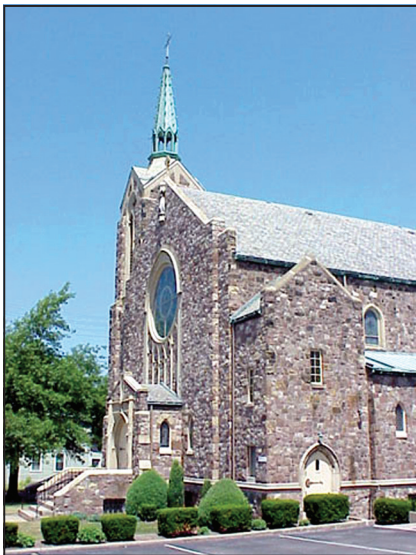


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 10:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

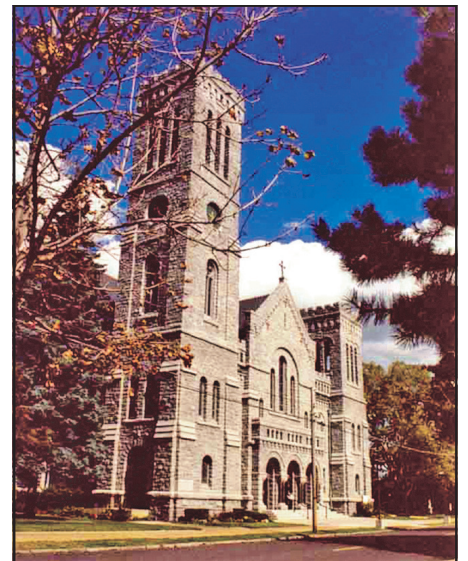
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Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

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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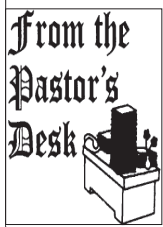
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Today is the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is from the OT Book of Leviticus, the third book of the Old Testament. As you listen to the reading, watch for the connection to the gospel, as is always the case. We're dealing with leprosy in both readings. In this reading, the response is stern and harsh. Leprosy was a two-fold threat. It is contagious and therefore dangerous in a world lacking modern medical remedies. In addition, there was a spiritual component: exposure to the disease rendered people spiritually unclean and disqualified them from participating in the community's worship. Ultimately, God is the speaker in this reading as he gives instructions meant for the safety and survival of the community.....In our second reading, we continue with I Corinthians. Paul is counseling his audience to do everything for God; to give no offense to either Jew or Greek or the church and he asks that we all imitate him.....Our gospel excerpt from Mark revisits leprosy. Mark is typically the most economic story teller among the evangelists, stating facts and quickly moving on. But of the three evangelists who tell today's story (Matthew & Luke also tell it), Mark not only delivers the most detail, but also the vivid and human. Scholars tell us that we have two stories dovetailed here: one which shows Jesus' pity toward the leper and another which shows his anger toward the spirit of leprosy. The dismissal statement ("warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.") they claim, is directed at the spirit, not the leper. If that's the case, it would explain why Jesus, after sending him away, is suddenly addressing the leper again and instructing him to "tell no one anything." Whatever the case, the heart of this gospel lies in the encounter between Jesus and the leper who pleads, "If you wish..." The man makes a claim on Jesus' compassion and Jesus reaches out and touches the man, thus rendering himself unclean and making him ineligible to enter the synagogue. But Jesus has bonded himself with the outcasts and puts their needs ahead of his own. Levitical law required a return visit to the priests to document one's healing, and while Jesus wants the leper to comply, he also asks the impossible—to tell no one. The leper immediately tells everyone. Mark seems to be telling us that the presence of God in Jesus is so great that it cannot be hidden; it will be found out....A new study by the Pew Research Center shows that cohabitation, single person households and single parenthood is on the rise, and that the percentage of Americans who are currently married is at an all-time low. In 1960, 72% of Americans over the age of 18 were married. Today, only 51% are. The study also shows that since 1972, the number of marriages celebrated in the Catholic Church has fallen nearly 60 percent. In 1972, there were 8.6 marriages in the church per 1,000 Catholics, but last year the figure was 2.6 church marriages for every 1,000 Catholics. The study shows that 55 percent of white Americans are married, 48 percent of Hispanics and only 31 percent of African-Americans (in 1960, 72 percent of Hispanics were married and 61 percent of African-Americans were married.) Also shown in the study is that the median age at first marriage has steadily risen. In 1960, the median age was 22.8 for men and 20.3 for women. Today is 26.5 for women and 28.7 for men.....During the month of December, the St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 15,501 pounds of food at a cost to the parish of \$1,356.05. That food was distributed to 752 families.....We have been fortunate that the costs of this undertaking is always borne by others; I've not had to put any parish money into it since coming here. People always step forward and make very generous contributions, and we had some during the Christmas season. The Sisters of St. Joseph recently made a \$700 donation toward this work....During 2011, the Food Pantry distributed a total of 284,707 pounds of food!!! The total costs involved were \$11,884.77. It is simply mind boggling when you stop and think of the monumental undertaking that this ministry is. What would some of these people do without it?....Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 22, and will be the beginning of 40 days of penitential acts combined with a more prayerful environment. Why not start thinking now of something that you can do to make this Lent more meaningful? One of the things that always impresses me here during Lent is that no matter what hour of the day I go into church, there are people saying the Stations of the Cross. There are both individuals and small groups who come from near and far to take advantage of these beautiful stations. I thank God daily for Father Peter Cauley's insightful wisdom in commissioning them in 1891 and then building this beautiful church to house them.....Also during Lent, we will be conducting the DSA appeal at St. Hedwig's while at St. Patrick's we will be conducting the drive to secure pledges and initial payments toward the restoration of the church.....I will be giving a lecture on the history of St. Patrick's Parish on Thursday, February 23, at 7:30 PM at the Jefferson Society. The lecture is open to the public but reservations are required.....Did you know that it currently costs the Diocese of Erie \$38,000 a year to educate each of our seminarians? God willing, we will ordain one new priest a year for the next 3 years. What a change! My ordination class in 1970 had 13 of us.....A little girl was watching her parents dress for an evening out. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "And why not, darling?" asked the father. To which his daughter replied, "Because it always gives you a headache the next morning."

