

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

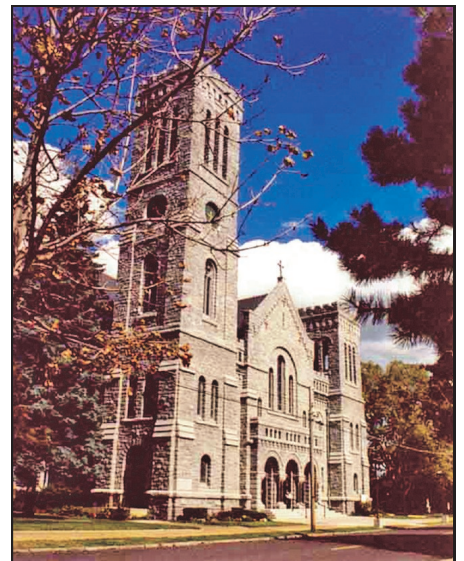
Holy Day

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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For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.



Today is the Third Sunday of Lent and we hear first from Exodus. The references to "thirst," "drink," and "water" we encounter here will become key elements of the gospel. Free from the slavery of Egypt, the Israelites wander in the desert and begin to complain and desire to go back. Moses grows weary, but God comes to the aid of his people using the same rod he used in which he turned the river in Egypt into blood, he tells Moses to strike the rock and he provides water for his people. No matter how much the people turn from God and reject him, he always comes to their aid.

Paul's words in his letter to the Romans might well have served the wandering Israelites in our first reading. Paul insists that "hope does not disappoint," but he adds that this is a difficult concept to hang on to because hope is based on faith and faith is the "evidence of things not seen." When evidence is before us, we know; and we don't need to believe. But people of faith must believe without seeing. Faith is our "evidence," says Paul and on that evidence we base our hope. Paul goes on to weave faith and hope with love and demonstrates their inseparability.

Our gospel comes from John and is a lengthy and very difficult passage to understand. Jesus dialogues with an outcast, with no other male present. This was unheard of. Then he asks to drink from her bucket, a vessel rendered impure by the very fact that she is an unclean Samaritan. The passage is filled with baptismal images. There are three acts in this passage: the conversation with the woman which reveals who Jesus is; the return of the apostles, characterized by their surprise and confusion and finally, the woman's unexpected conversion. Jesus speaks of "living water" and the woman misses the reference. Jesus means "water of life," but she hears "flowing water." She mocks Jesus' naivete and in doing so mocks herself. But his argument is persuasive and evokes interest on her part mostly because she misunderstands. Jesus says that those who drink this water will thirst again; but those who drink the water he gives will never thirst. And then we move to the final stage and he calls for the woman's husband. She acknowledges her sinfulness and rather than becoming

defensive, she acknowledges Jesus as prophet. The return of the disciples and their questions, which hint of disapproval, show their confusion; but the woman, now free of shame, runs to share her discovery with the townspeople. This story is typically Johannine. Unlike the Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, it is filled with symbolism and hidden meanings. The Synoptic gospels are down to earth; John is theological.

The St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 22,101 pounds of food in January to 590 families. The cost to the parish was \$1,228.09, all of which is made possible because of your generous support of this ministry.

As we continue in Lent, I'm amazed again at the number of people who come to say the Stations of the Cross during the week. It seems there are always people in church. We've even had car loads of people come from Greenville, Meadville, and other parts of the diocese to take advantage of these beautiful Stations which we have. In addition to that, now that the weather is breaking, the tour groups will be starting up soon. They come from everywhere in the tri-state area for a tour of the church. That tour is given by Sister Marie and includes an explanation of the pipe organ by Mark Alloway as well as a brief concert.

I also have to tell you that I continue to be amazed at the number of people who register as new parishioners at St. Patrick's each week. It seems every week I sign welcome letters for 4 or 5 new members. And though I do not in any way want to denigrate older new members, I'm thrilled that so many of the new membership are young people, most of whom are married and many of whom now have a baby. I hope all of us who have been here so long will go out of our way to welcome any stranger we encounter at St. Patrick's.

I also love the way people "hang around" after the weekend Masses and visit with one another. Some Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, there are people still standing in church visiting with each other a half hour after Mass has ended. I always pray that our parish "welcome the stranger, feed the hungry and provide a haven of prayer and worship for all who come here," and you certainly are making that happen.

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

The St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 16,784 pounds of food to 632 families during the month of February. Total cost to the parish was \$928.57 all of which has been covered by your generosity in supporting this most important work.

You probably read recently of the closing of Gannondale on East Lake Road. That facility was founded by Archbishop Gannon in the 1920s as a place for unwed pregnant girls. They had care, love, etc. whereas they would have been in a much more hostile environment in their natural habitat. As trends changed, Gannondale reinvented itself as a facility for delinquent girls and young women. As years progressed, it cared for more and more hard core cases of criminal behavior in young girls. The way of treating those women has now changed and the facility is closing. The community of Sisters who staffed it has greatly diminished and aged and they are all returning to their motherhouse in Ohio. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service to our diocese.

