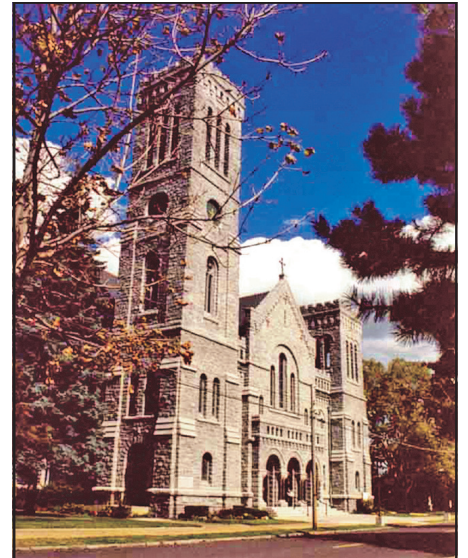
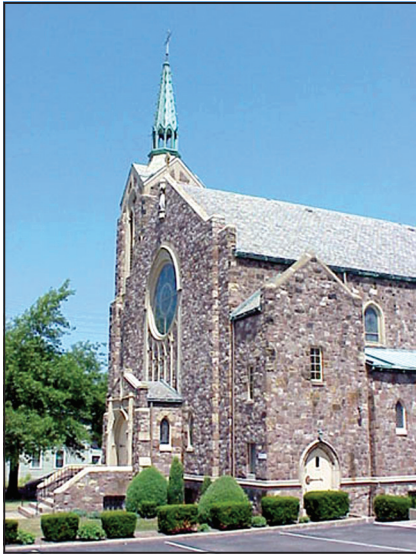


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 8:00 AM

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***

Today is the 4th Sunday of Easter and we continue to read from the Acts of the Apostles hearing again today another one of Peter's early discourses. All of the fear and hesitation that had marked the pre-resurrection Peter is gone and we now have a man who is bold in his proclamation. He and John have been arrested for healing a cripple which causes him to burst into this bold statement. Peter seems to be recovering from his own history: abandoning Jesus in the garden, his threefold denial, the fearful waiting and hiding in the upper room, and now he is transformed into a bold proclaimer of the word. While he stands before hostile leaders, he is not hesitant for a moment to preach to them. This amazing miracle has occurred because of the man you crucified, he insists. His faith is not philosophical, but based on concrete realities like the empty tomb and a walking cripple. Because Peter takes such a bold posture in preaching the gospel, he will frequently be imprisoned and eventually martyred for his beliefs.....If you are visiting Rome, you want to be sure to include a visit to the Mamertime Prison at the far end of the forum, and you are able to go down into the cell where Peter was detained. Once there, you get an idea of how cruel this form of punishment was. Nearby you can also visit the church of San Pietro in Vincoli (St. Peter in Chains). The church contains the monumental statue of Moses which Michaelangelo was carving for Pope Julius' tomb, but is also contains a large glass case in which are kept the chains that bound Peter when he was imprisoned.Our second reading from John's first letter is one of those wonderfully calming and soothing statements of God's love. This reading is proclaimed twice in the church year, today and on the feast of All Saints. The words give us hope that one day we will all be saints. But in light of what we know Peter and the others to be going through in a hostile world, we are told "the world does not know us." Forget that, he tells us, and warns that our greatest danger lies in our not seeing what we are and what God has done for us.....Today's gospel from John is the familiar story of the Good Shepherd. John is the only gospel author to give Jesus this title and the only one to tell this story. John is also the only gospel author to give Jesus a number of other titles, Bread of Life, The Way the Truth and the Life, etc. None of these titles are found in the other three gospels. The closing line today is one in which we learn the meaning of discipleship as demonstrated in Jesus' own life. We're told very clearly that discipleship and love equal obedience to the father.....The 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in a joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday." These, above all others, are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. While Scripture scholars are of the mind that the resurrection and the ascension both took place on Easter Sunday, we celebrate them liturgically as being 40 days apart. The first eight days of the Easter season are what is called the Octave of Easter. You will notice that the dismissal from Mass includes a double Alleluia.....The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or the pulpit and will continue here until Pentecost. The church also asks that children making their First Communion do so during the Easter season.....Work is complete now on the installation of the new electrical system in church as well as the new air conditioning system. Michael DeSanctis of Gannon University is going to do the faux finishing on each of the units and they will blend into the marble very easily. If you want to see some earlier work that he did, go into the west tower room and look at the radiator cover. That cover was a dark brown.....I had no idea that the restoration was going to be so much work! I'm blessed with an incredible committee. I don't think I've ever worked with a committee that does its homework like this group does. I simply don't know a thing about air conditioning, electrical, etc. and the sub-committee for those projects took over and handled the entire thing. The same is true with the pews and the new cushions. We're now starting to tackle the new lighting system. We've engaged a lighting consultant from Cleveland who is meeting with us to scope out a plan which will provide much better lighting. One thing I learned at the Conrad Schmitt Studios in Milwaukee is that lighting is as important as is paint, and if you look around the church you can see a number of areas where the lighting is very poor.....I've been meeting with people from the various tile companies in town, and they are recommending that we put down a 20 inch square white tile on the sanctuary floor and then all the way across the front there will be a 12 inch wide emerald green tile. In addition, we will have emerald green tile under the altar coming out about 15 inches all the way around the altar.....You might notice if you look at the altars that they are a bit darkened. I'm told that is from the smoke from the fire in 1978. A parishioner whose expertise and work is in cleaning materials tells me that there is now a cleaning solution for marble and alabaster that can remove those stains. We're going to try it on a spot on the altar that is a bit hidden to see if it works. If it does, he tells me that the altars will sparkle. The main altar is marble and alabaster and weighs 22 ton. There is a huge brick foundation in the basement underneath it to support it.....As we look at the amount of money we need to raise for this project, I can't help but think of the daunting task that faced Father Peter Cauley and those poor penniless immigrants in building this magnificent structure. But they did it. So can we!!!.....A first grader was listening to her teacher talking about whales. The teacher said that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because even though a whale is very large, its throat is very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. The teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human being because it is physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I'll ask Jonah." The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The child never missed a beat but answered, "Then you ask him."



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,208.15**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound. There are many opportunities for prayer here at Saint Patrick's. These include daily, Lord's Day, Holy Day and Holiday Masses, our Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal each Monday at 7:00 PM, our Prayer for World Peace each Wednesday at 7:00 PM, and the Rosary each Saturday 4:30 PM.

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 Foundation/Restoration Fund** in memory of **Jane Layden** by David & Patricia Hehman and Robert & Alice Orr; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Mary Conley** from Annie and Brian Candela; The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in honor of **Mike Litzinger's 70th Birthday** from his daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Charles Staib; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Andrew Gama, Marcene Fabin, Walter & Marie Weber** from Betty Gama.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Kay Mannino, Judy Emling,
Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers: Charla Leemhuis,
Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom and Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi, Juliette Morales

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun, Tom Welch,
Randy Pristello

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

Have you made your pledge to the St. Patrick Restoration Fund yet? 110 years ago penniless Irish immigrants raised \$180,000 to build this magnificent building. In 1999, a parish with half the present number of families raised over \$1 million to restore the Stations, repair and relead the stained glass windows and caulk the exterior. Today we are attempting to raise \$1 million to restore the interior. Will you join us? St. Patrick's parishioners can do it, and we need your help.

A BIG "THANK YOU" The Liturgy Committee would like to thank the volunteers from Gannon University who helped with the mulching project around the Church and the Parish House. Cassie Rotheram, Kiera Boggs, Brittany Yeck and Lindsay Walls from Gannon's physical therapy program, along with volunteers from St. Patrick's, worked diligently to complete this project.



Child Abuse Prevention Month: There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children. Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safe in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. Visit the NCMEC web site at www.missingkids.com and check out the helpful topics in the left column. 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherd in their lives is a parent. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."



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World Day of Prayer For Vocations

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Mary & Adam Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann and family; Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Josephine Mielnik** requested by her family; St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Mickey" Mabie** requested by his wife, Charlotte. Also, please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes, and the home-bound.

Our Offertory Collection for the week of April 14/15 was **\$978.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

Capital Services Appeal

To date we have received **\$9,575.00**. We still need \$625.00 to meet our goal. Please help your parish with this assessment. You always have in the past. Any excess pledged stays at St. Hedwig.

Additional Easter Flower Memorial

In loving memory of **M & M E. Respecki, "Red" Respecki, C. Trambley, Fr. J. Barr, D. Eliot** requested by Del Trambley.

Rosary Society Bake Sale

St. Hedwig Rosary Society would like to thank all the ladies and men of the parish who baked, worked, donated or provided in any way to our Primary Election Day Bake Sale last Tuesday. We appreciate all your hard work. We will publish the total amount donated and the names of the bake raffle winners next week.

Please join us

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary before the 9 am Mass on Sunday, May 13th starting at 8:30 am. We continue to look for new members. See Tom Kurpiewski for more information.

Microwave Potato Bags

Available for \$5.00 each at the Remnant Store, 306 East 11th St., Erie. Many patterns to choose from.

May... Month of Mary



Mother's Day Carnation Sale

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available on Mother's Day, May 13th. Your donation of \$1.00 per carnation or \$5.00 for six will help support local pro-life educational efforts.

Ushers for May

Saturday - 4:30 pm

Usher needed
Richard Mielnik

Sunday - 9:00 am

Tom Zielinski
Sharon Zilelinski

Ministry Schedule

May 5 - 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Servers

Dave Widomski
Dave Widomski
Portia & Yvonne
Nowosielski

May 6 - 9:00 am

Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Altar Server

Pete Pentz
Frederic Olds
Charlotte Mabie

Reflection...

Our faith is not merely in life beyond the grave but, unlike other religions, it is centered on a person, Jesus Christ. Even pagan religions often spoke about life after death; in Jesus, we have a share in HIS life and forgiveness of sins. We are invited into the royal household of God; indeed, by grace we will partake in divine love itself. This is the mystery of the Easter Season. We all fell short of the glory of God. We all failed Him. Every one of us is a sinner. However, Jesus is our sin offering. His resurrection is our hope. We are his flock and His children. He feeds us from this Eucharist and living Word. Faith in Jesus is loving obedience. That is how we walk in His ways. We may know our own crosses, but we are also promised a crown.

LITURGY INTENTIONS**Apr. 28 Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**4:30 PM ROBERT (BOBBY) STEVENSON - ST.H
(TONY & MILLIE KRAINSKI)5:00 PM MARY CERAMI - ST.P
(THE BOB OLSEN FAMILY)**Apr. 29 Fourth Sunday of Easter**9:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA - ST.H
(BARB & AMANDA JUCHNO)10:30 AM NEIL TORRANCE, ANNIV. - ST.P
(WIFE AND CHILDREN)**Apr. 30 Monday, Saint Pius V, Pope**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 01 Tuesday St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

May 02 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of Church

8:00 AM CHET LONCKI (TOM & SHARON ZIELINSKI)

May 03 Thursday, Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

May 04 Friday, Easter Weekday8:00 AM DR. ANGELINE FABRIZIO, ANNIV, 5/15
(SISTER, MARY)**May 05 Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter**4:30 PM EDWARD J. BUKOWSKI - ST.H
(LINDA ZAUSEN)5:00 PM JANE M. WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(DR. & MRS. JOSEPH CUZZOLA)**May 06 Fifth Sunday of Easter**9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(CONNIE ROWINSKI)10:30 AM CHRISTOPHER GENCK - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. JOHN ABBATE)**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**04/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

04/29 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

04/30 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**05/01** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**05/02** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

05/05 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/06 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12

Reading II: 1John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus' mission was to heal, mend counsel, uplift and console, to find the lost. Through the ages there are many people who have laid down their lives for others. But there is one who models this generosity for us above all. When has the extraordinary generosity of another been a saving presence in your life? How do you share in caring for another?

MSGR. KRIEGL'S HOMILIES ARE NOW 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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

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Moving

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