

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

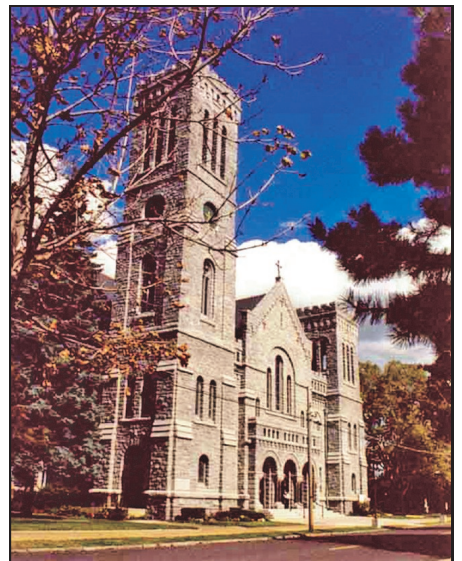
Holy Day

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 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we read from the OT Book of Leviticus and we hear what we must do if we want to imitate God. We have to surrender hatred; correct one another, but in a way that does not

make us as bad as those we correct.

It is easy to talk about our faith; it is much more difficult to live it.

In our second reading we continue to hear from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. No city more pleased Paul and more frustrated him than this. There were strong divisions in the community as some aligned themselves with Paul, others Apollos, etc. Paul has repeatedly tried to encourage unity by comparing them to a body or a building, but today he compares them to the temple. Christ is the true temple but we are his body. In the past Paul has been talking about wisdom. Here he juxtaposes worldly and Godly wisdom saying the world pales in comparison to God. We belong to Christ, not to a particular preacher.

Jesus knows that his ideas will stretch the understanding, even the tolerance of his listeners. We heard last week and again today tough challenges if we want to be disciples. His teaching today on turning the other cheek is a direct challenge to the Jewish law of the day which allowed retribution. The law specified what compensation one could expect when wronged; but Jesus tells us today that all we can expect is forgiveness. But he goes even further. Not only does he order that we love those who harm us but we are to embrace them because this is the only path to becoming a child of God. Jesus notes that even evil people go home and kiss their babies but he won't settle for that. In this section of Matthew's gospel, Jesus is laying out requirements that are nothing short of heroism and perfection. Mother Theresa once said that we don't need to go to a church to see the face of Jesus; we merely need look in the eyes of the poor, the hungry, the downtrodden.

During the month of December, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 17,200 pounds of food at a cost of \$1,074.95. We served a total of 709 families which include 904 children. We always welcome additional volunteers at the Food Pantry. If you think you might be interested in helping, please call the parish office.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway in all parishes in the diocese. As you may recall, each parish is assessed a certain amount based on a three year average taxable income. At St. Hedwig's this year, we are assessed \$11,803; at St. Patrick's we are assessed \$42,350. Any monies raised over and above that amount remains in the parish. At St. Hedwig's, we will use those monies for operating expenses. At St. Patrick's, I hope to apply the excess to pay down the debt on the restoration. You may recall that we went almost \$200,000 over budget on the work and my plan is to use monies from the CSA and the festival to hopefully make a \$50,000 a year payment and remove that debt in four years. I hope you will support the appeal. I really need your help in this. We did not conduct the drive the past 2 years because of our capital campaign, but I still had to pay the assessment.

We have an old truck used by both parishes for snow plowing, removing trash, transporting mowers, etc. The truck has been in ICU more times than I can count and it's now at the end of the line. It takes a real beating because of snow plowing and this winter has had a real workout. We are looking at a used truck for which St. Patrick's Parish will pay 85% of the costs and St. Hedwig's 15%.

Just a reminder that diocesan regulations say that if you belong to a parish that does not have a Catholic school, and you wish to enroll your child in a parish school, you only pay the same rate as parishioners at that parish pay. Each parish which does not have a school pays an assessment each year for elementary schools and one for secondary schools. If you belong to a parish that has a school and you opt to send your child to another Catholic school, then you pay the non-parishioner rate. Since neither St. Hedwig's nor St. Patrick's has a Catholic school, any parent wishing to enroll their children in such a school only pays the parishioner rate.

A reminder that I am giving 4 one-hour Scripture classes during Lent. The classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 10-11 AM in St. Patrick Church and are open to the public. I only ask that you call the office and register so that I can know how many handouts to prepare. You will not need a textbook of any type as I am going to give you a written copy of the lecture so you can

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

refer to it in the future. If anyone is not attending the class and would like a copy of the handouts, please call the office and we'll send you a complete set. Classes will be held March 6, 13, 20 and April 3.

I recently gave a lecture on Pope Francis to the Jefferson Society which drew a sell-out crowd. There were so many people on a waiting list to attend the lecture who couldn't get in that I am going to give it again at St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, March 6. There is no need to register and the lecture is open to the general public. It will last approximately one hour.

On Tuesday evening we are hosting all of the lectors and their spouses for dinner at the rectory. We have so many new people in these ministries, that I'm trying to get everyone to know one another a bit better and form a fuller and richer community in the parish. We have already had the choir, the group who care for and clean the Stations and the Eucharistic Ministers in for an evening. We still have ushers, greeters and Sunday offertory counters. Last year we had everyone for one event, but this year I wanted to include spouses so we broke it into smaller groups. Next year I am hoping to again have the ministry groups and their spouses but have everyone for an evening at the Watson-Curtze Mansion. If you belong to the Curtze Circle (\$500 per year), you get the use of the mansion several times a year at no cost. I'm also on the Board of the Historical Society, a board dominated by St. Patrick parishioners: Cal Pifer, Becky Johnson, Matt Lechner, Dick Wachter and president of the Board, Jack Watts. We are presently in the process of raising funds to restore the mansion, rewire it, install air conditioning, new plumbing and sandblast the exterior to restore the pink sandstone.

