CHOCOLATE! SafeNet is hosting a fundraiser today at the Maennerchor from Noon to 4PM. Sample chili from 7 local restaurants and vote for your favorite. Enjoy samples from the Chocolate Fantasy table and take chances on the many auction items. Tickets are \$15/each or two for \$25. Age 6 and under are free.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School is sponsoring a **Wellness Fair** on Saturday, Feb. 15, in the school cafeteria, 538 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Wellness Fair will include three panel discussions and a number of booths dealing with physical fitness, emotional wellness, sleep, hygiene, yoga, nutrition and bullying. More than 15 area health vendors will participate. Give-away items and free samples will be available. **A grand-prize drawing for \$150 will be held.** The Wellness Fair is free and open to all age groups. Contact Tina Espin at 814-824-2161 or tespin@mpslakers.com for additional information.

Holy Trinity Church Lenten Pre-Orders The pre-orders will be taken from Jan. 30 – Feb. 17. Pierogis are \$14/dozen or \$8/half dozen. Potato pancake batter is \$10/tub. Orders will be available for pick-up at Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street in Erie. The pick-up dates are as follows: Sat., March 1 and Sun., March 2 following Mass. Fax orders to (814) 461-1150, call them in at (814) 456-0671 or mail orders to: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA 16503.

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. KRIEDEL'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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 GREEN)**Feb. 10** *Monday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 11 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 12 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 13 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 14 *Friday, Saint Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 15 *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in ordinary Time*4:30 PM AL JARZOMSKI - ST.H
(DOLLY AND LARRY BARGIELSKI)5:00 PM WILLIAM J. & JANE M. (WARD) CARNEY - ST.P
FAMILY**Feb. 16** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM FORREST SHORTS (WEBER FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO (CHARLOTTE MABIE) - ST.H

10:30 AM ALEX BARLEKOFF, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(ARLENE BARLEKOFF)**DATES TO REMEMBER**

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary

CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

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

02/08 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/09 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**02/11** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/12** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**02/15** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/16 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 58:7-10

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



From candles on a cake to the fireworks on the Fourth of July, light symbolizes the celebration of our existence and our values. From the lighthouse beacon to the hazard roadside signals, it also symbolizes potential dangers. It also illuminates our seeking, guiding a search party. We are called to actively seek our purpose in life, our understanding of why God created us. Pray for someone who has been a beacon of light for you in your life's journey.

We thank the Polish Falcons #610 for advertising in our parish bulletin. See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

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

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rector