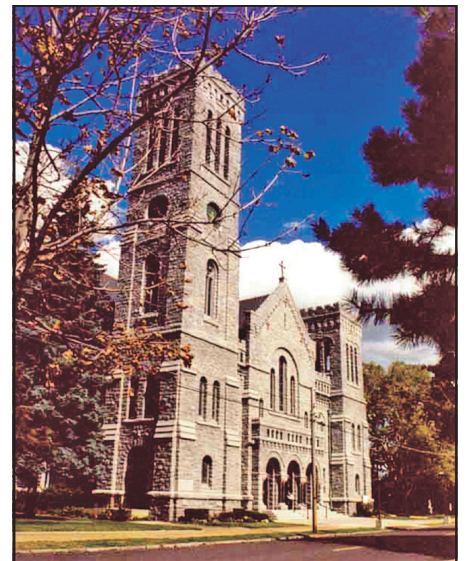
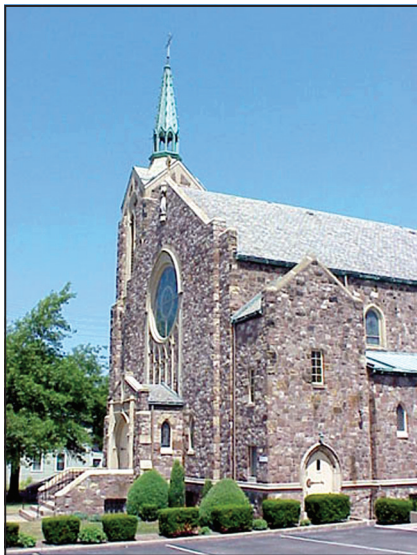


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Pastor

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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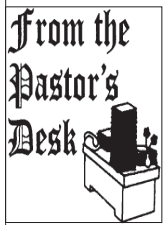
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Today is the first Sunday of Lent and we read first from the Book of Genesis. The great flood is over and God makes a covenant with Noah promising that he will never repeat this form of chastisement. Unlike the covenants with Abraham and Moses, the covenant with Noah embraces all humanity and asks nothing in return for God's promise. The word "covenant" is repeated throughout the excerpt to emphasize how strongly God feels about the promise and it is linked to our Gospel which gives us Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of all of God's promises.....Next we hear from the first Letter of Peter though scholars dismiss Peter as its author. Recall, that Peter used Mark as his scribe in writing

