

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

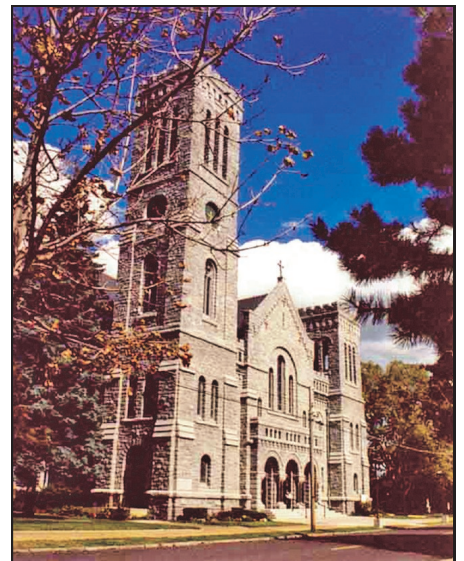
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the 4th Sunday of Lent and we first hear from the Book of Joshua. We are told that the Israelites are camped "at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho." This means they are finally back in the promised land which had been promised their ancestors 600 years

earlier. During most of this time they lived in Egypt where they had been forced to go during a famine. During that time they were enslaved until God called Moses to lead them out of slavery. Now, around 1200 BC Moses has died and Joshua is named to be his successor. As our reading begins, God assures Joshua that their long ordeal is ended and this becomes the basis for the feast of the Passover. That feast recalls the last plague in Egypt which claimed the first born of every family except the Israelites. While journeying forty years to get here they were fed manna; now they can live off the land. A new era is proclaimed.

In Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, we also hear of a new "creation," this one initiated by Jesus Christ. Through Christ, we are told God reconciles the world to himself. Therefore we are all called to be reconciled to one another. Paul's letter is poignant because not only are some of the Corinthians at odds with each other; they are at odds with Paul. Paul had earlier written them a tearful letter seeking reconciliation. Today he tells them that God doesn't count our trespasses against us, but instead reaches out to reconcile the world to himself.

Our gospel today is the most powerful story of healing and forgiveness found anywhere in the Scriptures. Nothing can compare to the magnitude of this parable and what it means for you and for me. At the bottom line, it means we can be forgiven anything. Nothing will be held against us; we need have no fears. BUT we must first recognize our failings and the minute we do that, we are forgiven. Recall that the father (God) does not make his son beg for forgiveness, he does not chastise him for his wayward ways, he does not give him a penance or punish him. When he sights him coming from afar, he is so overjoyed that he calls for a fatted calf, a ring for his son's finger and a cloak for his shoulders. "My son who was dead is alive," God proclaims. And he feels exactly the same way about you and I when we recognize our failings.

Holy Week will be here before we know it, and let me take a minute and give you some of the history of what we celebrate during that week. Our earliest records of Holy Week come from the 4th century diary of a European woman, Egeria, who was in Jerusalem for Holy Week in the year 383. According to her diary, the Palm Sunday liturgy began in the afternoon with an elaborate procession which started outside the city on the Mount of Olives. The bishop re-enacted the role of Jesus while children waved olive branches.

On Holy Thursday night, after the Eucharist had been celebrated, the events of Jesus' passion were re-enacted: his agony in the garden, his arrest and his trial before Pontius Pilate.

On Good Friday, she tells us there were four hours of veneration of the cross, beginning just before noon, followed by a solemn afternoon Liturgy of the Word that concluded with a reading of the Passion according to John.

The Easter Vigil began in mid-afternoon on Holy Saturday, with the final preparation of the catechumens. That night, while the catechumens were being baptized, the rest of the faithful kept vigil. As soon as the newly baptized were led into the church, the celebration of the Eucharist began.

These observations were only held in Jerusalem until about the fifth and sixth centuries when we find the church at Rome and the church at Constantinople imitating the Jerusalem observances. Eventually, the rites deteriorated in the Middle Ages, were read in Latin and attended by few people. It was Pope Pius XII who restored Holy Week to its present format, perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments.

To help you plan, our Easter celebrations will include the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday at 8 PM at St. Patrick's as well as an 8 AM and a 10:30 AM Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Patrick's. There will also be a 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Hedwig's.

The annual St. Hedwig's Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 28, following the 9 AM Mass. The breakfast will be held at the Polish Falcons. Speaker is Jeremy Bloeser, Director of

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

is working to revitalize the neighborhood from French to Wallace and the bayfront to East Sixth Street. In concert with Erie Insurance and UPMC Hamot, a great deal of progress has been made but much remains. Jeremy will update the people at the breakfast on what BEST has accomplished and what they continue to do. I'm thrilled to be on the Board of Directors of BEST and to do everything I can to promote their good work. In the past 10 years, they have demolished over 40 blighted properties, built 21 new homes which have been sold and established eight rental properties. They are saving our neighborhood, and I think you'll find Jeremy's remarks of great interest.

