

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

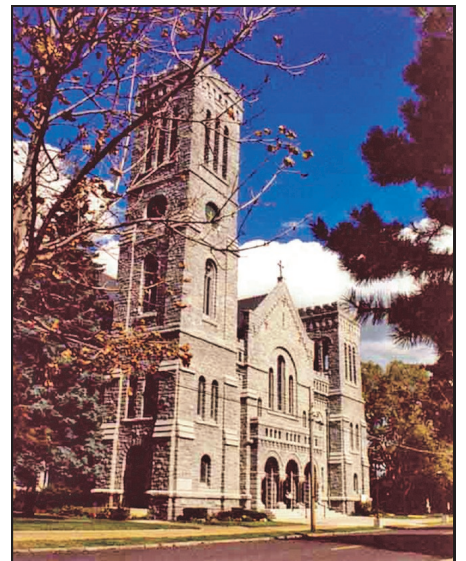
Holy Day

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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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 third Sunday of Easter and once again we read first from the Acts of the Apostles. We begin a series of proclamations heralding the resurrection of Jesus and the salvation of the world. Of the five proclamations, Peter is the unlikely source of four of them. Despite the fact that he is a fisherman, not a trained orator; that religious authorities are going to frown on his efforts; that the crowds think Peter and the disciples are drunk, and most importantly that Peter stands up with no clear idea of what he is going to say, despite all of this, Peter validates Jesus' choice of him as leader. The transformation of Peter from the bumbling fool of the gospels, the man who denied Jesus three times, etc. to this incredible man of faith is nothing short of extraordinary. Peter has experienced the resurrection and is forever changed. He quotes Psalm 16, attributing to Jesus what David says of the coming Messiah.

Our second reading will also come from Peter and his first letter. With fatherly concern he calls for behavior that is consistent with the new status we have received through the blood of Christ. He reminds us that we have been rescued from the futile conduct we inherited from our ancestors. He is referring to sin and says that we are free from it, not through perishable things like silver and gold, but the blood of Christ.

Few Scripture stories are as beloved as the one we hear today. There is much about us as we read of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, for we too often walk through life feeling afraid and alone; we too often are unable to recognize the "stranger" who walks besides us. Jesus intentionally plays dumb as he asks "What sort of things?" Clopas vents some anger. He's obviously disappointed at having seen the hoped-for Messiah strung up on a cross. He needs to be angry with someone and this stranger is an easy target. Jesus tells them what fools they are for not understanding. We have a clear example here of the low role of women for they have heard of the women going to the tomb, but who wants to believe women! Jesus calls their lack of faith an act of foolishness. They knew Jesus, they knew the law, they heard the testimony of the women, they stand in the very presence of Jesus and still don't understand. The entire story ends with the "breaking of the bread" and how Jesus

is revealed to us in that action—the Eucharist. The ending of the story is joyous exultation as opposed to its beginning in anger and disappointment.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening Mass at St. Patrick's next Saturday will be Father Jason Glover of Gannon University. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 8 and 10:30 AM Masses at St. Patrick's and the 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's will be Monsignor Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's Parish. I will return next Tuesday.

I know I speak for the entire parish when I thank the Erie Community Foundation for a grant to cover 100% of the costs of replacing the roof over our St. Patrick's Food Pantry. You may recall that it has been leaking badly, and we applied for a grant because the Food Pantry is not a religious undertaking but a social outreach to the community. We are the largest food pantry in the city and regularly feed up to 900 families a week. The Erie Community Foundation has been extremely generous and kind to us. I think I expressed to you my concern as to where I would come up with the money to undertake this project, a project that simply has to be done.

The Erie Community Foundation exists to help non-profits in Erie County and renders an incredible service to the community. Individuals are invited to establish a trust at the Foundation, and can then determine how income from that trust is used or they can allow the Foundation itself to make that determination. We are very fortunate to have such an organization in the city, and I feel particularly grateful for the help they have given our Food Pantry. You may recall that, two years ago when we discovered that the floor in the Food Pantry was collapsing, it was again the Erie Community Foundation who came to our rescue.

A new study by CARA (The Center for Applied Research in America), an organization that studies religious trends, notes that infant baptisms in the Catholic Church in the United States have fallen to 20% of all live births, down from 24% in the past. The report also notes that Catholic marriages in the United States have fallen from 20% of all marriage ten years ago to only 8% today. It isn't the case that Catholics aren't marrying says

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

the report. They simply aren't marrying in the church. While the church is declining sharply in the northeast and Midwest, it is largely because of out migration to the south where the church is growing faster than dioceses can accommodate the numbers. There is also migration from other countries where baptized Catholics are now joining churches largely in the south. Migration from outside the US and from the north accounts for about 24% of the growth in the south while RCIA and baptisms account for 58% of the growth. An additional 18% are people "coming home."

In the early 1990s a bequest was left in the form of a scholarship fund at St. Peter grade school to assist with the tuition of any St. Patrick students who attend there. Unfortunately that money disappeared with the recent financial mishaps at the cathedral. But fortunately, it has been found and restored. As such, if any St. Patrick parishioner is attending Cathedral Grade School they can contact me and we will help with the tuition.

