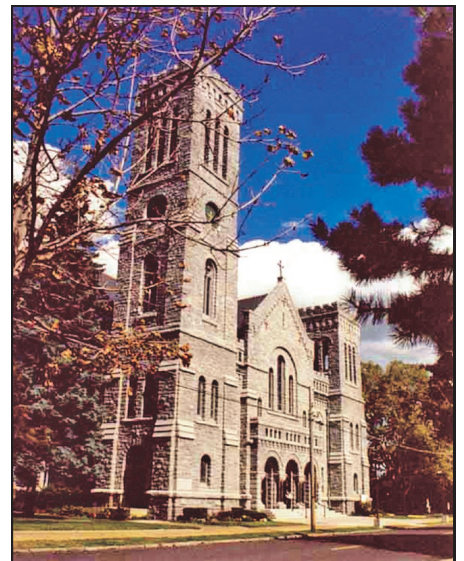


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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



Today is the 5th Sunday of Easter and once again our first reading is from Acts of the Apostles. Last week we learned that when Paul and Barnabas left Antioch they were being persecuted. Today we learn that they are returning, an incredibly brave act. On

their first visit, the people threatened to stone them and Paul had been stoned and left for dead in Lystra. This is the context in which Paul is saying today "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." As they traveled to each town, they set up a church structure, appointed someone as "presbyter," or leader of the community. Remember there would not be priests in the church until the 4th century when Constantine legalizes Christianity and there is such a need. People often say that Jesus ordained only men as priests; the reality is that Jesus did not ordain anyone a priest.

Our second reading comes also again from the Book of Revelation where today we read of John's vision of the final triumph of good over evil. We can better understand the importance of this if we remember the situation of John's audience. They were being persecuted; many of them had already been martyred. You can imagine them asking, where is Jesus now when we need him? As in all of John's visions, this one begins in heaven. Although the ramifications of Jesus' victory are not yet felt on earth, they will be in the future. That is why the new Jerusalem is descending from heaven. In addition to the image of a city, the image of a bride is used to describe the final victory of good over evil. In poetic terms, John describes the intimate relationship that exists between Jesus and his people.

Our gospel again comes from John, not from Luke whom we are reading this year. Today's setting is the last meal Jesus eats with his disciples. As soon as Judas left, Jesus begins to talk about the pending crucifixion. While that form of death was a scandal to the disciples; it was also that for John's audience. In John, crucifixion and Jesus' glorification are treated as one event. Just as Jesus will lay down his life for his people, he now gives us a new commandment, that we must lay down our lives for one another. The identity of Christians, according to John's account, is their sacrificing love for one another.

An interesting aspect of John's gospel is that in his last supper account, Jesus does not institute the Eucharist as he does in Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's emphasis at the last supper is on humility, Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The other three gospels do not mention this washing; it's found only in John. John has Jesus instituting the Eucharist at the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. It's merely another example of how each of the gospel authors portray things differently according to the needs of their audience and their particular way of telling the story.

The Erie County Historical Society offers walking tours of some of the old mansions along West 6 Street on different occasions, and the evenings are always a complete sellout. On Sept. 26, they are going to sponsor a walking tour of the neighborhood around St. Patrick's Church and included in the program will be tours of the church as well as tours of other historical homes and taverns which have long dominated this area. There will be other historical buildings as part of the walking tour. The regular bus tours who come from far and near to see the church have also started back up in full force.

You might have noticed the historical society's ad on the back of our bulletin which promotes the Watson-Curtze mansion as a venue for wedding receptions. I've attended some dinners at the mansion, and it is an incredible setting.

Each spring a group of Gannon University students volunteer their time and come to St. Patrick's to help clean up the grounds, lay new mulch, etc. It is part of a widespread volunteer program that Gannon students participate in.

Speaking of Gannon University, if you are thinking of colleges, there are a variety of scholarships available to students who are registered in a parish in the Diocese of Erie and even more scholarships available to students who attend one of our Catholic high schools. Contact the Admissions Office at Gannon for further information.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's this weekend is Father Jason Glover, the head of the Theology Department at Gannon. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 9 AM

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

St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's is Monsignor Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's Parish. I am in Washington, DC this weekend for the White House Correspondents Dinner.

Two St. Patrick parishioners, Eric Albright and Phil Rewers, have been busy at work this past week polishing granite and marble in the church. You probably won't notice the difference, but there are polished granite columns beside each of the entrance doors on East Fourth St. They polished these earlier this week and the difference was incredible. They are now working on the marble altars starting with the Blessed Mother altar and then moving to the others.

Thank you for your generous response to the Good Shepherd collection last weekend. Funds from that appeal are used to help retired priests. Many of our older priests do not have Social Security and are in need of financial help. Others are living at the Bishop Murphy Retirement Home for Priests and their residency there is partly subsidized by this collection. Thank you for helping these men. You have no idea how valuable the retired priests are to the rest of us. I would never be able to get away for a weekend if were not for the generosity of these men in helping cover parishes for us. Our priestly numbers have dropped significantly from 305 in 1970 to 120 today, and a large number of these will retire in a few years.

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say, "Jesus is watching you." Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead in his tracks and looked around. Finally, in a dark corner he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot, "Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot, "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird. "That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. What idiot would name you Clarence?" he asked. "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27

Reading II: Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35



We can all agree that at times living as Jesus commanded is not simple; it can be complex and fraught with difficulties. "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." These three simple words can hold so many variables: love for whom, in what situations, and how might we accomplish this? Fortunately, Jesus also clarified his statement with "as I have loved you." Love requires us to meet others in their current situation, understanding what they are facing in their lives. It is fruitless unless it leads to action. When have you experienced giving or receiving a tough love that was really love? When has someone loved you with compassion?

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS: How old does a Child need to be in order to stay alone? Don't assume that when your child understands what you're saying, he's ready to walk out the door by himself. Besides the fact that many states have laws against leaving your children of certain ages alone (for example, younger than 12), experts say children shouldn't be left by themselves until they're capable of fighting off an abductor or handling a crisis situation. Experts also say children do not have the mental maturity to cross busy streets by themselves until they're about 10 or 12 years old. Finally, parents who are certain their young children would never walk away with a stranger will be shocked to learn that studies show they probably will. Stay alert and vigilant, even if you believe your child is aware of possible dangers from others. To see what the Diocese is doing check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Presque Isle Chorale

Spring Concerts

Celebrating 32 years

Sunday, May 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

707 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA

Sunday, May 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Lakewood United Methodist Church

3856 West 10th Street, Erie, PA

The public is invited—admission is FREE

Also appearing at:

St. Mary's Home East on

Monday, April 29th at 7 p.m.

Regency South Shore

Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.



Saint Hedwig News

Sincerest condolences to the family of **Jeffrey Helminski** who passed away on Monday, April 8. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **Poor Souls**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jane Filipkowski** requested by the Carroll family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Mary & Joseph Borowy. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,124.00**; Good Shepherd/Priest Retirement **\$268.00**; Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

Thank you to the additional parishioners who have responded to this year's Catholic Service Appeal: Florence Heibel, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Conaway, St. Hedwig Rosary Society. We now have pledges totaling & **\$10,600.00**. Our assessment for the appeal is **\$11,029.00** which makes us **\$429.00** short of our goal. A gift...no matter how great or small...can go a long way. Please help. Thank you for your support!

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

Will take place today at the Third Street Polish Falcons after the 9am Mass. No tickets will be sold at the door. Hope to see you there!

Mother's Day Carnation Sale (Pro Life)

Carnations provided by People for Life will be available Mother's Day (May 12). 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 to honor Our Lady or mothers who have passed away.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	May 4	May 5
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
	Richard Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne	Charlotte Mabie
	Nowosielski	

Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,907.36** and **\$643.00** for online giving for a total of **\$6,550.36**. We also received **\$285.00** for the **Good Shepherd/Priest Retirement**. Thank you for your generosity.

MOTHER'S DAY If you missed the form for Mother's Day memorials in the bulletin, there are extra copies on the tables in the back of church. Deadline to have them published on Mother's Day is May 6th.

