

# *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**

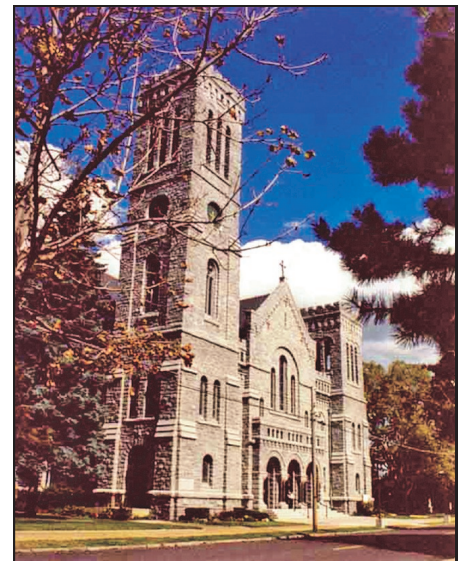
**Holy Day**

**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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***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time and once again our first reading comes from Isaiah. This brief reading is rich in meaning. The people of Zion had been in exile, suffering greatly and now King Cyrus ends their punishment and allows them to return

home. Like a wounded lover after an argument, Israel can't believe God's generous forgiveness and blurts out, "You don't love me anymore." But by conjuring up the image of a mother and her child, God makes the idea of abandoning his people unimaginable. The closing words, "I will never forget you," are words we should chisel into our hearts for no matter appearances at any time in our lives, our God never forgets us.

Continuing to read from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians we again hear of Paul's efforts to get this community to stop bickering. He reminds us that when we give our hearts to God, the forces of evil quickly assemble against us and often their best weapon is our own ego. Where in the earlier sections of this reading Paul deployed diplomacy, we hear none of that today and we begin to get a slight insight into his famous temper.

Matthew today takes us to Jesus' words about worrying over things beyond our control. So often in life we experience pain because we focus on the past or the future rather than the present. We mourn what might have been as if regret could change the past, or we obsess over what might be as if worry could alter the future. Jesus urges us not to be afraid because he knows that fear turns tomorrow into a worrisome monster that fogs our vision. Often times on retreats, clocks are covered, calendars removed to help retreatants focus singularly on the moment at hand. He reminds us that we cannot serve two masters and he calls for more trust from us than most of us can muster, but the alternative is a life of fruitless worry. He seems to show little patience for anxiety that replaces trust in God. Love God and seek the kingdom and you'll have what truly matters.

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. We're reminded that we are called to fast and abstain during this period. All Catholics between the ages of 7 and 65 should eat only one full meal and two much

smaller meals. Good Friday and Ash Wednesday are also days of abstinence from eating meat. We are also encouraged as Catholics to take on more meaningful actions during this season. Perhaps attending Mass during the week, reaching out to the homeless, the hungry and the poor, or engaging in other acts of mercy—volunteering at a local hospital or charitable agency, visiting the sick, offering to visit prisoners and bring them a ray of hope, etc.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8 AM and 12:05 PM at St. Patrick's and a 5:30 PM at St. Hedwig's. We cannot have a Vigil Mass for this feast so the evening Mass will be on the feast itself. Both Masses at St. Patrick's will be in the main church. Ashes will be distributed after all Masses. In addition, I will be in St. Patrick's Church from 11:45 until Mass begins at 12:05 to distribute ashes to any people who come early.

The ashes distributed today come either from the branches of the olive tree or the palm tree which were burned a year ago.

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We then begin the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in anticipation of Easter.

The Gloria and the Alleluia are not sung until the Easter Vigil. During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers and musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing.

The first Scripture class will be held this Thursday, March 6, from 10-11 AM in St. Patrick's Church. You will not need a book; I have handouts prepared for everyone. This week will be an introduction to the New Testament. We will review the time line of when the books and gospels were written as well as a brief overview of each of the gospels and books of the New Testament.

We welcome Lila Ann Cotterill, daughter of Justus and Danielle Orlando Cotterill, who will be baptized today. We also welcome Evelyn Grace Schermerhorn, daughter of Kevin and Mary Styn Schermerhorn, who will also be baptized today. We also welcome Mia Melissa Vogt, daughter of

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

Robert and Karrina Vernaza Vogt. The three baptisms will follow the 10:30 AM Mass. If we keep up all of these baptisms, I'm going to run out of baptismal water!! Isn't it wonderful seeing all of these babies in church?

We've encountered some leakage in the St. Patrick Food Pantry. We had this entire building pointed and sealed before we began the interior work and it's frustrating that we're having these problems. Fortunately, Gary James Restoration once again came to our rescue and found the source of the problem and everything is taken care of.

On Thursday, March 6, I will give a lecture in church at 7 PM on Pope Francis. This is the same lecture I gave to a sold out audience at the Jefferson Society a few weeks ago. No reservations are needed. The lecture will take about an hour.