The closing is a clear example of what we face in many of our parishes and schools. They served another age, another time and are now no longer viable; and we have to be people of faith and move on. In many cases across the country when a parish faces closing, a group of parishioners rally and set battle grounds. "They're not closing our parish," becomes the motto. If, instead of all of that posturing, anger and confrontation, those people would take 25% of the energy they spend on that and spend it trying to pass on the faith tradition to their children, there might be a future. Otherwise, it is all an exercise in futility, anger, bitter feelings when we have to move on.

Bob, a 70-year-old extremely wealthy widower, shows up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful 25 year old blonde who knocks everyone's socks off. She gazes at him in wonder and his friends are aghast. "Bob, where did you find the trophy girlfriend?" one of them asked. "Girlfriend? She's my wife." They are knocked over and ask, "So how did you get her to marry you?" "I lied about my age," Bob replied. "What, did you tell her - you were only 50?" Bob smiles and says, "No, I told her I was 90."



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Charlotte Mabie, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Daniel Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann and family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week will be reported next week. Heat & Fuel update **\$748.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

So far, we have received \$3,475.00 in pledges from 14 parishioners. We want to thank all those who have pledged thus far, but as you can see, we have a way to go to reach our goal amount of \$11,083.00. 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. Please consider a pledge.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

Will be held Sunday, April 6 following the 9am Mass at the 3rd Street Falcons. Tickets available before & after Mass this weekend March 22/23. Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children (5-10) are \$4.00. No charge under 5 years of age. For more info call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467. We will also be selling chances on several Theme Baskets to be raffled at the breakfast.

Stations of the Cross

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

REMEMBER TO DROP YOUR EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET BY APRIL 6th TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EASTER BULLETIN.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>March 29</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>March 30</u> Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Michelle Moskel	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,879.00 and \$872.00 from online giving for a total of \$6,751.00.** 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Wellie Yaple II** from **Family**; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **The Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Jo Anne Barber McCormick** from Dr. Maureen Barber-Carey, in memory of **Josephine Alecci** from JoAnn Pelletier, in memory of **Lawrence & Josephine Polaski** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, in memory of **Nancy Gallagher** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **John & Barb Jacquel**, **George Zack & Gary King** from Phyllis Zack, in memory of **Rachel Cacchione** from Marjory & Merle Painter, in memory of **Joseph O'Loughlin** from Jeanne & James Siegel, and in honor of **Capt. Andrew Sullivan & C Co. 2-2 3/1 IBCT** for their service in Afghanistan from Susan & Mark Sullivan, also donations from Dotty & Michael Schloss and Mary Ellen Demyanovich.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Tom Golab,
Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Scully, Mary Williams,
Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

We are working on the **April** ministers' schedule. We need to know availability for April and especially Palm Sunday and Easter weekend. **Please contact us before March 24th.** Call or email the office with your availability. 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.



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.

FRUIT FOR THE PANTRY: We also have a need for canned fruit for our clients. Fruit has not been on the list from Second Harvest for a while and our surplus has run out. Canned fruit of any kind would be appreciated. Again, a box or basket will be available in the vestibule for your donations.

HONOR FLIGHT PHILADELPHIA, a local non-profit organization, is currently looking for **World War II veterans** who would like to travel with us to Washington, DC for a day of honor and recognition and to view those memorials dedicated to your service and sacrifice. No cost to the veteran. The next **Honor Flight Trip** is scheduled for June 21, 2014. Transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided as well as memorabilia, a Heroes Welcome home and a USO style show featuring the Manhattan Dolls singing songs of the '40's. For more information contact Cathy at 610-613-3865 or email her at: **cdomizio23@gmail.com**



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS—

Because of an early deadline for the Easter bulletin, the flower memorials need to be received in the office by April 6th.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 17:3-7

Reading II: Romans 5 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a-42



Along with the Samaritan woman, today we meet Jesus at the well. This week's Gospel calls us to open our lives, our hearts, more fully so that the water of life can reach our core. What thirst needs to be quenched in your life these days? Where do you find the water to quench your thirst?

LITURGY INTENTIONS**March 22** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent*

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (MRS. REGINA LONCKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (RICH RAID) - ST.P

March 23 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (BILL & GINNY MCGINNIS) - ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKY) MABIE - ST.H
(TOM, CAROL, & KATIE KURPIEWSKI)10:30 AM MADELINE STEPHANY - ST.P
(JOE & MORA NILAND GREEN)**March 24** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 25 *Tuesday, The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 26 *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 27 *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 28 *Friday, Lenten Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

March 29 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent*4:30 PM ELIZABETH (BETTY) JARZOMSKI - ST.H
MRS. HELEN DUBOWSKI5:00 PM EDWARD SZYMANOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(WIFE, GLORIA) -ST.P**March 30** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:00 AM JOSEPH J. HIGGINS (PETE & JUDY PENTZ) - ST.P

9:00 AM STELLA KANTOROWSKI - ST.H
(JUCHNO FAMILY)10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**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

03/22 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/23 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

03/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**03/26** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**03/29** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

03/30 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary
NO Religious Education Classes Grade 7-10

IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK there is a special session for the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation* Jr. and Sr. High students and their families **Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 pm at the Holy Rosary campus**. This session will be presented by the many catechists (from our Eastside parishes) who teach the Jr. and Sr. High students. It will be an opportunity to reflect upon and come to a greater appreciation of the symbols and meaning of our *holiest week* in the Church year. Your Lenten journey will not be complete if you miss this wonderful opportunity!

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: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory