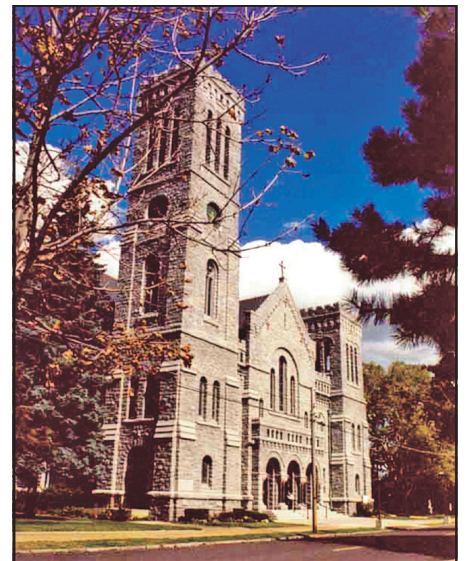
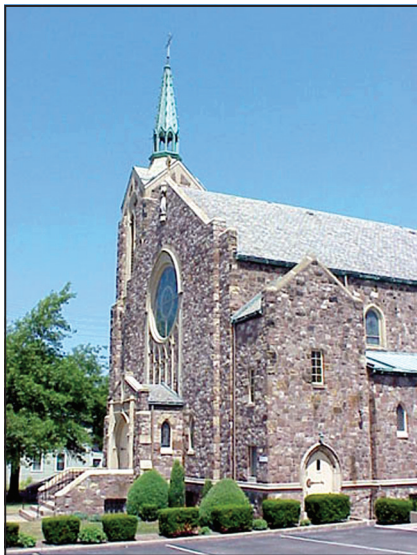


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent or Laetare Sunday, a pause in our Lenten journey to rejoice at the coming feast of Easter. Our first reading is from the Second Book of Chronicles. This book expresses God's frustration over the people's refusal to keep his covenant and their rejection of his prophets. The atrocities inflicted upon the people by the Chaldeans make explicit the consequences of the people's infidelities. We're told that when the pagan king Cyrus came on the scene, he fulfilled Jeremiah's prophecies. This pagan king is more responsive to God than was Israel. As a consequence, God did not forget his covenant and restores the land through Cyrus.Our second reading comes for Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus was the Roman capital of Asia and a thriving seaport. Its ruins can be visited today and are some of the most spectacular remains of an ancient civilization anywhere in the world. Paul visited Ephesus twice; the second time he remained for three years. Paul proclaims his good news throughout the entirety of this text but reminds us that it is by God's favor that we are saved.....Our gospel today again comes from John and reminds us that God so loves us that he gives his Son not to condemn the world, but to save it. Nicodemus is totally confused at all of this; he simply doesn't understand the reference to Christ having to die. The end of the reading finds Jesus' words rather harsh. The notion that salvation and condemnation are a choice each of us gets to make is a concept we tend to resist. Instead we prefer to deny our responsibility and pin the blame squarely on God. Our reading concludes with Jesus sadly acknowledging that some will prefer darkness over the light of salvation.....During the month of January, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 30,327 pounds of food at a cost of \$1,028.64. That food was distributed to 879 families which included 1,028 children.....The work on the mock-up on the west wall of the church should be completed this week, and then the scaffolding will be removed. This should give everyone an opportunity to see what we are proposing for the entire church. Please take a look at it as well as the rendering which will be displayed, and feel free to share your thoughts with either myself or any member of the Restoration Committee: Chip Wachter, Dick Brugger, Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Gary Johnson, Mark Alloway, Mary McCarthy, Tom Brunner, Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan and Sister Marie Kebort. The committee will meet and make final decisions about exactly how the restoration will be done.....Very shortly, you will receive a mailing from the parish outlining our goal to raise the necessary funds to undertake this project. Remember that we cannot begin the work until we have 50% of the money in cash. I'm hoping that we will be able to achieve that goal by mid-September and start the work then. If we are able to do this, we can complete the work before Christmas.....A small restored pew is on display shortly for you to see what the pews are going to look like. We're replacing the cushions as well as the pads on the kneelers and altering the appearance of the pews.....We have also engaged the services of a lighting consultant from Cleveland who will make recommendations for lighting. One of the things I have learned in working with the Conrad Schmitt Studio is that lighting is as important as painting. If you look around the church today, you can see whole areas that are dark, that are simply not accented well because of poor lighting. I'm not sure at this point what she is going to recommend, but the Restoration Committee will carefully review it as well as the budget and make a decision.....While we're going to go ahead with an evening celebration on Saturday, October 20, at the Convention Center. Cash bar will run from 6—7 PM and then a dinner to follow. We've put together the names of all of the priests and sisters who have served the parish and will invite them to be our guests for the dinner. All registered parishioners will receive an invitation in September, and I'm hoping that a large crowd of us can attend and celebrate the great history of this parish.....We're preparing an approximately 8 minute video on reflections on the past from St. Patrick's Parish and there will be a short presentation on the Stations of the Cross by the man who restored all of those several years ago.....Once the restoration is complete, we will invite the bishop to celebrate a Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, and then go to perhaps the Cathedral Center for a brunch.....At some point after the work is complete, we also want to invite all of the priests of the diocese to come and see the church and then have an open house in the rectory.....We are initiating on-line giving for St. Patrick's parish for both the capital campaign and regular offertory. All parishioners will receive a mailing explaining how you can visit our web page and set this up to allow an automatic deduction from your checking account as your offertory or capital campaign weekly or monthly contribution. A number of parishioners have been requesting it, and we recently signed a contract with Our Sunday Visitor to start the program. People who use the internet to pay their household bills want the same option in making a regular contribution to their church, and this process will allow that.....A bit of useless information: Houses in the middle ages had thatched roofs, thick with straw and no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm so all the cats and other small animals lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof; hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs!" The floor in the houses was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway to prevent this. Hence, "a thresh hold.".....From a church bulletin, "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$3,977.58**. 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 Dave and Dorothy Hartigan; Joseph and Barbara Kestner; and Cheryl (Quinn) McKnight, Pat Quinn, and Theresa (Quinn) Fridely; 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 Volunteers of the Food Pantry. The **Food Pantry** in memory of Helen Farmer from Daniel and Beverly Smith; and Herbert and Sharon Armes.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella,
Carolyn Power*

