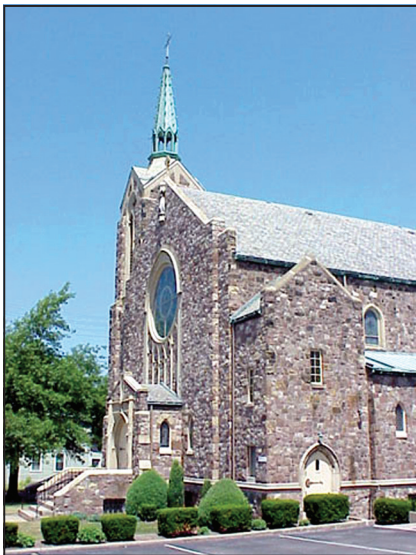


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

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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

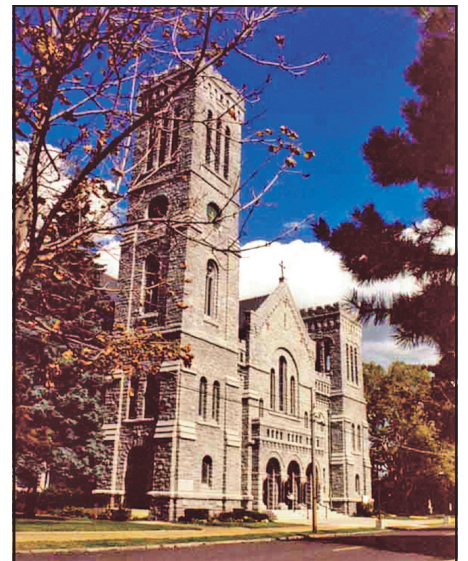
HOLY DAY MASSES
Anticipation
Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM
Holy Day
Saint Patrick 8:00 AM
Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday
Evening Mass or by appointment

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Today is the Third Sunday of Lent and our first reading is from the OT Book of Exodus.. Experience teaches that legitimate limits can be expressions of love. Parents set guidelines and limits for their children, the state sets guidelines and limits on driving, etc. And today's reading reminds us that God does the same thing. The laws which he sets down are not seen as a source of confinement, but of liberation from the tyranny of our own weaknesses. God's *love*, not God's anger, shows us the better way. And although God is eager to shower mercy down to the thousandth generation, we also have to remember that God does not shy away from giving us what we deserve.....Our second reading is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and Paul highlights neither Christ's miracles nor his unique teaching but gets right to the point: Christ's crucifixion. He notes that it is a stumbling block for the Jews and results in a sense of foolishness for the Gentiles, but Paul is firm in his statement. Either we accept Christ's suffering and death, or God is not with us.....Our gospel today comes not from Mark, but from John. Today's excerpt follows the miracle that Jesus performed at the wedding feast of Cana. Jesus has come to Jerusalem for the Passover. This feast turns Jerusalem into a magnet for pilgrims. They come from everywhere to observe a feast that reminds them of God's providential care, of his power and majesty and of the relationship between God and his people. What Jesus encounters instead contradicts all of this. The power and majesty of God have taken a back seat to the commercial interests of the vendors. The gratitude and worship of the pilgrims is turned into opportunities for greed. Jesus' relationship with God is that of a loving son to his father and he shows no patience for what he encounter. It appears that Jesus performs some signs during this visit but with some reluctance. He understands that with the crowds, one is only as good as the last sign. Jesus came to call for faith and to change hearts while those who depend on signs stop believing when the signs stop. The sobering ending to today's gospel reminds us that Jesus did what he did with his eyes wide open and should remind us that despite his knowledge of our weakness, he still goes to the cross freely for us.....You will notice an area of the church scaffolded today as work begins on a "mock-up" of what we are proposing for the restoration. When this work is complete, the committee can tweek it, make changes, add or take away. It is also an opportunity for you to give the committee your input. Please feel free to tell any of them your take on the proposal. Members are Sister Marie Kebort, Chip Wachter, Dick Brugger, Jim Wehan, Gary Johnson, Mary McCarthy, Paul Balczun, Mark Alloway, Tom Brunner and Mary Pat Schlaudecker. Once this project is completed, we will undertake a fund drive to raise the necessary money to do this. The diocese requires that we have 50% of the money in cash before we can begin, and I'm hopeful that we can have that by September and begin the work. We've also secured bids from a lighting consultant, bids to restore and replace the pew and kneeler pads, bids for marble for the sanctuary floor and finally the carpeting of the aisles.....In planning the marble floor for the sanctuary, we are going to put a 12 inch wide border of a deep green marble at the top of the circular center piece. Another large piece of green marble will be set under the altar to make it stand out more. The people who have looked at the marble are concerned that the marble under the sanctuary carpet may be completely destroyed. It appears that the carpet was glued to the marble. If that is the case, marble being very porous, it is most likely ruined, and we will have to go with carpet in the sanctuary rather than the marble. We don't know for sure until the carpet is taken up. There is also concern about acoustics should we remove the carpet and put marble in the entire sanctuary, but this can also be determined once we remove the present carpet and see what effect it might have on acoustics.....If we can get started in mid-September, the pews can be removed and restored, and all of the work should be completed by Christmas.....The cycle of weekday readings for Lent fall into two sections. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Saturday of week 3, the readings come from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark or Luke). The message is a call to conversion, of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer, almsgiving, mutual forgiveness, love of enemies, of justice for others over rituals. The second half of Lent finds our weekday readings coming from the Gospel of John beginning on the Monday of the fourth week of Lent, and these readings give us a presentation of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom John say that all who believe in him will have eternal life.During Lent, we do not recite the Glory or an Alleluia. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends quietly before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday when we enter into the Easter Triduum. Marriages are normally not celebrated during this season, and many parishes do not have baptisms but wait until Easter.....After the christening of his baby brother in church, three-year old Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally the boy replied, "The preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.".....Another three year old was overheard by his mother as he recited his prayers before going to bed saying, "And forgive our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets!"....Out of the mouths of babes!!.....At St. Hedwig's we are conducting the annual Catholic Services Appeal as usual, and I ask parishioners there to respond in any way that they can. Our assessment this year is slightly over \$10,000.....At St. Patrick's, we will not conduct a separate CSA appeal for 3 years, but instead will fold that into our capital campaign for the restoration of the church. Thank you for helping in these areas.....Found in a church bulletin: "The sermon this morning 'Jesus Walks on Water.' The sermon tonight, 'Searching for Jesus.'" And "Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation."



