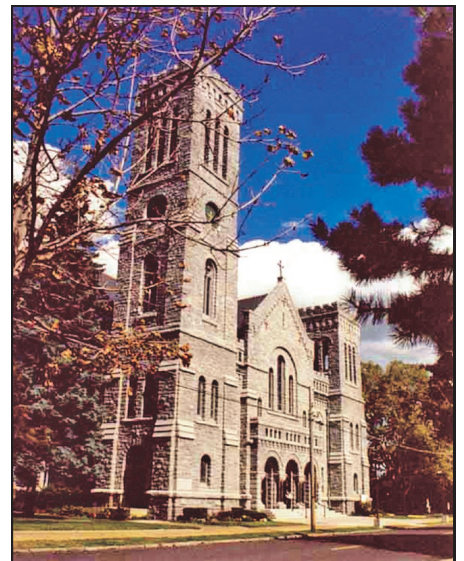


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

Saint Patrick Parish

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 the 4th Sunday of Easter and once again our first reading is from Acts of the Apostles. Remember that Luke wrote Acts for Gentiles and today he is careful to explain that Paul, the Jewish Apostle to the Gentiles, did not neglect his own people; rather, when Paul entered a town, he went first to the Jews. Only later did he extend his message to the Gentiles. We hear an example of this today as Paul and Barnabas are in Antioch and they go to the synagogue on the Sabbath. As a result of their teaching, many Jews follow them. One week later, many who are not Jews come to hear Paul preach. At this point we hear the reaction of those who did not follow Paul and Barnabas. These Jews become angry and openly contradict what Paul says. Paul explains to them that God has called him to go to the Gentiles quoting words from Isaiah which were originally addressed to the Israelites who were in exile in Babylon. Isaiah was offering the exiles hope that God was accomplishing something wonderful through them. They would be God's instrument to bring others to him.

Our second reading continues from the Book of Revelation and once more we hear a message of hope taught in code to persecuted Christians. John is describing a vision of the heavenly throne room. A great multitude is present, worshipping both God and the Lamb. John is clearly teaching that Jesus is God. Furthermore he teaches that those who have been martyred have not only died with Christ but they have risen with him. The closing words of today's reading are some of the most poignant in all of the scriptures.

Our gospel again comes from John and to fully understand today's reading, we must recall the social setting in which John wrote his gospel. John was writing to a community of Jews who had split because some in the community insisted on the divinity of Jesus. These Jews have now been expelled from the synagogue. Today's reading is part of a conversation that Jesus is pictured having with some Jews who do not believe in him (like some in John's community). He says that his sheep know his voice and follow him. He goes on to say that his sheep have been given to him by his father and that no one can take them away. Then he adds that he and the father are one. Though brief, today's gospel is

rich in meaning.

Have you made your pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal? That appeal is being conducted in all parishes throughout the diocese with each parish assigned an assessment which we must pay whether we raise those funds or not. I hope you will help us meet those goals at both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's next Saturday will be Father Jason Glover, head of the Theology Department of Gannon University. Celebrant of the Sunday 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's will be Monsignor Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's. I will be in Washington, DC for the White House Correspondents Dinner.

This past Friday we hosted an Open House in the restored St. Patrick's Church for employees of UPMC Hamot Medical Center. Several weeks ago we hosted one for employees of Erie Insurance and over 800 people showed up to tour the church. The regular tours have also started back up.

On Friday evening I had 6 of our seminarians to St. Hedwig's for dinner and a relaxed evening. Fr. John Detisch joined us and we were all thrilled when Bishop Persico also joined us.

Staff members from the Diocese of Erie Tribunal Office will host an Annulment Information session on Wednesday, April 24, at St. James Church, Erie to explain the process of petitioning for a declaration of nullity. Further information is available from the Tribunal at 824-1140.

Please mark Sunday, June 23, on your calendar. Bishop Persico will celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass that day and rededicate St. Patrick's Church. Following the Mass, we will have a brunch at the Bayfront Convention Center. Invitations will be mailed to parishioners the first week of May. Reservations will be limited to 300 people.

During the month of February, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 20,279 pounds of food to a total of 690 families. Total cost for the February distribution was \$1,834.80, all covered by your generous donations. Thank you.

