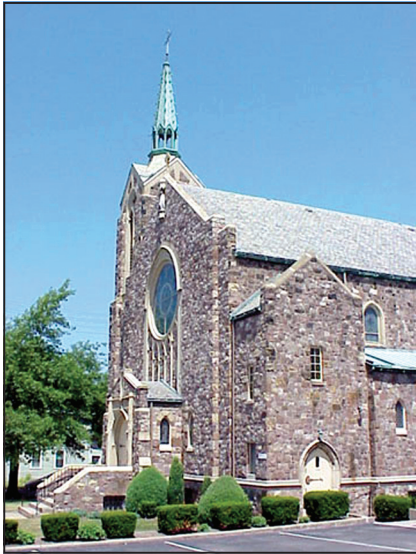


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



Saint Hedwig Parish

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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

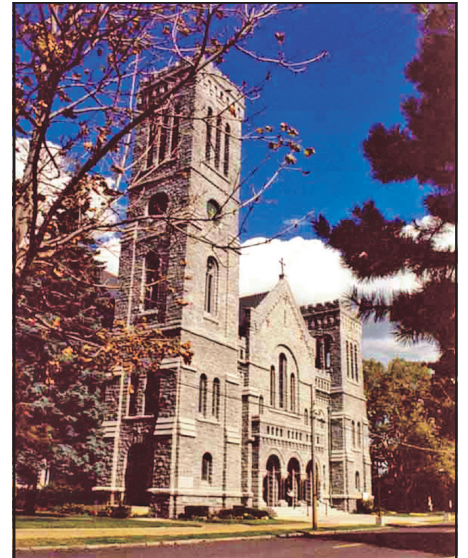
HOLY DAY MASSES
Anticipation
Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM
Holy Day
Saint Patrick 8:00 AM
Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday
Evening Mass or by appointment

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*For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Today is the Second Sunday of Lent and our first reading comes from the Book of Genesis. God is putting Abraham to the test, and it is no ordinary test. This is an extremely difficult text to digest and what we have to keep reminding ourselves is that God is God, and God can ask anything he wants of his creatures. Because of his actions, Abraham has been held up as our father in faith. Isaac, too, become an image of Christ in his willingness to accept God's will, even if it means death.....Our second reading is from the Letter to the Romans. The words proclaimed today are some of the most comforting in all of the New Testament, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" This is a text it would be good for us to remember when we face challenges in life.....In our Gospel, we have Mark's version of the familiar story of the Transfiguration. The setting is just days after Jesus makes the first prediction of his passion. Here we get a classic example of Mark's portrayal of the disciples as simply not understanding who Jesus is. Coming down the mountain, we're told they were pondering what "rising from the dead means." The dazzlingly white suggests the presence of the Divine, Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets of the Old Testament, Peter is overwhelmed but realizes it is good for him to be there, and the voice provides divine validation of Jesus' sonship and directs all to listen to him.Bishop Trautman has directed all pastors to inform parishioners of an update in the diocesan policy on cremation. He notes that the presence of the body at a Mass of Christian Burial is highly valued, and it is preferred that cremation take place after the Mass. When it is necessary to cremate the body before the Mass of Christian Burial, the cremated remains may be present at the Mass. And, finally, the guidelines note that cremains should be buried and not disposed of in other ways.....Celebrant of the 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's next Saturday will be Father Jason Glover of the Theology Department at Gannon University. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's will be Monsignor John Hagerty, retired headmaster of Cathedral Prep. I will be in Austin, TX to celebrate a wedding.....As we find ourselves immersed in Lent, it might be a good time to find some quiet time to reflect on who we are and where we are going in life. How do I treat other people, do I have a relationship with my God, am I carrying my share of the load in our family life? Our lives today get so hectic that we don't have time to stop and reflect, and Lent is the perfect time to do that.....Like much of our life in the church, the observance of Lent has evolved through the centuries. It began to be marked by the faithful as early as 386 AD and from the outset the number 40 played a significant role. Recall that Moses stayed on Mt. Sinai 40 days without eating or drinking before receiving the commandments; Elijah walked 40 days and 40 nights to Mount Sinai and most important, we are told in the gospels that Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert before beginning his public ministry.....Once the 40 days were established, the next development concerned how much fasting was to be done. In Jerusalem, for example, people fasted 40 days, Monday through Friday, but not on Saturday and Sunday, thereby making Lent last 8 weeks. In Rome and in the West, people fasted for six weeks, Monday through Saturday. In those early days of the church, people ate only one meal a day, in the evening or at 3 PM. Eventually, a smaller repast was allowed during the day to keep up one's strength for manual labor. Eating fish was allowed and later eating meat was also allowed except on Ash Wednesday and Fridays.....Over the years modifications have been made to the Lenten observance. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent which lasts 40 days, not including Sundays. The laws are relatively simple: on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the faithful fast (having only one full meal and smaller snacks to keep up one's strength) and abstain from eating meat. On the other Fridays of Lent, the faithful abstain from eating meat. In addition, the church has always encouraged to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.....As such, Lent is an excellent time to spend quiet time in prayer, to reach out to needy people, particularly the poor, the homeless, the hungry and all who are deprived of dignity in life.....You will notice the scaffolding is in place for the "mock-up," a ten foot wide section going from the floor to the dome which will be painted as we envision the entire church being done with the restoration. Purpose of this is that everyone can see what is proposed and the committee can make changes before proceeding.....As soon as this is in place, we'll begin the capital campaign to raise the necessary money. Each family will receive a color brochure outlining what needs to be done and what it will cost. I'm hoping that you will review it and discuss as a family how you think you can participate.....A valid question has been raised that if we remove the carpet from the sanctuary, will that affect the acoustics in church. Grise Audio Visual Center is studying the issue and will give us recommendations....On the signboard of the South End Baptist Church in Minneapolis was this message last week: "Whoever is praying for snow, please stop!"....A three year old was saying his night prayers before going to bed and his mother overheard him say, "God, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a really good time like I am.".....Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your will? It is an opportunity for your presence to continue on in the good work of the parish. Bequests can be designated for specifics, ie., ongoing maintenance of the building, etc. You can also remember your parish by designating the parish as beneficiary in a life insurance policy. I would be happy to discuss various ways this can all be done if anyone is interested.....Found in a church bulletin: "Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance." And, "Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered."



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,608.64**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers the family of **Mary Cerami** who passed away last week. Mary was a long time member of St. Patrick's and very active in the parish. 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 Foundation (Restoration) Fund** in memory of **Pauline & Irwin Fetscher and David Fetscher** by Kate Fetscher Chalupczynski; 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 **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Beverly Hartigan** from Timothy Torrey.

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 seven 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.

FESTIVAL MEETING: The first meeting of the Irish Festival Committee with the new chairperson, Cal Pifer, will be immediately following the 10:30 Mass today, March 4th, in the Pascal Room. If you are interested in sharing your ideas for this year's festival, we invite you to join us. The meeting will last less than an hour.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ryan Palm who is preparing to make a Profession of Faith, be received into Full Communion and receive Confirmation and Eucharist; and to David Poulliott, Irena Lazarevic and Robert Lazarevic who are preparing to complete their sacramental initiation by receiving Confirmation and/or Eucharist. These candidates were presented to St. Patrick Parish at the 10:30 Mass on February 26th and continued on to the Cathedral for recognition by Bishop Trautman. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they continue their final preparation.

The Ave Maria Care & Concern Society will hold their next meeting on March 11th. New members are always welcome. If you would like to see what the "Ave" is all about feel free to join them in the Pascal Room at 11:30 am. The Pascal Room is located near the doors on the east side of the rear of the Church. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 11th after the 10:30 am Mass. We would enjoy your company.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Lynne Long,
Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Needed

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello, Mary Pristello,
Arlene Barlekoff

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, David Wilcox,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

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. 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!

MSGR. KRIEGL'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 **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on homilies on the bar to the right.





Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Daniel Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Wanda Donikowski** requested by daughter Rita Clacher, and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Marion Donikowski** requested by daughter Rita Clacher. Please also remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,143.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

The 2012 School, City, County property taxes paid **\$2,764.00**.

Catholic Services Appeal

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is off to a good start. Our assessment is **\$10,200**. To date **\$3,450.00** has been pledged. We did splendidly last year and we hope our over goal results this year can be as good as last year. The parish depends on your generosity. Thank you for your loyalty to St. Hedwig's.

Masses requested for the soul of Carol Kurpiewski

Thomas Kurpiewski, Art & Margie Blum, Dorothy Mielnik, Donny Holl, Don & Gerri Holl, Janice Moskel, Michelle Moskel & family, Tom & Sharon Zielinski, Walter & Dorothy Helminski, Regina Loncki, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Loncki, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McDaniel, Steve & Gertrude Menosky, Sean & Bernadette Carroll.

Memorials - In Memory of Carol Kurpiewski

Joseph & Christine Rowane, Carmi Hogan Munsch, Betty Romecki & Ray Przybyczewski, David & Nancy Widomski, Peter & Judy Pentz, Jon & Janet Sedelmyer, Ed Kurpiewski & Margie Marquadt, John & Margaret Brewer, Roland & Jeanne Henderson, St. Hedwig Rosary Society, Richard Heinze, Helen Dombrowski, Dr. & Mrs. D. Carneval, J. H. Bennett, Ben & Mary Sitek,

Memorials continued...

Kevin & Mary Kay Earley, Raymond & Nora McGinley, Jonathan & Kelley Connoles, John & Analee Cree, Karen & Michael Bond, Daniel & Diane Jarzomski, Amy & Eric Jaglowski, Al & Irene Rowinski, Mary Lasko, Michael Anderson, Rebecca DeMarti & family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hayes & family, Gregg, Chris, Julie, Eddie, Joey Theiss, Norb & Linda Chrzanowski, Dick & Pat Mielnik, Chris & Mel, Dave & Linda, Tom & Colleen, Bill & Rita Brennan, Dolores Dombkowski, Mr. & Mrs. William Brozowski, Anonymous, Mr & Mrs. Paul Neimeic, Tom & Christine Church, Kristen & Jon & Casey Bickerstaff, Betty & Dan Voto, Paul & Chrylene Lindsley, Roz & Graham Parsons, Barb and Amanda Juchno & Rod, Theresa Juchno, Corritore family, Genevieve Gorski, Linda Gula, Irene Mielnik, Carol & John Ochs, Terry Paluh, John Vargo, Thelma & Shelly Pangratz, Sally Chambers, Nancy Kirchlich, Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Helen Zielinski, Jeff & Kim Benca.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm. Let us all try to draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

Lenten Dinners

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

Ministry Schedule

	March 10 4:30pm	March 11 9:00am
Eucharistic Reader	Charlotte Mabie Ron Rossi	Judy Pentz Don Moehler
Altar Server	Yvonne & Portia Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

*Pray the Rosary
During Lent*



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Mar. 03 Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**4:30 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)**Mar. 05 Monday, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Mar. 06 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday8:00 AM MARY T. & EDWARD J. MILLER
(LOU ANN & FAMILY)**Mar. 07 Wednesday, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

8:00 AM ANNE BUSZEK (MARY JO & ROBERT SULECKI)

Mar. 08 Thursday, St. John of God, Religious

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 09 Friday, St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 10 Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

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

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE KUZMA - ST.P

(MARY PAT SHCLAUDECKER & KAY MANNINO)

Mar. 11 Third Sunday of Lent9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H
(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

10:30 AM JUSTINE BURGER, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P



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.

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

- 03/03** 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
- 03/05** 7:00 PM MM Novena & Stations—St.P
- 03/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP
7:00 PM RCIA - R
- 03/09** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross—St.Hedwig's
- 03/10** 10:00 AM Confirmation Retreat—St. Stan's
3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/11** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg. -PR

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10



Everywhere we look in our lives there
are experiences that challenge us to see God's pres-
ence and action in a new light, in joys, in sufferings,
in tragedies, in natural disasters. The Spirit of Christ
is present in all situations. This Lent we need to lis-
ten carefully and open ourselves more fully to the
bigness of our God and live ever more generously in
his service.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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