Mark's Gospel. How then could Peter write in such excellent Greek, the language and style do not fit a Galilean fisherman and the letter's emphasis on suffering points to a much later date than Peter's death because it refers to the persecutions. What scholars feel happened is that Peter dictated the basic thoughts of this letter to Silvanus who then supplied the excellent Greek, sentence structure, etc. All that said, we believe that Peter is basically its author and that it was written in the year 64, the year of his death and the beginning of Nero's persecutions. Its reference to the flood about which we heard in the first reading is obvious, but the water reference now is to baptism. We're told that Jesus preached to the spirits in prison which scholars interpret to be the angelic spirits who turned against God from time immemorial.....In our gospel, we have a typical Markan story, it is brief and to the point. In Matthew and Luke this same story will have the imagery of Satan tempting Jesus on the parapet of the temple, etc. Not Mark. Just the facts, ladies and gentlemen. We'll find this phenomenon through all of MarkSt. Patrick parishioner Chuck Arnold has just returned from a 9 day mission trip to Haiti where he joined 3 other volunteers to build two more water filtration systems. This is his fourth mission trip to Haiti where he and others have installed 8 previous systems for orphanages and hospitals. The money for travel as well as materials to build the systems all has to be raised by the individual volunteers though the diocese contributed \$13,000 last year. Chuck was also instrumental in getting Catholic Relief Services to donate half of the \$20,000 cost to open a Vo-Tech school where presently 25 young Haitians are learning carpentry skills. The monastery school is teaching these young people skills that permit them to construct simple chairs, tables and bed frames that can be marketed in the area and help the local economy. We all have to pause and give thanks that there are such generous people who want to reach out and help the poorest of God's poor.....The neighboring diocese of Scranton has just completed a rather massive downsizing which consolidated schools resulting in one half the number of schools as five years ago. The diocese has also gone from 200 parishes to 126, and the number of active priests has dropped from a high of 419 in 1970 to 154 today. Predictions call for that number to drop to 113 within ten years.... For the 175th banquet in October, we hope to show about an 8 minute video on the history of St. Patrick's Parish. I am looking for parishioners who might have some good memories of the parish, one of the priests, a sister, the school, etc. who we could interview as part of this. They will be 30—60 second interviews, all of which will be done in church on one day in July and then edited. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact me.....Let me update you on the status of things with the restoration of St. Patrick's Church. We're running behind schedule because of several things. The Conrad Schmitt Studio who will do the work has been behind schedule with the restoration of the cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi but will begin work on the "mock-up" on March 6. The scaffolding will go up this week. We've been waiting for city permits to begin the electrical upgrades and install the air-conditioning and as soon as they are granted the work will start.....As you know, we have to raise 50% of the goal in cash before the diocese will give us permission to proceed and hopefully we can do that by September. The Conrad Schmitt representatives have told me that if we can close the church and scaffold the entire interior, it will enable them to do the work in approximately 2 1/2 months at a savings of about \$80,000. Where do we have Mass? Fortunately, we have incredible neighbors with Erie Insurance Exchange who are willing to allow us to use the Cauley Auditorium for our weekend Masses. I can't begin to express my gratitude to them for allowing this. As such, we will close the church hopefully in mid-September and be open for Christmas. (You may not know this but when H. O. Hirt had the vision to start Erie Insurance, he could not find people to lend him the money. However, he came and talked to the Cauley brothers who immediately lent the money to start Erie Insurance!). Hopefully things will start to fall in place soon and we can get started. We have 135 chairs and will rent additional chairs for the time we are in the Cauley. Erie Insurance has had to take the flooring out of the Cauley because it was so full of asbestos, but that shouldn't hinder our using it on the weekends. All funerals will be held at St. Hedwig's.....I'm particularly grateful to parishioner Chip Wachter of the Kidder-Wachter Architectural Firm for working so closely with me. He has contacted lighting designers who are giving us bids, things are on line for the pews, the marble in the sanctuary, etc. It's all going to be a bit uncomfortable for awhile, but it's also an exciting moment in our history. I ask your patience as we do this.....A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the bible. He picked it up and what he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed between the pages. "Mom, look what I found," the boy cried out. To his mother's question as to what he had found, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!".....



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,501.40**. 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. So far, we have six people who have emailed that they are interested and we have six people who already have on-line giving through their banks. 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 **Therese Kaval** from Mr. & Mrs. John Matlak; 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 **The Volunteers of the Food Pantry**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Bob and Helen Farmer** from Rita Platte.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino,
Yvonne Gersims, Lynne Long

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers:

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Charla Leemhuis,
Forrest Mischler, Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Gail Arnehan

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Alex Wheaton
Tim Torrey

Notice! Ministers, please don't forget to check in at the Trinity Gift shop and check your name on the list. Alice Daub refers to that list and if you haven't checked your name, she scurries around before Mass trying to find Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers. That isn't fair to Alice. If you have committed to a ministry, please fulfill your obligation when you are scheduled. If you are scheduled and something comes up and you can't serve, please find your own sub. Lists with phone numbers are available in the gift shop. Thank you!

FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Irish Festival Committee immediately following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 4th, in the Pascal Room. If you are interested in volunteering for this year's festival, we invite you to join us. The meeting will last less than an hour.



“NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH”

No, it's not broken! According to the Liturgical directives, we are called during the Holy Season of Lent to simplify our music and usage of the musical instruments in church. “Fasting” from them enables us to experience their full glory at Eastertide! Therefore, we will refrain from using the ORGAN during this season, and will long for its stirring tones once again at the Easter Gloria! - Mark

The response was overwhelming after we asked for volunteers to donate a meal to **St. Patrick's Haven**. Thank you to everyone who responded. It is very gratifying to know that so many of you are willing to share your time, treasure and talent with the very poor of our community.

The **Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry** reports that for the year 2011 they served 27,639 clients and had expenditures of \$11,884.77 with an income of \$8,451.57. The shortfall was \$3,433.20.

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.

MSGR. KRIEGLER'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 **saintpatrick-parisherie.org** Click on homilies on the bar to the right.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 9:8-15

Reading II: 1Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



The image of Jesus in the desert models the spirit of Lent for us and the spirit of fidelity to God's covenant with us. Covenant is forever; God's faithfulness to us is forever. What does being faithful to God ask of you these days of Lent?