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

I'm continuing with dinners at St. Patrick's for groups of the couples who will be married there this year. Unfortunately about half of the bridal couples live out of town and are unable to attend, but the others have and have had a fun evening. It's nice to get to know them a bit better and to make them feel welcome in the church

A new study by PEW reveals that the number of Americans who claim to have no religious affiliation is the highest it has been since data was first gathered in the 1930s. Back then, about 5% of Americans identified themselves as having no religious affiliation. By 1990, that number had risen to 8 percent, but today it is hovering around 20%. The data reveals that 24% of males and 18% of females have no affiliation, and it also reveals that African Americans and Mexican Americans are more likely to associate with a religion than are whites. One of the conclusions is very interesting. "This is the product of the involvement of the religious right in American politics and the increasing connection in Americans' minds that religion equals conservative politics equals religion. Increasingly people link organized religion with anti-gay attitudes, sexual conservatism, a whole range of those kinds of social cultural values." The study further shows that fully one-third of Americans under the age of 30 don't identify with a religion.

Have you ever considered including your parish in your will? Funds can be left to a parish for a particular purpose, ie., ongoing maintenance of the buildings, etc. or they can be left to the general needs of the parish. Another way of remembering your parish is by naming your parish as the beneficiary in a life insurance policy. At both of our parishes, buildings are old and need work.

After Mass one Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "I've decided to become a priest when I grow up." "That's fine with your father and I, but what made you decide this?" "Well," said the boy, "I have to go to church anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up there and yell, than to have to sit down and listen every week!"

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 13:14 . 43-52

Reading II: Psalm 100:1-5

Revelation 7:9. 14-17

Gospel: John 10: 27-30



In this week's gospel, Jesus used the good shepherd image to describe the special union he has with his faithful followers; he offers eternal life, and he promises it now. But the eternal life he promises is not earned ; it is total gift. We begin to realize the fruits of Jesus' promise in our living now as we will fully in eternity— in a conscious union with Him who is one with the Father and the Spirit. How strong a sense do you have of living eternal life now? When recently have you felt one with Jesus?

CHILD ABUSE AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Five steps to Safer Environments—The Diocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)

To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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 Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,009.98**, and **\$648.00** from online giving for a total of **\$6,657.98**. 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 **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Ed & Jennifer Smith; The **Food Pantry** in memory of Alice Marino, Katherine Weber from Mrs. Barbara McGill, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Biebel, Mr. Joel Walz & Mrs. Jill Blagawalz, Rev. Thomas Hoderny and Gayle Meyer.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino,
Kathy Sertz, Jay Habas

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney,
Michelle Tortorelli, Cheryl Stephany

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Charla Leemhuis

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: David Taccone, David Wilcox,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy,
Mary Kearney, Mary Pat Schlaudecker

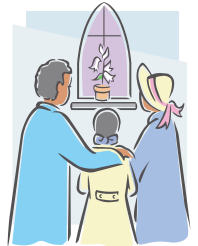
Rebecca Jubulis will be offering instruction to altar servers on a date in May that will be announced shortly. If you are interested in becoming an altar server please call the office at 454-8085. We desperately need servers for the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

Enjoy the first day of summer with St. Patrick's Relay for Life Team on **Friday, June 21, 2013**. This year we will be forming a team and accepting donations for the American Cancer Society. If you would like to support Relay for Life, all checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society and placed in the offertory basket. **We welcome all to join our team at Harborcreek High School starting at 5pm!** For any questions or to sign up, please call **Rebecca Jubulis at 454-5533**, and please leave a message. We hope to see you on this beautiful evenings as we celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and those who are fighting back against the disease.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?



WELCOME

SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS—Steven and Michelle Brown, Thomas and Nancy Klaus, Wendy Sadler, Maureen Thompson, Nancy Crunk, Georgia Komorek, Dr. William and Constance Brereton, Ronald and Sue Mangine, Jack and Patty Welther.

A REMINDER THAT MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies. Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right.

We are working on having the homilies put on CD.

We'll keep you updated on the progress.





Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by his 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 **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Judy & Peter Pentz. Remember those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,263.00.** and **\$700.00** for the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank You...to the following parishioners who responded to this year's Catholic Service Appeal: Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Genevieve Gorski, James Gorski, Theresa Juchno, Donald Moehler, Lou Ann Nowosielski, Theresa Paluh, Barbara Juchno, Irene Mielnik, David & Nancy Widomski, Del Trambley, Tom & Sharon Zielinski, Jeanette Borowy, Roland & Jeanne Henderson, Charlotte Mabie, Richard & Pat Mielnik, George & Gail Torbic, Helen Dombrowski, Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski, Janet Lipinski, Charlotte Niewolak, Catherine Jankowski, M/M Daniel Jarzomski, Thomas Kurpiewski, M/M Raymond Nowosielski, Helen Zielinski, Janice Moskel, Dorothy Mielnik, Rose Niedzwiecki, David Borowy, Edward Slivinski, Peter & Judy Pentz, D. Dombkowski. Additional names will appear in next week's bulletin. So far, we have pledges totaling **\$9,150.00**. Our assessment for the appeal **\$11,029.00** which makes us \$2,579.00 short of our goal. A gift—no matter how great or small—can go a long way. Please help. If we do not reach our goal, the difference will need to be paid out of our parish savings. Thank you for your support.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>April 27</u>	<u>April 28</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dolly Bargielski	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Pete Pentz
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Art Blum
	Ray Nowosielski	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 28th following the 9am mass at the Third Street Polish Falcons. Tickets will be available this weekend before and after Mass in the vestibule. Adult ticket \$8.00, children (ages 5-10) \$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.

OLMC Bus Trip

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's P.T.C. is sponsoring a bus trip to Seneca Niagara Casino in New York Sunday, May 19. Cost is \$30.00 and you will get \$20.00 back in slot play and \$5.00 back in food vouchers. Any questions or to make reservations contact Peg Liebel 825-0487.

Cancer support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The group is led by Deacon Tom who was a cancer caregiver. The Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. 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 red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 until 8:15pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holytrintytrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church at 456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Resurrection

Belief in the resurrection is very consoling. We should remember the words of Our Lord, Who will raise us from the dead: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in me, shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

JOIN US AT THE ST. HEDWIG COMMUNION BREAKFAST
AT THE POLISH FALCONS
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013 AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS





Saint Hedwig Church
521 East Third Street
Erie, PA 16507

May 2013

Dear Parishioner –

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12, and our bulletin will include an insert listing the names of any mothers, living or deceased, whom you wish to be remembered in our Masses on that day. Please return the list of names NO LATER THAN MONDAY, May 6, to be included in the bulletin. An offering is optional.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Henry Kriegel

In memory of

From

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- April 20** *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*
 4:30 PM ALBERT MIELNIK (BROTHERS & SISTERS) - ST.H
 5:00 PM ED SZYMANOWSKI, 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
- April 22** *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM MARSHA WILSON (FRIEND, ANN MARIE)
- April 23** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM CHET LONECKI (MRS. HELEN KURPIEWSKI) -ST.H
- April 24** *Wednesday, Waster Weekday*
 8:00 AM HARRY CALDWELL, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (FRED & JUDY BUCKHOLTZ)
- April 25** *Thursday, Saint Mark Evangelist*
 8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
- April 26** *Friday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS - ST.H
- April 27** *Saturday, Vigil: Easter Weekday*
 4:30 PM PETER WERNICKI (HELEN ZIELINSKI) - ST.H
 5:00 PM DEBRA SZYMANOWSKI MCINTOSH, ANNIV. OF
 BIRTH (MOM, GLORIA SZYMANOWSKI) - ST.P
- April 28** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
 9:00 AM MARGARET KLAN (M/M EDWIN KLAN) - ST.H
 10:30 AM NEIL TORRANCE (JEANNE TORRANCE) - ST.P

**Congratulations to Andrew Luke
 Wilcox from St. Patrick's and Tyler
 Sebastian Fuller from St. Hedwig's
 who were confirmed at Holy Trinity
 on April 8th.**

**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
- 04/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/21** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
- 04/23** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 04/24** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 04/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 04/28** 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.

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