

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

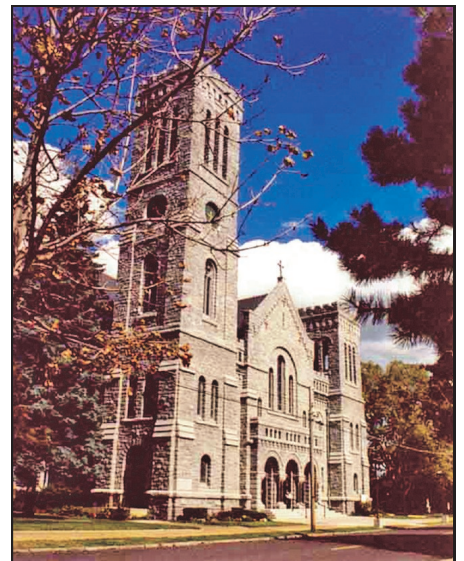
Holy Day

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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Erie, PA 16507

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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the most solemn week of the church year. We begin with the solemn blessing of palms and the reading of our gospel account of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. It seems incredible that a crowd could be so welcoming today and then turn so against Jesus by Friday and yet Jesus is knowledgeable enough of the OT prophet Isaiah to know that a faithful servant is usually a suffering servant. Remember that Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience and he is quoting the OT prophet Zechariah in noting that Jesus arrives riding on an ass, a colt. Luke and Mark make no mention of Zechariah but Mt has to. Again in the gospel, the reference to the Mount of Olives comes from Zechariah as the place where the Messiah would come to deliver Jerusalem from her enemies.

Our first reading is taken from Isaiah's Suffering Servant songs in which God's servant embraces a thankless ministry that's doomed to failure, and yet the words are a prayer of thanks for a ministry both privileged and burdensome. Aware of the hardships he faces, the servant declares God to have tutored him to speak a word to the weary that will rouse them. The early church readily saw the connection between this suffering servant of Isaiah and Jesus, a reality which has been largely lost on us today.

Our second reading is one of the most ancient hymns in the church. A key to understanding it is in its structure. The first half up to "death on the cross" refers to Christ, telling us who he is—equal with God, born as a man, humble and obedient. But in the second half, the subject becomes God and we learn what he has done for Christ: exalted him, given him the name above every other, etc. The text invites us to imitate Christ who in humble obedience embraced the cruelest of deaths, but it also reminds us that God's kingdom is a place of reversals. "Because of this" is the key hinge in today's hymn; because Jesus was obedient, he is glorified.

Our Gospel is the Passion from Matthew. Each year we read two different versions (and they are dramatically different). Today from the gospel of the year and Friday always from John. Unlike John's Jesus whose kingship is acknowledged by Pilate three times, Matthew's Jesus is only

recognized after his death when a non-Jew, a Roman centurion declares, "Truly this was the son of God." The reversal of God's kingdom we heard in our second reading only comes to Jesus after total abandonment by friends and followers. In contrast to last year's Passion from Luke, his disciples come off badly; they fall asleep three times, they desert him, Judas betrays him and Peter denies him. And from the cross, rather than Luke's beautiful words of forgiveness, Matthew's Jesus cries in agony, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" There is no other passion account as full of sorrow and sadness as is Matthew's. From the earliest days of the church, the passion accounts were always read as one continuous story; never broken into smaller gospel accounts.

This week is the most solemn week of the church year, and I hope you will find some time to pull away from the hectic pace of life and spend it in conversation with our God. Our schedule for the week is contained elsewhere in today's bulletin, and again I invite you to take advantage of the various Holy Week services. All of the Holy Week liturgies will be held at St. Patrick's.

