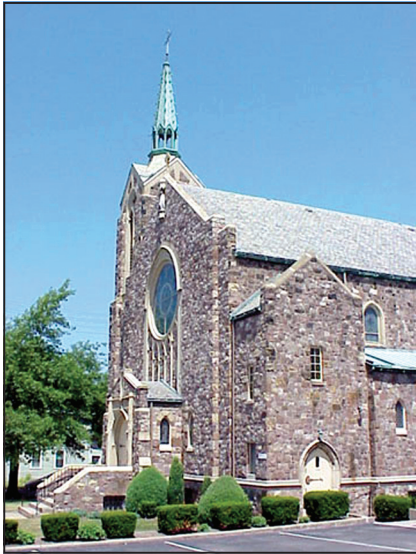


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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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Erie, PA 16507

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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.***



Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the solemn observance of Holy Week. We begin our liturgy in a very different fashion with the celebrant near the entrance of church proclaiming Mark's Gospel story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Though Mark makes no mention of the prophecy in Zechariah announcing a king who would arrive riding a donkey, the detail that fills this passage clearly is a re-enactment of that foretelling. Mark portrays the crowd cheering and welcoming Jesus; the very same crowd who Jesus will soon pray to his Father to save him from that crowd..... After our entrance procession, we begin our Mass with a reading from Isaiah which tells us that God has taught his servant how to speak to the weary with a word that will rouse them. The word "rouse" which we rarely use today means encourage. God's servant speaks of how he freely endured the abuse of others. The image portrayed by the suffering Servant clearly anticipates what Jesus himself will endure.....Our second reading is one of the most elegant readings of the New Testament in which Paul proclaims to the Philippians that though Christ was God, he did not cling to his equality with God but instead became one of us. Scholars believe that Paul here is quoting a very early Christian hymn which calls us to imitate Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even unto death. As we continue this powerful reading, we hear proclaimed that "because of this," we should drop to our knees in adoration of this God who became man so that we can know eternal life.....Our gospel today is the Passion account from Mark. It seems that the church will do all it can to confuse us this week by reading this account today and then on Good Friday we will read John's Passion—a dramatically different version. John, for example, presents a different agony in the garden, he never mentions Christ instituting the Eucharist at the last supper, etc. John will portray a regal Jesus who reigns from the cross and whose last words are the noble "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." In Mark, we are going to get the most human portrait of Jesus anywhere in the gospels. Listen carefully to Mark's account of the agony in the garden—it is the most agonizing portrayal in the gospels. Jesus is broken, frightened, his disciples have abandoned him and his final words on the cross are the haunting, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?".....Mass on Holy Thursday will be at St. Hedwig's at 7 PM. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be recited at noon at St. Patrick's and the Liturgy will be held at 2 PM. On Holy Saturday, the only Mass is at 8:30 PM at St. Patrick's and on Easter Sunday, the regular schedule will be followed with a 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and a 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's.....The parish office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.....I encourage you to find some extra time this week to reflect on the meaning of these days and how these events completely alter our lives. Death no longer has any hold over us. That's an incredible realization, but let me assure you after spending 42 years of my life ministering to people at the time of death, it is the only thing that gets us through that moment.....St. Hedwig Parish is grateful to Jay & Carol Habas for a very generous donation in memory of their aunt, Clara A. Kulig. As they wrote in the letter accompanying their gift, "St. Hedwig's held a special place in Clara's heart, and we want to honor her with this gift.".....The representatives from the Conrad Schmitt Studios of Milwaukee were here to meet recently with the Restoration Committee and to finalize our plans for the interior painting of the church. Work on the new electrical system and the new air conditioning system is presently underway and should be completed soon.....You will very soon be receiving a mailing from the parish outlining the capital campaign to raise the necessary money to complete the project. I'm hoping that you will sit together as a family and determine what you think you can contribute. Remember that we will not conduct the Catholic Services Appeal this year or for the next two years as we will fold that into the capital campaign. The diocese has a requirement that we must have 50% of the funds in cash before we can begin the project. I'm hoping that we can be at that point by the first of September and begin then. If that is the case, we will borrow the balance of the money from the diocese at a very low interest rate and pay it back as pledge payments come in. If we can stick to this timetable, we should be finished in time for Christmas.....Some parishioners have suggested that we use a brighter color for the cushion on the pews, but we don't want to accent the pews at all. We want to downplay them so that the focus of attention will be on the building itself. When we looked at computer models of brighter pew cushions, it had much the same effect as the orange cushions now have. Our idea is to downplay the pews and keep the color and focus elsewhere.....Have you ever considered including your parish in your will? A bequest can be for a specific purpose or for the general use of the parish. At St. Patrick's, we have established the St. Patrick Foundation which exists solely for the ongoing maintenance of the church building. None of those funds can be used for any other purpose.....Another way to include your parish is by naming your parish as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. It is not easy maintaining the old buildings which are both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's, and a gift like these can make an amazing difference.....The new air-conditioning units will be installed in the church shortly. Be patient with them as they are going to stand out like a sore thumb until we have them faux finished to match the marble. Once they are done, you won't be able to see the difference. It may be several weeks before this can be done.....A religion class teacher asked her first graders why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem and one little child answered, "They couldn't get a baby-sitter!".....The same teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments. After explaining the commandment to "Honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,324.00**. 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 Foundation/Restoration Fund** in memory of **Jane Layden** from M. Eileen McLaughlin, Marilyn McClellan, Harvey and Barbara McClure; 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 **Betty and Bill Filipkowski**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Helen Farmer** from Dorothea DeDad, Edward and Nancy Rogans, Mr. & Mrs. Milton Breeter.