A priest told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my homily, I want all of you to read Mark, chapter 17." The following Sunday as he prepared to begin, he asked for a show of hands. "How many read Mark chapter 17." Every hand went up. The priest smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my homily on the sin of lying."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Peter & Judie Pentz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$825.00 and Heat & Fuel update \$436.00. Thank you and God bless.

Welcome! We warmly welcome **Jen Musolff and David Portenier** to our parish family.

Catholic Services Appeal

The Appeal begins next week. Our goal this year is \$11,083.00. This is the most important collection we take up during the whole year because of its importance to our parish and our diocese. Please do your part to keep us alive and able to serve you as we would like. Warmest thanks for your support.

Putting Our Faith into Practice

Many people spend their lives in a vain pursuit of riches, honors and pleasures. The Lord Jesus told this parable: "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods, and I shall say to myself, now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus it will be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in **what matters to God!**" (Luke 12:16—21).

PRAY THE ROSARY

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>March 1</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>March 2</u> Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Dolly Bargielski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Michelle Moskel	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,424.13**, and **\$710.00** from online giving for a total of **\$6,134.13**. 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Dr. Angelina Fabrizio** in honor of her birthday from sister, Mary McCarthy; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **The Ave Maria Care & Concern Society** The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Our Parents** from Barbara & John Reiting; In memory of **My Grandparents** from Laura Reiting; In memory of **Isabella Painter** from Marjory & Merle Painter; In memory of **Gary King, George Zack, John & Barbara Jacquell** from Phyllis Zack; also donations from Sarah Pristello and Dario Cipriani, Charla Leemhuis, Dotty & Michael Schloss and Alice & Kenneth Daub.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Carolyn Power, Lynne Long
Patty Dailey*

Greeters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

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

Sunday, March 2, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Gail Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae,
Michelle Tortorelli*

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis*

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

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

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.



Let us **WELCOME** Luca Anthony Spitznogle son of Matthew and Ann (Chimenti) Spitznogle who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

SR. MARY PASCAL GRAY FOOD PANTRY

has garbage cans for sale. The cans were donated and have been destined to be used to raise funds for the food pantry. The sale will be held on Saturday, March 8th from 8:00 AM til Noon on the rectory porch.

Below is a description of the cans:

3 large cans with wheels—load ratio 332.516 with mechanical dumping flange

2 large cans with wheels—load ratio 227.516 with mechanical dumping flange

2 cans with detachable lids with wheels

4 small with detachable lids

4 large blue recyclable containers

These items will be greatly reduced from the original retail price.



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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



This reading from Matthew challenges us to be perfect in a way that's difficult to understand. Jesus instructs us to go out of our way to show compassion to our enemies—without condition or reserve. One kindness toward an enemy can change the trajectory of not only a single relationship, but maybe even of a whole society. When have you responded with grace and generosity to someone who has hurt or disrespected you? How was your response received?



A REMINDER THAT MSGR. KRIEGEL'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. 22** *Saturday, Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:30 PM GEORGE & JOSEPHINE MIELNIK - ST. H
(IRENE & FAMILY)

5:00 PM THOMAS WALKER, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 23 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(SISTER, MARY MCCARTHY) - ST. P

9:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI (DICK & PAT MIELNIK) - ST.H

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP (FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 24 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Feb. 25 *Tuesday, Weekday*8:00 AM MARSHA WILSON, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(FRIEND, ANN MARIE)**Feb. 26** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (BRIDGET HINES, PAT & KEITH)

Feb. 27 *Thursday, Weekday*8:00 AM ISABELLE MALONEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(RAY & PAT FIORELLI)**Feb. 28** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HENRY BOROWY (HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

March 1 *Saturday, Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS - ST.H

5:00 PM GRACE DIETZ (ROMILDA LEVAK) - ST.P

March 2 *Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM BEV HARTIGAN, WEDDING ANNIV. - ST.P
(JOHN & CHILDREN)9:00 AM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(TOM KURPIEWSKI & ART BLUM FAMILIES)10:30 AM CATHERINE RUSNIC - ST.P
(LEO & JANE FITZGIBBON)

**We thank Brugger Funeral Home
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

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

02/22 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

02/23 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

02/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/26** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**03/01** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/02 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

ROMOLO CANDY – Romolo Chocolates are being sold by the students of the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* to raise money for missionary activity in our diocese and for our *Sister Diocese in Mexico*. The money raised will also help to continue in the purchase of *Catholic Youth Bibles* for our students of our Eastside Parishes. If you would like to support these efforts, please contact **Kathleen Kutz: 454-6322** to order your candy. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN MARCH –
Grades K-Gr 6 will meet at their regularly scheduled time (9am-10:15 am) **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. Youth in **Jr and Sr High** will meet **March 2, 9, 23**.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – Confirmation Sessions: February 23 and March 9. The Confirmation Retreat is **Sunday, March 16th**. The retreat will be at the *Mother Teresa House* (rectory of St. John the Baptist Church). Please remember our Confirmation Candidates in your prayer that they may come to a deeper understanding of their baptismal call to discipleship as they prepare for Confirmation.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐

Saint Hedwig

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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 Rectory