On Holy Thursday, the only Mass allowed in Catholic parishes is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence in which Catholics are asked not to eat meat and eat only one full meal and two smaller meals. There is no Mass on Good Friday, only the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with the distribution of Communion. While confessions can be heard on that day, no other sacraments can. We cannot have a funeral, etc. The Holy Water fonts are also emptied because Christ has died and we wait for the blessing of the new holy water on Holy Saturday. On that day Mass cannot begin before sundown and Bishop Persico has informed us this year that no Masses begin before 9 PM.

We have started a program to help parents of a new baby by providing a few nights of meals for them. The project is being chaired by Abby Lechner, and we're in need of additional volunteers. If you would be able to help by just providing one meal for a couple who are new parents, please call the parish office and Abby will be in touch with you.

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

The parish office will be closed Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. I will be here in case of an emergency.

The only Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Holy Saturday at 9 PM at St. Patrick's. .

To date, we have CSA pledges at St. Patrick's for \$56,355 toward our assessment of \$42,000. Remember that any extra monies raised stay in the parish and I hope to use it toward paying down the debt on the restoration of the church. A total of 116 families have pledged so far. If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so. At St. Hedwig's, our goal is \$11,000 and we have pledges of \$6,075.00.

I'm need of some good workers for a special project. We want to build a 20' x 20' stage for the Irish Festival. To rent the stage and dance floor each year will cost over \$1,500. If we invest in one, then we can store it and use it each year. Holy Trinity has graciously told us we can use their 20' x 20' dance floor, so we should be set. I'm hoping we can build the stage in at least 3 sections which would interlock, so that we can easily take it apart to store. The stage needs to be 12 inches high. The Festival will purchase all of the materials; I just need a couple of parishioners who might be interested in helping with this. Participation carries with it heavy discounts in the confessional and access to the beer keg in the rectory!!

This past Tuesday we hosted Bishop Persico, Jeff Rouse and 54 people from the Diocese of Greensburg who came to see the Stations and share lunch with Bishop Persico. Jeff Rouse is the man who restored the Stations and continues to keep a close eye on them. We hosted them for Stations and then lunch in the rectory.

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table she turned to her five year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" The little girl replied, "I don't know what to say." "Just say what you hear mommy say, sweetheart," the mother answered. The daughter bowed her head and prayed, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner? "

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **George & Josephine Mielnik** requested by Dick & Pat Mielnik, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by his family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,187.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Thank You!

The Holy Name Society and members of St. Hedwig Parish thank all who supported our Family Communion Breakfast which was held last Sunday. A special thanks to the speaker Christina Flanigan, the people who worked, donated door prizes or bought tickets and the staff and Officers of the Third Street Polish Falcons. Everyone's help is truly appreciated.

The winners of the "Theme Baskets" were: **Jen Bender** won the Woman's Basket, **Eve Belczyk** won the Children's Basket, **Christina Flanagan** won the Baked Goods Basket and **Elaine Rohrbach** won the Wine Rack.

Lenten Dinners

Fish, pierogi, etc. will be served at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons on Friday from 4 until 7pm.

Catholic Services Appeal

So far, we have received **\$6,075.00** in pledges. Our goal is **\$11,083.00**. We ask those who have not pledged for the Catholic Services Appeal to do so as soon as possible. We know you will come through as you always do. This is very important for us. Please make your pledge today.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when He had said this He breathed His last.

St Hedwig Ministry Schedule April 20 - Easter Sunday

	9:00 AM
Lector	Barbara Juchno
Eucharist	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Art Blum Peter Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie





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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$9,752.00**, and **\$710.00** for a total of **\$10,462.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Barb McGill** who passed away April 5th. Barb was a long time parishioner of St. Patrick's and was very active as a Eucharistic Minister and Greeter, most often at the 5:00 Mass. She was active in the Ave Maria Care and Concern Society and worked tirelessly at the Irish Festival and other church and community events. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 **Mary Catherine Porta** from Brian & Annie Candela; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn, in memory of **Gary King, George Zack, John & Barbara Jacquell** from Phyllis Zack, in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nies** from Jane & Joseph Nies, in memory of **Harry & Rita Caldwell** from Renee Calabrese, in memory of the **Gingenbach Family** from Barbara Gingenbach, in memory of **Jocko & Issy Maloney** and **Ray & Rose Fiorelli** from Patricia & Ray Fiorelli, in memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long also donations from Rev. Thomas Hoderny, Kathy & Pierre McCormick, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Kimberly & Joseph Bohrer, Irene & John Nemergut, Annette & Mark Rennie and Dotty & Michael Schloss.

