

# *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**

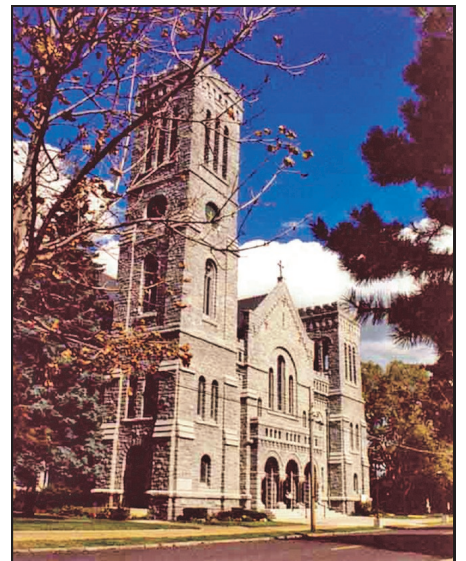
**Holy Day**

**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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Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and we hear first from Ezekiel. He writes during a deep sense of depression among the Israelites that God has abandoned them and relegated Israel to tombs of exile and desolation. But Ezekiel is the mouthpiece through

which God speaks tender words, "O my people, I will open your graves." God has not forgotten his people. In our own day is not the Berlin wall and the wall of apartheid reminders that God continues to lift us out of desolation. God's second words, "I will put my spirit in you," are even more significant than the first. How do you speak to a battered wife or abused children huddled in fear? "I have promised and I will do it" is a very personal and direct assurance from a loving God to his people. Remember there is always a connection between our first reading and the gospel. Today we find it in references to tombs.

Paul offers a message of hope and promise in his letter to the Romans that echoes the words of Ezekiel. Paul starts with bad news: those in the "flesh" cannot please God, but he quickly qualifies and tells them that "you are not" part of that bad news. He then announces good news in the life of the Spirit. For Paul "flesh" is all those things that focus us on self rather than on God and others. It is the existence we had prior to baptism. Even though we still live in the flesh, it no longer defines us; our identity now is in the Lord.

Every Gospel story speaks to then and now. Then God acted powerfully in Jesus, turning darkness into light, despair into hope, death into life. It also tells us that lives can still be transformed. Almost daily death finds us whether in the guise of a failed relationship or a great loss. We drink life's pain and enter dark tombs with large stones rolled across them. But faith tells us that Jesus comes today as he did for Lazarus. Today's story employs the familiar Johannine motif of day and night in which day refers to Christ's earthly ministry. ("If one walks during the day, he does not stumble.") While Martha greets Jesus as a friend, he sort of rebukes her and rather than speaking to her on friendly terms, he makes a public proclamation that he is the source of life, prompting Martha to lay aside her agenda and make a clear declaration of faith. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus seals his

fate in John's eyes and he will go from Bethany straight to Jerusalem and death. Here we find Jesus proclaiming his authority more than in any other passage in John's gospel. What we must remember is that just as he rolled away the stone and gave new life to Jesus so can he roll away the stones that cover our lives and give us new life.

A reminder that during Lent we are conducting our annual Catholic Services Appeal in all of our parishes. At St. Patrick's we must raise \$42,350 and at St. Hedwig's we must raise \$11,803. I'm hoping at St. Patrick's to significantly exceed our goal so that I can put the excess money (which remains in the parish) toward our restoration debt. To date, we have pledges of \$48,630.00.

If I ever complain about our utility bills again, slap me!!!! Father Ferrick told me recently that his January gas bill at the cathedral was \$28,436!!!

People have been asking about the Easter schedule so that they can plan. We will have the Holy Thursday Mass at 7 PM at St. Patrick's. On Good Friday, Stations at St. Patrick's are at noon and the Liturgy is at 2 PM. On Holy Saturday we are not permitted to celebrate the Easter Vigil before 9 PM and that is when we will begin. We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule on Easter Sunday. The parish office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

There will be a meeting of the Irish Festival Committee immediately following the Sunday 10:30 Mass in the Pascal Room.

