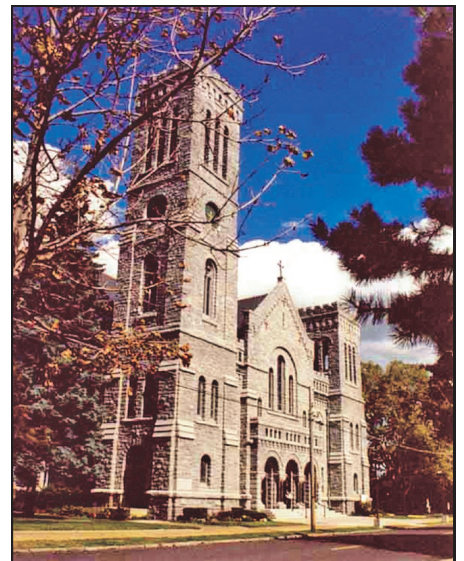


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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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.***



Our Mass begins a bit differently today with the blessing of Palms and a gospel followed by the entrance procession. The opening gospel is full of prophecy from the OT. Jesus had to enter on a colt as Zechariah had foretold. The spreading of palms in his

path had been foretold in the Book of Kings. Luke alone inserts the line "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest" to highlight the multitude of heavenly hosts present at Christ's birth and now present again accompanying him to his death.

Our first reading from Isaiah concentrates on OT prophecies about the Messiah as the Suffering Servant.

Our second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, again focuses on suffering. Paul is writing from prison but is not discouraged for he has taken Christ as his model.

The Passion narrative today comes from Luke and contains elements unique to his telling the story, elements not found in other gospels. (We always read the Passion from John on Good Friday). Unlike Mark who dwells on the disciples failures and weaknesses, Luke portrays them in a much kinder light. He fails to mention that they fled when Jesus was arrested and Luke alone says there were men present at the cross. Luke's account of the Garden is far less dramatic than is found in Mark and Matthew. In Matthew and Mark Jesus withdraws from the disciples to pray. Not in Luke, and Luke says they fall asleep "for sorrow" and that they are found sleeping only once, not three times as in the other accounts.

Luke focuses on a Jesus who is not filled with sorrow or who lies prostrate on the ground. He has prayed often in this gospel and he does so now and concludes by accepting his father's will. Only in Luke do we have an angel come to comfort Jesus and Jesus rises ready to face his trial. Only in Luke does Jesus call Judas by name and forgoes the kiss of the other gospels. Only in Luke does Jesus heal the slave whose ear was cut off. In Luke alone, when Peter denies him 3 times, Jesus is watching and gives Peter a look not found in the other accounts.

Only in Luke do we have all of the high priests questioning him. Luke gives us a serene Jesus,

unlike the majestic Jesus of John or the broken Jesus of Mark and Matthew. He portrays a God-given tranquility of one to whom the Father has delivered all things. Luke's staging of the trial is almost parallel to the trials he will later tell us in Acts of the Apostles that Paul endured. Luke alone has Jesus appear before Herod; he does not in the other accounts. And Herod, like Pilate, believes Jesus is innocent. Luke has no mocking by the soldiers. Luke alone has Jesus utter, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." And, finally, only in Luke do we have the onlookers begin to recognize what has happened and beat their breasts as he dies.

Today we begin the solemn observance of Holy Week. The festive Palm Sunday celebration will soon turn dark with the suffering and death of Jesus; but as promised he will rise from the dead and restore us to new life. The culmination of this week means that death is nothing more than a door to an eternal day.

We will celebrate Holy Thursday with a Mass at 7 PM at St. Patrick's Church. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the weekday chapel until 10 PM.

On Good Friday, all Catholics are asked to observe the laws of fast and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross will be recited at St. Patrick's on Good Friday at noon. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the distribution of Holy Communion will take place at 2 PM. Church will remain open until 5 PM. Stations of the Cross will also be recited at St. Hedwig's at 11 AM.

On Holy Saturday, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil at St. Patrick's at 8 PM. On Easter Sunday there will be an 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick's, a 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and a 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's.

The parish office will close at noon on Holy Thursday and will not reopen until Tuesday, April 2nd.

Next Sunday, we will not only joyously celebrate the Resurrection, but we will hear our new carillon of bells for the first time. The Verdin Company of Cincinnati has been here installing the new Carillon system and the bells will peal joyously

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

next Sunday. We've been without bells for close to a year, and I can't wait to hear them ring.

