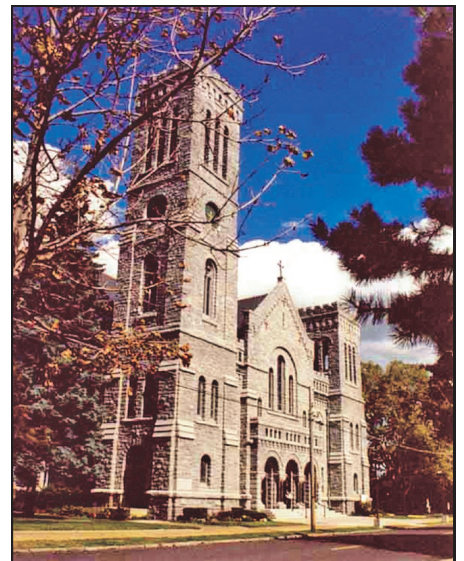


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

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



Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. While our first reading each Sunday always comes from the Old Testament, during the Easter season, our first reading comes from Acts of the Apostles. Luke ends his gospel with the Ascension and then went on to

write Acts of the Apostles which begins with Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Luke, the most prolific writer of the New Testament, gives us a thorough portrait of the early church in Acts. Today's harmonious reading paints a beautiful picture of an early group of believers free of any disharmony or dissent; but this is only one portrait. We will also encounter in Acts some divisions in the early church as well as a church that became greatly confused because they felt that the Second Coming of Jesus was imminent. As a result of this they would sell their belongings—as we hear in today's reading—and share everything in common.

Our second reading is from the first Letter of Peter. We may not recognize the orator who speaks to us these lines as the same man, who in the gospel accounts, is more often a bumbling fool. For the next six weeks we will read from Peter, and we will encounter a man of deep, deep faith; a man very different from the one who denied Jesus three times, who never understood what he was teaching, etc. In a single breath today, Peter will speak of rejoicing and of suffering. For him, suffering leads to a purified and genuine faith that leads to glory. The final sentence is a wonderful moving and powerful statement of faith.

In our gospel, we hear the author trying to build up people's belief in the resurrection. No one does this as hard as John does. We encounter Thomas who seems to be a too honest member of the group who boldly expresses his doubts. We encounter two contrasting emotions in the opening sentence. First, we learn the disciples are huddled behind locked doors; but immediately their fear is overshadowed by the miraculous as Jesus stands in their midst. Notice that the disciples do not rejoice "when they saw the Lord," but only after he shows his wounds and proves his identity. He then does three things: he commissions them to go in his name, he imparts the Holy Spirit and he empowers them to forgive sins. Then suddenly we're back in the mundane

as Thomas appears and we hear of his doubts as well as the firm conviction of the other disciples. And when Jesus appears a second time, this time with Thomas present, Thomas believes and Jesus makes the most important statement of this gospel story: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Congratulations to Cameron Carl Borland, son of Mark and Carolyn Thurston Borland, who was baptized at St. Patrick's this past week.

Congratulations also to Shannon Stevenson, daughter of Jim and Bridget Stevenson, who will make her First Communion during the 10:30 Mass today.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's next Saturday will be Father Jason Glover of Gannon University. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 8 and 10 AM Masses at St. Patrick's and the 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's will be Father Thomas Fialkowski, retired pastor of Mount Carmel Parish. I'm grateful for the availability of these two priests to cover when I am away. A group of 52 of us will be in Holland for the Tulip Festival and then we are taking an 8 night Viking River cruise down the Rhine to Basel, Switzerland.

People have inquired about these trips. Our 2015 trip is to Italy and 2016 will be 3 days in Paris and a Viking River cruise out through Normandy which will include the American cemetery and the beaches of Normandy.

Both Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII will be canonized as saints today. Pope John was remarkable for his warmth, simplicity and sense of humor. When asked by a reporter how many people work in the Vatican, he replied, "About half of them." When a cardinal complained to him that a rise in Vatican salaries meant a particular usher earned as much as the cardinal, the pope replied, "That usher has 10 children; I hope the cardinal doesn't." The Vatican cardinals were aghast at his proposal to call the Second Vatican Council and one of them told him it would be absolutely impossible to open the Council by 1963. "Fine, we'll open it in 1962," he answered. And he did. At one of the papal audiences, he overheard a woman say to her friend, "My God, he's

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

so fat." Overhearing her, the pope said, "Madame, I hope you understand a conclave is not a beauty contest."

