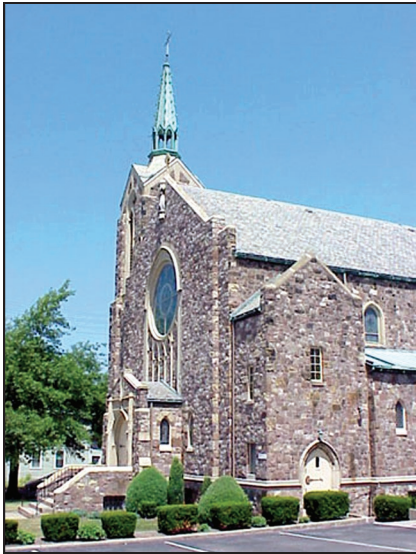


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

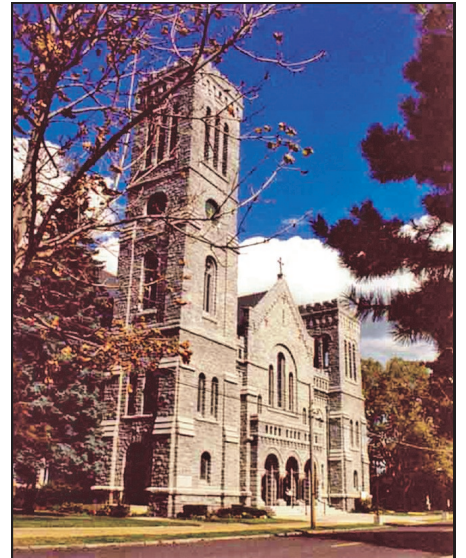
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



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Saint Patrick Parish

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



Today is the 5th Sunday of Lent and we first hear from the prophet Isaiah and from a part of that book which is called Second Isaiah because it was written during the time of the Babylonian Exile. God had promised Abraham

and David that his people would live in the promised land; how can he have abandoned them? It is a terribly dark time for these people. Isaiah reminds them that God freed them from slavery in Egypt and that he will again return them to their land.

Our second reading comes from Paul's Letter to the Philippians and once more, Paul is teaching that salvation comes from Christ, not through the observance of the law. Remember that Paul is writing to them from prison and, like the exiles in the first reading, he is suffering. Like the exiles, he longs to find meaning in that suffering and he finds it by joining his suffering to that of Christ. As always, Paul's sentence structure is dense and remember also that Paul writes these letters long before the gospels would be written, and so these letters play a much more prominent role in shaping the beliefs of the early Christians than would the gospels.

Our gospel today does not come from Luke who we read from this year, but from John because we get the story of the woman caught in adultery, a story found only in John. It is not in the other 3 gospels. Once again, we are exposed to the challenge Jesus faces of being faithful to the law (stone the woman to death) or faithful to his new message, that of healing and forgiveness. When Jesus is finally alone with the woman, he does two incredible things: first, he refuses to condemn her and then he instructs her to sin no more. The woman is offered forgiveness, not punishment. Jesus is upending the Law that has guided these people for so long and instead comes offering healing and forgiveness.

Today is the feast of Saint Patrick, our patron saint, but because it is a Sunday of Lent we cannot observe it. The Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick will install new members at a Sunday evening 5 PM Mass but that Mass will also have to be the Mass of the 5th Sunday of Lent. They had originally scheduled their event for Friday evening, March 15, which would have allowed them to use the Mass of St. Patrick.

Among those being inducted as a new member of the Knights and Ladies is St. Patrick parishioner John Maloney. You may recall that last summer John pulled together a reunion of all the people who had attended St. Patrick's School and the turnout was incredible. I know you join me in congratulating him on this honor. His family originally lived at the corner of Fourth and French and his father was popularly known as the Mayor of East Fourth Street, so it's good that John is carrying on the family tradition!!

We recently had all of the Eucharistic Ministers, the lectors, choir, ushers and greeters to St. Patrick's rectory for a 5-7 PM cocktail party. The event was scheduled for two reasons: to thank them for their ministry to the parish and to allow people to get to know one another better. We have a number of new parishioners and new ministers and many of us don't know one another. When we first planned this, I thought it would be approximately 35—40 people. Would you believe that we have 84 people involved in ministry here at St. Patrick's!

I have to share part of a note I received from a relatively new parishioner who writes, "It is difficult to put into words the warm spiritual feeling my wife and I experience by attending Mass at St. Patrick's. It not just the beauty of the church but the sense of community and friendship which makes attending Mass not an obligation but an enriching spiritual experience." Those words speak very well of St. Patrick's. I constantly have new people tell me how welcoming and warm all of you are. That's what parish is about.

After Easter I'm once again going to have the bridal couples into the rectory for a relaxing evening. I invite them to come around 5:30 and we have a drink and then a catered dinner is served at 6:30. I have the couples come in groups of 4 or 5 couples at a time, and it's a chance to make them feel welcome as well as an opportunity for me to get to know them better. I use three parish volunteers to help serve and clean up and I have most of the dinners covered, but if you would be interested in helping, please let me know.