MSGR. KRIEGLER'S HOMILIES NOW ON-LINE

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.
Go to saintpatrickparisherie.org Click on homilies on the bar to the right.





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,998.50** and **\$446.00** for the **Collection for Second Harvest**. Thank you for your generosity.

We are looking into “**on-line giving**”. To set up this convenience for our parishioners, we need at least 51 people to participate. If you are interested in this service, please indicate that on your offertory envelope, email the office at stpats@neo.rr.com or call the office at 454-8085.

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 **Lucile Bender** from Dick & Mary Beth Wachter, Peggy Schaaf, Linda & Dave Ragen; 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 **Kathy Alessi** in memory of deceased family members; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Helen Farmer** from Glen and Nancy Meyer.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Lynne Long
Carolyn Power*

Greeters: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Mary Beth Graml*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Cindy Pristello, Mary Pristello
Arlene Barlekoff*

Greeters: *Gail Arneman, Arlene Miller*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Tom Welch, Paul Kaiser*

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin*

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45



This week's scriptures invite us to witness a miracle of healing. Aren't we all in need of a healing touch from Jesus? We experience this through the sacrament of reconciliation, when we forgive someone, when we mend a broken relationship. Sometimes it's a healing word; sometimes it's extending a hand or a gentle touch. How do you provide a healing touch to others?

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!

The Ave Maria Care & Concern Society will hold their monthly meeting today. If you would like to see what the “Ave” is all about, feel free to join them in the Pascal Room at 11:30 am. The Pascal Room is located near the doors on the east side of the rear of the Church. We would enjoy your company.

IRISH CULTURAL SOCIETY—Start your St. Patrick's Day Celebration off with the Irish Hooley, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Society, February 25th at St. John's Lutheran Parish Center, 23rd and Peach. Performing for the first time in Erie will be Donal O' Shaugnessy and Brian Hyland. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Rince Na Tiarna Irish dancers will perform at 8. Music starts at 8:30. There will be corn beef sandwiches, hotdogs and salt potatoes available for purchase. Celtic Auction, Irish steeple chase, and games of chance. Beer and setups included in price. Tickets are \$20 and available at Tipperary West, 3026 Cherry St.

ST PATRICK'S HAVEN is a shelter for homeless men. One of the ministries provided to them by the parishioners of St. Patrick Parish is a meal on the fourth Sunday of the month. To continue this ministry, we need your help. If you would be willing to participate, you would be required to prepare a meal (ex. casseroles, pastas, soups, foods that can serve a group of 21 guests). You do not need to serve the meal. Just drop it off at the shelter. We have a critical need for volunteers for a meal on February 26th. If you are interested, please contact Kay Mannino at 860-7890. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

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.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by his wife and children, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz.