**ST. MARK'S SEMINARY AUXILIARY** will hold their annual Card Party on Thursday, April 19 at the St. Mark Gym located at 429 East Grandview Blvd. At 6pm. Doors will open at 5pm. Admission is \$5.00. A light meal will be served. The evening will include Grand Prizes, a Chinese Auction, a Money and Lottery tree and much more. We hope that you will be able to join us as this is our only major fundraiser to provide support for our seminarians. We ask that you pray for the vocations of these young men as they continue on their journeys of discernment and commitment. For reservations please call 864-2145 by Sunday, April 15th for reserved seating. Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Ministry Schedule

### Good Friday, April 6, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Lectors: Stan Malinowski, Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Causgrove,

Forrest Mischler, Gerri Valahovic

Altar Servers: Joseph and Michael Causgrove

### Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 8:30 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino,  
Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

### Sunday, April 8, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Forrest Mischler, Judy Emling,  
Charla Leemhuis, Mike Vehec, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Gail Arneman

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi, Juliette Morales

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun,

David Taccone, David Wilcox

**FESTIVAL MEETING:** There is a meeting of the Erie Irish Festival today after the 10:30 Mass. Come and meet our new chairman, Cal Pifer, and join in the plans of the 2012 Irish Festival!



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed on Monday evenings in conjunction with the 7:00pm Miraculous Medal Novena.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RCIA CANDIDATES WHO ARE CELEBRATING AT THE EASTER VIGIL:**

Full Communion in the Catholic church: Ryan Palm

Completion of Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation: David Poulliot, Irene Lazarevic, Robert Lazarevic.

## **WINNERS OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES**

**RAFFLE** at the recent dinner after the installation of the new Knights & Ladies were Susan Krauchen \$500 and Mary Rutkowski \$200.00. Thanks to all who supported the Knights and Ladies by attending and/or purchasing the raffle tickets.

## **Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month:** April is designated as *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Child abuse remains a national problem. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services there were 905,000 reported child abuse victims in 2006 alone. Through scripture and Catholic teachings we are called to protect the life and dignity of all human persons, no matter how young or old. Working to prevent child abuse is an important response to what we are called to do as Church. Watch this space in the coming weeks for tips on how to create safe environments for children and youth! To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriecnd.org/protectyouth.htm>

## **A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Mark 11:1-10

Reading II: Isaiah 50:4-7

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15 or 15:1-39



The Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday captivates the winds of change lived out so often in our own lives, just as it was in that crowd 2000 years ago. We are ready with acclamation and praise when all is going well, but when the going gets tough, we see things in a different light. How deeply do you believe that God is to be found in all things, especially in self-giving—exactly where we don't want to find God sometimes?



# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Chet Loncki** requested by his family, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Joseph and Mary Borowy. Also please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our offertory collection for the week of 3/25/12 was **\$865.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

To date **\$8,575.00** has been pledged. Our assessment goal is **\$10,200.00**. Whatever is pledged beyond our goal will stay in our parish and will help us maintain our beautiful church and properties. Please consider the appeal regardless of the amount. The parish depends on your generosity. Thank you for your loyalty to St. Hedwig's.

## St. Hedwig Easter Schedule

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 11:00am

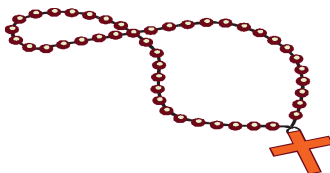
### Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food 12:00noon

Easter Sunday 9:00am

## St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

Will be held on Sunday, April 29th following the 9am Mass at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Guest speaker will be Sister Phyllis Hilbert. Tickets for the breakfast will be available in the vestibule before and after each weekend Mass April 14/15 and April 21/22. Please note that tickets will only be sold for two weekends. Members of St. Patrick Parish can contact Michele Wheaton or Yvonne Gersims who will be selling tickets at St. Patrick. Adults \$7.50 and children ages (5-12) are \$3.00. There is no charge for children under 5 years of age. If you have any questions, please call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467. We are also selling chances on several theme baskets to be raffled at the breakfast. We are looking forward to a good turnout, so bring your family and friends!



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

## Ministry Schedule

### Holy Thursday

April 5 - 7:00pm

Eucharistic Minister	Dave Widomski
Cup bearers	Ron Helminski & Judy Pentz
Reader	Ron Helminski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski

### Easter

April 8 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister	Tom Zielinski
Reader	Don Moehler
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

**MISTAKE MADE** on the bulletin insert last week.

There will not be confessions at St. Hedwig on Good Friday at 10:00 AM. That was an error!

## General Primary Election

The Election will be held on Tuesday, April 24th. We are again asking the ladies and men of the parish to please send your special items for our Bake Sale.

## Men's Cursillo Choir

The Men's Cursillo Choir will be singing at Holy Rosary Church (28th & East Ave, Erie) on Saturday April 28th at the 5:45pm mass. A fellowship dinner will follow mass in Hastings Hall. Please help by bringing a dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

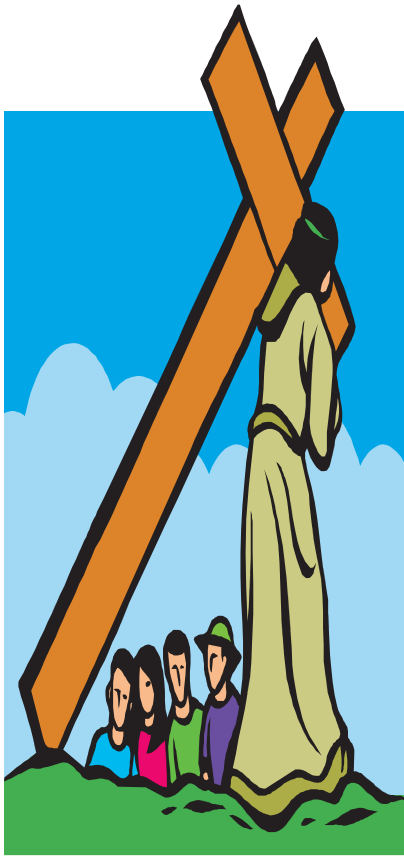
## Carmelite Order of Nuns

The Carmelite Order of Nuns has been in the Diocese of Erie since 1957. Their ministry is in and for the church and the Diocese of Erie...praying constantly for all its needs and intentions including our bishop, priests, sisters and lay people. If you have ever wondered if Carmel may be for you, visit the website to see a glimpse of their vocation and way of life at [www.ErieRCD.org/carmelites.asp](http://www.ErieRCD.org/carmelites.asp)

## Holy Week

We prepare for the most solemn days in the Christian calendar. This coming Holy Week provide the opportunity to reflect once again on the great love of Jesus as is evident in His Paschal Mystery. The joined celebration of Palm and Passion Sunday creates a mood of the Lord's exaltation and humiliation, His suffering which leads to His glorification, His death which leads to new life, the defeat of the Cross which leads to the ultimate victory over sin and death.





## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2012**

### **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**

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. 31 Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday**

4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI (WIFE, JEAN) - ST.H

5:00 PM JANE M.WARD CARNEY - ST.P  
(BARB & BOB KUHN)**Apr. 01 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H  
(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)10:30 AM WELLIE YAPLE II. ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(YOUR LOVING FAMILY)**Apr. 02 Monday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION

**Apr. 03 Tuesday of Holy Week**8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ  
(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)**Apr. 04 Wednesday of Holy Week**

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

**Apr. 05 Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**Apr. 06 Good Friday—Passion of the Lord**  
**NO MASS**

2:00 PM PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS - STP

**Apr. 07 Saturday, Vigil: Easter Sunday of the**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**8:30 PM EDDIE HEUBEL & THOMAS HEUBEL - ST.P  
ANNIV. OF BIRTHS (FAMILY)**Apr. 08 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**9:00 AM ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI - ST.H  
(WIFE & CHILDREN)10:30 AM PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI, ANNIV. - 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**03/31** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**04/01** 11:30 AM Festival Mtg.—PR4:00 PM Passion Play  
“We Watched Him Die” - St.P**04/02** 7:00 PM MM Novena & Stations -St.P**04/03** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**04/04** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

**04/05 Holy Thursday—Office Closed****Adoration until 10:00 PM—St.H CP****Adoration until 10:00 PM—St.P CP****04/06 Good Friday—Office Closed**

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross - St.H

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross - St.P

2:00 PM Passion &amp; Veneration of the Cross-St.P

7:00 PM Passion Play  
“We Watched Him Die” - St.P**04/07** 12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food at St. Hedwig**04/09 Easter Monday - Office Closed****MISTAKE MADE** on the bulletin insert last week.There will not be confessions at St. Hedwig on  
Good Friday at 10:00 AM. That was an error!**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

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