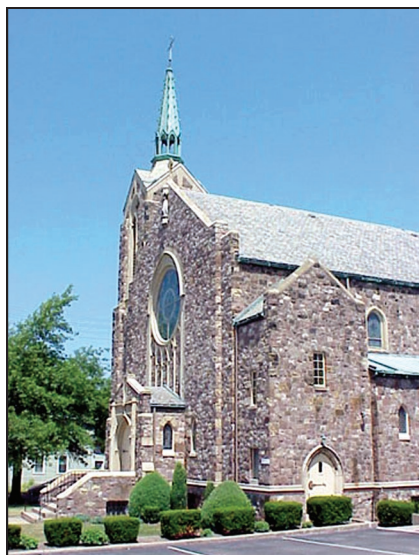


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Second Sunday of Easter and our first reading comes from Acts of the Apostles. Recall that the first reading always comes from the Old Testament except during the Easter season when it comes from

Acts, the book written by St. Luke chronicling the life of the early church. Today's excerpt notes the signs and wonders which accompanied the apostles as they began to preach the gospel, first in Jerusalem but eventually to all of the then known world.

Our second reading is from the Book of Revelation, written by the author of John's gospel in a cave on the Greek Isle of Patmos. I have been to the cave on several occasions and you can actually go right into the area where John wrote. The literary style of his book is one which we do not have today and so it is often misunderstood. It is "apocalyptic literature" which was very popular for about four hundred years. It was always written to people facing persecution telling them in a strange series of codes that their suffering is about to end. John refers to the OT book of Daniel which is also apocalyptic and portrays God as sitting on a throne dressed in a flowing white robe. John is now dressing Christ this way to show that he is the Son of God.

Our gospel from John is the familiar story of the Doubting Thomas. It is late in the day of Easter and the disciples are frightened. Jesus appears and shows them his scars to show that he is truly the Jesus who was crucified. John has Jesus breathing on them and giving them the Holy Spirit, but Thomas is not present and finally his words of belief are followed by Jesus saying, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," a clear reference to the early second century audience to whom John was writing. He is encouraging them in their faith because they are the people who believe without seeing while experiencing persecution.

St. Patrick's School will again host an all school reunion for anyone who attended at any time. Last year's reunion, organized by John Maloney, was an overwhelming success, and John is hoping that this year's will follow. The reunion will be held on Saturday, July 6, at the Polish Falcons on East Third Street. Guests are then invited to attend the Sunday morning 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's as a group.

We are in need of volunteers for this year's Irish Festival to assist with the Children's Area. The work would merely involve committing yourself to a time slot (usually 2 hours). We're wondering if some of the young new parishioners might be interested in helping with this project. The chair of that area will outline clearly what the task involves. Think about it for now and we'll start asking for volunteers to sign up in May.

With the growth of the crowds at last year's festival, we're anticipating the same for this year and are going to be in need of additional volunteers. The wait for registration last year on Saturday evening was extremely long and this year we're going to add additional registration tables. We're also going to set up two bars rather than the one we've had in the past, and we're adding an Irish Whiskey Tasting Booth.

The Festival Committee voted unanimously not to have vendors this year with the exception of our own local Tipperary West. We can then use that area for a second bar as well as additional seating. The grand prize again this year will be a week in Ireland for two.

Congratulations to St. Patrick parishioner Michele Wheaton who was recently honored as one of Erie's outstanding women by Mercyhurst. Michelle is extremely active in the parish serving as a member of the parish Finance Council, a lector, server and Eucharistic Minister at Mass. Michelle also almost singlehandedly puts together the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. She is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick.

If you've not yet participated in the Catholic Services Appeal, would you consider doing so? Each parish is assessed a certain amount which we must pay and anything earned above that can remain in the parish. We are far short of our goal in both parishes.

We are beginning work in church soon to make the women's restroom accessible to the southwest tower room. That is where bridal parties wait before a wedding and by cutting a doorway through the wall into the west restroom, they can have access to it. That involves our switching the restrooms and putting the men's on the east side and the women's on the west side.

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

Each restroom will also have a changing table. In addition to that work, we are putting a railing up in the choir loft. There is a railing in the center, but none on either side, so we are duplicating what is in the center and putting it on either side. I'm very grateful to a parishioner who is assuming the costs of new carpeting in the choir loft.

A good deal of work has been completed in the Food Pantry area. A new floor has been laid courtesy of the Erie Community Foundation, new entrance doors have been installed and a new restroom is in place. As an interesting aside, you might be amused to know that a baby was once born in St. Patrick's Church!!! Years ago, the custodian and his family lived in those back rooms which now serve as the Food Pantry, and his wife gave birth to a baby while living there!!! This place is full of surprises.