This winter weather has been brutal on old buildings and both of our parishes have old buildings. At St. Hedwig's, we've had some minor problems with burst pipes, but fortunately nothing major. At St. Patrick's I'm happy to report that we haven't had any problems. You may also notice that the leak we had high on the east wall in the church has completely stopped (water was coming in through the mortar). Gary James of Gary James Restoration told me to wait about 6 months before touching it up as there is a lot of wet wood.

Did you know that the average man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap and a towel. The average woman has 337 items in her bathroom and the average man would not be able to identify more than 20 of them. Also, a woman has the last word in any argument; anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument! A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, take out the trash and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals. And finally, children! A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments, romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears, hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.



**The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014.** The following are regulations for all Catholics in the Diocese of Erie for Lent:

1. Traditional Lenten practices of PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, and GOOD FRIDAY are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY are also days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs, are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

### Cathedral Music Ministry presents

**Irish concert:** The Cathedral Music Ministry will present a concert of Irish music titled, "Patti Sullivan & Friends present 'Echoes from Erin,' on Sunday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Preparatory School auditorium in Erie. The hour-long event features Msgr. Tom McSweeney, Rinca Na Tiarna (Irish Step Dancers), Joe Greulich, Michael Malthaner, St. Peter Cathedral Children's Choir, Sister Lucille DeStefano, SSJ, and Louis Nicolai. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the St. Peter Cathedral Music Ministry. The concert is open to the public. For more information, email [waherring@stpetercathedral.com](mailto:waherring@stpetercathedral.com) or call 814-453-6677, ext. 7.



### A REMINDER THAT MSGR. KRIEDEL'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](http://saintpatrickparisherie.org)** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right and then follow directions for either audio or video.





# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Terri Paluh and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his grandchildren. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,112.00** and Heat & Fuel Update **\$506.00**. Thank you and God bless.

## Ash Wednesday

We will have Mass and distribution of ashes here at St. Hedwig's on Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30pm.

## Catholic Services Appeal

Today we begin our Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Please be generous in determining your pledge. Our goal amount this year is \$11,083.00. This is a very important collection for our parish because we get to keep for the parish what we bring in over our goal. Warmest thanks for your support.

**Masses requested for the soul of Genevieve Gorski requested by:** Frank & Nancy Hodas, Theresa & Barb Juchno, Charlotte Mabie, Carmie Hogan Munsch, Rose Niedzwiecki, Prizinsky family, St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Nancy & David Widomski, Helen Zielinski, Tom & Sharon Zielinski.

## Memorials recorded for Genevieve Gorski

Judy & Pete Pentz, Tom Kurpiewski, Process & Data Automation.

## Candles for Genevieve Gorski requested by:

Debbie Keefe, Jim & Sharon Mielink, Dorothy Mielnik, Craig & Kathy Miller, Terri Paluh, Ester Wieczorek, Rick & Paula Mielnik, Charlotte Mabie, Richard & Patricia Mielnik, Karen & David Nelson, Nancy & David Widomski.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	March 8 Saturday 4:30 PM	March 9 Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Michelle Moskel	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

## Please Join Us

The Holy Name Society will be reciting the rosary before the 9am mass on Sunday, March 9 starting at 8:30am. We continue to look for new members. Call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467.

## Stations of the Cross

Here at St. Hedwig Church every Friday at 5:30pm during Lent. Let us all try to draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

## Lenten Dinners

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

## The Standard of Christ

*True happiness and fulfillment is—*

### **Blessed are the poor in spirit...**

*Not being dominated by owning things; a humble reliance upon God.*

### **Blessed are they who mourn...**

*A healthy assessment of our sins; a healthy guilt that motivates us to correct the wrongs we've done.*

### **Blessed are the meek...**

*We deliberately act with gentleness—the ultimate act of power: freedom.*

### **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...**

*The joy of rendering to others what is justly theirs...*

### **Blessed are the merciful...**

*We show mercy to others because we have experienced God's mercy and to continue seeking His mercy.*

### **Blessed are the clean of heart...**

*We are fulfilled by our freedom from these forms of enslavement of ourselves and others.*

### **Blessed are the peacemakers...**

*The children of God promote peace, order and tranquility so all can reach their full potential as creatures made in the image and likeness of God.*

### **Blessed are those persecuted for righteousness sake...**

*Fulfillment by resisting to be conformed to the world's standard—even if we are rejected because of it.*



# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,879.00 and \$667.00 from online giving for a total of \$6,546.00.** Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Marilyn Wayland** who passed away on Friday, February 14th. Marilyn was a long time parishioner of St. Patrick's and was the sister of Tom Brunner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 **Louis Raub** from Brian & Annie Candela: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathy Alessi: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Charles Orbanek** from Denise & Phillip Rewers; in memory of **Dorothy M. Ward** from William J. Carney; in memory of **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn; also donation from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon, Carolyn Robert Schenker, Kathleen Horan, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Patricia & William Gloecker, Nancy Gloecker & Rodney Palombo, and Nancy Yochim.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Carol Habas, Chris Sanner*

Greeters: *Angie Kontur*

Altar Servers: *Addie Babinsack, Owen Babinsack*

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

**Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Williams*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Ed Brown, Mary Kearney*

Greeters: *Norann Brugger + 1 NEEDED*

Altar Servers: *Logan Kearney*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

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

*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** Evelyn Grace Schermerhorn daughter of Mary (Styn) and Kevin Schermerhorn, Lila Ann Cotterill daughter of Danielle and Justus Cotterill, and Mia Melissa Vogt daughter of Robert and Karinna Vogt who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.