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 Neil Torrance on the Anniv, of his death from Jeanne Torrance and family: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Gary and Becky Johnson** in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Rich Oncea** from Mrs. Yvonne Gersims; in memory of **Matthew P. Walkiewicz** from Mr. & Mrs. Stan Walkiewicz; other donations from David Romanowicz, Miss Rosemarie McMahon, Mr. & Mrs. David Blinzler and Mr. William L. Hertel.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Jay Habas*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Patty Dailey, Jay Habas*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Colleen Welch, Tim Scully, Ed Brown*

Greeters: *Tim Donlin, Arlene Miller*

Altar Servers: *Andrew Wilcox, Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *Tim Torrey, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun, Dave Wilcox*

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

Beginning in June, we will have an additional Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM. If you are interested in that time slot, please call the office at 454-8085, ext. 1 or email stpats@neo.rr.com Also, please give your summer availability.



April 19, 2013

Dear Monsignor, Father and Deacon:

I am pleased to inform you that on Monday, April 8, we had a very successful joint meeting of members of the Presbyteral Council, the Administrative Cabinet and all of the deans of the Diocese of Erie.

I had not expected to call such a meeting together this early in my tenure, but after six months—and thousands of miles logged—I see no reason to postpone the inevitable: the development of a strategic plan for the Diocese of Erie. This process will be time-consuming and will not happen overnight. However, based on the many parish visits I have made, as well as the discussion at the meeting on April 8, I am confident this is the direction for us to go as a diocese.

Communication is key to any such effort, and I am committed to ensuring that this will be a transparent process in which everyone will be asked to participate and about which everyone will be kept informed. That is why, at this very early stage, I want to let you know that a prayerful process has begun.

First and foremost, everyone around the table was in agreement that we must never lose sight of the purpose of doing such a plan. The primary goals are to improve our evangelization efforts and to transmit the faith into the future. How can we best use the human and financial resources we have to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in northwest Pennsylvania?

This will not be solely a clerical endeavor, but your leadership and cooperation will be essential. We must do a better job of empowering the laity so that our priests are better able to fulfill their ministerial roles. People in every state of life have a stake in the future of the Diocese of Erie and will therefore have a voice. I will rely very heavily on all of you to contribute to the process. Keep in mind I am still not sure of all

of the details that will be involved, but when they're known by me, I will inform you. Also, I am committed to identifying and engaging professional leadership to guide us through this process.

We are a large and diverse diocese. We have small, rural communities and large urban regions. We will be looking at everything from our spiritual lives to the economy, our geography, today's culture, regional poverty rates and social issues. For the sake of the present and the future, we must make an honest assessment of our parishes, our schools, our programs and our personnel. For example, how many active clergy are we likely to have in three to five years? Or even in 10 years? How might they best be utilized to serve the needs of the people of this diocese?

Change is never easy, but it is essential if we are to thrive. What touches one, touches all and we must recognize we are all in this together. To do this we must all collaborate: clergy, religious and laity.

The first step is prayer. Once our labors begin in earnest, we will offer prayers parishes can use throughout the process, but I encourage you to begin praying for the success of this effort immediately.

My next step is to identify the steering committee for this project with the help of the vicars and deans. I look forward to my conversations with you over the coming months, and to our dialogue at Emmaus in June.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS**April 27** *Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

April 29 *Monday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (MARK & ROSEMARY DURFEE)

April 30 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM EDITH CICHETTI (ALICE & CARL CARLOTTI)

May 1 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

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

8:00 AM ROSE HELLMANN BUSH, ANNIV.

May 3 *Friday, Saints Phillip and James, Apostles*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

May 4 *Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter*

4:30 PM MARION GLAZ (DOUGLAS RUSSELL) - ST.H

5:00 PM RUTH CASSANDRA (JUDY EMLING) - ST.P

May 5 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 AM SOPHIE KOWALEWSKI (MARK & HEATHER EICHER & FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM JAMES MCCARTHY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (WIFE, MARY) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBERSt.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
CP=Chapel, PF=Polish Falcons

PR=Pascal Room, R=Rector, CV=Convent

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**04/30** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**05/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**05/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/05 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary
Closing Sessions - Parents & Children

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. 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**
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Saint Hedwig

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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 Rector