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,107.00**. 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 Foundation (Restoration) Fund** in memory of **Bev Hartigan** from Yvonne Gersims, Bob and Mary Wegelin, Tom & Janet McGee; 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 **Kathy Alessi** in memory of deceased family members; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Jane M. Ward Carney** from William Carney.

St. Patrick's Welcomes these new parishioners:

Nicolette Azicri, Chet & Paula Bixby, Gregory & Barbara Fischer, Thomas & Patricia Pianta, Kerrie Reynolds, Russell Robison, Jr., Pauline Andrews, Robert & Mildred Biebel, Fred & Theresa Gabler, Robert & Diane McCarthy, Vickie McDonald, Kristen Yaple, Lisa Demyanovich, Lawrence & Kathryn Kuklinski, Sean & Joanne Lafferty, Barrie Nolan, Rodney Palombo & Nancy Gloekler.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Lynne Long*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: **Volunteer Needed**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Charla Leemhuis, Tim Scully*
Forrest Mischler

Greeters: *Arlene Miller, Gail Arneman*

Altar Servers: *Kiely Kearney, Logan Kierney*

Ushers: *Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun, Paul Kaiser,*
David Taccone

Offertory Counters: *Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

Please contact the office with your availability for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We need two lectors for Palm Sunday as well as Good Friday. Also, we will need extra Eucharistic Ministers on Easter Sunday.

*Phone 454-8085, ext. 1 or email: stpats@neo.rr.com
Thank you!*

THE AVE MARIA MEETING that was scheduled for today has been cancelled.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are prayed on Monday evenings after the 7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena.

THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL met recently and will hold their next meeting after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 1. Under the chairmanship of Cal Pifer, the group is hoping to make some minor changes, particularly in emphasizing Saturday evening as an event for young people. We're always in need of additional volunteers. Contact the parish office if you are interested.



Join the fun at the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** next Saturday, March 17th at 2:00 pm. The parade starts at 12th & State and continues north on State Street to the Church.

We are looking for a part-time maintenance person to assist at both St. Patrick and St. Hedwig churches. Duties would include vacuuming, snow removal and other light maintenance. Driver's license required. Contact Msgr. Kriegel if interested.