It's hard to believe that it is only 2 weeks until Easter. That feast is celebrated this year at the closest to its earliest date possible. We will have

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

the Easter Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's on Saturday at 8 PM. On Easter Sunday there will be an 8 AM Mass and a 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's. The 8 AM will not have music. There will be no Vigil Mass at St. Hedwig's on Holy Saturday but there will be a 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday.

And remember that we will once again have bells at St. Patrick's on Easter Sunday!

I've had a very positive response to adding a Sunday 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick's at least for the months of June, July and August. Parishioners have particularly commented how they would like an earlier Mass on Sundays during the summer so they can enjoy the day. We'll see how attendance is at that Mass as to whether we will continue it in the winter months. Because of my tight schedule on Sunday mornings, there will not be any music at the 8 AM Mass. I have to be over at St. Hedwig's for the 9 AM Mass and then back here for the 10:30 AM Mass.

The restored St. Patrick's Church is proving very popular with brides. We have nothing left open in 2013 and already have 11 weddings scheduled for 2014. Interestingly, at a recent meeting of the priests we were told that weddings in the diocese have decreased by 50% since 2000; at St. Patrick's, they've increased by 900%!!!

If you've not yet made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal, can I urge you to do so. Our assessments have to be paid whether we raise this money or not, and I'm hoping you will help me meet our goal. At St. Hedwig's our assessment is \$11,029 and at St. Patrick's it is \$38,500. Funds raised in this annual appeal serve a variety of causes from Catholic Charities to care for retired priests. Your participation is vital to success.

After the Sunday service, seven year old Brian said to the minister, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money." "Well, thank you," said the minister, "but why?" "Because my dad says you're the poorest preacher we've ever had!"

The pastor will never forget the birthday card that his first grade students gave him for his 70th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God." Inside it said simply, "See you soon!!"



Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,186.00 and \$778.00 from online giving for a total of \$5,964.00.** 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Francis Siley**, a volunteer at the Food Pantry. The **Food Pantry** in memory of **George Zack, Mr. & Mrs. John Jacquel** by Phyllis Zack; in memory of **Emilio Guida and Ed Saloum** by Ed Saloum and Elisa Guida; in memory of **Winiarczyk and Nemergut Families** by Mr. & Mrs. John Nemergut; in memory of **Matthew Walkiewicz** by Mr. & Mrs. Stan Walkiewicz; in memory of **Bob and Jeanne Holmes** from Joseph Bohrer.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Kathleen Horan, Jane Carney

*Altar Servers: **NEEDED***

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan, Tom Welch, Randy Pristello

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney, Mary Pat Schlaudecker

We still need 2 Eucharistic Ministers for the Easter Vigil on March 30th at 8:00 pm. (Please note that the Mass is at 8:00pm not 8:30 pm as indicated on the minister schedule.) We also need 2 Eucharistic Ministers at the 8:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. We need greeters and ushers at Holy Thursday Mass on March 28th, Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8:00 and Easter Sunday, March 31st, at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Please call the office if you are available for any of these positions. Thank you.

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.



Saint Hedwig News



We offer our prayers and sympathies to the family of **Shirley Grabinski**. May she rest in peace and may our Lord's consolation be with her family.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Stan & Carol Dombkowski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Joseph Prochowski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,038.00** and **\$305 for Easter Flowers**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

Our CSA 2013 appeal assessment is **\$11,029.00**. We are one month into the Appeal and so far we have received 17 pledges totaling **\$4,450.00**. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge. This is a very important collection for our parish because we get to keep for the parish what we bring in over our goal. If we do not reach our goal, the difference will need to be paid out of our parish savings. We know you will come through as you always do. Please make your pledge today.....

St. Hedwig Easter Schedule

Confessions (March 23) 3:30pm

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(St. Patrick's Church) 7:00pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 11:00am

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food 12:00noon

Easter Sunday

Mass 9:00am



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

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, April 28 at the Falcons. It's always a good time and the food is great..

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

March 23 & 24

Palm Sunday

Lectors

4:30pm Patricia Mielnik & Dave Widomski
9:00am Tom Kurpiewski & Peter Pentz

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30pm Patricia Mielnik
9:00am Peter Pentz

Altar Servers

4:30pm Charlotte Mabie
9:00am Nick Hayes

Holy Trinity Easter Market

The Holy Trinity Easter Market will take place on Friday, March 22 from 4 until 7pm and Saturday, March 23 from 3 until 6pm located at Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St. Erie. The market will include homemade pierogis, Polish sweet breads and blessing loaves, a variety of other breads, nut rolls, chrusciki, cut out Easter cookies and butter lambs. Proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity's parish Catholic education program. Orders will be available for pick-up at the Holy Trinity Social Center during the Easter Market hours on March 22 & 23.

