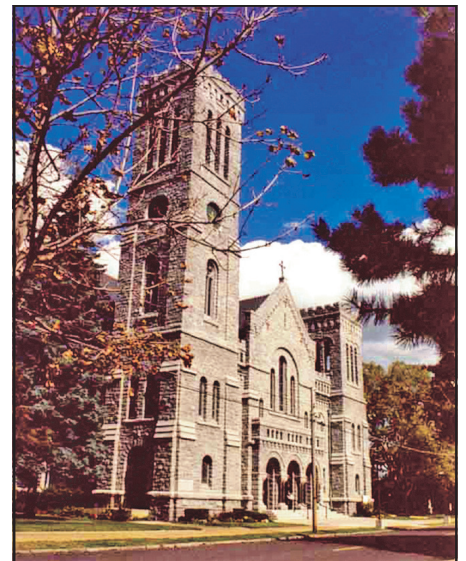
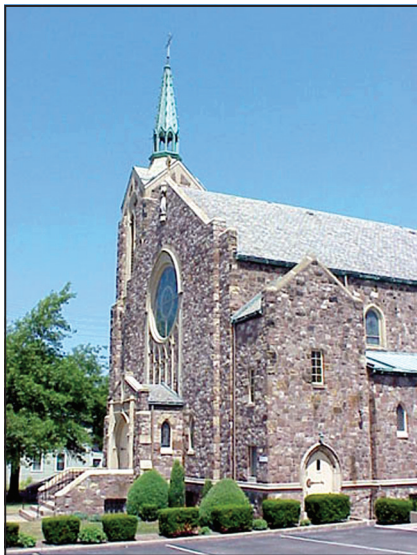


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Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

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 8:00 AM

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



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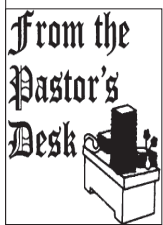
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Today is the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is from the OT prophet Isaiah. Israel's exile and their deliverance from that punishment remained for the chosen people a primary sign of God's active intervention in their lives. Today's reading alludes to the approaching end of the Exile and the glorious return to the promised land. God boldly announces, "Your sins I remember no more." The good news of the text is that God is a forgiving God who blots out our sins and restores us. Today God announces something new and asks the people to open their eyes to perceive it. In the Gospel (remember the first reading and the Gospel are always connected) we'll see Jesus extend healing and forgiveness to a paralytic. It will be Jesus, the Messiah, who ushers in the ultimate fulfillment of the something new promised here. The "things of long ago" is a reference to the Exodus from Egypt. God's promise of a new Exodus anticipates the ultimate deliverance from sin that will be achieved by Christ's death and resurrection.....Our second reading continues from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Paul had some tense encounters with them which result in his delaying his visit. His delay prompts bad feelings and accusations that he is indecisive. Here he responds by saying that just as God is faithful and reliable, the word is reliable. The Christ who preached to them was not of two minds—yes and no; Christ is always single minded for nothing but yes resides in him.....In our Gospel, Mark emphasizes the response of the crowds: "We have never seen anything like this." The large crowd which had gathered at Capernaum came to hear Jesus preach; the healing in today's Gospel is an unexpected benefit that lent authority to his words. The remarkable aspect of this story is what drove the paralytic's companions to lower him through the roof. What drove them is the same thing that captures Jesus' attention—their faith. If you read the Gospels carefully, Jesus almost always asks a verbal affirmation of faith before he performs a miracle. Today is an exception for he sees faith enacted by this small band of companions. Reading the minds of the scribes, Jesus chastises them once again building the tension that will ultimately claim his life on Calvary.....Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. A reminder that Catholics are bound by the laws of fast and abstinence on this day. One full meal and two smaller meals for those ages 18 to 58, all should abstain from eating meat and on the Fridays of Lent, abstain from eating meat.....Let me share with you some figures on the Catholic church in Pennsylvania which reveal the incredible outreach of the church in our midst. There are presently 1,200 parishes with 3.3 million Catholics which means we are 26% of the population. The church in Pennsylvania employs 52,000 people! During 2010, 360,000 people received services from a Catholic Charities agency in Pennsylvania. There are presently 540 Catholic schools with over 150,000 students and 10,000 teachers. Catholic healthcare in the state served more than 3.3 million people last year....Currently there are 13 1/2 priests serving the 18 parishes on the east side of Erie. (The 1/2 is Father Mike DeMartinis who administers Mount Calvary but also has a full-time job at Prep and Villa). Those parishes span from St. Patrick's to St. Boniface to St. Gregory in North East. There is not one parochial vicar (assistant) at any east side parish—in fact, there are only 4 parochial vicars left in the entire diocese: Cathedral, St. George's, Our Lady of Peace and St. Jude's. The age of the priests in our East Erie Deanery are 71, 69 (4), 68, 66, 64, 62 (2), 59, 58, 56, 55 and 42. Six of these priests will retire in the next 5 years, and the question is—who is going to replace them? As far as I'm concerned, I can retire in 2013, but I have no desire to do so. What would I do all day long? As long as my health is good, I hope to continue in active ministry, that is, as long as I can get a few vacations in each year!.....There is a new book out, *Jesus, An Historical Approximation*, and I highly recommend it. It is written by a Spanish scripture scholar, Jose Pagola, and this is the first time it is translated into English. Personally, I think it's the finest book I've ever read on Jesus. It is easy reading; you don't need a background in scripture to understand his message; but it's powerful and well done. I would highly recommend it....A Passion Play, *We Watched Him Die*, is performed at St. Patrick's on Palm Sunday and Good Friday and draws a full house. Al Boorady, who directs it, is in need of some people for acting and non-acting positions. He needs 3 men and 1 woman for cast and 5 people for crew. If interested, contact Al at 218-2544 or 824-4898.....A wife invited some guests to dinner. At table, she turned to her five year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I don't know what to say," the child responded. "Just say what you hear mommy say," the mother answered. The child bowed her head and prayed, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all of these people to dinner?".....



