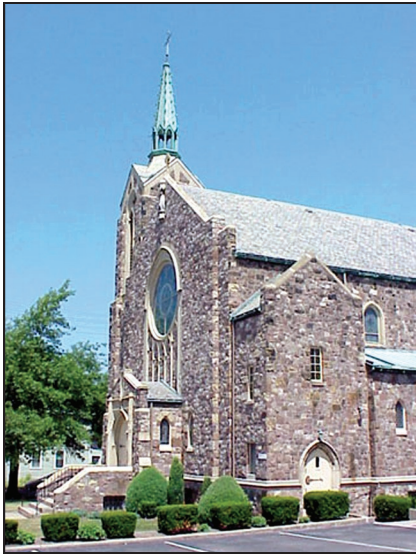


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the 2nd Sunday of Lent and our first reading is from the Book of Genesis. God tells Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky, but Abram's wife, Sara, is barren. God instructs Abram

how to seal the covenant between the two of them by cutting animals in half and walking between them with God appearing as fire. In their mindset, it was a way of saying that each party would rather be cut in half themselves rather than break the agreement.

Our second reading is from Paul's Letter to the Philippians and we encounter a very distraught and upset Paul. We do not learn the cause of his distress and most modern scripture scholars feel that this section of Philippians is through to be part of a separate letter (Phil 3:2-4:3) inserted into a longer and much more joyful letter written to the same church. Paul is warning them not to be dependent upon the laws of Judaism but instead they should place their trust in Christ. He goes so far as to say that those who insist on obedience to the law are "enemies of the cross of Christ." He concludes today's reading with an expression of his deep love and affection for the Philippians.

Our gospel is Luke's account of the Transfiguration. Remember that Paul's letters were written in the 50s and 60s and this particular gospel would date at its earliest around 80-82 AD and we will find that people are still struggling with questions about adherence to the law. Peter, James and John witness Jesus with Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah the prophet. Then suddenly, Jesus is alone and a voice from the heavens identifies him as the one to follow. Once again, thick-headed Peter doesn't get it. Luke, like Paul, is telling his audience that if there is a conflict between following Jesus and obeying the law, people should listen to Jesus.

For our Lenten reflections, last week we reflected on Jesus and Sinners; today we will reflect on the Compassionate Jesus. Next Sunday, our reflection will be on the Combative and Dangerous Jesus.

I am thinking of adding an 8 AM Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Patrick's if there is interest. It will have to be without music because I have to be at St. Hedwig's for the 9 AM Mass and then back to

Saint Patrick's for the 10:30. I don't need to go to the gym everyday like I do. Just running back and forth between these two places should keep me in shape!

The neighboring Diocese of Buffalo ordained a new priest on January 26th who is a married father of 3 children!! John Cornelius, 64, grew up in the area and was eventually ordained an Episcopal priest and served for 20 years at parishes in Florida, New York, Rhode Island and Texas. Two years ago, he and his wife Sharyl converted to Catholicism and John was ordained a transitional deacon last November. He has been serving as pastoral associate at SS Brendan and Jude Parish in Almond, NY. Following his ordination, he will lead the Fellowship of St. Alban in Henrietta, a small community of former Anglicans who have joined the Catholic Church.

We have been trying to come up with some ideas to upgrade the restrooms in St. Patrick's Church as they are badly in need of it. Parishioner and architect Chip Wachter last week presented us with a unique and very appealing proposal. He proposes that we switch the men and women's restrooms. We would then place the women's restroom on the west side of church. On the other side of that wall is the southwest tower room where brides wait prior to their wedding. By cutting a door through that wall, brides will now have access to a restroom and on days when it is raining, they can cut through the restroom to get to the vestibule to begin their wedding procession.

The Verdin Bell Company of Cincinnati has been in touch with me and assure me that we will have bells for Easter Sunday. You're going to be incredibly pleased with these bells because the sound is so much better than the former system. The representative brought a computer and small speakers to demonstrate, and the sound is simply wonderful.

You may have seen the incredible coverage that WJET and parishioner Sean Lafferty gave the church in several highlighted news spots on February 5. One of the segments was videotaped in the main church while the other was entitled "Behind the Scenes." In that episode, Sean and our custodian, Tony D'Aurora, and a cameraman went up into the attic of St. Patrick's Church. The entire attic is filled with catwalks above the ceiling

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

that you and I see from the main church. Access is through the tower rooms and it is in this way that we are able to change light bulbs, etc. When I was researching the book I wrote on the history of the parish, I found information that, following the 1978 fire when they discovered that one of the 18 square inch hemlock beams that support the ceiling from the roof was badly burned, they went to western New York state and found a similar size tree. But, they did not bother to trim it to match the other beams, they merely installed it. I—and all of you—were able to see that “tree” for the first time thanks to the footage they did. WJET has been gracious enough to give us a DVD of the two presentations and they are on our web page.

I had lunch recently with St. Patrick parishioner Dan Doyle who is involved with a production company in Pittsburgh. Dan has offered to install a camera in St. Patrick's church so that the homilies might not only be recorded in audio but now also in video. Dan is going to explore the possibility of an internship with a Gannon student or two who could handle the cameras during the homily, edit what needs to be done and then put it on the web page on Monday morning.

The Irish Festival Committee will meet after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 3rd in the Pascal Room near the east entrance of the church (use the door near St. Joseph's altar).

An interesting report on the St. Patrick Food Pantry for 2012 reveals that we distributed 282,481 pounds of food at a cost of \$11,884.77. That works out to 141.2 tons of food!!! Thanks to your generosity in supporting this noble project, I only had to take \$20.07 from parish funds for this.

The following actually appeared in church bulletins! “Due to the pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing service will be discontinued until further notice.” “A song fest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday.” “A new loudspeaker system has been installed in the church. It was given by one of our members in honor of his wife.” “Next Sunday, Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on ‘It's a Terrible Experience.’ “Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the birth of their first child.”



Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,393.73**. 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 **Restoration Fund** in memory of **Ron Angelotti** from Dennis & Sandra Sochocki; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Louis Pascale** from family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **the Nemergut and Winiarczyk Families** from John and Irene Nemergut; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Donald C. Pastore** from Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pastore; in memory of **Rose Brown & Fred Heidrick** from Rosemarie McMahon; in memory of **Rita Caldwell, Harry Caldwell, Gerry Calabrese, Eric Hartwell** from Renee Calabrese.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Patty Dailey, Carol Habas, Jay Habas*

Greeters: *Kathleen Horan, Jane Carney*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, Brendan Jubulis*

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

Sunday, March 3 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ed Brown, Forrest Mischler, Cyndi Pristello*

Greeters: *Gail Arneman, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan, Tom Welch, Randy Pristello*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

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~ 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.
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Saint Hedwig News



2nd Sunday of Lent

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Emil Waida** requested by Dolly and Larry Bargielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for the health of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Peter & Judy Pentz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Sigmund Prochowski** requested by John and Cynthia Weber. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,023.00**, Christmas Flower Donations **\$874.00** and Heat & Fuel update **\$287.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

We are now in the second week of the appeal. Our parish assessment is **\$11,029.00**. Our target is not to just meet our goal, but to go over the goal because any monies we receive over the goal we can keep for the parish. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge. The parish depends on your generosity.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the cross every Sunday morning after the 9am Mass here at St. Hedwig. Let us try to draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

Mark your Calendars

The annual **St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, April 28 at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons immediately following the 9am Mass. We are looking for a good turnout so bring your family and friends.



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	March 2	March 3
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Dan Jarzomski
	Michelle Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

Lenten Dinners

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



Masses recorded for the soul of Mary L. Zielinski

Rose Niedzwiecki, Helen Dombrowski, Lou Ann Nowosielski & family, Sr. Teresa Marie Patora, Ann Marie Wildes, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, Rose Nesdore, St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Linda Ciotti, the Juchno family, Camille Thompson, Kathy & Mike Geanous, Patty & Frank Burik & family, Dolores Dombkowski & family, Helen Dubowski, Ed & Irene Staszewski

Candles requested for Mary Zielinski

Charlotte Mabie, Ed & Irene Staszewski, D. Dombkowski.

CYAM - Evenings Into the Deep

Catholic young adults age 18 to 39 are invited to gather for "Evenings Into the Deep", a monthly get-together for those who want to learn more about their Catholic faith. Fr. Robert Barron's "Catholicism" series will be part of the gatherings. The series will be held at St. Luke Church, 421 E. 38th St., Erie and led by CYAM member Fr. Dan Hoffman on Tuesday, February 26 from 7 until 8:30pm. No cost, but please RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. Babysitting will be offered for those with young children. Contact Kathleen Peterson for more information, 814-824-1218, kpeterson@eriercd.org.

What does the season of Lent focus upon?

Because the season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter, Lent is primarily a season of penance. During the first weeks of the Lenten season, the Scripture readings used at Mass focus upon the necessity of preparing to celebrate the Lord's resurrection by **prayer, fasting and almsgiving (works of mercy)**. As the season of Lent approaches Easter, the Church directs our attention to the events that are part of the last stage of Our Lord's mortal life.

Pray the Rosary Daily



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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) - ST.P**Feb. 24** *Second Sunday of Lent*

9:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM WILLIAM RENNIE, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

Feb. 25 *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM KEVIN KRABS (DAVID TOWER)

Feb. 26 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM DAVE HAAS (MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)

Feb. 27 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM DOROTHY GLEBOCKI (JAMES E. VALAHOVIC)

Feb. 28 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO (SISTER, MARY)

Mar. 01 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY

Mar. 02 *Saturday, Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent*4:30 PM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(KURPIEWSKI & BLUM FAMILIES)5:00 PM DELPHINE ARDUINI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(DAUGHTER, GLORIA)**Mar. 03** *Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00 AM LOUISE BROSKE (JUCHNO FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM LANNY (BLAMO) RISHER (MEG MALY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

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

02/26 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

03/02 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/03 11:30 AM Festival Meeting—PR

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 for
Sponsors & Candidates—Holy Rosary***A Moment of Reflection***

Genesis 15:5-18

Psalm 27: 1-4

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36



In our busy lives our responsibilities can seem endless. We are pulled in different directions by family, friends, work, etc. We need to step back, slow down, make time for quiet. For most of us there is no mountain top nearby for us to climb, but we need to make time for prayer, and prayer does not need to be separated from our daily lives. How do you deal with the distractions and pressures in your daily life? How much time will you take to set aside time for prayer and reflection this Lent?

NEED PRAYERS? Call **Mary Alice Hartwell** at **454-5908** to have your intention placed on our joint Parish Prayer Chain. Please know that your prayer requests will be treated with respect and confidentiality. Other members of the Parish Prayer Line are not given a name nor are they given the particular details of your request.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
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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

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