Our offertory collection for February 3/4 was **\$1,115.00** and the Heat & fuel update **\$381.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Masses Celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez:

Masses are celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Raymond Borowy** (Gary & Laura Borowy), **Harriet Michalski** (Carrie & Bill Wrbican), **Mary Elizabeth Fuller** (Nick & Joan Konzal).

Microwave Potato Bags

The potato bags are still available at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th St. Erie. This project was a fundraiser for our 100th anniversary.

Faith Music Festival

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Girard (1001 Main St. East (Rt.20) is hosting a FREE Faith Music Festival on Sunday, February 19 from 12:30 until 7:00pm. A different local Christian band will perform each hour while you enjoy the food, Chinese Auction and more....

- 1pm - Los-1 (Christian Rap)
- 2pm - Manna (Acoustical Soft Christian Rock)
- 3pm - Selah Praise Band (Praise & Worship)
- 4pm - Blue No More (Christian Blues)
- 5pm - Blood Tree (Christian Rock)

Admission and parking is free. Call the parish if you need more information 774-4108. Sponsored by For Arts Sake/For Heaven's Sake.

PRAY THE ROSARY



Ministry Schedule

February 18 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister	Dave Widomski
Reader	Dave Widomski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

February 19 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister	Tom Zielinski
Reader	Peter Pentz
Altar Servers	Breanne & Nicholas Hayes

Cancer Support Group

Whether yours or a loved one's, CANCER IS UP-SETTING! It helps to tell your story, to express your thoughts and feelings. We meet from 7 to 8:15pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Erie: entrance in the back of the building on the west side; door marked with a red "C" in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room. There is no charge. For more information, call Deacon Tom at 456-0671.

Holy Trinity Mardi Gras Celebration

Come to Holy Trinity Parish, the corner of 23rd & Reed Sts. Erie on Sunday, February 19 from 12 to 6pm to experience a touch of New Orleans. (A Polka Mass will begin prior to the event at 11am). Join DJ Kenney Olowin as we swing and parade to the sounds of the Big Easy. The New Orleans style cuisine will include: Cajun sausage, red beans, rice, jambalaya along with pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, fries and macaroni and cheese. Enjoy the bakery, wine booth, famous theme baskets, Chinese Auction small games of chance, grand raffle, children's area and more...

Forgiveness

My child, I forgive you...

I forgive you and my forgiveness is complete. It is not like that of humans who forgive but cannot forget. I love you and my arms are open with love that asks - Please come here! Come here to me. I forgive you. Do not carry your guilt another moment. I carried it all for you on the Cross. Believe this. It is true.

...Jesus

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Feb. 11 Saturday, Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM JOSEPH & JOSEPHINE GORSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM THERESE KAVAL (DOROTHY GRIFFIN) - ST.P

Feb. 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM ALBERT, SOPHIE, ALEX & TOM ZALEWSKI

(ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI) - ST.H

10:30 AM SARA CARLOW, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P

(THE CARLOW FAMILY)

Feb. 13 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN J. KRAUCHEN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (2/06)

(BILL & BARBARA (KRAUCHEN) THOMPSON)

Feb. 14 Tuesday, St. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

8:00 AM DR. JOSEPH MCCLELLAN, ANNIV.

(JOE MESSINA)

Feb. 15 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM LINDA ANN BLATT

(PAULA & JOSEPH TOMASIK)

Feb. 16 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN GORSKI (BOB & MARY JO SULECKI)

Feb. 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 AM GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL (ED SLIVINSKI)

Feb. 18 Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (WIFE, REGINA)- ST.H

5:00 PM LORAIN POST (BETH & JIM RESPECKI) - ST.P

Feb. 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM JAMES P.WILDES (JUDY & PETER PENTZ)-ST.H

10:30 AM JOANN CAUSGROVE, ANNIV. - ST.P

(LORRAINE DAILEY)



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.

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

02/11 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/12 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg.-PR

02/13 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**02/14** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

02/18 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions - St.P

02/19 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN FEBRUARY—****Kdg—Gr 6: Feb 12, 19, 26. Jr High & Sr High: Feb****19. Confirmation Sessions: 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.

EASTSIDE CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY – LENT 2012 – We are just 10 days away from the **Season of Lent**, the *Season of Springtime*. Is it possible for every individual, family, youth group and child to take the four practices of Lent (*prayer, fasting, abstinence and service*) and turn them into living action? "Yes!" In our personal lives, in our families and in our parishes, Lent is meant to be a sacred time of evaluation and reformation with treasures to discover.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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Change of Address

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