It was good to have Jamie Power home for Easter and his availability to help with the Holy Week ceremonies. Jamie is finishing up his second year of Theology studies at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore and next spring will be ordained to the transitional diaconate and the following spring he will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Erie. Please keep him in your prayer as we desperately need more priests. We have no ordinations this year in the diocese and next year we only have one. Our number of active clergy is declining dramatically. When I was ordained in 1970 there were 305 of us; today there are 118. In addition to the drop in numbers is the rise in median age. I don't know what the bishop will be able to do in a matter of a few years as he tries to fill parishes. At the present time we only have 3 parishes in the entire diocese with an assistant and they will disappear soon.

The results of the survey done in dioceses throughout the world on marriage and the family in anticipation of the October Synod of Bishops are being released and in country after country the bishops are reporting widespread rejection of the church's teaching on contraception, divorce and remarriage and homosexuality. The bishops of Germany, Switzerland and Japan have called for sweeping changes to church teachings in these areas.

### *Secrets to a long marriage:*

An elderly woman was sipping a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband. She says quietly, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She replied, "It's me....talking to the wine."

Last night my husband and I were sitting in the living room and I said to him, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." He got up, unplugged my computer and threw out my wine."

## Saint Hedwig News



### *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeffrey Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for my loving father **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr. and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Rick & Paula Mielnik. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week of 4/13/14 was \$1,090.00 plus Heat & fuel update \$819.00. Offertory for Easter weekend 4/20/14 was \$1,823.00. Thank you and God bless.

### **Catholic Services Appeal**

To date, we have received pledges in the amount of \$6,975 from 23 parishioners. We are short \$4,108 of our goal of \$11,083. If we do not make our goal, we will need to make up the difference from our dwindling savings account. We want to thank all who have pledged thus far, but as you can see, we have a way to go. Please consider the appeal regardless of the amount. We need your help.

### **Mother's Day Carnation Sale (Pro-Life)**

Carnations, provided by People for Life, will be available on Mother's Day May 11th. Your donation of \$1.00 per carnation or \$5.00 for six will help support local pro-life educational efforts. Vases will be in place at Our Lady's Shrine in honor of Our Lady or mothers who have passed away.

### **Thank You!**

The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society would like to thank the Polish Falcons Nest #610 for their recent donation of \$1,500 to the St. Hedwig Holy Name Society. This contribution, along with the profits from the communion breakfast, allowed the Holy Name Society to give \$1,500 to the parish. Thanks to the officers at the Polish Falcons for their support!

### **Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule**

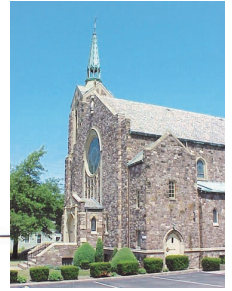
	<u>May 3</u>	<u>May 4</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
	Richard Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie



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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 10 and 11 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.

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In Memory of or In Honor of

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# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	<b>4/13/14</b>	\$ 8,198.00
Online Giving		875.00
Total Income		\$ 9,043.00
Offertory Collection	<b>4/20/14</b>	\$11,618.56
Online Giving		790.00
Total Income		\$12,408.56

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 **James L. McCarthy** in honor of his birthday from wife, Mary; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of the **Nemergut & Winiarczyk Families** from John & Irene Nemergut; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Marilyn Wayland** from Tim & Cindy Bokol, in memory of **Marilyn & Bud Wayland** from William Alex, Ernie & Shirley Yeager, and Hal & JoAnne Brunner; in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Tom Casey, Mr. & Mrs. Dom D'Andrea, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gorgacz and Jim Kupets** from JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, also donations from Barbara & Mark Sargent, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Carol Habas, Shirley Winshel

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Ed Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Kearney, Charla Leemhuis, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Andrew Wilcox

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan

## Congratulations

to **Shannon Stevenson** who will receive her First Communion at the 10:30 am Liturgy



## Planning Your Wedding in 2014 or 2015?

Consider Engagement Encounter. An EE weekend is scheduled for June 20th – 22nd at St. Mark Catholic Center in Erie. EE satisfies diocesan requirements for marriage in the Church. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 814-824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit our Web site at <http://www.erieRCD.org/familylifeoffice.asp> for more information. Remember, "A wedding is one day, but marriage is for a lifetime". Catholic and interfaith couples are encouraged to attend.

## Dinner and dancing to benefit those most in need:

Please join Bishop Lawrence Persico and Catholic Charities on Friday, May 16th from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. for the 19th Annual Catholic Charities Ball. Atty. Jay and Ruth Alberstadt are this year's Helping Hands Award Honorees. Enjoy music by The Chosen Few Band, Erie's Celebrity Dance Contest, plated dinner with wine and sunset at Erie's Bayfront Convention Center. For reservations please contact Mary Hickin at 824-1250 or visit the diocesan web site at [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org) to secure your reservation online. We hope to see you there!

## Presque Isle Chorale—Spring Concerts:

Public is invited—Admission is FREE.

Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Home East.



Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 707 Sassafra Street

Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regency at South Shore.

Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 3856 West 10th St.

## 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.





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## Additional Easter Flower Memorials—St. Patrick

### Received from...

### In Memory/Honor Of...

Angela Abbato .....	IMO John J. Abbato, Dom & Army Raymond, Alice Liberatore, Anne & Pete Bechtos, Maria & Antonio Abbato, Joe Corsale
Isabelle Abbato .....	IMO Emelio & Angeline Abbato, Mary Sciarilli, Rose & Neil Cimino, Patsy & Isabelle Raymond, Anne, Frank, Judy & Patricia Zemanek, Lottie & Frank Stumpo, Marsha, Dick, Shawn & Ted Wilson
Patty Abbato .....	IMO Louis P. Abbato, Mary & John Ferl, Joe & Evelyn Raymond, Connie & Joe Kopsznski, Randy Ferl
Stella Abbato .....	IMO Bertha & Vincent Orelski, Jennie & Jack Pelkowski, Josephine & Angelo LaPaglia, Joe & Irene Orelski, Leo & Emma Orelski, James Orelski
Renee Calabrese .....	IMO Harry & Rita Caldwell, James & Martina Fasenmyer, Roy & Vivian Caldwell, Doris Fry, Meade & Ann Calabrese
Mary Ellen Dahlkemper .....	IMO Lois H. Dahlkemper
Tony & Fran DiSanti .....	IMO Dominic & Josephine Barilla, Jay & Ann DiSanti
Fuhrman & Kuhn Families .....	IMO Margaret Ann Fuhrman, Robert J. Fuhrman & Bobby, Florence & Carl Kuhn
Tim & Karen Grode .....	IMO Jean Grode, Theresa Chulick
Jim & Ameer Herdzik Family .....	IMO Josephine & Chet Herdzik, Roger Scolio, Ron Costello, John & Elizabeth Neuhaud
Ann Kolodziejczak .....	IMO Max & Tessie Kolodziejczak, Antoni & Mary Kolodziejczak, Mitchell, Max & Anthony Kolodziejczak, John & Marcella Majczyk Ralph & Caroline Maloney, Richard & Marsha Wilson, Ted & Shawn Wilson, Terry Gradler, Ed & Shirley Polaski, also Deceased Relatives of Kolodziejczak & Majczyk Families
Children of Charlotte Kurfist .....	IMO Charlotte Kurfist
Norb & Marilyn Lechner .....	IMO Lechner & Perkins Family
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pastore .....	IMO Donald C. Pastore, Alvena Joan Pastore Schauble
The Power Family .....	IMO Elsie Vollrath "Nana"
Dennis & Mary Ranalli .....	IMO Raymond & Olga Chartier, Daniel Ranalli
Edwin & Jennifer Smith .....	IMO Departed Loved Ones
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Stevenson .....	IMO Frederick F. Munch, Gertrude Munch, Craig Munch & Meghan Smith
Dave & Kathy Wagner .....	IMO Sally Wagner, Peter Reinhardt, David Reinhardt
Tina Agnello .....	IMO Charles Agnello, Marion Parker, Harry Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Agnello, Mary Stafford

## Additional Easter Flower Memorials—St. Hedwig

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### In Memory/Honor Of...