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Edward J. Bukowski** requested by Don Duska & family, Our Lady Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by Dolores Dombkowski 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 11/12 was **\$662.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Masses celebrated by Fr. Daniel Prez

Masses are celebrated at Pleasant Ridge West: **Harry Niewolak** (Mr. & Mrs. Frank Haraczy), **Frank Olszewski** (Caroline Zielonis), **Raymond Ruffley Sr.** (Helen Zielinski).

Catholic Services Appeal

To date we have received **\$850.00** in pledges toward our goal of **\$10,200.00**. We would like our over goal amount (which stays in the parish) to be at least as much as it was last year. You can drop the pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank you in advance for your support.

Stations of the Cross

Please remember the Stations of the Cross are prayed here at St. Hedwig's every Friday during Lent at 5:30pm. Traditionally we have not had a large number of parishioners join us. Please consider making this part of your Lenten works.

Lenten Dinners

After Stations of the Cross stop at the 3rd Street Falcons from 4 until 7pm for a delicious dinner. Choices are fish, pierogi and more.

Microwave Potato Bags

The potato bags are available at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th St. Erie. We now have them in spring and summer colors.

*Pray the Rosary
During Lent*



Annual St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

Our annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 29th following the 9am Mass. The Guest speaker will be Sr. Phyllis Hilbert. Mark your calendars now. Look for more information in March.

Please help

If you can usher at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday call Jim Gorski at 456.3766.

Ministry Schedule

Usher for March

Saturday - 4:30pm

Nancy Widomski
Michele Moskel

Sunday - 9:00am

Dan Jarzomski
Don Moehler

March 3 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Server

Ron Helminski
Ron Helminski
Charlotte Mabie

March 4 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Servers
Hayes

Peter Pentz
Art Blum
Breanne & Nicholas

Holy Family Annual Festival

Sunday, March 4th at the Holy Family Gym, 1153 East

9th St. Erie from 11am until 5pm. Bake sale, Chinese Auction, Themed Baskets, Tip board, 50/50, Big Cash Wheel. Chicken & Biscuit Dinner: Adults \$9, Seniors \$8,

Children (4-9) \$5, under 3 free. Also a Fast Food Court.

Fun for the entire family.

First Sunday of Lent

This Lent, like each day, holds the possibility of growth and change, of new life and new possibilities. Allowing God to be part of who we are completes His plan of creation. The void we often feel is filled and our struggle with sin is aided by our love of all that is good and comes from God. A good spiritual practice keeps us sharp, aware of the presence of God in our life and in other's. Our point of reference for choices and decisions shifts from me to Him, from what I want to what God wills. We find that our beliefs change from intellectual assent to heartfelt relationship. God really is Father, Creator, Lord and Master. God really loves us and we really love Him.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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)**Feb. 27 Monday, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Feb. 28 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday8:00 AM ROBERT DOMBROWSKI
(JEAN & FRANK WORZNAK)**Feb. 29 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM FRANK J. & EVELYN LYNN (ESTATE)

Mar. 01 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM PHILOMENA & ROCCO FIGLIUZZI (FAMILY)

Mar. 02 Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Mar. 03 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent4:30 PM STANLEY KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(TOM & CAROL KURPIEWSKI)

5:00 PM BEV HARTIGAN (GERALDINE MARZ) - ST.P

Mar. 04 Second Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 AM JEANNE TUZNIK, ANNIV. 3-11- ST.P
(REGINA KALISZEWSKI)**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**02/25** 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

02/27 7:00 PM MM Novena & Stations of Cross-St.P**02/28** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**02/29** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

7:00 PM RCIA - R

03/02 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross—St. Hedwig's**03/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions - St.P

03/04 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM Festival Meeting—PR

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session—Holy Rosary

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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – The Confirmation Candidates will participate in their retreat Saturday, **March 10th from 10 am to 2:30 pm at St. Stanislaus parish center**. Please remember them in prayer. If anyone wishes to write them a letter for their retreat, you may send them to Kathleen Kutz at Holy Rosary Parish or S. Marie, SSJ at St Patrick Parish. We will be sure they get them at their retreat. **Our Confirmation Candidates** are from *Holy Rosary*: Christopher Pellow, Justin Sedziak, Morgan Sheffer, Martha Przybylak, Tyler Wright; *St John the Baptist*: Rachel Majersky, Daniel Connolly; *St Stanislaus*: Molly McNaughton, Melissa Kaczinski; *Holy Trinity*: Emma Weisenfluh; *Our Mother of Sorrows* (St Casimir): Ashley Kruise.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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