## ST. PATRICK WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

Jared Olson, Elise Bailey, James and Rebecca Pianta, Vikki Placidi, Mary and Zynia Sonney, Thomas and Lynn Belczyk

## 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.



**KNIGHTS & LADIES....**will have a Mass on March 16th at 5:00 which will include the induction of the new members of the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick. Dinner will follow the Mass at the Erie Maennerchor Club. For tickets to the dinner contact Colleen Welch at 455-8571. Deadline for tickets is March 12th.

## 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.



### **The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network's**

The Annual Guess That Tune Gala will be held Saturday, March, 22 at the Bayfront Convention Center. Proceeds benefit the programs and efforts of SSJNN at 425 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Tickets are \$65 each or \$600 per table. To reserve tickets or for more information, please call 454-7814.

### **Holy Trinity Easter Market**

Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street in Erie, is accepting orders for your Easter favorites: home-made pierogi, Polish sweet bread (from Buffalo), blessing loaves, nutroll, homemade breads, home-made cookies and butter lambs. Pre-orders will be taken February 13 through March 16. Mail your orders to Holy Trinity Parish (2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA 16503), call them in to 814-456-0671 or fax them to 814-461-1150. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Holy Trinity Social Center during the Easter Market from April 11 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and April 12 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### **Cancer Support Group**

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at [deacontom@holytrinityrc.org](mailto:deacontom@holytrinityrc.org) or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, March 20, 2014.

### **Difficult Marriages are Wounded Marriages That Need Healing**

Consider Retrouvaille. Learn an effective communication method and other ways to strengthen your marriage and bring it new energy. Retrouvaille gives marriages a new chance. The next marriage-saving weekend is March 14-16th in Erie. Retrouvaille is sponsored by Catholic Charities. For more information, call 1-814-437-9377.

### **A Family Perspective**

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and pay a price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.

### **Villa Maria Elementary currently holding open enrollment**

Villa Maria Elementary School, a co-educational Pre2- 8th grade school at 2551 West 8th Street in Erie, PA, is currently holding open enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year for all grades. Call VME to set up a guided tour of the 40-acre campus (including the athletic center and pool area), meet faculty and staff and receive information on registration and scholarships. For more information, contact the school at 814.838.5451 or visit <http://www.vmelementary.com>.

### **Vera Bradley Bingo**

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gym. Admission is \$20.00 in advance (including 20 games) or \$25.00 at the door. All winners receive a Vera Bradley handbag. In the event of multiple winners, there will be one winner and consolation prizes. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and food available, door prizes, instant tickets, Special Vera Bradley Raffle. Must be 18 years or older to attend. Tickets are on sale now. Phone the school office at 825-2822 or see any PTC board member.

### **The Divine Mercy Encounter Retreat Program** (formerly the TEC program)

is now accepting applications to make the April DME retreat, which will be held April 4th, 5th, and 6th at St. Joseph Church in Erie, PA. Applications can be found online at [www.divinemercyencounter.com](http://www.divinemercyencounter.com)

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**March 3** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**March 4** *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MARSHA WILSON, ANNIV. 2/27  
(FRIEND, ANN MARIE)

**March 5** *Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS) - ST.P

12:05 PM MARY ANN WELSH (MIMI WEISS) - ST.P

5:30 PM STANLEY & SOPHIE WIECZOREK - ST.H  
(IRENE & FAMILY)

**March 6** *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM INTENTION OF TREVOR MURNOCK  
(TREVOR MURNOCK, SR.)

**March 7** *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (MARIE NOWAKOWSKI)

**March 8** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent*

4:30 PM ROSE PLIZGA (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM FRANCES MANGO THOMPSON - ST.P  
(PATTI & DENIS O'BRIEN)

**March 9** *First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM JANE RIZZO, ANNIV. (NIECE, ANN) - ST.P

9:00 AM FRANK OLSZEWSKI  
(DAUGHTER, DEBORAH) - ST. H

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, 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

**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

**03/04** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/05** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**03/06** 10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church

7:00 PM Pope Francis Lecture - Church

**03/07** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig

**03/08** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/09** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

### *A Moment of Reflection*

Reading I: Isaiah 40:14-15

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34



Look at the simplicity of a flower . All of its grace and beauty radiate from its existence. It is simply a flower. Jesus uses the images of flowers, birds, and grass of the field as learning tools... we are most truly alive when we are acting - being what we created to be...human. When we try to be something other than simply a child of God, our relationship with God is hurt. And this hurt is healed by imitating the flower - opening ourselves to the warmth of God's love, being a child of God.

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ 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