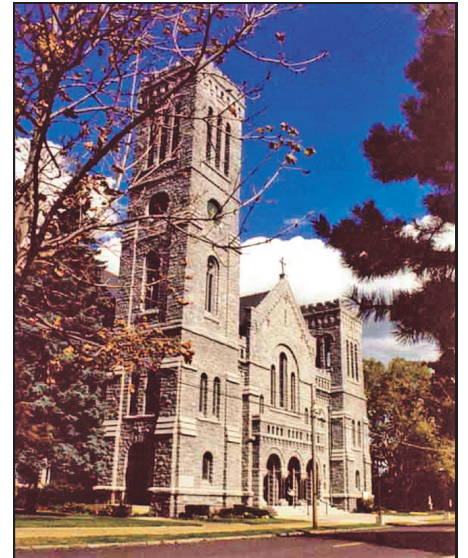
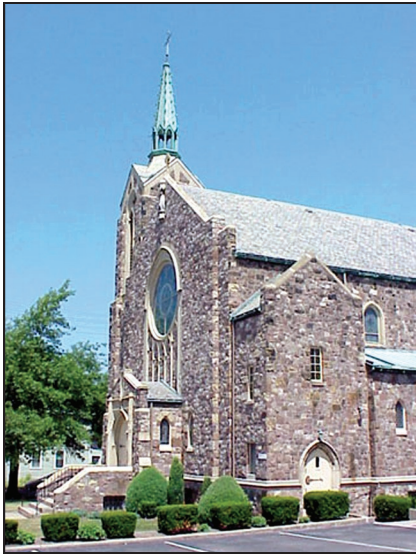


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

[www.sainthedwigparisherie.org](http://www.sainthedwigparisherie.org)

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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 3rd Sunday of Lent and our first reading from Exodus is really a continuation of our first reading last Sunday from Genesis. Last week we read of God entering a covenant with Abraham and today it is Moses. In doing so with Moses, he is fulfilling his covenant with Abraham. Abraham lived about 1850 BC, Moses about 1250 BC. God's presence to Abraham was made visible through a flame and the same today with Moses and the burning bush. After he is revealed to Moses, Moses asks God what is his name. God had not revealed this to Abraham and to do so he enters into an even deeper relationship with Moses. He says he is "I am who am," which translated means "I am always with you."

In the second reading, Paul is using the story of the exodus to teach the Corinthians, and us, about our spiritual journey. He notes that the Israelites had passed through the sea and that the Corinthians have passed through the waters of baptism. He also notes that the Israelites had manna to eat and spiritual drink from the rock and that the Christians have the Eucharist. Paul notes that despite the fact that God had been so good to the Israelites, some of them sinned and were struck down, and he notes this as an example for them. His people must not "desire evil things" or "grumble" as did the Israelites.

In our gospel, similar to Paul's letter, we are called to repent. The people are telling Jesus about the terrible fate which had befallen some of their fellow Galileans, and Jesus is telling them not to see such suffering as punishment for sin. Jesus himself then offers another example of people killed by a tower and he asks if they were greater sinners than others. No, he answers, but he points out that sin causes suffering. If people don't repent, they, too, will perish. The lesson seems to be that while suffering is not punishment for sin, the consequence of sin is inevitable suffering. To avoid suffering, people must repent. He then shares a parable, that of the fig tree the theme of which is that we should not delay in our repentance.

Let me just share with you some of the history of Lent. Beginning in about the 5th century, some of the church fathers viewed Lent as being of apostolic origins, ie., instituted by the apostles. St. Leo, for example, who died in 461 taught that

his hearers might abstain so that they may fulfill with their fasts, the apostolic institution of 40 days. Modern scholars reject this popular view and note the wide diversity of practice regarding the fast before Easter. It is now believed that fasting was on the Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. The very early church did not celebrate Easter once a year, but every Sunday and so Friday and Saturday of each week became fast days.

