

# *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**

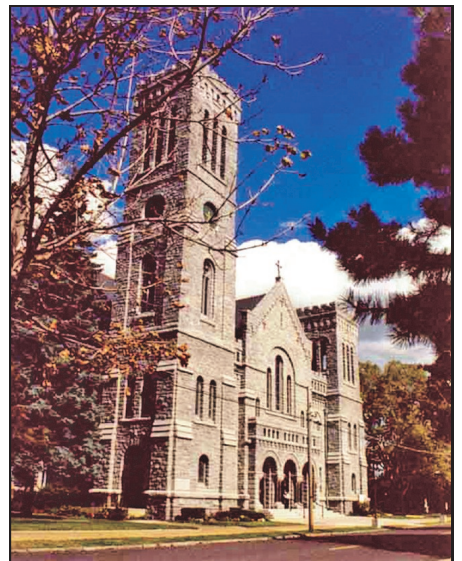
**Holy Day**

**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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***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,  
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Third Sunday of Easter and again our first reading is from Acts of the Apostles. Last Sunday's reading told us how successful the apostles were in preaching in Jerusalem. Between that reading and today's the high priest has had the

apostles arrested only to have an angel release them. Today begins with their being brought before the Sanhedrin who orders them to stop preaching for several reasons, one of which is the apostle's telling people of the role the Sanhedrin played in the crucifixion. Peter replies by saying that they must obey God, not men, and that Jesus, whom they crucified, has been raised and is now their God. Finally, they are released with another order not to preach.

Our second reading is also again from Revelations. In our first reading, the apostles claim that Jesus sits at God's right hand; this reading says the same thing only in apocalyptic style, ie., John is describing a vision. This style of literature was written in a code because the author wants the persecuted audience to understand it but not the persecutors. John does not call Jesus by name, but instead as the "Lamb of God," a title which would mean nothing to non-believers.

Our gospel from John describes another of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. Take note of several points in this account. First, they do not recognize Jesus initially. The post-resurrection Jesus was somehow different in appearance than the pre-resurrection Jesus. Secondly, Jesus cooks some fish for them and shares it with them. That is telling us that the post-resurrection Jesus possessed a real human body, he was not some type of a spiritual being. Spiritual beings don't cook food for others and certainly don't eat it themselves. Furthermore, no one was frightened when they saw the post-resurrection Jesus. They realized who he was but as of yet, they still do not understand what has taken place and its full meaning.

The 2013 Diocesan Services Appeal is currently being conducted in all of the parishes of the diocese. Each parish is assessed a set amount and that must be paid to the diocese whether we make that amount or not. At St. Hedwig's our assessment is \$11,029; at St. Patrick's it is \$38,500. I'm hoping that you can help each of

parishes by participating in whatever way you can. Some of you are still paying on a pledge to the restoration of St. Patrick's and I don't expect you to do both that and the CSA. If you can help, please do so.

I continue to be amazed at the number of people coming to see the church. When we hosted the open house for Erie Insurance, we had huge crowds of people. We have a similar open house coming up for the UPMC Hamot employees on April 19. Various parish organizations from all over the city and the diocese have visited. We even had a group from Lakeside United Methodist Church. We also host regular tour buses that come from all over the surrounding region. When those tours come, Sister Marie gives a history of the building, Mark Aloway gives a brief organ concert and Alice Daub has the gift shop open for visitors.

We're having a color brochure of the church printed to distribute to visitors and will also have them in church if you wish to take one.

Next Sunday, the second collection is the annual Good Shepherd Collection which provides care for our retired priests. Last year's collection in the diocese totaled \$198,853, the largest ever. Since this collection began in 2008, \$858,171 has been raised. Thank you for your generosity and I hope you will continue to support the appeal.

We have completely redone the restroom that serves the Food Pantry and the sacristy of the main church. The floor in that room, like the entire floor in the Food Pantry, was completely rotted through and had to be replaced. We then tiled it, and put in new fixtures.

The railing for the choir loft has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is made. There is a railing in the center section, but not on the side areas. Because that railing is so low, safety codes require a railing.

If anyone is planning a wedding at St. Patrick's in 2014, you would be wise to explore availability as we already have a large number of reservations. Since the restoration of the church, it seems that every bride in Erie County wants to be married here!!!! We're now in full swing with the 2013 weddings and they don't end until New Year's Eve!

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

We've hosted two groups of bridal couples for dinner at St. Patrick's, and I have to tell you what fun evenings those are. All of the couples are in the same boat, and I overhear them discussing the same challenges that they are facing. It's also a chance for me to get to know them a bit better rather than just be a stranger when I stand before them for their wedding ceremony. I think many of them feel alienated from the church, and these dinners are also a small way of trying to say that we welcome them. We have three more evenings to go. I'm grateful to several parishioners who help serve and clean up which allows me time with the bridal couples.

It was amazing to see the number of young couples at Mass on Easter Sunday. There was a din over the entire Mass as you could hear babies fussing, and I love it. Please don't ever feel you have to take a fussing baby out of church because of me. It's a sign of life. We are extremely fortunate that a large number of young families have joined St. Patrick's Parish in the last two years. Our parish membership has gone from slightly over 200 families to over 600 families.

An Irishman moved into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and orders three beers. An hour later, the man has finished them and orders three more. The next evening he returns and places the same order. Soon the entire village is talking about the Man Who Orders Three Beers. After a week of this, the bartender approaches and says, "I don't mean to pry, but people are wondering why you always order three beers?" "You see," says the man, "I have two brothers; one went to America, the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Then one day, the man comes in and only orders two beers. He repeats this the next nite and soon the whole village is praying for the soul of one of his brothers. The next nite, the bartender says to him, "All of us want to offer condolences on the death of your brother. You know—the two beers and all." The man replies, "You'll be happy to know that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

### A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

Reading II: Psalm 5:27-6. 11-13  
Revelation 5:11 –14



Gospel: John 21:1-19

How well do you see in the dark? Sometimes we can't see things as they really are. We need light and that is also true of the apostles in this week's gospel. They didn't recognize the man on shore as Jesus. John perceives Jesus' presence and Jesus invites them to breakfast. The early Christian community came to use the fish as a symbol for Jesus; it was the way they identified themselves to each other in times of persecution. It marks the resting place of Christians in the catacombs. The letters of the Greek word for fish, ichthus stood for the expression Jesus Christ (ich), son of God (thu), Savior (s). To follow faithfully, we need to live in his light: we also need the fish that Jesus serves - Himself, in our celebration of the Eucharist.



Child protection and Creating Safe Environments -

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 a 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.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." Like the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us at this beach breakfast that meals are more than about eating. They are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, and support one another in love.





## Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene and family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,547.00** plus **\$887.00** Easter Flower update. Thank you and God bless.

### Catholic Services Appeal

To date, we have received 27 pledges totaling **\$7,500.00**. We are still short **\$3,329.00** of our assessment goal. We ask those who have not pledged for the appeal to do so now. This is the most important collection we take up during the whole year because of its importance to our parish and our diocese. Please do your part to keep us alive and able to serve you as we would like.

### Memorial received

In memory of **Marian Glaz** requested by Timothy Cross.

### St. Hedwig Annual Family Communion Breakfast

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 28th following the 9am Mass at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Tickets will be available in the vestibule before and after each weekend mass on April 13/14 and April 20/21. Adults \$8.00 and children (ages 5-10) are \$4.00. There is no charge for children under 5. The speaker is Jeremy Bloeser who is working to revitalize the neighborhood from French to Wallace and the bayfront to East Sixth Street. Jeremy's remarks should be of great interest. If you have any questions, call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467. We are also selling chances on several "Theme Baskets" to be raffled at the breakfast. We are looking for a good turnout so bring your family and friends!

### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

|              | <u>April 20</u>             | <u>April 21</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|              | <u>Saturday</u>             | <u>Sunday</u>   |
|              | <u>4:30 PM</u>              | <u>9:00 AM</u>  |
| Lector       | Jim Gorski                  | Art Blum        |
| Eucharist    | Jim Gorski                  | Tom Zielinski   |
| Ushers       | Roland Henderson            | Art Blum        |
|              | Ray Nowosielski             | Pete Pentz      |
| Altar Server | Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski | Charlotte Mabie |

## Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,554.21** and **\$558.00** in online giving for a total of **\$8,112.20**. 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 Ed & Jennifer Smith; The **Food Pantry** in memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long; In memory of **Deceased Relatives** from Ms. Pamela Bruno; in memory of **Alfred Sokolowski & John Black** from Frances Sokolowski; additional donations from Kathleen Horan, Laith Wardi & Dr. Carla Orlando, Rev. Leon Muroski, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sargent, Nancy Yochim, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Humphrey, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Daub, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Ellen Demyanovich.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Power, Bill Power  
Shirley Winschel

Greeters: Kathleen Horan, Jane Carney

Altar Servers: Caroline Power

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oiligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton,  
Forrest Mischler, Colleen Welch

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi, Brendan Humphrey

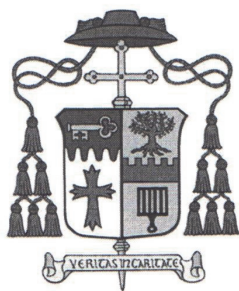
Ushers: Tom Welch, Tim Torrey, Jim Wehan,  
Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin

**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.

# WELCOME

St. Patrick's welcomes these new parishioners: Steve and Michelle Brown, Thomas and Nancy Klaus, Wendy Sadlier, Maureen Thompson, Nancy Crunk, Thomas and Angela Dudenhoeffer, Georgia Komorek, William and Constance Brereton.



April 4, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Year of Faith, begun in October 2012, offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the gift of Faith. Our lives in Faith have been influenced by our parents and other family members. The religious sisters, teachers and catechists can be thanked as well. All of us know a number of priests to thank for the Faith we have been given by God. These are the priests who baptized your children, performed the weddings and funerals of loved ones, taught your children, anointed your sick parent and faithfully offered the Eucharist for God's holy people.

The Good Shepherd Collection is one substantial way that we in the Diocese of Erie can say thanks to our retired priests. In faith, giving to the Good Shepherd collection is a prayer of thanksgiving to God, but it also assists the priests who have served well our parishes and sustained our Faith through the Sacraments. Through the Good Shepherd Collection the weekend of April 20/21, I ask you to support financially the gift of Priesthood in our Diocese.

With your help, we care for the retired, disabled and infirmed priests, by assisting them with the long-term health care expenses when their funds are inadequate, help with unexpected needs for any priest who is incapacitated, provide additional revenue to the Priest Retirement Plan and a annual subsidy to Diocesan Residences for retired priests. We are very proud of our fifty-one retired priests, who have served our Lord and His people. Many continue to serve the Church in whatever way they can. The priesthood is a life-long gift, and our priests show how deeply they love Christ and His people by their continued service.

I am grateful for the generosity of our priests and deacons who now serve our parishes in active ministry. I pray that our Diocese will be blessed with more seminarians willing to respond to the call of the Lord. I know our priests join me in thanking you for your kindness and generosity through the annual Good Shepherd Collection.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with His boundless love this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR PEOPLE IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY ON APRIL 13 AND 14.



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Dear Parishioner –

Sunday, May 12, is Mother's Day, a day set aside to particularly remember these wonderful women who not only gave us life but nurtured and nourished us as well.

In many instances, your mother has already gone to her eternal reward and you have no way of once again telling her of your love for her.

Our bulletin on May 11 and 12 will include an insert listing the names of any living or deceased mother or grandmother whom you wish particularly remembered in our Masses that weekend.

If you would like to include someone in that list, please return this listing **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4**, so that we can include these names in that bulletin.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In Memory of or in Honor of

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**LITURGY INTENTIONS****April 13** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

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**April 15** *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM PAUL WIERNICKI (TONY WIERNICKI) - ST. H

**April 16** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**April 17** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELLA, ANNIV (FAMILY)

**April 18** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE (CHARLOTTE)

**April 19** *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM CATHERINE FITZGERALD ( MARILYN SCHWAB)

**April 20** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:30 PM ALBERT MIELNIK (BROTHERS &amp; SISTERS) - ST.H

5:00 PM ED SZYMUNOWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.P  
(WIFE, GLORIA)**April 21** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*9:00 AM ALICE BORTZ, ANNIV. - ST. H  
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)10:30 AM BETTY FIRCH FLANAGAN (JANE CARNEY &  
MARY PAT FROELICH) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent

**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**04/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**04/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**04/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**04/21** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FAITH FORMATION YEAR** – Families whose children will be in Kindergarten in the Fall and those who have children entering Grades 1 through 6 are asked to register their children in the Faith Formation program for the coming year. **If your children are presently attending the faith formation sessions, please plan to register for the Fall when you bring them to their session over the next three weeks.** New families whose children attend public school, **please call Kathleen Kutz at 454-6322** to register your child in the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry*.

Parents whose son/daughter will be entering **7th, 8th and 9th Grades** are asked to register **Sunday, April 21st**. Parents whose son/daughter will be entering **Gr. 10 in the Fall**, are asked to register **May 5th** and to attend a brief meeting at **1:00 pm** while the students are in session. If you have questions, please call **Kathleen at 454-6322**. Thank 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.

**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**