WELCOME ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:
Jack & Laura O'Neil, Jeffrey Wright, Mary Cuneo Robinson, Daniel Conley, Diane Morosky, Sheila Murray.



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.

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: Ryan Jubulis

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: Ann Causgrove

Altar Servers: Joe Causgrove, Michael Causgrove
for Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm

Ushers: Paul Causgrove

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

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Mary Williams, Carol Habas

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Rob Oligeri

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: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani, Tim Scully, Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch, Michelle Tortorelli, Charla Leemhuis

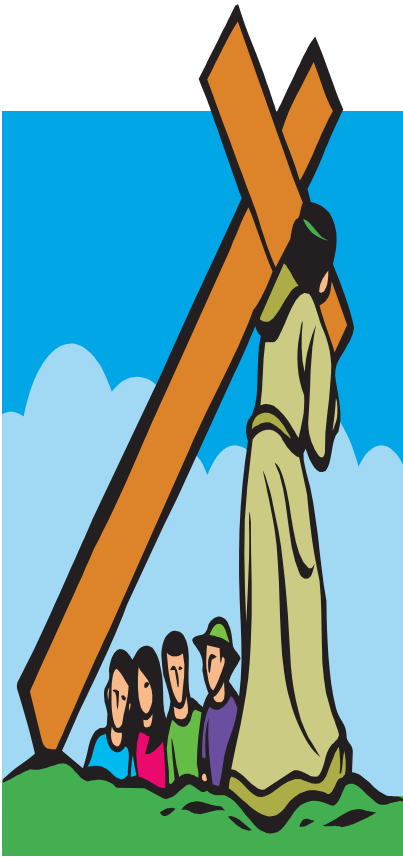
Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

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

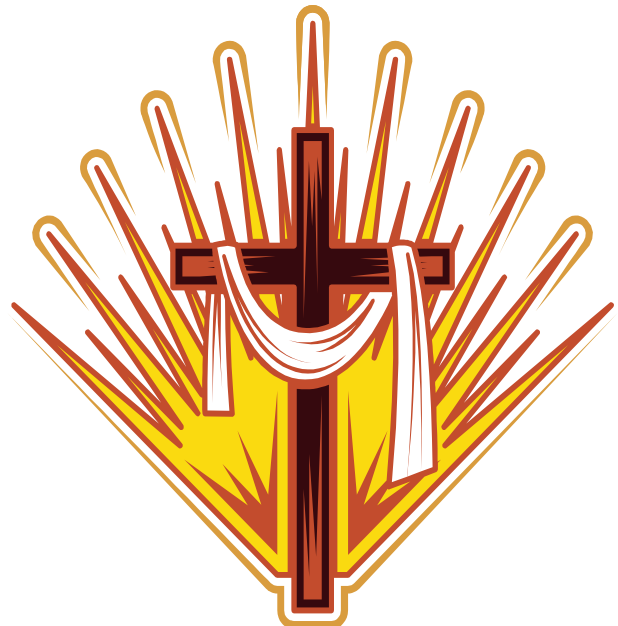
9:00 PM Easter Vigil – St. Patrick's

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



Spaghetti dinner planned at St. John the Baptist:

A spaghetti dinner is planned at St. John the Baptist Church, E. 26th and Wallace streets, Erie, on Palm Sunday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pastors' Hall (basement of the church). The cost for adults is \$8; children 3 to 10 are \$4, seniors are \$7 and an immediate family is \$25. Take-outs are available for an additional 50 cents each. Think spring and enjoy the plant raffle being held at the event.

Healing Mass scheduled at Holy Rosary:

A healing Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Church, E. 28th and East Avenue, Erie, on Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Son of God Prayer Group, which is affiliated with St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary churches in Erie, invites everyone to attend the Mass, celebrated by Father David Poulson. Music will be provided by a group from St. Joseph/Bread of Life Parish, Erie.

Son of God Prayer Group offers seminar:

The Son of God Prayer Group in Erie will present a Life in the Spirit Seminar, "Draw Near to God and God Will Draw Near to You," beginning May 13 and continuing consecutive Tuesdays through June 10 at Holy Rosary Church, E. 28th and East Avenue, Erie. Registration on May 13 begins at 6 p.m. Remaining sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Patty at 814-823-3968 or Gerry at 814-452-2499.

Want to recycle your computers, laptops?:

Computers for Kids of America is coming to Erie to pick up old computer units. Computers for Kids of America is a non-profit organization that helps companies dispose of their e-waste in a cost-effective, environmentally conscious, socially responsible manner. Equipment is refurbished and redistributed to children and schools in need. Donated equipment is used in training and educational programs for underprivileged children. The company is looking for computers, monitors and laptops. Incomplete systems are accepted and broken systems will be repaired. Computers for Kids of America will be at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, on April 28, but only if there are enough units to pick up. If any Erie parish would like to get rid of old computer equipment, email kpapalia@ErieRCD.org or call Kathy Papalia at 814-824-1184.

Win a gorgeous cross pendant:

Celebration Jewelers by Dempsey & Baxter is supporting this year's Catholic Charities Ball through a generous donation of a diamond cross pendant to be raffled off the night of the event, May 16. The cross slides on an 18k white gold, 18-inch cable chain with a lobster clasp. There is an extra ring allowing the chain to clasp at 16 inches as well. Both pieces are rhodium plated. The total diamond weight is ½ ct. A photo of the pendant is attached below. Pendant tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20 and can be purchased at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=27c75a>. The winner does not need to be present to win.

Cancer Support Group:

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacon-tom@holyltrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, April 17, 2014.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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
- April 14** *Monday of Holy Week*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- April 15** *Tuesday of Holy Week*
 8:00 AM ERIC RUTKOWSKI (GLADYS BROWN & FAMILY)
- April 16** *Wednesday of Holy Week*
 8:00 AM JOSEPHINE ALECCI, ANNIV.
 (SANDY & JEFF CORCHADE)
- April 17** *Holy Thursday*
 7:00 PM BERTHA MARIELLA, ANNIV. (FAMILY)
- April 18** *Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord*
 11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST. H
 12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ST.P
 2:00 PM PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS-ST.P
- April 19** *Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil*
 9:00 PM EDWARD SZYMANOWSKI, ANNIV. ST.P
 (WIFE, GLORIA)
- April 20** *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*
 8:00 AM FORREST SHORTS - ST.P
 (MR. & MRS. RANDY PETERSON)
 9:00 AM ALBERT MIELNIK (BROTHERS & SISTERS) - ST.H
 10:30 AM RONALD ANGELOTTI - ST.P
 (LEE & DONNA ADIUTORI)

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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
- 04/12** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/15** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/16** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/17 - 04/21** OFFICE CLOSED

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14-27 : 66



In today's gospel we have reached the point where Jesus' teaching and example were at critical odds with the culture of the Jewish chief priests and elders. They are offended by his cleansing of the temple and some perceived him as a threat to their status quo. Their plot against Jesus was facilitated first by Judas' betrayal and then by the desertion of the disciples. Jesus remained alone, approaching his death with total surrender to his Father's will. We can model his compassion, generosity, and forgiveness. How has being faithful to Christ helped you to die to yourself?

**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

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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Change of Address

Moving

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