We have a program to provide a few nights meals for parents of a new baby just to give them a little chance to get back on their feet. The project is chaired by Abby Lechner, and we are in need of additional volunteers. If you are interested in just providing one meal, please contact the parish office and Abby will contact you.

I'm starting the evenings in the rectory with this year's bridal couples. We invite them in for a casual evening. Drinks at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. I have it catered so that I can spend time with them. People from the parish have graciously volunteered to help serve and clean up. As I've mentioned in the past, we have the original

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

Cauley family china which dates to 1908 and is 23 carat gold. There is an additional service, this one for 24 people, that was made in 1938, and is also 23 carat gold. We get all of it out and set up the dining room as it was almost a century ago, and it's a fun evening. I have 4 or 5 couples at a time and it's a chance to get to know them better and to hopefully make them feel more welcome in the parish.

Our number of weddings is down a little bit this year. I think we have 28 on the calendar. Catholic weddings in the Diocese of Erie are down over 50% from the year 2000, simply a sign that there are fewer young people in our area and also that fewer of them are opting to be married in the church. I'm thrilled that so many want to be married here even though it's a great deal of work. The staff here is committed to doing anything we can to make these young people feel welcome at St. Patrick's.

The chairs of the Irish Festival Committee met recently to review where we are with all of the plans for moving the September event down to the church grounds. I have to tell you that I sensed a great deal of enthusiasm about the project even though we all realize it's going to involve extra work and a lot of patience as we work out the kinks. We are meeting again the week after Easter with the food vendors and then should be able to wrap that up.

After Easter I'm going to be looking for come people in the parish who might be willing to build us a 20' x 20' stage, preferably in sections so that we can store in for future years. We have a similar size dance floor, and if we can get our own stage it will save us \$1,500 per year.

Celibacy can be a choice in life or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a Marriage Weekend, Frank and his wife Ann listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know what is important to each other." He then addressed the men. "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Frank leaned over, touched Ann's arm gently, and whispered, "Gold Medal All Purpose, isn't it?" And thus began his life of celibacy.

### Easter Market - Last chance to buy your favorites!

The Easter Market will be held on April 11th from 4-7:00 p.m. and April 12th from 3-6:00 p.m. Stop by and purchase your Easter favorites: home-made pierogi, Polish sweet bread (plain and raisin), blessing loaves, nutroll (nut and poppy), homemade breads, homemade cookies and butter lambs. Orders will be available for pick-up at The Holy Trinity Social Center, 23rd and Reed Streets in Erie. For questions or more information, please call 814-456-0671. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Parish Catholic Education Program and Holy Trinity Parish.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:



Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

### *A Moment of Reflection*

Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



This week, as Lent is reaching its culmination, we consider Jesus' power over death and promise of new life in the Spirit. Mourning is normal for us when a loved one dies, but Christians have the assurance that death is not the end of the story. We trust that our lives will be transformed when we pass from this life to eternity. But resurrection is already at work within us and among us. Our lives are so transformed at Baptism that when we receive the powerful gifts of the Holy Spirit, we have life-giving power now! What would your tomorrow look like if it were truly a new resurrection day for you?

### 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



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jean Gorski & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stephen & Helen Pawlak** requested by Dick & Pat Mielnik and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Charlotte Mabie. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Jeffrey Michael Nowosielski** who passed away on March 19 (Feast of St. Joseph). Jeffrey is the son of Edward Nowosielski. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Our offertory for last week was **\$761.00** Thank you and God bless.

The Annual St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast is being held today. Hope to see you there!

### Catholic Services Appeal

We are now a little over half way to meeting our assessment goal of **\$11,083.00**. We have received **\$5,775.00** from 21 households. We ask those who have not pledged for the CSA Appeal to please do so. This is the most important collection we take up during the whole year because of its importance to our parish and our diocese. We thank you for your support.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent here at St. Hedwig's at 5:30pm.

### Lenten Dinners

Delicious fish, pierogi and more will be served on Friday from 4 until 7pm at the Third Street Polish Falcons.

PRAY THE ROSARY  
DAILY



### Please Join us

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary on Sunday, April 13 before the 9am Mass beginning at 8:30am. We are looking for new members. If interested, please call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467.

### St. Hedwig Easter Schedule

Confessions (April 12) 3:30pm  
(Fr. John Santor)

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm  
(St. Patrick Church)

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 11:00am

### Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food 12:00 noon

### Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord 9:00am

### Ministry Schedule:

**April 12 (Palm Sunday) 4:30pm**

Readers: Jim Gorski & Patricia Mielnik

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Gorski

Altar Server: Charlotte Mabie

**April 13 9:00am**

Readers: Fredric Olds & Tom Kurpiewski

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Zielinski

Altar Server: Nick Hayes

### Ushers for April

**4:30pm** Roland Henderson, Ray Nososielski

**9:00am** Art Blum, Pete Pentz

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday: pronounced "lay-tar-ray") Why is there such an emphasis on "joy" and "rejoicing" on this Sunday of Lent?** Joy and rejoicing are emphasized because joy is the *fruit or result of penance, prayer, and works of mercy directed toward others*. When this kind of freedom is achieved, a feeling of gratitude to God appears in one's thoughts, works, and feelings. From there, it passes on into how we act (our actions and deeds). Experiencing this makes one very aware of God. This awareness of God produces a sense of well-being. The result of this feeling of "well-being" is what we call *joy*. Since it comes from God and not the usual earthly sources of joy, this is what Jesus meant when He said that He would give us a peace and joy the world cannot give (See John 14:27)! It can be yours! These are solid indicators that a person is close to God. Lent is a season geared to bring this closeness about.





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,608.75** and **\$645.00** for online giving for a **total of \$6,253.75**. 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.

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 **Marilyn Wayland** from Joan & Dave Heubel; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Michael Bellotti** from Francis Silay; The **Food Pantry is sponsored** in memory of **Marilyn Wayland** from Nicolette Azicri, Cynthia & Randy Pristello & Eileen Bokol; in memory of **Clara Hanlin** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper; in memory of James McLaughlin from Cynthia McLaughlin; in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nies** from Jane & Joseph Nies; also donations from Carrie & Joseph LaFuria, David Romanowicz, Margaret McMahon Collins, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz, Timothy Torrey, Christa Blose, Kathleen Horan, Nancy Yochim, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Alice & Kenneth Daub and Ed & Genny Chizewick.

Join us for a Festival meeting after the **10:30 Mass. We will meet in the Pascal Room. There is a lot of planning to do to bring the festival downtown to St. Patrick's church property. Come to the meeting and hear about the preliminary plans and the set-up. It is very exciting!**



## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho, Jay Habas  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Lynne Long, Carol Habas  
Greeters: Angie Kontur  
Altar Servers: Addie Babinsack, Owen Babinsack  
Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan, Ed Smith  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Vehec, Mary Williams, Mary Kearney  
Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab  
Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Juliette Morales  
Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun  
Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney

## Holy Week Ministry Schedule

### Holy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Lector: Mary Kearney  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Kathleen Pae, Forrest Mischler  
Greeters: **NEEDED**  
Altar Servers: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: **NEEDED**

### Good Friday, April 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur, Dario Cipriani  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Michelle Tortorelli, Forrest Mischler  
Greeters: **NEEDED**  
Altar Servers: Joe Causgrove, Michael Causgrove for Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm  
Ushers: **NEEDED**

### Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2014 at 9:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Mary Williams, Carol Habas  
Greeters: **NEEDED**  
Altar Servers: **NEEDED**  
Ushers: **NEEDED**

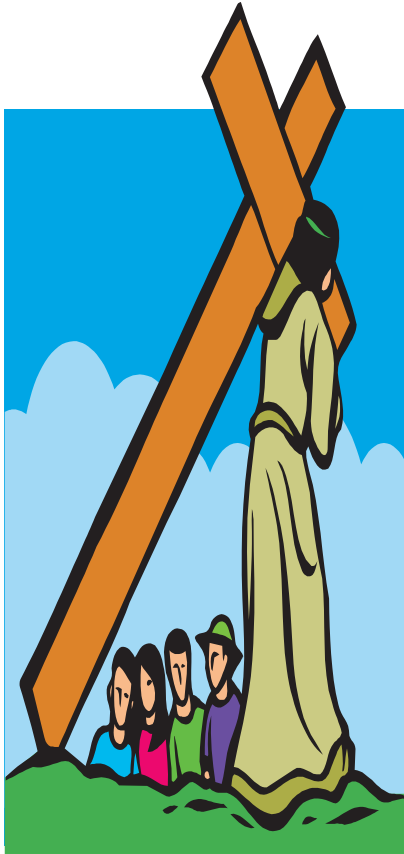
### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 8:00 am

Lector: Bill Power  
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Power, Ed Brown, Jamie Power  
Greeters: **NEEDED**  
Altar Servers: Caroline Power  
Ushers: **NEEDED**

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch, Michelle Tortorelli, Charla Leemhuis  
Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin  
Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello  
Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis  
Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick

We continue to work on the **Easter** ministers' schedule. We need to know availability for the **NEEDED** slots. **Please contact us as soon as possible.** Call 454-8085 or email the office with your availability.



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2014**

### **Saint Hedwig and Saint Patrick Parish**

#### **Palm Sunday weekend: April 12 and April 13**

##### **Vigil Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM at St. Hedwig's

Saturday 5:00 at St. Patrick's

Sunday Masses 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's

9:00 AM at St. Hedwig's

#### **Holy Thursday, April 17**

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

#### **Good Friday, April 18**

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross at St. Hedwig's  
Fr. John 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, April 19**

12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food  
at St. Hedwig's with Fr. John Santor

9:00 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's

#### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

8:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

9:00 AM Mass – St. Hedwig's

10:30 AM Mass – St. Patrick's



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

- April 5** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 4:30 PM MARTIN MIKESKA - ST.H  
 (DIANE & DAN JARZOMSKI)  
 5:00 PM FORREST & GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) ST.P
- April 6** *Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
 8:00 AM MARCELLA MAJCZYK, ANNIV. 3/26 - ST.P  
 (GRANDDAUGHTER, ANN)  
 9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
 (MARY MOROZOWSKI)  
 10:30 AM PAUL & NORMA CAUSGROVE - ST.P  
 (PAUL & ANNE CAUSGROVE)
- April 7** *Monday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 8** *Tuesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM ANNA BUSZEK (ELEANOR K. ROBIE)
- April 9** *Wednesday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
- April 10** *Thursday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 11** *Friday, Lenten Weekday*  
 8:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA (DR. JOHN C. KALATA)
- April 12** *Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday*  
 4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H  
 5:00 PM THOMAS & EDWARD HEUBEL,  
 ANNIV. OF BIRTHS (FAMILY) - ST.P
- April 13** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
 8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (MARY ANN MALINOWSKI) - ST.P  
 9:00 AM ALICE BORTZ, ANNIV. - ST. H  
 (HELEN DOMBROWSKI)  
 10:30 AM ROSE PARISI (THE DRABANT FAMILY) - ST.P

**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
- 04/05** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/06** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary  
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary  
 11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg. - CP  
 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR
- 04/08** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/09** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/12** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H  
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/13** NO Religious Education Classes

**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!

**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.



**We thank Orlando Family Dentistry  
 for advertising in our parish bulletin.  
 See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

**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 Rector**