Season of Lent

The Son of God loved us first, while "we were yet sinners" (Rom 5:6), with an unconditional love which asks nothing in return. If this is so, how can we fail to see the season of Lent as a providential opportunity to make courageous decisions inspired by altruism and generosity? Lent offers us the practical and effective weapons of fasting and alms giving as a means of combating an excessive attachment to money. Giving not only from our abundance, but sacrificing something more in order to give to the needs, fosters that self-denial which is essential to authentic Christian living. Strengthened by constant prayer, the baptized reveal the priority which they have given to God in their lives.

The love of God poured into our hearts ought to inspire and transform who we are and what we do.

.....John Paul II, Message for Lent 2003



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.

PARTY FOR THE PANTRY

You are cordially invited to attend an
Open House Event featuring

"ALL THAT GLITTERS COSTUME JEWELRY AND ACCESSORIES"

SATURDAY, April 6, 2013 from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, April 7, 2013 from 11:30 to 3:00 pm

At

Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry

at St. Patrick Church

130 East 4th street

East side rear entrance

Tour the Food Pantry, meet our volunteers, see the fun, classy and

affordable costume jewelry that

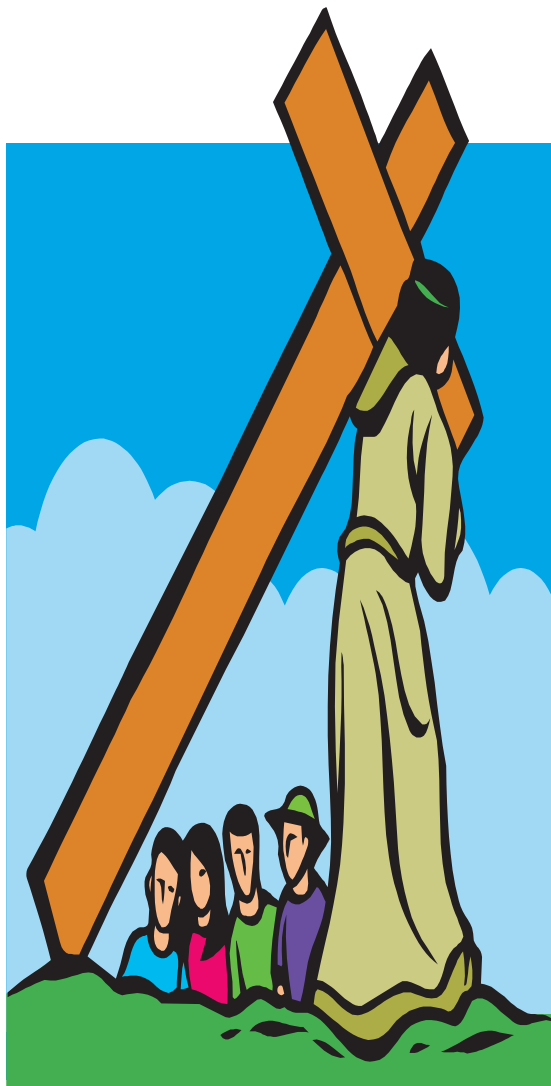
All That Glitters offers for sale

And see what "The Pascal Pantry" is all about!

Light refreshments will be served

A portion of all sale proceeds will be donated to the

Sr. Pascal Food Pantry



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2013

Saint Hedwig and Saint Patrick Parishes

Palm Sunday weekend: March 23rd & 24th

Mass schedule as usual

Solemn blessing of Palms

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Patrick's Church

Good Friday, March 29th

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig's
Fr. Santor

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's

2:00 PM Passion and Veneration of the Cross at
St. Patrick's

Holy Saturday, March 30th

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
at St. Hedwig's Fr. Santor

8:00 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's

Easter Sunday, March 31st

8:00 AM Mass—St. Patrick's

9:00 AM Mass – St. Hedwig's

10:30 AM Mass – St. Patrick's



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 JUSTINE BURGER, ANNIV. - ST.P
(HUSBAND, CHUCK & FAMILY)

5:00 PM KNIGHTS & LADIES INDUCTION MASS - ST.P

March 18 *Monday, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 19 *Tuesday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 20 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 21 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 22 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 23 *Saturday, Vigil: Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo,
Bishop*

4:30 PM PATRICIA BUSZEK (PETER & JUDY PENTZ) - ST.H

5:00 PM BECKY FLAHERTY (WILLIAM FLAHERTY) - ST.P

March 24 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

9:00 AM STELLA KANTOROWSKI (JUCHNO FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM LEON & THERESA DELINSKI SMITH - ST.P
(CHILDREN)**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

03/16 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

03/19 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

03/23 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 50 : 4-7

Reading II: Psalm 22 : 8-9, 17-24

Gospel: Philippians 2 : 6-11

Luke 23 : 1-49



The passion narrative is a story of unvarnished betrayal, hatred, and brutality heaped upon Jesus. He was the one who spoke truth, was a healer, showed mercy and preached reconciliation to the marginalized. It is by the power of Truth that Jesus was able to forgive while he was dying on the cross. As Holy Week begins, let us draw close to the cross; let us seek his forgiveness and pray for his powers of forgiving. Do you find it easier to forgive or to be forgiven? Why?

**HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY****NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory