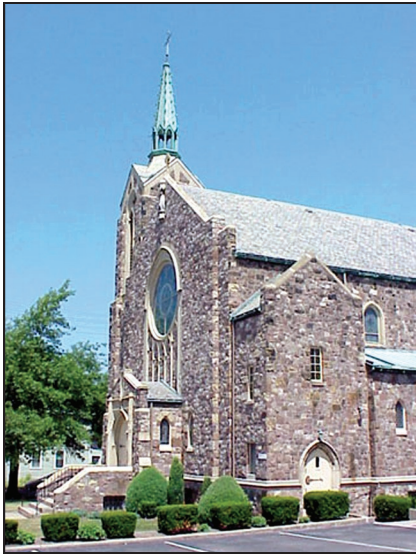


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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**

**Anticipation**

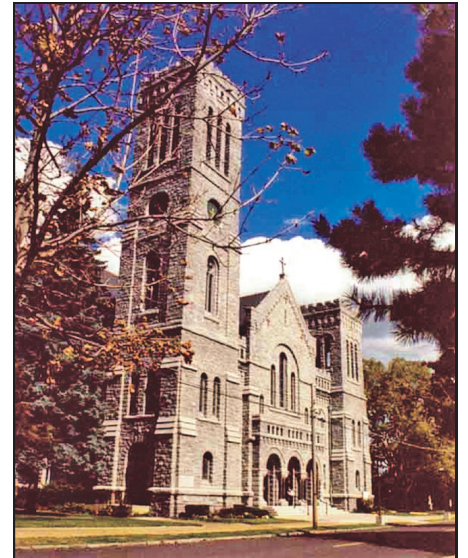
**Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM**

**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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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 first Sunday of Lent, and our first reading from Deuteronomy takes place on the plains of Moab, after the Israelites' forty years of wandering the desert, before they cross the Jordan and enter the prom-

ised land (about 1250 BC though our reading was not written until hundreds of years later—about 537 BC). In our reading, Moses is instructing the people about how to observe a yearly ritual in which they thank God for two things: freeing them from slavery in Egypt and giving them land. They begin by giving God the first fruits of their crops.

Our second reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans. In the first reading, the Israelites were celebrating their rescue from slavery. In this reading, Paul is teaching the Romans, and us, that we have been saved from slavery to sin. The Israelites were putting their faith in God's promise; Paul is teaching the Romans, and us, to put our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our gospel today comes from Luke and is the familiar story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. This scene immediately follows Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan. You'll note that we think of temptations in light of the flesh or morality; here Satan is tempting Jesus to abuse his power by self-serving ways rather than service to others. As Jesus overcomes each temptation he cites the Book of Deuteronomy (our first reading). Moses says these words to the Israelites; Jesus says them to Satan. Luke is making it very clear that Jesus is human, that he is tempted and that he will most likely be tempted again. We're told by Luke that Satan departs him "for a time."

It is edifying to see the numbers of people who visit St. Patrick's Church during the week to say the Stations of the Cross. We are so blessed to have these magnificent pieces of art which so clearly depict the Passion of Jesus. It all comes very much alive through these statues. When Fr. Peter Cauley went to Munich, Germany in 1893 (when he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's), he bought the Stations for \$600 each and then a few years later hired church architect William Ginther to design the church around them. Today, of course, they are insured for several millions of dollars and are in fact irreplaceable. There is another set of them in St. Anthony's

Chapel in Pittsburgh. They were carved for the World's Fair in Chicago in 1890 and that is where Father Cauley saw them for the first time. He tried to buy them but St. Anthony's had already done so and so he ordered these to be done by the Meyer Studio in Munich (the same studio who did the magnificent stained glass windows in St. Patrick's). The Stations at St. Anthony's are much smaller than ours and not nearly as detailed.

Have you ever thought of remembering your parish in your will? Both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's are old buildings constantly in need of upkeep at great expense. Think what a difference a small bequest could mean to either parish. You can leave a bequest for a particular purpose or for general use. At St. Patrick's, we have established the St. Patrick Foundation whose funds exist solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church.

In compliance with the diocese, the parish office will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for President's Day.

You may recall that parishioner Eric Albright tackled our St. Patrick holy water fonts which were black from a century of calcium settling in them. They are now sparkling clean but will only turn black again if we continue to put water in them. I'm grateful to my good friend Jim Rutkowski of Industrial Sales and Manufacturing for making plastic molds to fit in each of the holy water fonts to hold the water and save the font.

When we resume handshaking at the Sign of Peace once the flu threat has passed, I want to remind you of what the liturgical directive on this really says. It does NOT say that we are to shake hands; it merely says that we are to acknowledge one another in some way. That could be interpreted as a handshake, a nod, a smile, etc. Some people simply aren't comfortable shaking the hand of a stranger, and they shouldn't feel compelled to do so. What's important is that we attempt to show one another some acknowledgement of peace.

I'm thinking of adding an 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick's on Easter Sunday if there is interest in it. It will have to be without music as I need to be at St. Hedwig's at 9 for Mass and then back to St. Patrick's for the 10:30. If interested, let me know or call the office.

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

The percentage of residents of England and Wales who identify themselves as Christians fell from 72% in 2001 to 59% in 2011, according to census statistics recently released. The same decade witnessed a sharp rise in those with “no religion” (15% in 2001 to 25% in 2011) and a rise in the Muslim population (3% to nearly 5%). The percentage of Hindus, Sikhs, Jews and Buddhists remained nearly steady.

The Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan announced recently that they are closing 53 of their 109 churches! The bishop announced the closings in light of the dramatic drop in membership throughout the diocese. Since 1988, membership in the diocese has shrunk by 32 percent, or 51,399 people. There are presently 108,601 Catholics in the diocese. The decision comes following months of self-evaluation. Representatives from parishes across the 11 county diocese participated in surveys, formed committees and offered suggestions for the reorganization.

The new carillon for the bell tower has been ordered and they assure me that we will have bells for the first time for Easter! The speakers for the bells are more than 4 times the size of the ones that we had and the sound is absolutely wonderful. I particularly miss the tolling of the bell for a funeral and the peeling of the bells for weddings, but that is all about to change thanks to a family in the parish. The carillon also has several hundred hymns which can be played. The console to control it will be located in the weekday chapel and there is also a remote control that can be used to activate the system. The Verdin Bell Co. from Cincinnati is installing the system and they are the Cadillac of bell systems with over 50,000 carillons in churches throughout the country.

Women are at times overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running around with other women,” she charged. “You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You’re the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. “What do you think you’re doing?” Adam demanded. “Counting your ribs,” said Eve.

### *A Moment of Reflection*

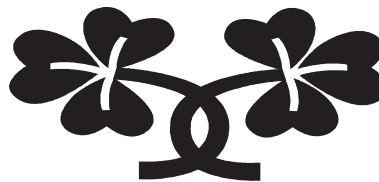
Reading I: Deut. 26:4-10

Reading II: Psalm 91:1-15  
Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



Deserts are arid, desolate places where staying alive can be a challenge. But there is mystery in the desert. Deserts are places most of us do not seek out. Jesus went out of obedience. We too have deserts in our lives—places of pain, fear, loneliness, uncertainty. Lent calls us to enter into these desert places. Will you?



The Irish Hooley, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Society, is March 8th at the Cathedral Center. Featured performers are Donald O'Shaughnessy and Brian Hyland, international performers of Irish song and wit. This is a great way to start off the Irish High Holidays! Doors open at 7:00 pm. Rince Na Tiarna Irish dancers will perform at 8. Music starts at 8:30. There is a Celtic Auction and our own Irish steeple chase. Beer and setups included in price. Tickets are \$20 and available at Tipperary West.

### LENTEN DINNERS

#### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FISH AND

PIEROGI DINNER: February 22nd, March 8th, March 22nd from 4:00—7:00 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Dine in—Adults \$9.50, Children ages 7-12 \$4.50, Take out \$10.00—\$5.00 Dinners include hand breaded fish filet and/or homemade cheese pierogi, a choice of homemade potato salad, French fries, or macaronie and cheese. Also a choice of homemade cole slaw, or green beans.



ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH LENTEN FISH &  
PIEROGI DINNER, 516 E 13th St. Fridays, February 15, March 1st and March 15th in the parish hall from 4:00—7:00 pm. Cost: Adults \$10.00, children (6-12) - \$5.00, children five and under—free. Take out dinners are \$10.25.





## Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Peter Wernicki** requested Helen Dom-browski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Dolores and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stanley & Sophie Wieczorek** requested by daughter Irene . Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,058.00**. Thank you and God bless.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Marian Glaz**, whose funeral was celebrated on Friday, February 15th. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Lenten Dinners

Delicious Fish & Pierogi dinners and more....being served at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons every Friday from 4pm until 7pm.

### Practices for Lent

- **Read the Sacred Scriptures**
- **Visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Go to Confession**
- **Fast & Abstain on other days through Lent**
- **Go to the Stations of the Cross, or pray them on your own**
- **Reconcile with someone you are on the "outs" with**

**Perform works of mercy:** Corporal works of mercy; feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

**Spiritual works of mercy:** admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries and pray for the living and the dead.

### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<b>February 23</b>	<b>February 24</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Kurpiewski
	Richard Mielnik	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

## Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,627.25** and 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 homebound.

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** in memory of **Betty Flanagan** from Therese Paluh, Patty Flanagan, Evelyn Moyer; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Trish Hardner** from Kathleen Bierley; 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 **Trish Hardner** from Jeff; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **William J. and Jane M. Ward Carney** from Bill Carney; In memory of **Rita Caldwell** from Karen Abate and Catherine Fitzgerald.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Winschel, Ray Fiorelli,  
Carol Habas

Greeters: The Tom Brunner Family

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rwers

**Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton, Ed Brown,  
Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Brendan Jubulis

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Dave Wilcox,

Randy Pristello, Tom Welch

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

We will no longer be sending return envelopes with the Restoration statements. Please use the purple envelope in your monthly packet to make your payment. Also, we know it is an imposition, but it would help greatly if you would write separate checks for your Restoration payment. It really causes inconvenience on our part when you put both the weekly offertory and the payment to Restoration on the same check as they go into separate accounts. To make things even easier go to our web-site and sign up for on-line giving. [www.saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://www.saintpatrickparisherie.org)

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Feb. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*

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

5:00 PM BECKY FLAHERTY - ST.P  
(BETH & JIM RESPECKI)**Feb. 17** *First Sunday of Lent*9:00 AM EMILY MALINOWSKI - ST.H  
(JACQUELINE PRESUTTI)10:30 AM CATHERINE FITZGERALD - ST.P  
(RENEE CALABRESE)**Feb. 18** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 19** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 20** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 21** *Thursday, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor  
Of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 22** *Friday, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Feb. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Lent*4:30 PM STANLEY & SOPHIE WIECZOREK - ST.H  
(DAUGHTER, IRENE)5:00 PM RITA CALDWELL (SIBLINGS, FASENMYER,  
BLACK & BUCKHOLTZ FAMILIES) - STP**Feb. 24** *Second Sunday of Lent*9:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H  
10:30 AM WILLIAM RENNIE, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P**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

**02/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10:00 AM—Noon First Reconciliation Retreat  
at Holy Rosary**02/17** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

9:45 AM Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig's

**02/19** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

**02/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**02/24** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary

***A Family Perspective***

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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