It is not until about 325 that we find mention of an annual celebration of Easter. Its origins were in Jerusalem and it would slowly spread from there. Gradually, a period of 40 days emerged to recall Moses, Elias and Jesus fasting for this period. By the fifth century, Lent lasted 6 weeks in Rome but only 3 weeks were fasting. These three weeks would tie in with the RCIA which we now use as preparation for people being received into the church. Recall that infant baptism did not emerge for centuries; only adults were baptized and they were catechized during Lent.

There also seems to have been a wide variety of fasting, some from fish, others from birds, fruit covered by a hard shell and eggs. Our celebration of Easter eggs comes from the fact that these early Christians fasted from eggs during Lent.

The name "Lent" comes from an old English word for spring. Originally it would have come from the Latin word quadragesima or "the forty days."

The final electrical work in church is underway and we will finally have all of our lighting. You will also notice how much more even the lighting is than it has been up until now. Notice the lighting of the Last Supper on the high altar and the lights on the gold crucifix above the tabernacle. One thing we discovered with the final lighting of the Stations, is that some of the statues have tears in their eyes. Look closely and you'll see it. The only lighting missing is to highlight the high altar and then we are done.

The new electrical work for the carillon in the bell tower is also underway. As soon as that is complete, the people from the Verdin Bell Company in Cincinnati will be here to install the carillon. You are going to be very pleased with the sound of these bells. It is incredible, and we have a wide variety of options ranging from tolling of the

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

bells for funerals, pealing of bells for joyous occasions, etc. We also have the availability of a wide variety of hymns. This new system is probably at least 20 times larger than the old system.

The new carillon is given in memory of Joseph Kohler who died this past year and is donated by parishioners Gary and Becky Johnson in memory of her dad. Joe was an outstanding educator, was at Mass every day, had a great sense of humor and died recently after a brief struggle with cancer. I personally can count him as a friend of over 35 years who brought great joy into people's lives, and will continue to do that through this beautiful memorial.

Now that the lighting is complete, we will take a series of photographs of the interior of the church and put together a color brochure including these photos as well as the names of all of the parishioners who donated to this project. We will also start soon to work on a plaque for the church listing all of the donors.

We presently have pledges of \$1,107,000 and payments to date of \$651,000. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project. I continue to hear comments everywhere I go about how beautiful the church looks. And I continue to get endless phone calls from brides who want to be married here!!

The Irish Festival Committee will meet in the Pascal Room immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass today. If you are interested in volunteering for the festival, feel free to join us. The event will again be chaired by Cal Pifer, and I'm very grateful for his leadership. He evidenced that last year by doubling the profits of the event. One of the proposals for this year is that we only have the festival on Friday evening and Saturday and instead of having the festival on Sunday, we host a large Irish Breakfast.

Bulletin bloopers: "Today's Sermon, 'How Much Can a Man Drink?' with hymns from a full choir." "The Outreach Committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church." "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."

## For the love of the Irish

**The Irish Hooley**, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Society, is March 8th at the Cathedral Center. Featured performers are Donald O'Shaugnessy 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.



**St. Patrick's Day Parade** will kick-off at 2:00 on Saturday, **March 16th**. Pray for the beautiful weather that we had last year!



**St. Patrick Day Dinner-  
Sponsored by:**

***The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick***  
**Sunday March 17th**

St. Peter's Cathedral Center  
\$25.00-Adults

\$13.00 Children 6-12

Irish Food & Entertainment-  
free refreshments. Doors  
open at 6:45pm

Purchase tickets by March  
11th by calling:

Colleen Welch-455-8571

No tickets sold at the door.