Blessing of blessings—the new Women's Restroom in St. Patrick's Church is finally finished. We began this work in August with the assumption that the walls were 36 inches thick and planned everything on that. Only later did we discover they are 52 inches thick!!! This building will never fall down. This new women's restroom will also allow a room for a bridal party as they prepare for their wedding. We will now switch the restrooms and what was the men's room in the past (the west side of the church) has become the new women's restroom with access from the vestibule or from the west tower room. The restroom on the east side of the church will now become the men's room and we will restore it also.

A husband took his wife dancing. They saw a man out on the floor living it up—breakdancing, moonwalking, the works. "See that guy?" the wife asked. "He proposed to me 25 years ago, but I turned him down." The husband replied, "Looks like he's still celebrating."

A trim-looking older man was asked how he maintained his figure at his age. "Well," he answered, "I get most of my exercise acting as a pallbearer for all my friends who exercise."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gary and Laura Borowy, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Diane Yezzi and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Debbie Keefe. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,275.00**. Thank you and God bless.

<u>School, City, County, taxes paid in 2014</u>	\$2,527.00
<u>Gas bills paid (rectory & church)</u>	
October 2013 thru March 2014	\$5,382.00

Catholic Services Appeal

As of this writing, we are \$2,543 short of meeting our goal of \$11,083. Please help your parish with this assessment. You always have in the past. *As you know, our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is crucial for our financial vitality.* Thank you for your support.

Please Join Us

The Holy Name Society will be reciting the rosary on Sunday, May 11th before Mass at 8:30am.

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.

The Rosary Society will not hold a Bake Sale for the Primary Election.

May, the month of Mary ... Pray the Rosary

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>May 10</u>	<u>May 11</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00AM
Lectors	Dolly Bargielski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
	Richard Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	4/27/14	\$ 6,030.10
Online Giving		<u>692.00</u>
Total Income		\$ 6,722.10

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.

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 Restoration Fund** in memory of **Mary Jean Ciocco** from Diana & Wallace Orloff & Family, Rose Province, Robert & Sandi Heinlein and Ray & Judy Wisniewski: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathy Alessi: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of The **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long, in memory of **James Fitzgibbon** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of The **Ed Scully Family** from Edward Scully, in memory of **J. Lockwood Mischler** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, in memory of **Geraldine M. Ciacchini, & Dr. Quentin R. Orlando** from Nancy & Q. Gregory Orlando, in memory of **Leo McMahon** from Rosemarie McMahon also donations from Mildred & Robert Biebel, Mary & William Flanagan and Debra & James Murray.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino,
Tom Golab

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Addie Babinsack, Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Tim Scully,
Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

Congratulations

to *Chloe Boorady* who will receive her First Communion at Mount Carmel today and will be recognized at St. Patrick's on May 18th.



RCIA: If anyone is interested in the RCIA program for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Sr. Marie at 454-8085, ext 2. Sr. will be having a summer program.

THE FOOD PANTRY—Many thanks to the people who sent in Easter Egg coloring kits and fruit to be distributed to the clients. Because of your donations every family received a coloring kit and they were surprised and very appreciative.

The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held at St. Andrew Chapel every Monday at 7:00 p.m. The Chapel is located on West 7th Street between Raspberry and Cranberry Streets. Please contact Deacon Jerry Peterson at 456-0639 for additional information.



Once again St. Patrick's will have a team participating in the **Relay for Life**. It will be held on Friday, June 20th at Harbor Creek High School at 6pm. We would love to have anyone join our team or donate. Any questions, call Rebecca Jubulis 454-5533. Watch the bulletin for further updates.



Presque Isle Chorale—Spring

Concerts: Public is invited—Admission is FREE.

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



LITURGY INTENTIONS**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 & MIKE CROSS)-ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H
(HELEN KURPIEWSKI)10:30 AM MARIAN GLAZ - ST.P
(WALT & DARLENE MIENTKIEWICZ)**May 5** *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 6 *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 7 *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 8 *Thursday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 9 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 10 *Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:30 PM GENEVIEVE GORSKI (ALL MIELNIK) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI - ST.P
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)**May 11** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*8:00 AM DR. ANGELINA FABRIZIO, ANNIV. OF DEATH
(FAMILY) - ST.P9:00 AM HOLY NAME MEMBERS, LIVING & DECEASED
ST. H

10:30 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY (FAMILY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

05/03 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/04 11:30 AM Ave Mtg. CP**05/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**05/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**05/10** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-23

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21



Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Scattered throughout our lives are moments of revelation. These moments have the potential to transform. Luke recounts one such moment, when the two disciples on the road to Emmaus felt like they were stumbling in the darkness. After their encounter with Jesus everything was changed for them; everything began to make sense. Encountering Christ in the blessing and breaking of the bread, the two disciples moved from spiritual darkness into light. And not only did they see, they acted. A moment of revelation means nothing without action. Our lives are full of moments of revelation, and in the clarity of these moments we are called to act. How often is it that we look and do not act. Think back to some of your own a-ha moments of clarity. What was it like to "see"?

**We thank Atty. Richard Filippi
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See his ad on the back of the bulletin.**

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Change of Address

Moving

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