EASTER EGG COLORING KITS: Last year the Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry requested donations of Easter egg coloring kits and the response was overwhelming. We are hoping for a repeat performance of that act of charity. The kits are inexpensive and are available at most dollar stores. They are a huge hit with the clients of the food pantry. There is a box in the vestibule of the church for your donations. Your generosity is much appreciated.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17, or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25



It's hard to receive good news sometimes. We ask for all kinds of things from others, from ourselves, from God. Sometimes it's not the kind of news we want or expect. We are always looking for signs, but only one sign counts for people of faith—the sign of the cross. Embracing the commandments of God, embracing the cross; in this sign we find life



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Katherine Donikowski** requested by her sister Rita Clacher, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Stefania Tyczkowski** requested by her family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns for **Poor Souls**. Please also remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week of 2/26 was **\$1,048.00**, Heat & fuel update **\$606.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

We are now in the second week of the appeal. To date we have received **\$4,850.00**. Our parish assessment is **\$10,200.00**. Thank you to those who have pledged so far. Our target is not to just meet our goal, but to go over the goal because any monies we receive over the goal we can keep for the parish. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge.

Stations of the Cross

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

Lenten Dinners

After Stations of the Cross stop at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons from 4 until 7pm for a delicious dinner. Choices are fish, pierogi and more...

Microwave Potato Bags

Potato bags are still available at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th Street, Erie for \$5.00 each. We now have them in spring and summer designs.

Ministry Schedule

	March 17 4:30pm	March 18 9:00am
Eucharistic	Dolly Bargielski	Tom Zielinski
Reader	Dolly Bargielski	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Breanne & Nick Hayes

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Wiwaty Polish Dancers

The Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie are currently accepting new members. Since its formation in 2005, Wiwaty (meaning long life and cheers) has remained dedicated to the preservation of Polish culture. Any student ages 4 through 18 may enroll. No experience necessary. Practices are Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:30pm. Contact Cindy at 868-7924 or Michelle at 397-7043 for more details.

The Catholic Tour

A 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce its pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with flights between. The pilgrimage is being done on 6 different dates priced from \$2,145 to \$2,355 which includes mandatory airfare taxes and fees from Newark airport in New Jersey, all land arrangements, superior tourist hotel near each Shrine, most meals, motor coach and guide. For further info, reservation forms, etc. call 1-877-627-4268.

Pious Aspirations

These prayers are found in the Catholic Church's official handbook on indulgences and classic works like the Raccolta. Aspirations are short, pithy prayers that direct our attention to God and to express to Him our desire for closeness and union...which is the goal of all prayer! These prayers can be said out loud or mentally. Some classic examples include: **My God and My All! + Jesus, Mary and Joseph! + My Lord and My God! + Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine! + All for You, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! + Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation! + O Heart of Jesus I place my trust in Thee! + May the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised and adored forever! + May the Holy Trinity be blessed!** . Feel free to make up your own. The Church grants a partial indulgence for these and any you make up.

PRAY THE ROSARY
DURING LENT



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 SCHLAUDECKER & KAY MANNINO)

Mar. 11 Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H

(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

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

Mar. 12 Monday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 13 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 14 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 15 Thursday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 16 Friday, Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Mar. 17 Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM CLARA WAIDA - ST.H

(DOLLY & LARRY BARGIELSKI)

5:00 PM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P

Mar. 18 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM HARRIET MICHALSKI (POLISH FALCONS) - ST.H

10:30 AM CHRISTOPHER GENCK - ST.P

(MR. & MRS. JOHN ABBATE)

2:00 PM KNIGHTS AND LADIES

MASS & INSTALLATION -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

03/10 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**03/12** 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**03/13** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/14** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

03/17 2:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Parade—Downtown

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/18 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

2:00 PM Mass & Installation of new
Knights & Ladies followed by dinner
at the Cathedral Center—St.P**Sunday, March 18 at 7pm** – the Jr High students of our east side parishes will present a contemporary shadow drama of the **Stations of the Cross** at *Holy Rosary Church, 2701 E 28th St.***Saturday, March 24 at 7pm** – Hollywood actor, **Frank Runyeon** will be at *St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 315 E 9th St* presenting a one man drama of the **Sermon on the Mount**, a story brought to life in his spellbinding performance.**Sunday, March 25, Holy Rosary Parish** will host a Lenten Mission preceding Holy Week, with **Sister Therese Dush** from the *Community of Anawim* in Frenchville. This is an opportunity for all to enter into the holiest week of our Christian calendar.

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 Patrick

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