Greeters: *Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Gary Drapcho*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Welch, Colleen Welch,
Paul Kaiser*

Greeters: *Tom and Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Leah Taccone, Andrew Wilcox*

Ushers: *Tom Welch, David Wilcox, David Taccone,
Paul Kaiser*

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan*

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!

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.

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

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.



Lenten Ladle soup event at Mount Calvary, Erie
Mount Calvary Parish in Erie will host Lenten Ladle, a switch from fish—all the homemade (meatless) soup you can eat—on Friday, March 30 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Mount Calvary's Feeney Hall, 2022 East Lake Road in Erie. Dinner includes: five different meatless soups, tossed salad, cheese pizza for children and choice of beverage. Take-outs are available. There will be a theme basket raffle, as well. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call 814.454.0061.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



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.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Reading II: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21



In the midst of Lent, we are reminded of the gift that God gives us in Jesus and continues to give us in and through each other. Grace is a who, the Light who came into our world. We are followers of that Light and should be examples to the world...feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, being light to others.



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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving-memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested by Charlotte Mabie, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Mickey" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Maryann Nemergut** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Also please remember in your prayers, those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week of March 3/4 was **\$1,175.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

Warmest thanks to those who have pledged \$6,150 for the Catholic Services Appeal so far. We ask those who have not pledged yet to please help your parish with this assessment which is \$10,200. You always have in the past. Any excess stays at St. Hedwig's. You can drop your pledge envelope in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you need one.

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

At the 3rd Street Polish Falcons on Fridays from 4 until 7pm serving delicious fish, pierogi and more...

Microwave Potato Bags

Are still available at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th Street, Erie. They are \$5.00 each. Many colors and patterns to choose from.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The readings today were about the mercy and love of God. Through the grace of God, the love of a husband and wife are to mirror God's love for all of us. Allow God to polish up that mirror of your marriage relationship; attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and let God renew and strengthen your relationship. April 27-29 at Bemis Point, NY. Contact 814-823-4600 or wwme.eriepa@gmail.com

Wiwaty Polish Dancers

The Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie are currently accepting new members. Any students 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.

Reminder:

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29th. Our St. Hedwig Family Communion breakfast will be held after the 9am Mass.

Ministry Schedule

	March 24 4:30pm	March 25 9:00am
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Reader	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Altar Server	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

Meditation

Saint Teresa of Avila once said that "prayer is a conversation between two friends". The two friends are you and Christ! Meditation is a simple way of praying that uses your power to think and your power to make deliberate choices. When meditating, one merely ponders or thinks about some aspect of our Lord's life. After a time of reflection and consideration, one chooses with the "will power" we have to speak with Him in a natural way that lacks any pretense (that is, acting or speaking like someone you're not). The contact we have with Christ eventually leads us to think, feel, speak and act more like the Lord Jesus, because our union with Christ...like a friendship with any human we have...has an effect upon us. If human company has so powerful an influence over us, imagine what the influence of Christ would be like upon us!

PRAY THE
ROSARY
DURING
LENT



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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
(FAMILY)**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**Mar. 19 Monday, Saint Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Mar. 20 Tuesday Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (THE FISH FAMILY)

Mar. 21 Wednesday Lenten Weekday8:00 AM RAY FIORELLI & DOROTHY MALONEY
(RAY & PATTY FIORELLI)**Mar. 22 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM CHARLOTTE SERTZ (FAMILY)

Mar. 23 Friday, Lenten weekday, Saint Turibius8:00 AM STANLEY PURZYCKI, ANNIV.
(SISTER, HARRIET)**Mar. 24 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4:30 PM MARY MATCZAK (REGINA LONCKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARIAN BORKOWSKI - ST.P
(DAUGHTER, PAT ANTONOPLOS)**Mar. 25 Fifth Sunday of Lent**9:00 AM STELLA KANTOROWSKI - ST.H
(THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

10:30 AM THOMAS ANDRZEJEWSKI (FAMILY) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBERSt.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel,, PF=Polish Falcons
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectory, CV=Convent**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—ST.P

followed by dinner at the Cathedral Center

03/19 7:00 PM MM Novena followed by
Stations of the Cross-St.P**03/20** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/21** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

7:00 PM RCIA - R

03/24 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/25 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**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.**MARCH 21ST IS THE
FIRST DAY OF SPRING!****NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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