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The friends in today's gospel climbed onto the roof, took it apart and lowered the "paralyzed man." If friends would do this, how much more should we expect of family? Everyone is "paralyzed" in some way. In families we are called to carry one another, especially when our needs are great.

MSGR. KRIEDEL'S HOMILIES ARE 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 **\$4,306.22**, and an additional donation of **\$116.00 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 **Pierina Turco** from the East High School Faculty; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **William J. Rennie** from wife and children; 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 **John & Rea Spinelli** from Ronald and Carol Conrad; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Helen Farmer** from Linda Williams.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Lynne Long*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella,
Kay Mannino*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: *Needed*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Alex Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Kearney, Paul Kaiser,
Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: *Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney*

Ushers: *John Purvis, Luke Purvis, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,
Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Reading II: 2Corinthians 1:18-22

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12



In this week's Gospel, Jesus is God, merciful and forgiving. What have you come to know about God's mercy and forgiveness? Who are the people who bring you to Jesus? As you have grown in faith, how has your understanding of God changed?

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.

Pinochle Card Club—Experienced card players are welcome (seniors 55 and over). St. Luke School Cafeteria, 421 East 38th St. Two Thursday evenings a month. 6:15 to 9:15 PM. For more information call Jim Layden at 455-1625.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by 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. Please also remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory collection for February 4/5 was **\$1,607.00**, Second Harvest Food Bank **\$130.00** and Heat & Fuel update **\$511.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Masses Celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez:

Masses are celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Felicia Purzycki** (Daughter Harriet), **Frances "Pat" Trojanowski** (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), **Wanda Donikowski** (Brooke & Matt Sanfilippo).

Catholic Services Appeal

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Catholic Services Appeal. Our assigned goal for this year is **\$10,200**. We must pay the assigned assessment that helps pay the costs of running our diocese. Any over goal amount remains at St. Hedwig's. With your help, we will not have to take the money out of our parish treasury. By now you should have received your pledge envelope. You can drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge.

Microwave Potato Bags

Our 100th Anniversary fund raiser is ongoing. The potato bags are available at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th Street, Erie.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm here at Saint Hedwig's.

Lenten Dinners

Enjoy delicious dinners...Fish, pierogi, etc. every Friday from 4 until 7pm at the Third Street Polish Falcons.

Lent....

We as a Church prepare for the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection by responding to the Father's invitation of love through acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

Our Family Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 29th following the 9am Mass. Our guest speaker Sr. Phyllis Hilbert. Don't forget to mark your calendars. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Ministry Schedule

February 25 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister	Jim Gorski
Reader	Jim Gorski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski

February 26 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Zielinski
Reader	Barb Juchno
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

Just who gets what?

Ever hear a comment like this: "Oh I used to volunteer at the shelter but I don't agree with all the people they helped, some of them could have found a job." Or "I used to donate to the church, but I want to know exactly where my dollars go." It's the latest trend, self-directed charity. We'll give but only if we have final say in where our dollars or hours are spent. That's only reasonable, right? Maybe not...It's easy to get so concerned over who could "undeservedly" benefit that we avoid giving altogether. Or we may delay giving to a pressing need because we're unsure about who is "really needy". In all this effort to be responsible we forget that it is God who receives every gift we give: Every dollar we donate to relief funds, every sweater we give to the clothing drive, every hour we spend at the soup kitchen. Each hand that is filled with the gifts of our heart is the hand of God, reaching out to see His children are cared for. He will bless each gift given from a pure heart whoever receives it. Jesus said "whatever you did, you did for me." Can He ever be "undeserving"?

*Pray the
Rosary
during
Lent*



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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)**Feb. 20 Monday, Weekday**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Feb. 21 Tuesday, St. Peter Damian,*Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JOSEPHINE VEREB, ANNIV. (JOE MESSINA)

Feb. 22 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday8:00 AM AGNES KROLL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(MIKE & PAM KOZUCHOWSKY)12:05 PM TRISH HARDNER, ANNIV. (2-21) - ST.P
(LISA ROSENTHAL)

5:30 PM JULIE SHADE - ST.H

(THERESA, BARB & AMANDA JUCHNO)

Feb. 23 Thursday, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (HER SISTERS)

Feb. 24 Friday, Lenten Weekday8:00 AM CONSTANCE HALUPCZYNSKI
(IRENE SZYMANSKI)**Feb. 25 Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent**4:30 PM SOPHIE & STANLEY WIECZOREK) - ST.H
(DAUGHTER, IRENE MIELNIK)5:00 PM JANE M. WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(PAUL WARD PETERSON)**Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 AM ANN KRUSZEWICZ (HELEN ZEBROWSKI)-ST.H

10:30 AM YVETTE SWEENEY - ST.P
(DAVE & SUE TACCONE)**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

02/18 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

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

02/20 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**02/21** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/22** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

7:00 PM RCIA - R

02/25 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions - St.P

02/26 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

10:30 AM RCIA Candidates Rite of Sending

3:00PM Rite of Election—St. Peter Cathedral

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.

FEBRUARY 22 IS ASH WEDNESDAY**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

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