Next Sunday's bulletin will include an insert listing the names of people whom you wish remembered as part of our Easter Sunday floral arrangements in church.

Erie Insurance has determined that there are major structural problems with the Cauley Auditorium. They were aware of this when they purchased the building from us over a year ago. The main problem is with the entire south wall which is buckling out and cannot be repaired without an incredible expenditure of money. Demolition of the building is scheduled to begin in late April or early May. Erie Insurance was kind enough to delay this move so that we could have use of the building for our weekend Masses while the church was being restored. Not only would they not accept any rent from us, but they also paid for the utilities and paid to have the A/C repaired. Erie Insurance has been incredibly good to St. Patrick's Parish.

At their recent meeting, the Irish Festival Committee voted unanimously not to have any vendors at the festival this year with the exception of our local Tipperary West and the popular jewelry booth staffed by Gail Smith and her volunteers. We do not make any profit from the vendors and with the growth in the size of the crowds, we can use the area they had for seating. We're also going to have two bars rather than one and adding an Irish Whiskey Tasting Booth. The festival will officially open on Friday evening, Sept. 13, with an Irish Bagpipe Band leading everyone into Rainbow Gardens. The festival will end on Saturday nite and Sunday morning will be an Irish Breakfast served at the site. We need to add additional registration tables for Saturday nite to avoid last year's long lines.

A new pastor was calling on parishioners and at one home it was obvious someone was home but not answering the door, so he wrote on his business card, "Revelation 3:20" and stuck it in the door. Sunday's collection contained his card and a message, "Genesis 3:10". Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold I stand at the door and knock." And Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked!!!"

Cursillo weekend for women

Cursillo provides an authentic experience of Catholic/Christian community and a spiritual blueprint for living a Christian life. The Cursillo weekend is open to anyone who wishes to enrich and nurture their faith life. Applications are being accepted for the next women's Cursillo No. 230, which is planned for April 18-21. Call the Cursillo office at 814.824.1118 or contact your parish Cursillo coordinators. Visit www.eriecursillo.org for more information.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today Jesus tells us "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, April 16, 2013

BLESSINGS ON ANNA

PRISTELLO who was confirmed at St. James Church on March 11th. Anna is well known to parishioners because she has been an altar server at St. Patrick's for many years. Be sure to give Anna your best wishes on her confirmation.



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

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Daniel Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,282.00** and Heat & Fuel Update **\$622.00**. We also received **\$288.00** for the Good Shepherd Collection. Thank you and God bless.

Anyone wishing to help decorate the church for Easter, please sign up in the Sacristy.

Catholic Services Appeal

We have received 22 pledges totaling **\$5,600.00**. Our assessment for 2013 is **\$11,029.00**. We need everyone to participate in order to reach our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge to the CSA, we ask you to do so today. Every dollar pledged to make our goal supports important Diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us to remain current with our parish operating expenses. If we do not reach our goal through pledges, the difference will need to be paid out of parish savings, so please make a pledge.

St. Hedwig Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(St. Patrick Church)

7:00pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

11:00am

Holy Saturday

Blessing of food

12:00noon

Easter Sunday

Mass

9:00am

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

March 31

Easter Sunday

9:00am

Lector

Barb Juchno

Eucharist

Sharon Zielinski

Ushers

Nancy Widomski

Michelle Moskel

Altar Server

Charlotte Mabie



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,586.00** and **\$628.00** from online giving for a total of **\$7,214.00**. 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 in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary and Becky Johnson. The **Food Pantry** in memory of Rosemary Campbell from Joel Walz & Jill Blaga-Walz and David Romanowicz.

Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Forrest Mischler, Tom Golab

Patty Dailey

Greeters: Kay Mannino

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Randy Pristello, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Good Friday, March 29, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Lector: Dario Cipriani, Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Jamie Power, Forrest

Mischler, Ann Causgrove

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Joseph & Michael Causgrove

Ushers: **NEEDED**

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 8:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino,

Michele Wheaton, Jamie Power

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: **NEEDED**

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 8:00 am

Lector: Bill Power

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Power, **2 NEEDED**

Greeters: **2 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Caroline Power

Ushers: John Maloney, **3 NEEDED**

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Ed Brown,

Dario Cipriani

Greeters: **2 NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: Dave Taccone, **3 NEEDED**

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN FILL IN WHERE NEEDED!