Dino & Emily Sorbara .....	IMO Departed Family and Friends
Michelle Moskel .....	IMO Richard Moskel, Alice Russell, Chuck Conway, Elaine Brown
Wife, Charlotte Mabie .....	IMO Albert (Micky) Mabie, IHO Sons, Joe & Chuck
Russell Robison .....	IMO Robbie Robison, Amanda Juchno
Granddaughter, Alexis .....	IMO Grandpa Micky
Granddaughter, Jenna .....	IMO Grandpa Micky







April 16, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your priests tend to your parish family in much the same way as a shepherd tends his sheep. They stand in the person of Christ extending the loving embrace of the greatest Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Through their service and dedication to the Eucharist, priests exemplify Christ's love for all while ministering to our spiritual needs. Our priests are with us every step of the way – celebrating new births and burying our deceased loved ones. They offer their lives without expectation of financial gain beyond that which they need to sustain themselves. Therefore, it is only right they should be given the opportunity to live out their final years in peaceful retirement.

The number of priests reaching retirement age continues to grow each year. Currently, there are 48 retired priests within our own Diocese. Although they are "retired", many of them remain very active, providing sacramental ministry in our parishes, schools, hospitals and nursing homes.

In 2009, the Diocese of Erie initiated the "Good Shepherd Collection" which specifically benefits the retired and infirm priests within our Diocese. In the past, the response to this collection has been one of great generosity. Because of the unfunded liability in our priests' retirement fund, and the rising expenses of healthcare, we ask for your generosity once more.

Your contributions for the "Good Shepherd Collection" can be made on Good Shepherd Sunday—May 10 & 11—at your parish or online at [www.ErieRCD.org](http://www.ErieRCD.org). Every contribution, whether great or small, will be deeply appreciated and will certainly make a difference in the lives of our retired priests. *Our local collection should not be confused with the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection taken in December.*

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



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**LITURGY INTENTIONS****April 26** *Saturday, within the Octave of Easter, Vigil:*4:30 PM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H  
WIFE, CHARLOTTE & SONS

5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH ( MARY DUDENHOFFER) - ST.P

**April 27** *Second Sunday of Easter*8:00 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(WIFE, MARY)9:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO - ST.H  
(TOM & SHARON ZIELINSKI)

10:30 AM GRACE DIETZ (ALICE ORR) - ST.P

**April 28** *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**April 29** *Tuesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church*8:00 AM NEIL TORRANCE, ANNIV. OF DEATH  
(WIFE, JEANNE)**April 30** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM PETER WERNICKI (PETER &amp; JUDY PENCE)

**May 1** *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 2** *Friday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 3** *Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter*

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

5:00 PM DEBRA (SZYMANOWSKI) MCINTOSH,  
ANNIV. OF BIRTH (MOTHER, GLORIA ) - ST.P**May 4** *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00 AM STEVE KOWALSKI (BARB &amp; MIKE CROSS)-ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H  
(HELEN KURPIEWSKI)10:30 AM MARIAN GLAZ - ST.P  
(WALT & DARLENE MIENTKIEWICZ)**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

**04/26** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**04/29** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**04/30** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**05/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**05/04** 11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg. - CP**05/04** Religious Education - Family Mass/  
Last Session***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Acts 2:42-47

Reading II: 1Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



We all know skeptics, people who shower doubt on the validity of commonly-held beliefs. Then there are those who are naïve and willing to believe in the truth of something without the benefit of hard evidence. The penchant for doubt and the desire to believe are just part of who we are. Thomas asked hard questions, wanting to believe but needing to experience for himself what defied all reason. Do we today sometimes settle for conventional practice rather than challenge ourselves to move deeper in our faith and live outside our comfort zone? Being doubtful is neither comfortable or convenient, but facing our doubts allows us to embrace our beliefs in a more authentic and faith-full way.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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