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,070.31** and **\$583.00** in online giving for a total of **\$5,653.31**. If you are interested in online giving, visit our web-site to sign up: [saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://saintpatrickparisherie.org)  
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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Bev Hartigan** from John and Children: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**. The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Isabella Painter and Rachel Cacchione** from Mr. & Mrs. Merle Painter; **Henry Ratajczak** from Mrs. Annette Ratajczak; **James B. West** from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schneider; **Anthony & Amelia Beers** from Barb McGill; **Alfred Sokolowski** from Frances Sokolowski; **Joseph & Mary Tucceri** from Mr. & Mrs. Scott Nick; **Jim & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella Pristello** from Randy & Cyndi Pristello; **Mary L. Duncan** from Mary Duncan; **Helen Oncea** from Yvonne Gersims, **Marcy Fabin** from Betty Gama.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Winschel, Carol Habas  
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Charla Leemhuis,  
Audrey Reigel, Colleen Welch

Greeters: Tom and Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi, Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: John Purvis, Luke Purvis, Tim Torrey,  
John Maloney

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,  
Mary Duncan



## ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Frederick Vickey, Leo and Jane Fitzgibbon, Andy and Linda Hagge, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske, Colleen Trestrake, Mary Williams, Laura Reitingen, Lawrence & JoElla Gorgacz, Michelle Trocki, Barbara Brairton, Dr. Janet Klempay, Fred and Phyllis Marchinetti, Marian Kohan, Jim and Debra Murray, Dan and Beth Biletnikoff, Eugene and Kathleen Polaski, Meghan Smith, Timothy and Marianne Stevenson, John Snyder, Danielle Hutchinson, Scott Little, Peter and JoAnn Lyons, Patricia Schmidt, Marie Brawley, Erin Ray, Billy Alex, Barbara Armour, Thomas Toale, Jacob Williams.



During Lent we refrain from using the pipe organ - when we return to it on Easter Sunday it will make our celebration that much more glorious!

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Reading II: Psalm 103:1-11

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



We are living in a culture that extols instant gratification, outcomes measurement and a return on investment, so the requirement to have something to show for our investments has become a familiar norm. But healthy growth takes time and attention. As you journey through Lent, what expectations do you have for your spiritual growth? What habits or activities do you need to prune? What virtues need to be strengthened?

**NEEDED:** The Irish Culture Society is in need of a flat bed trailer to use for our float for the Perry 200 Memorial Parade. The trailer needs to have a ball hitch and low bed at least 8 x 16 feet. This could be great advertising for your business and the luck of the Irish may always be with you.



# Saint Hedwig News



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested Irene & Ed Staszewski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Poor Souls** 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 and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,239.00**. Thank you and God bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

The 2013 Appeal is now under way. Our CSA goal is **\$11,029.00**. We received pledges last weekend of **\$1,950.00**. Any money over goal stays at our parish. We depend on this to stay alive and continue to make necessary repairs and improvements. The parish depends on your generosity. Warmest thanks for your support.

## 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 immediately following the 9am Mass at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. We are hoping for a good turnout so bring your family and your friends.



## Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	March 9	March 10
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Dan Jarzomski
	Michelle Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

## Memorials - In Memory of Mary L. Zielinski

Jim & Beth Zielinski & family, the Kraesinski family, Helen & Joyce Zebrowski, Jeanette Borowy, Cheryl & Mark Majewski & family, Jean & Jim Gorski, Mike Zagorski, Gary & Kathie Meyer, Peter & Carol Lubowicki, Carol Sobolewski, Rose Nesdore, Leanne Eaglen, National Fuel-Erie CAC Employees, Nancy Haupt, Joyce Murphy, Judy Osiecki, Kay Meyer, Linda Ciotti, the Juchno family, Jack & Patti Tyler, Mike & Rosemarie Nestor, Bill Hayes Sr., Bill Hayes Jr., Dorothy Mielnik, Charlotte Mabie, Dick & Pat Mielnik, Linda Baginski, Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Irene Tyler, Helen Zielinski, Jeanne & Roland Henderson, Janice Moskel, Barb & Doug Dailey, Angie & Bonnie Zebrowski, Chrylene Lindsley, Michael & Pamela Kozuchowsky, Anna & James Flanagan, Metz Dining Service (Gannon University Employees), Camille Thompson, Kathy & Mike Geanous, Jim & Linda Bush, Irene Mielnik, Diane & Rich Valahovic, Catherine Jankowski, Donna Turbaczewski, Jeanne & Hannu Kellomaki, the Helen Prizinski family, Bob & Sheila Woll, Lord Corporation, the Pentz family.