Next Sunday is March 17, the feast of St. Patrick. Because it is a Lenten Sunday, we cannot observe it, but must follow the Sunday readings. On Saturday the annual St. Patrick's Day parade will be held beginning at 2 PM.

The Irish Festival Committee met last Sunday and plans are underway for our Sept. 13, 14 & 15 celebration. Some great changes are in store for this year including a Bagpipers Band to lead off the grand opening of the festival on Friday evening and a grand Irish Breakfast being served on Sunday morning. We've also lined up an Amish couple who are going to be here with several sheep as well as some whom they will shear to show how that is done. Unless a sheep is sheared each year, it will die from heat, and so the process is a necessary step in their lives and has long been a part of Irish history. There will also be some sheep for children to pet.

The minister's 5-year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come he never answers you?", she asked!!!

Bulletin bloopers: "Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King."

For the love of the Irish

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

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.



LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Friday, March 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.



Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6364.25**, and **\$643.00** from online giving for a total of **\$7,007.25**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Francis Siley; The **Food Pantry** In Memory of: Bill & Louise Phillips by Mrs. Charla Leemhuis; Robert Alex, Mary Cerami by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Calabrese; Rita Caldwell, Harry Caldwell, Eric Hartwell, Dave Cropeck by Mrs. Renee Calabrese; Paul & Dorothy McMahon by Miss Rosemarie McMahon; Ro & Walt Rudnick by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Patty Dailey, Tom Golab, Carol Habas*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: *Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis*

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

Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler, Audrey Reigel*

Greeters: *Norann Brugger, Marlene Golab*

Altar Servers: *Andrew Wilcox, Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *Dave Wilcox, Dave Taccone,*

Tim Torrey, John Purvis

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin*

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Reading II: Psalm 126 : 1-6

Gospel: Philippians 3: 8-14

John 8:1-11

It is rightly said that people's judgment of others often says more about themselves than about the person being judged. In judging and condemning others, we manifest our own insecurity. This comes from not being grounded in the love that God has for us. The more secure I am in the love that God has for me, the less inclined I am to judge others. How is the mercy and compassion God has for you reflected in the compassion and mercy that you have toward others? How secure are you in the love that God has for you?



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by his Great-grandchildren, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Prayers Answered** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stefania Tyczkowski** requested by family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,087.00** plus heat & fuel update **\$482.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

The 2013 Appeal is now underway. Our CSA assessment is **\$11,029.00**. We have received **\$3,537.00** in pledges so far. As you know, our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is crucial for our financial vitality. We appeal to all who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. We can certainly at least duplicate last year's success. We know you will come through as you always do. This is very important for us. Please make your pledge today. You can drop the pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. Thank you in advance for your support.

We will have Stations of the Cross every Sunday morning after the 9am Mass here at St. Hedwig's. Let us try to draw closer to Our Lord this Holy Season.

Lenten Dinners

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

Easter Flower Memorials

If you wish to be included in the Easter Flower Memorials in memory of loved ones, we ask you to please have the envelope at the office no later than March 17th.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

| | <u>March 16</u> | <u>March 17</u> |
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| | Saturday | Sunday |
| | 4:30 PM | 9:00 AM |
| Lectors | Dolly Bargielski | Art Blum |
| Eucharist | Dolly Bargielski | Tom Zielinski |
| Ushers | Nancy Widomski | Dan Jarzomski |
| | Michelle Moskel | Pete Pentz |
| Altar Servers | Portia & Yvonne | |
| | Nowosielski | Charlotte Mabie |

LITURGY INTENTIONS**March 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)**March 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)**March 11** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

March 12 *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM DOROTHY GLEMBOCKI
(JAMES E. VALAHOVIC)**March 13** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ
(CHARLENE & DAN ANDERSON)**March 14** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 15 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*8:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA (ANA MARIE, DERRICK,
WALLY, ANDREA, DERRICK JR., KEVIN CETIN)**March 16** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*4:30 PM WALTER (JAKE) DOMBROWSKI - ST.H
(KATHLEEN DOMBROWSKI)5:00 PM RAY FIORELLI, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P
(RAY & PATTY FIORELLI)**March 17** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(ART & MARGIE BLUM)10:30 AM JUSTIN BURGER, VNNIV. - ST.P
(HUSBAND, CHUCK & FAMILY)

5:00 PM KNIGHTS & LADIES INDUCTION MASS - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

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

03/12 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/13** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

03/16 2:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/17 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**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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