

# *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**

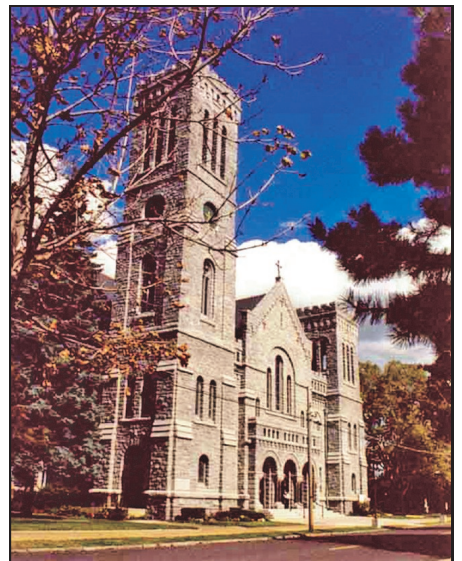
**Holy Day**

**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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## *Saint Patrick Parish*

Established 1837

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Today is the First Sunday of Lent and we read the story of our origins as found in the Book of Genesis. We are all familiar with this story of creation; but we have to remember that there are two stories of creation in the Book of Genesis. Prior to the account we read today is the equally familiar story of creation at the very beginning of Genesis in which God creates the world in 6 days and then rests on the 7th day. In that first account, we do not have the story of the fall of man, ie., the devil, the woman eating the apple, the two of them discovering their nakedness. The two differing accounts come from two different traditions that were found in Israel in the 900s when this book was written.

Paul's message in today's Letter to the Romans provides a nice bridge between the first reading and the gospel, where Jesus, too, is tempted. Paul compares Jesus and Adam and the condemnation and salvation that resulted from each of their respective temptations. Paul's language is very convoluted and difficult to follow—this is typical of the scribe who wrote Paul's letters. Some sentences are forty and fifty words long. What he is doing is contrasting Adam's response to temptation and Jesus' response.

Our gospel today immediately follows the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan. As soon as he was baptized, Satan moves in and takes him to the desert for the familiar three temptations. Hungry and weakened to the point of collapse, a vulnerable Jesus waits in the desert. The tempter does not waste the opportunity urging Jesus to satisfy his needs. Read this passage carefully and you will see that Jesus' energy grows with each response and he saves his best for last. His strong dismissal contrasts with the rather mild dismissal we read in Luke's account of the temptation. The familiar gospel concludes with Jesus collapsing into the arms of angels.

Our 2014 Catholic Services Appeal gets underway in all the parishes in the diocese today. The funds raised in this annual drive support our retired priests, educate our seminarians, allows the diocese to participate in Catholic Charities, etc. Each parish is assigned an assessment which must be paid whether we raise the funds or not. We have not conducted the appeal the past two

years at St. Patrick's because of our campaign for the restoration of the church, even though I had to pay those assessments. This year, we have to raise \$11,803 at St. Hedwig's and \$42,350 at St. Patrick's. Any monies raised above those amounts remains in the parishes. I am hoping to raise additional money at St. Patrick's to help pay down our debt. I hope you will consider helping me meet these goals.

I promised my first weekend at both parishes that I will NEVER mention money from the pulpit. The pulpit is reserved for the Word of God and money doesn't belong there. But remember, I didn't say anything about the bulletin!!

Mark Alloway and I met for several hours with Mark Fischer of Fischer Organ Works as he and Mark have been telling me for sometime that the pipe organ is in need of some major work. Mark Fischer tells me that the last time work was done on the organ was in 1972 when Father Plunkett was still here. He took me inside the organ to show me how badly worn some of the pieces are and what needs to be done. He's preparing me a bid which I asked him to prioritize what has to be done and tell me what is necessity and what is luxury and then we'll see where we go from there. I have some money in a fund for the pipe organ but nowhere near what we're going to need for the project. I think you would all agree that we don't want that magnificent instrument to fall into disrepair. We have several wonderful pipe organs in the city that are no longer functioning because they were let go. We can't let that happen here. I'll keep you posted.

We started our Lenten Scripture class this past Thursday, and I'm thrilled with the large number of people attending. What I hope to do in four one hour classes is explore the New Testament, ie., timing of writing, purpose of each gospel or letter, audiences, etc. Rather than use any type of a book, I've prepared handouts which I am distributing each week. The class is open to the public. I just ask that you call the rectory office and register so I know how many handouts.

Pope Francis was asked again why he refuses to live in the papal palace and he responded by saying, "How can I live in a palace when I lead a religion founded by a homeless hippy!"

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

I continue to be amazed at how many people help support our St. Patrick Food Pantry. Just recently we received a check for \$200 from Chapter 435 of Vietnam Veterans of America.

I recently mentioned that we have had some water leakage problems in the Food Pantry and that we have found the source of the problem. Unfortunately it means we have to replace the entire roof over the Food Pantry, but we have to wait until the weather breaks before we can do this. I don't yet have bids, but the Finance Council will review everything before we do anything. God keeps reminding me of what it means to be steward of hundred year old buildings!

We're getting close to being able to meet with all of the committee heads for the 2014 Irish Festival. The move to downtown is exciting, but a lot of work. A lot of work!! I'm grateful to Cal Pifer and Angie Kontur for their leadership with all of this. We have now secured permission from the city to close a part of East 4th Street from the rectory driveway east to the west wall of the church. We will tent that entire area and then another tent will go south along the lawn between the church and the rectory. That area will be the stage, dance floor and tables and chairs. The booths will be out on 4th Street. The area behind the rectory is going to be tented and serve as the food area. We are seriously exploring eliminating the entrance fee and trying to make up that income in another way. We are presently the only festival in the city that charges an entrance fee and we'd love to eliminate it. There are just a few more details to work out and then we'll take the entire proposal to the chairs of the various committees. We met recently with Calamari's who are doing the food as well as Tap House, Scully's and Sullivan's who are going to join in helping them. There will be 24 hour security and no need to put things away at night.

Some people are kind, polite and sweet until you try to sit in their pew.....God didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitos come very close.....People are funny: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of church.....Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.



## Saint Hedwig News



### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 great grandchildren. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,037.00**, Heat update **\$606.00** and **\$2,550** for Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Thank you and God bless.

### Catholic Services Appeal

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is now underway. Our assessment is \$11,083. Please help your parish with this assessment. You always have in the past. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge. Any excess pledged stays at St. Hedwig's.

### Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent here at St. Hedwig's at 5:30pm. This is one way we can draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

### Lenten Dinners

Before or after Stations of the Cross, stop at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons for a delicious meal. They serve fish, pierogi and more...from 4 until 7pm.

### St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 6 following the 9am mass at the Third Street Polish Falcons. Tickets for the breakfast will be available in the vestibule before and after each weekend Mass the weekends of March 15-16, March 22-23, March 29-30. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and the cost of children tickets (ages 5-10) are \$4.00. There is no charge for children under 5. Any questions.....call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467. We will be selling chances on several theme baskets to be raffled at the breakfast. We are looking forward to a good turnout so bring your family and friends.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 16</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Dan Jarzomski
	Michelle Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$8,795.00 and \$752.00 from online giving for a total of \$9,547.00.** 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 **Justine Burger**, Anniv. from husband, Chuck & family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Alfred Sokolowski** from wife, Francis; he **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Gretchen Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach, in memory Mary Novotny from Carolyn & Robert Schenker; in memory of **Barbara Korn** from David Korn; in memory of **Our Parents, Bob & Marge Wenstran and Joe & Cecelia Vitron** from Roberta & Robert Vitron; in memory of **William J. & Jane M. Ward Carney** from William Carney; also donations from the Presque Isle Doll Club, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Sarah & Todd Humphrey, Alice & Ken Daub, David Romanowicz and Debra & James Murray.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Lynne Long,  
Shirley Winshell

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri,  
Phil Rewers

**Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Audrey Reigel,  
Michele Wheaton

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch,  
Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,  
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

*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.*

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

Co-Sponsored by the **Knights & Ladies of St. Patrick and St. Patrick Parish**—Saturday, March 15th at 2:00 PM. Starts at 11th and State Streets and ends in front of the Church.



On **Sunday, March 16th at 5:00 PM** there will be a Mass with the induction of the 2014 Knights & Ladies immediately following the liturgy. Dinner will follow at the Erie Maennerchor Club honoring the newly elected Knights & Ladies who are: Mary Ellen Brown, Dr. Maureen Barber-Carey, Paul Hakel, Mary Kulyk, Michael Malthaner, Caleb Pifer, Mary Beth Wachter, and Richard "Chip" Wachter. Deadline for ticket purchase has passed.

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Reading II: Romans 5:12-11

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



We are starting Lent - again. We will be tested as to our endurance, tempted to abandon efforts at serious self-denial in favor of an easy way of doing penance. A temptation wouldn't be a temptation if it didn't promise something that appears good or beneficial - like Eve's temptation, eating the fruit to gain wisdom. Jesus faced temptation in this week's Gospel, What was Jesus' way to resist his temptation?

## 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.



## Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Chat rooms can be a treacherous place and parents need to talk to their children about the potential dangers. Children 'meet' new friends virtually but in the virtual world you never really know who you are talking to. Sometimes these 'friends' are adults trying to gain the friendship and trust of children and youth. Continual monitoring of children's participation in chat rooms is required to keep children safe! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- 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
- March 10** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 11** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION
- March 12** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM NANCY GALLAGHER  
 (JANE & LEO FITZGIBBON)
- March 13** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- March 14** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM GENEVIEVE GORSKI (HELEN DUBOWSKI)
- March 15** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent*  
 4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (FAMILY) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM FRAN MANGO THOMPSON - ST.P  
 (CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)
- March 16** *Second Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY - ST.P  
 (MARY LOU & DICK FORAN)  
 9:00 AM MERCEDES KALETA - ST.H  
 (PETER & JUDY PENTZ)  
 10:30 AM KATHERYN & RONALD ANGELOTTI - ST.P  
 (FAMILY)

**We thank State News & Variety Store  
 for advertising in our parish bulletin.  
 See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

**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

- 03/08** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/09** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary  
 NO Religious Education Classes Grade 7-10
- 03/09** 1:00 PM Session 8 Confirmation Preparation
- 03/11** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 03/12** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 03/13** 10:00 AM Scripture Study - Church
- 03/14** 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross—St. Hedwig's
- 03/15** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 03/16** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary  
 NO Religious Education Classes Grade 7-10  
 5:00 PM Knights & Ladies Mass—St.P

**THANK YOU! ...** to the parents and children who planned, prepared and participated in the **ECFF Family Mass**, February 23rd. **Thank you to those who proclaimed the Word of God at the Family Mass:** Mr Michael Thiemann (*Holy Trinity Parish*), Barb and Jim Nealon (*St Patrick Parish*), Mr Michael Hannah (*Holy Rosary Parish*), **Gr. 2 students:** Eden Rose Palkovic (*Holy Family Parish*) and Xavier Thiemann (*Holy Trinity Parish*). For the **Universal Prayer of the Church** (*Prayer of the Faithful*), Catechist, Mrs. Cindy DeCoursey and Summer Hannah (*Holy Parish*), Adin Thiemann (*Holy Trinity Parish*) and Michael Popovich (*St Stanislaus Parish*). **To our Gift bearers** – Grace Kuhar (*St John the Baptist Parish*) Ethan Baker (*St Patrick Parish*), Caden Carpenter and Sophia McGill (*Holy Rosary Parish*); and **to our servers** – Madison Schaeffer (*Holy Rosary Parish*) and Owen Babinsack (*St Patrick Parish*). To Mr. Alex Wheaton (*St Patrick Parish*), a high school catechist, for his presence as *Jesus*; to four year-old, Morgan Eastman, who led us in our procession and opening hymn; to Christian and Samuel Kakula (*St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish*) who shared their gift of playing the drums, for Christos music ministry and to our presider, Fr John Jacquel – **thank you!**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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