## Lenten Dinners

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



## Adam and Eve

### Q. What was accomplished by Jesus' death on the cross?

A. Jesus' death on the Cross and His Resurrection made it possible for me and all other humans to once again share the life with God that was lost by Adam and Eve.

### Q. What kind of life did Adam and Eve have with God?

A. Adam and Eve were partakers or participants in an existence that allowed them to see God and communicate freely with Him. Their existence was marked by great physical beauty, tremendous knowledge, perfect health and life in paradise.



*Pray the Rosary*

**The Holy Trinity Easter Market** will take place on Friday, March 22 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday March 23 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Located at Holy Trinity parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie, the market will include: homemade “Holy Trinity” pierogis, Polish sweet breads and blessing loaves, a variety of other breads, nutrolls, chrusciki (Polish bow tie cookies), cut out Easter cookies and butter lambs. Proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity’s parish Catholic education program. Pre-orders will be accepted February 20 – March 11. Fax orders to: (814) 461-1150, mail orders to: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie or call orders in to (814) 456-0671. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Holy Trinity Social Center during the Easter Market hours on March 22–23.

**PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide)** is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

### **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 [deacon-tom@holyltrinityrc.org](mailto:deacon-tom@holyltrinityrc.org) or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, March 21, 2013.

### **LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS**

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, February 15, March 1 & 15 in the Parish Hall from 4:00—7:00PM. Adults \$10.00, Children ages 6-12 \$5.00, children five and under—free. Take outs are \$10.25. Come and enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner.

### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FISH AND PIEROGI DINNER:**

March 8th, March 22nd from 4:00—7:00 pm at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd. Dine in—Adults \$9.50, Children ages 7-12 \$4.50, Take out \$10.00—\$5.00 Dinners include hand breaded fish filet and/or home-made cheese pierogi, a choice of homemade potato salad, French fries, or macaroni and cheese. Also a choice of homemade cole slaw, or green beans.

### **A Family Perspective**

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don’t live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don’t cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

### **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is about secrets and conundrums. (John 4:5-42) How to get water? How many husbands? Secret food? Spouses should keep no secrets from each other. Is there something you don’t understand about your beloved? Listen lovingly and intently.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 BROSKI (JUCHNO FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM LANNY (BLAMO) RISHER (MEG MALY) - ST.P

**Mar. 04** *Monday, St. Casimir*

8:00 AM TRISH HARDNER (FAMILY)

**Mar. 05** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM GOOD HEALTH FOR ED SLIVINSKI &amp; FAMILY

**Mar. 06** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM CATHERINE FITZGERALD (MARY ANN LICAN)

**Mar. 07** *Thursday, Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*8:00 AM BETTY JARZOMSKI  
(ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)**Mar. 08** *Friday, St. John of God, Religious*

8:00 AM JANE FILIPKOWSKI (RALPH &amp; LUCY FILIPKOWSKI)

**Mar. 09** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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

5:00 PM KATHRYN ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(FAMILY)**Mar. 10** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*9:00 AM WANDA DAMICO, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.H  
DAVID JUCHNO & FAMILY10:30 AM DAN & BARBARA MCCARTHY - ST.P  
(MARY MCCARTHY)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

**03/02** 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**03/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/06** No AA Meeting this week

7:00 PM RCIA - R

**03/09** Candidates' Confirmation Retreat at Glinodo Ctr.

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/10** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

**THE CONTEMPORARY STATIONS OF THE****CROSS** will once again be presented by the youth of our East side parishes, **Sunday, March 10th at 7 pm in Holy Rosary Church.** Please plan to join our youth as they lead us in this prayerful Lenten devotion of the Passion and Death of Jesus.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.

## 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

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory