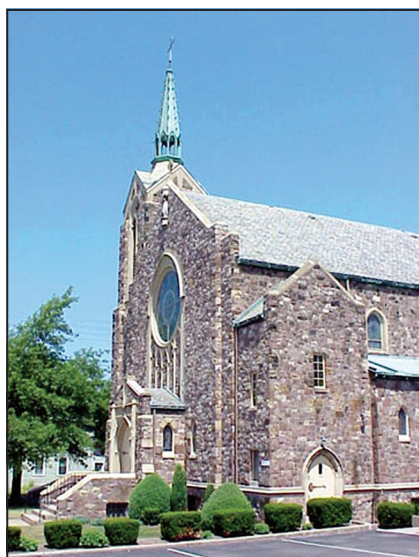


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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**

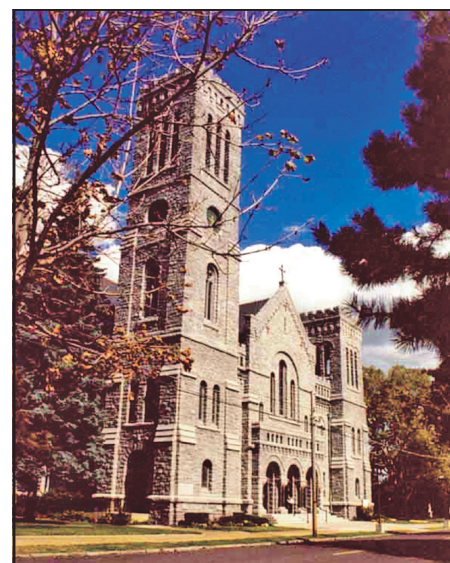
**Anticipation**

**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**



#### *Saint Hedwig Parish*

Established 1910

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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.***

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and we hear our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. The drama suggested in today's powerful reading is often repeated in our own lives: someone wrongs us, but then grace enables us to let go of our hurt and move ahead, and we invite the wrongdoer to move ahead with us. Like a lover wooing back an unfaithful beloved, God announces miraculous good news: "I will make a new covenant." And then God winces at the memory of Israel's infidelity: "It will not be like the covenant" made at Zion that "they broke." "But this is the covenant" that seals shut the door to the past. The clouds of memory part and the sun's new light shines in. Like a lover who carves names into a tree, God promises to "place my law within them" God says with profound simplicity, "I will be their God.".....Our second reading comes from the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews. The author of this letter is unknown, and it is the only letter in the New Testament that does not begin with a greeting mentioning the author's name. For centuries Paul was identified as its author but contemporary scripture scholars dismiss that because of the differences of vocabulary and style from Paul's writings and the very different manner of introducing Old Testament citations. There is strong evidence that the author was a Jewish person of Greek background. It is believed to be a homily that was delivered and its date of authorship is much later than the Pauline epistles. Most scholars would date it in the 70's.....The author is telling us not to be afraid to do what God's own son did: offer "prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears." Jesus' prayer was heard because of his reverent submission to God's will through which he learned "obedience."....Our gospel this week comes again from John. The text today is unique because it is Greek Gentiles, not Jews, asking the only two disciples with Greek names, Philip and Andrew, for an audience with Jesus. The apostles pass the decision to Jesus, but he makes no direct response, keeping his focus on the hour which has come. The remainder of the passage is suffused with the paradoxes that distinguish Christian faith: death leads to life; clinging to life is a sure way to lose it; defeat in the world's eyes means glorification in God's eyes. As Jesus announces that his hour has come, he speaks with full understanding of what lies ahead, like someone on a death bed consoling the relatives who have gathered, instead of being consoled by them. The reality of death appears to be overwhelming even to Jesus. "My soul is troubled..." is considered John's attempt at the Agony in the Garden. Knowing that he came for the very crisis he fears, Jesus resolves to accept it by asking God to turn the moment of his death into a moment of glory. The thundering voice from the sky gives testimony to Jesus for the sake of the crowds. Jesus' final words suggest resignation, inner peace and excitement over what his being lifted up will mean for everyone.....With Holy Week and Easter fast approaching, people are asking about the schedule. The Holy Thursday Mass will be held at 7 PM at St. Hedwig's. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be at noon at St. Patrick's and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 2 PM also at St. Patrick's. The Easter Vigil will be held at St. Patrick's at 8:30 PM and on Easter Sunday we will have the regular 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's. The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.....I mentioned last week that we are initiating online giving at St. Patrick's. All parishioners will receive a mailing outlining how it can be done. Anyone interested in using it can go to our webpage and key in the necessary information to allow an automatic deduction from your account for weekly giving or to participate in the capital campaign for the restoration of the church. Not only is this a convenience for parishioners, but it also helps in the parish office as it cuts down dramatically on the time needed to enter all of the envelope contributions each week. Once a parishioner sets this up, they will receive an automatic e-mail each week telling them that the deduction has been made. The process can also be done with a credit card.....If you will notice, there is a small pew in front of the Blessed Mother altar. This is a sample of what we are proposing to do with all of the pews in church. The material on the cushion is what will be used on both the cushion and the kneeler. I encourage you to take a minute to look at it and be sure to express your thoughts to any member of the Restoration Committee.....You can also now see the "mock-up" on the side wall. This is what we are proposing to do for the entire interior of the church. There are two reasons for doing this. First is that you are able to see what the church will look like. This week you'll receive a mailing from the parish outlining the capital campaign we will undertake to raise the necessary funds to do this project. And, secondly, this is done so that it gives the Restoration Committee an opportunity to tweek it if there is something about it that they don't like. Perhaps they want to tone it down, or perhaps they want to add more decoration. Please feel free to share your thoughts on this proposal with myself or any member of the Restoration Committee.....The new air conditioning will start to go in next week.....If our fund drive is a success and we are able to raise one half of our goal in cash by early September, we hope to close the church for about 2 1/2 months and complete the work. The weekday chapel will also be closed during this time and there will be no services in there. Funerals will be held at St. Hedwig's, weekend Masses in the Cauley Auditorium and weekday Masses in the chapel in St. Patrick's Rectory. There will be no activities of any kind in the church itself during this time. The Food Pantry will continue to operate as normal, but they are not in the church or the weekday chapel.....A little girl just finished her first week of school. "I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write and they won't let me talk.".....Did you know that each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades—King David; Hearts—Charlemagne; Clubs—Alexander the Great; and Diamonds—Julius Caesar.



# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,288.93**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound. There are many opportunities for prayer here at Saint Patrick's. These include daily, Lord's Day, Holy Day and Holiday Masses, our Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal each Monday at 7:00 PM, our Prayer for World Peace each Wednesday at 7:00 PM, and the Rosary each Saturday 4:30 PM.

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 Restoration Fund** in memory of **Jane Layden** from Floyd and Rosanne Hyatt, Forrest and Shirley Mischler, Edwin and Dolores Bindseil; **The Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; **The Food Pantry Truck** does not have a sponsor this week; **The Food Pantry** in honor of the **Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick** from David Romanowicz.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

*Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker, Angie Kontur*  
*Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Long, Kay Mannino, Michele Wheaton*

*Greeters: Judy Kelly*

*Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis*

*Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

**Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 10:30 am**

*Lector: Dario Cipriani, Mary Duncan*  
*Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello, Mary Pristello, Arlene Barlekoff*

*Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell*

*Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

*Ushers: Randy Pristello, John Purvis,*

*David Taccone, Luke Purvis*

*Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin*

*The schedule for April is being prepared. If you have any requests or know when you will not be available, please call the office at 454-8085, ext. 1. Remember that you are responsible for arranging your own substitute if you should need to do that. Lists with the names and numbers of ministers are available in the gift shop.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed on Monday evenings in conjunction with 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.

**THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL** met recently and will hold their next meeting after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 1st. 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. Come and share your ideas!



The St. Patrick's Day Parade was great fun this year. The weather was incredible and the crowds were enormous. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a success!

## Holy Trinity Annual Easter Market

The Easter Market will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, on Friday, March 30 from 5-8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 31 from 3-6 p.m. Items available for purchase: homemade "Holy Trinity" pierogies, Polish sweet bread and blessing loaves, a variety of homemade breads, nutrolls, chrusciki, butter lambs and Easter cutout cookies and cake squares. Proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity's parish Catholic Education Program. For more information or questions, please call 814-456-0671.

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.



# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving-memory of **Emil Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Daniel Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested by Steve & Gertrude Monosky . Also please remember in your prayers, those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week of March 11, 2012 was **\$1,249.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

Warmest thanks to those who have helped us make such an impressive start on achieving our goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. To date **\$8,175.00** has been pledged. 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. St. Hedwig's depends upon over goal money, which last year amounted to **\$4,282.00**. 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.

### St. Hedwig Easter Schedule

#### Palm Sunday

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Confessions (Saturday, March 31) 3:00pm

Mass 4:30pm

#### Holy Thursday (St. Hedwig's)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) 11:00am

Holy Saturday (Blessing of Food) 12:00Noon

#### Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord 9:00am

## 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.

## Easter Flower Memorials

Don't forget to send in your Easter Flower Memorials or drop the envelope in the collection basket.

**St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast is Scheduled for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass.**

## Ministry Schedule

### Palm Sunday

#### March 31 – 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister Jim Gorski  
Readers David Widomski & Jim Gorski  
Altar Server Charlotte Mabie

#### April 1 – 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister Peter Pentz  
Readers Barb Juchno & Art Blum  
Altar Servers Breanne & Nicholas Hayes

## *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*

*Though clearly Marian in character, (the Rosary) is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium... With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hand of the Mother Redeemer.*

...John Paul II:

*The Rosary of the Virgin Mary  
No. 1*

PRAY THE  
ROSARY  
DURING  
LENT



## Lenten Dinners

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

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2011

## Saint Hedwig and Saint Patrick Parish

**Palm Sunday weekend: March 31st & April 1st**

Mass schedule as usual.

### **Palm Sunday**

4:00 PM Passion Play: “We Watched Him Die” at St. Patrick’s

### **Holy Thursday, April 5**

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper – St. Hedwig Church

### **Good Friday, April 6**

10 – 10:30 AM Confessions at St. Hedwig’s

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig’s

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

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

7 PM Passion Play “We Watched Him Die” at St. Patrick’s

### **Holy Saturday, April 7**

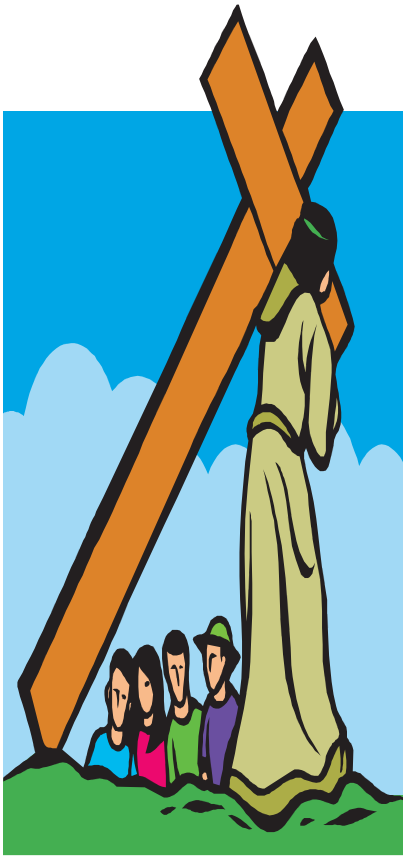
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food at St. Hedwig’s

8:30 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick’s

### **Easter Sunday, April 8**

9:00 AM Mass – St. Hedwig’s

10:30 AM Mass – St. Patrick’s



# ***WE WATCHED HIM DIE***

A Passion Play set at the burial of Jesus

*Share the experiences of:  
Simon of Cyrene  
Mary Magdalene  
Nicodemus  
Veronica  
Pilate and the Centurion  
Mary the Mother of Jesus  
Peter  
and Judas*



**Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 PM**  
**Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**



**Presented by:**

**St. Patrick Pastoral Players** *Albert Boorady: Director*

**St. Patrick Choir** *Mark Alloway: Director*

***Saint Patrick Parish, East 4<sup>th</sup> and Holland Streets***

***Admission is free***

***A free will offering will be taken***

***The Church is handicap accessible***

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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

**Mar. 26 Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord**  
 8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS - ST.P

**Mar. 27 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00 AM WILLIAM & DOLORES ELLIS (FAMILY)

**Mar. 28 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI - ST.H  
 (CHARLOTTE NIEWOLAK)

**Mar. 29 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**  
 8:00 AM SIGMOND PROCHOWSKI - ST.H  
 (JENNIE PAZDIESZ)

**Mar. 30 Friday, Lenten Weeday**  
 8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ (PETER GOSTOMSKI)

**Mar. 31 Saturday, Vigil: Lenten Weekday**  
 4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI (WIFE, JEAN) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM JANE M.WARD CARNEY - ST.P  
 (BARB & BOB KUHN)

**Apr. 1 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
 9:00 AM - ST.H  
 10:30 AM WELLIE YAPLE II. ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
 (YOUR LOVING FAMILY)

**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

**03/24** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**03/25** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

**03/26** 7:00 PM MM Novena & Stations -St.P

**03/27** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**03/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR  
 7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP  
 7:00 PM RCIA Retreat—St.P

**03/31** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**04/01** 11:30 AM Festival Mtg.—PR  
 4:00 PM Passion Play “We Watched  
 Him Die”- St.P

*A Moment of Reflection*

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33



When we deny our personal ambitions, we gain all we can desire. When we die to ourselves, we gain life. Jesus tells us that, like the grain of wheat, if we cling to what we are nor, we will never know who we are meant to be. We need to listen to what God is calling us to do, to be. What holds you back from going beyond yourself for the sake of others?



**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

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**