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

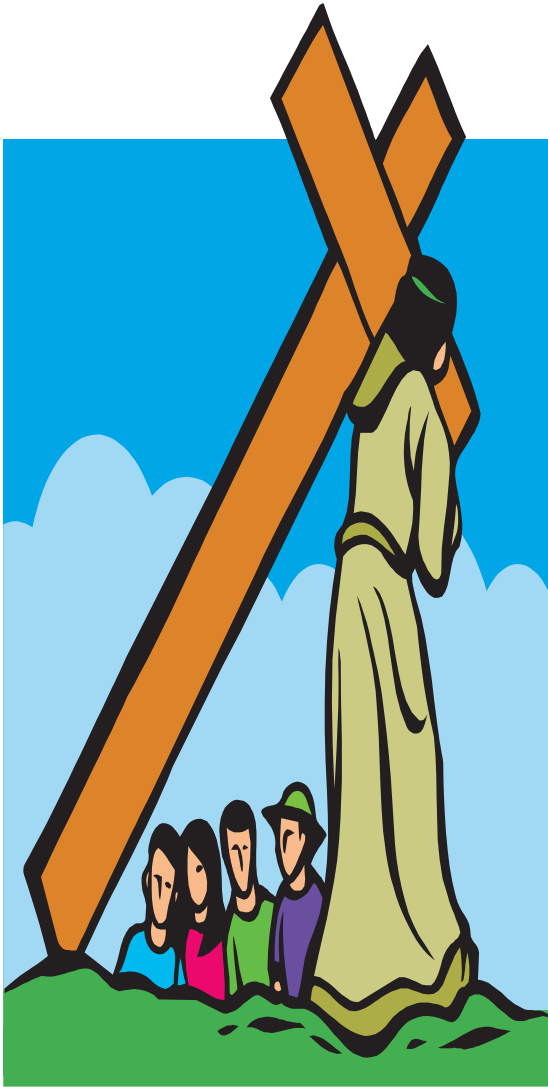
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Patrick's Church

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





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

LITURGY INTENTIONS**March 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday*

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)

March 25 *Monday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM ALBA SLIVINSKI (HUSBAND, ED) - ST. H

March 26 *Tuesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM MARCELS MAJCZYK, ANNIV.

(GRANDDAUGHTER , ANN KOLODZIEJCZYK)

March 27 *Wednesday of Holy Week*

8:00 AM THEODORE WIDOMSKI - ST. H

(TOM KURPIEWSKI)

March 28 *Holy Thursday*

7:00 PM PATRICIA TRAPP (KEARNEY FAMILY) - ST.P

March 29 *Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.P

2:00 PM PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS-ST.P

March 30 *Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil*

8:00 pm EDDIE HEUBEL, THOMAS HEUBEL & RONALD

ANGELOTTI (JIM & PAT HEUBEL)

March 31 *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 AM WELLIE YAPLE, II (FAMILY & FRIENDS) - ST.P

9:00 AM JOHN GORSKI (WIFE, JEAN) - ST. H

10:30 AM EDWARD SZYMANOWSKI, ANNIV.

(WIFE, GLORIA)

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?

OUR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

CANDIDATES have had their retreat and are in their final days of preparation to celebrate these sacraments.

Please remember them, their families, the catechists and the pastors who have helped these young people on their journey of faith.

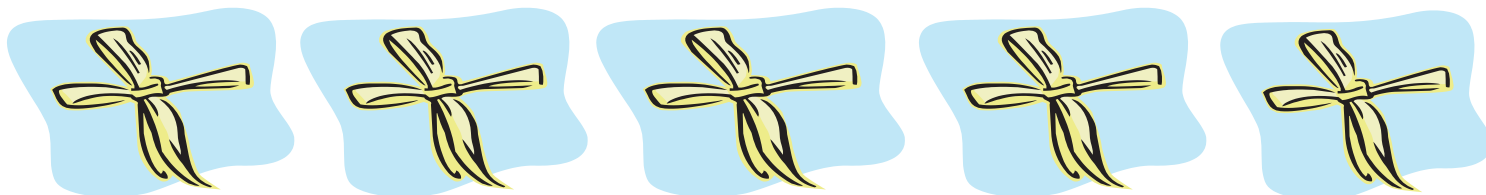
Our Confirmation Candidates

From St. Hedwig's—Tyler Fuller

From St. Patrick's—Andrew Wilcox

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN APRIL and MAY

– The **children in Kdg through Gr 6** will have their weekly faith formation sessions **April 7, 14, 21 28** and May 5. The **7th, 8th and 9th grade youth** will have their sessions as follows: April 7, 21 and May 5. **May 5th will be the last session for everyone in this scholastic year.**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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