The family members of the young boy who drowned in the bay a few weeks ago are clients at our Food Pantry and I am impressed that our volunteers took up a collection among themselves to give to the family. Tragedy always has a way of bringing out the best in people. In addition, St. Patrick's Parish has made a sizeable donation to the Dusckas Funeral Home to help with the funeral cost.

Thank you for your generous contributions for the Easter collection.

Fred was hospitalized and dying so the family sent for the priest. As soon as the priest stood beside the bed, Fred began to fail and he flailed about as he tried to speak. He motioned frantically for something to write on so they handed him a note. Fred scrawled his message and stuffed it into the priest's hands. Moments later he died. The priest thought it best not to look at the note just then but to comfort the widow and so he put the note in his pocket. Several days later during the funeral homily, he realized that he was wearing the same suit that he wore the day Fred died. "You know," he said, "Fred handed me a note just before he died and I haven't read it yet, but let me share it with you because, knowing Fred, there are probably some words of inspiration which will help us get through this difficult time." Opening the note, the priest read aloud, "Get off my #@%&#@ oxygen tube!"

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND 2013

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If you are interested in a counselor position please contact Fr. Mark A. Nowak at MANowak@aol.com (814-476-7657 or visit the Camp Notre Dame Web site at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link.

Do you like helping people?

Consider joining Saint Mary's Home of Erie's "Loving to Care" team by becoming a member of the volunteer organization, the Friends of Saint Mary's. We are seeking people who would like to volunteer by assisting in the activity programs at either campus. If interested please call: Saint Mary's East – Diane Lutz at 451-1333 or Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge Marianne Kocur at 936-5338.

PALS Support Group

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.

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

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

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!



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for weekend of 3-24-13 was **\$6571.47** and online giving was **\$758.00** for a total of **\$7,329.47**. The offertory for Easter was **\$11,599.00** and **\$1,268.00** for online giving for a total of **\$12,867.00**. 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 the Ave Maria Care and Concern Society; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **James Miller** from Mrs. Yvonne Gersims; In memory of **Donald C. Pastore** from Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pastore; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Clancey and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schenker.

WELCOME

St. Patrick's welcomes these new parishioners: Linda Pfeffer, Mary and Dennis Ranalli, Hillary Bixby, Christopher and Elizabeth Rodrigues, Rick and Cindy Raraszki; Gregory and Nancy Orlando; Randy and Trudy Rydzewski; Jim and Roxanne Saloum.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Cyndi Pristello, Arlene Barlekoff

Greeters: Tom and Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Randy Pristello, John Maloney, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

Rebecca Jubulis will be offering instruction to altar servers on a date in May that will be announced shortly. If you are interested in becoming an altar server please call the office at 454-8085. We desperately need servers for the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass.

Easter Flower Memorials

Received from...

Angela Abbato.....	IMO John J. Abbato, Dom & Army Raymond, Alice
.....	Libertore, Anne & Pete Bechtos, Joe Corsale, John &
.....	Abbato
Isabelle Abbato	IMO Emelio & Angelina Abbato, Mary Sciarilli, Rose &
.....	Nell Cimino, Patsy & Isabelle Raymond, Anne, Frank,
.....	Judy & Patricia Zemanek, Lottie & Frank Stumpo,
.....	Marsha, Dick & Ted Wilson
Patty Abbato	IMO Louis P. Abbato, Mary & John Ferl, Joe & Evelyn
.....	Raymond, Connie & Joe Kopcznski, Randy Ferl
Stella Abbato.....	IMO Bertha & Vincent Orelski, Jennie & Jack
.....	Pelkowski, Josephine & Angelo LaPaglio, Joe & Irene
.....	Orelski Leo & Emma Orelski, James Orelski
Nickie, David, Daniello Azicri & Sophie Maly.....	IMO Max Azicri and Nicholas Maly
Jeannie & Rodger Confer	IMO John & Bess Bujnowski, Kenneth Confer
Mary & James Duncan	IMO Mary L. Duncan and James G. Duncan
Thomas & Sheila Higgins	IMO Joseph Sullivan, Jane Sullivan, Joseph Higgins,
.....	Margaret Higgins, Richard Higgins
Norb & Marilyn Lechner	IMO Perkins & Lechner Families
Scott Little	IMO Anthony "Boots" Little
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Pristello	IMO James & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella
.....	Pristello and all Deceased Family and Friends
Edwin & Jennifer Smith	IHO Gary & Kirsten Hampy
Gerry Valahovic.....	IMO Mikrut, Vickey & Valahovic Families, forgotten souls



Saint Hedwig News



Divine Mercy Sunday



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Patricia Buszek** requested by Agnes Oldakowski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jean Gorski & family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stanley Budney** requested by Helen Dyleski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Offertory for the weekend of March 24th —Offertory **\$1292.00** and CSA **\$900.00** and **\$887.00** for Easter Flowers; and the weekend of Easter, March 31st **\$1,625.00** and **\$400.00** for CSA.

Catholic Services Appeal

To date, we have received 26 pledges totaling **\$7,200.00**. We are **\$3,829.00** short of our assessment goal of **\$11,029.00**. As you know, our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is crucial for our financial vitality. We appeal to all who have not yet pledged to do so as soon as possible. We can certainly at least duplicate last year's success. This is very important for us. Please make your pledge today.

Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who worked so hard to decorate the church so beautifully for our Easter joy!

St. Hedwig Parishioners

Amanda & I "Thank You" for all the cards, gifts, prayers and well wishes from everyone at St. Hedwig's. They touched me dearly.

Barb Juchno

Additional Easter Flower Memorial

In memory of loved ones requested by Paul & Melissa Flak.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The Family Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 28th follow the 9am mass at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Tickets will be available in the vestibule before and after the weekend mass on April 13/14 and April 20/21. Cost of adult tickets is \$8.00 and children (ages 5-10) are \$4.00. No charge for children under 5 years of age. Speaker is Jeremy Bloeser who is working to revitalize the neighborhood from French to Wallace and the bay-front to East Sixth Street. In concert with Erie Insurance and UPMC Hamot, a great deal of progress has been made but much remains. Jeremy's remarks should be of great interest. 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. It's a great way to start the day, so bring your family and friends.

Women's Personal Safety Seminar

Saturday, April 27th from 2:30 until 3:30pm. Call Lund Martial Arts at 833-2800 to register. Cost is \$10.00. Women can enjoy much greater peace of mind and know you are safer and better prepared for any emergency when you attend the seminar.

Divine Mercy

In the *Diary of St. Faustina*, we hear Our Lord reminding us that we can depend upon His love...that He alone is worthy of our trust: ***I never reject a contrite heart. Sooner would heaven and earth turn into nothingness than would My mercy not embrace a trusting soul.*** We can ask, then, for God's mercy with complete trust, and Our Lord will fill us with grace so that we can be merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful: ***I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.***

Pray the
Rosary



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	April 13	April 14
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Art Blum
	Ray Nowosielski	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

LITURGY INTENTIONS**April 6** *Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI (VICTORIA COROPI)-ST.P

April 7 *Second Sunday of Easter*

9:00 AM AL JARZOMSKI (CHARLOTTE NIEWOLAK) - ST.H

10:30 AM JAMES & MARY ANN MAHONEY
(PAUL & ANNE CAUSGROVE) - ST.P**April 8** *Monday, The Annunciation of the Lord*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (CHARLOTTE MANKOWSKI)-ST. H

April 9 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM ANNA SCHWARTZ (ROSE NIEDZWIECKI) - ST.H

April 10 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM DON BUSECK (WIFE, FRAN)

April 11 *Thursday, Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 12 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

April 13 *Saturday, Vigil: Easter Weekday*

4:30 PM JOSEPHINE MIELNIK, ANNIV (FAMILY) - ST. H

5:00 PM RICHARD ALLAN PURCELL - ST.P
(JOHN PURCELL)**April 14** *Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter*9:00 AM VINCENT & SOPHIE DOBRY
(CLIFFORD DOBRY) - ST. H10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI
(KATHY & RICHARD RZODIEWICZ) - 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=Rectorry, CV=Convent

04/06 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H

4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P

04/07 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

04/09 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**04/10** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**04/13** 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H

4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P

04/14 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 5: 12-16

Reading II: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-24

Revelation 1:9-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



No matter how energized we feel, there is always something in our lives that we don't want to do. Whether it's as simple as taking out the garbage or as complicated as saying goodbye to a loved one. There are certain things that we tend to hide from. What we need is the right motivation or word of encouragement that will move us to action. This is where the apostles find themselves today and it is Jesus who provides the spark that they need. "Peace be with you" is a simple expression, but it is a motivating force. Jesus gives them the one thing they will need to overcome their fear and have courage to persevere—the Holy Spirit. The Easter peace is meant to be a motivating force for us as well. The Holy Spirit that we received in Baptism and again at Confirmation is with us today.

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: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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