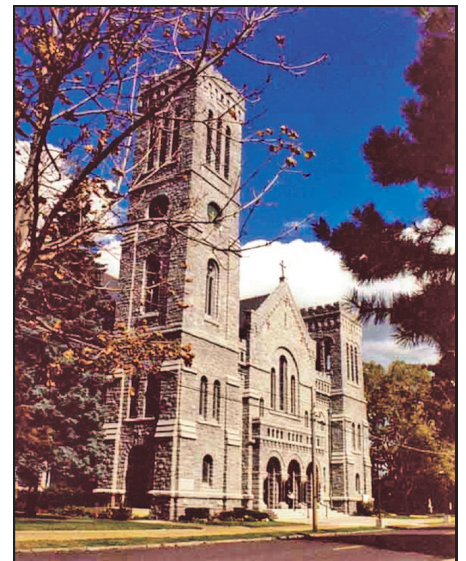


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 6th Sunday of Easter and again we hear first from Acts of the Apostles. Today's excerpt takes place immediately after Paul's first missionary journey, when he and Barnabas have returned to Antioch. Paul has been converting both Jews and Gentiles, the latter of whom are not circumcised and a great debate rises about this saying that all Christians must also be Jewish and Paul and Barnabas dispute this. It is here that they decide to go to Jerusalem to settle the issue. For some reason, the reading then skips 18 verses which tell of the meeting in Jerusalem which became the Council of Jerusalem, the first of the 20 councils in the history of the church. The reading then picks up when Paul and Barnabas return to Antioch with the news that the Gentiles do not have to become Jewish nor do they have to observe Jewish law.

Again our second reading is from John's Book of Revelation, a very difficult book to read and understand. We are again hearing John's description of the "new Jerusalem," one of the symbols John uses to describe the final victory of good over evil. In the very verse before today's reading, an angel says to John, "Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." The new Jerusalem described today is that bride. The community has massive walls with 12 gates and the names of the twelve tribes are inscribed on the gates. The foundation stones are inscribed with the names of the 12 apostles. This new city does not need a temple because God will now live in the whole city dwelling in and among his people. Nor does this new city need the sun or the moon; God is the only source of light.

Our gospel comes again from John from whom we have been reading in the Easter season. Today we read Jesus' farewell discourse to his apostles on the night before he died. Remember that John's audience is living at the end of the first century and is looking for the return of the Risen Christ. As John pictures Jesus speaking to his apostles, he is directly addressing the question on the mind of his audience. Just prior to today's reading, Jesus has told the disciples, "I will not leave you orphans;...in a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me because I live and you will live." John is telling his audience that the bond which connects them to

the Risen Christ and his Father is love. He then goes on to tell them that they will receive the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will teach them everything. Next he offers them peace and says he does not want them to be troubled and then finally he returns again to the theme of love. If they truly love him, they will rejoice that he has returned to his Father and that his Spirit will dwell with them.

Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Ascension, a holyday of obligation. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:30 at St. Hedwig's and a 12:05 PM Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at St. Patrick's.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day and our bulletin will include an insert listing the names of any mother, living or deceased whom you wish remembered in our Masses.

The University of Notre Dame just completed a study on the status of Catholic education in the United States, and some of the findings are very sobering. In 1966 there were 13,292 Catholic schools in the US. Today there are 7,094. The report reveals that the 6,000 vacant schools have been converted into parish facilities, charter schools, retirement facilities, correctional facilities, etc. Many have been demolished and others have been sold to other religious denominations who are utilizing them for education or worship.

This past week, St. Patrick's Church was one of three historic restoration projects in Erie which was recognized with the prestigious "Preserve Erie" award, the highest award given for efforts to preserve Erie's heritage. It's wonderful that the wider Erie community recognizes your efforts to preserve this beautiful building as part of our heritage.

The St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 15,276 pounds of food during the month of March. We had 712 families receive food at a cost to the parish of \$1,319.69. Those costs have been completely borne by your generous support of the Food Pantry. What a great way to reach out and serve the community!

We have invited the priests of the diocese to an Open House in St. Patrick's Church and rectory

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

on Tuesday, June 4, from 4-6 PM. The Sisters of St. Joseph will be here for an Open House the following Tuesday, June 11, also from 4-6 PM. It is an opportunity for people to see the restored church and then to come to the rectory for a drink and refreshments. We are also planning to have a rectory open house again for parishioners later in June. What we did in the past was invite people whose last names began with A-K to come after Masses one week and then parishioners whose last names were L-Z to come the second week. It's intended as an opportunity for people to see some of this grand old 34 room home as well as enjoy some wine and cheese and get to know one another a bit better.

Four brothers left home for college and became successful professional people. One evening, they shared dinner and discussed their mother's upcoming 95th birthday and the gifts they were planning to give her. The first said, "You know, I had a big beautiful house built for mother." The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house," while the third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her." The fourth said, "You know how mother loved reading the bible and you know she can't see well enough to read anymore. I met a preacher who told me about this parrot who could recite the entire bible. It took ten preachers almost 8 years to teach him. I have to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for 5 years to the church, but it was worth it. Mother only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it." The others were impressed. Later, they received "thank you" notes from their mother. She wrote, "Milton, the house you built is so huge that I only live in one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway." To Marvin she wrote, "I am too old to travel. I stay home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good though." To Michael she wrote, "The theater you gave me can hold 50 people but all my friends are dead. I can't hear, I can hardly see, so I never use it, but thanks anyway." And finally to Melvin she wrote, "You were the only son to have to good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was absolutely delicious. Thank you very much!!"

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading II: Psalm 67: 2-8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29



We Christians haven't changed much! Two millennia later, and there is still "no little dissension and debate" about what is necessary to the proper practice of our faith. We are challenged to adapt our understandings and traditions to remain true to Jesus' word. In the gospel passage, Jesus clarifies what is essential. We must keep his word. In dealing the changing world, in this 50th anniversary year of Vatican II, words from the opening address of Pope John XXIII to the Council still resonate: "We must recognize here the hand of God, who, as the years roll by, is ever directing men's and woman's efforts, whether they realize it or not, towards the fulfillment of the inscrutable designs of His providence, wisely arranging everything even adverse human fortune for the Church's good." Recall a time when you had to let go of a familiar practice to achieve a greater good.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—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.eriescd.org/protectyouth.htm>

*Presque Isle Chorale—Spring Concerts
Celebrating 32 years—**Sunday, May 5, 2013** 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—Monday, April 29th at 7 p.m.
Regency South Shore- Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.*





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,439.33 and \$1,031.00 from online giving for a total of \$5,470.33.** Thank you for your generosity. *For your convenience, the online giving is now available for your Catholic Services Appeal payments.*

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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Alfred Sokolowski** from his wife, Frances Sokolowski; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Monsignor Haggerty** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler.; In memory of **Margaret Mello** from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Babinsack.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Winschel,
Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, May 12, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Cyndi Pristello, Lynne Long,
Arlene Barlekoff

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, John Maloney,

John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

Ministers: 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.



A FESTIVAL MEETING will be held immediately after the 10:30 Mass today. The meeting will be in the Pascal Room. Enter through the door on the right side of St. Joseph's altar. Please join us and share your ideas, thoughts and concerns for the Festival which will be held on September 13th, 14th and 15th. We are having a few new attractions at the festival that will be very exciting. Come hear all about it! We need YOU to make the festival the same success it has been in the past!

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION PROJECT

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available after the Masses next weekend. Celebrate Mother's Day and bring some colorful carnations home for that special mom in your life. Your donation of \$1 per carnation or \$5 for six will help support local pro-life educational activities.

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 evening as we celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and those who are fighting back against the disease.



WELCOME

SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS—Matthew and Nicole Potosnak, Holly Burrows, Phillip Lavor and Silvana Rabat, James and Barbara Nealon, Grissel Ortiz, Kathleen Pae, Deloris Rollie, Rebecca Schuster, Robert and Roberta Vitron.

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 REMINDER THAT MSGR. KRIEGLER'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.

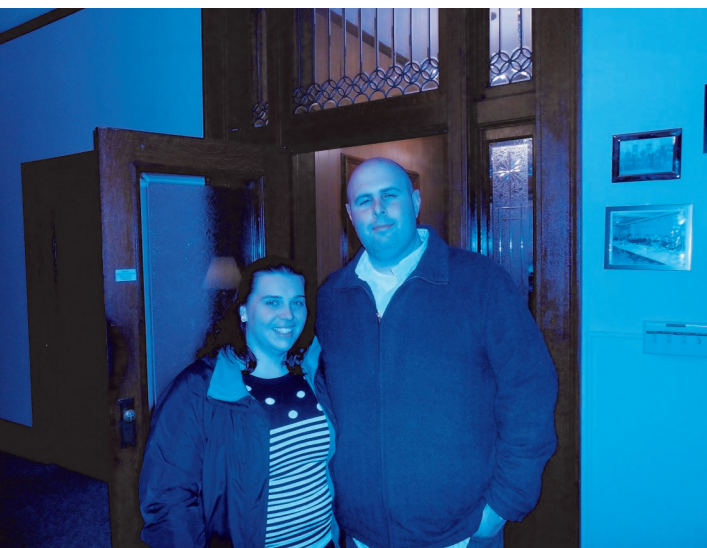
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Wedding Couples



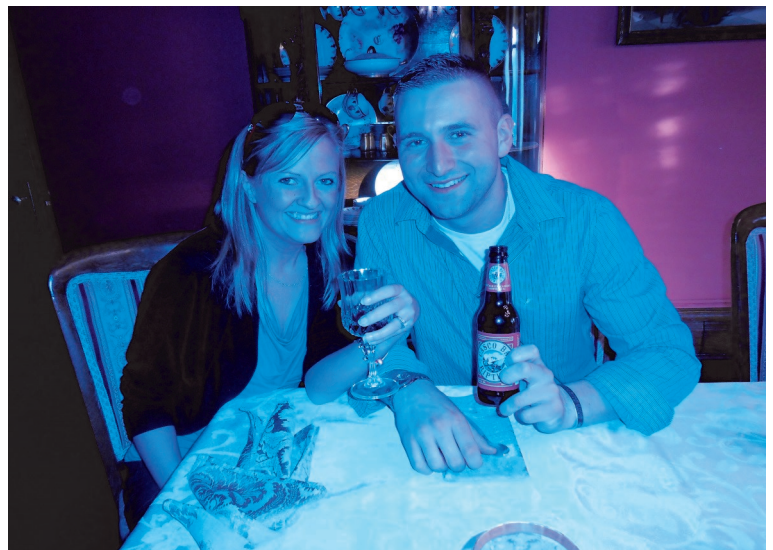
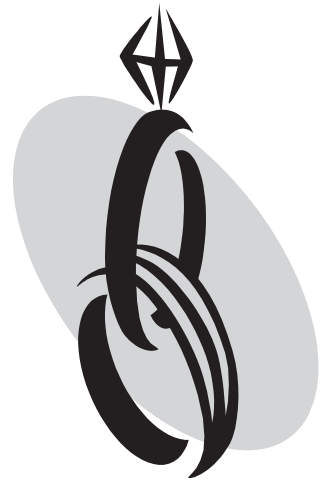
Dinner at St. Patrick's Rectory





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Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Peter Joseph Dubowski** requested D. Dombkowski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested Ann Marie Juchno. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,027.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our dear and faithful parishioners Edwin & Helen Klan who will be celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Thank You!

We thank St. Hedwig Rosary Society for their donation to St. Hedwig's for the Catholic Services Appeal.

St. Hedwig Family Communion Breakfast

The Holy Name Society and members of St. Hedwig Parish thank all who supported the breakfast. A special thanks to our speaker Jeremy Bloeser and the people who worked, donated door prizes or bought tickets and the staff and Officers of the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Everyone's help is truly appreciated. The winners of the "Theme baskets" were: the Children's Basket was won by **Arlene Miller**; the Baked Goods Basket was won by **Chris Pentz**; the Women's Basket was won by **Genevieve Zielinski**; the Wine Basket was won by **Kathy Fuller**.

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to the additional parishioner who has responded to this year's Catholic Service Appeal: Patricia Wernicki. We are now **\$1,579.00** short of our goal. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal, regardless of the amount of their pledge. If we do not reach our goal, the difference will need to be paid out of parish savings. Please help...



*May, the
month of Mary*



...Ushers for May

Saturday - 4:30pm	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik
Sunday - 9:00am	Tom Zielinski Sharon Zielinski

Ministry Schedule

Thursday, May 9

5:30pm	
Lector	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist Minister	Tom Zielinski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

Saturday, May 11

4:30pm	
Lector	Dave Widomski
Eucharist Minister	Dave Widomski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie & Nick Hayes

Sunday, May 12

9:00am	
Lector	Barb Juchno
Eucharist Minister	Judy Pentz
Altar Server	Nick Hayes

The Holy Name Society will recite the Rosary at 8:30 am on Mother's Day. Please join us.

Mother's Day Carnation Sale (Pro-Life)

Carnations, provided by People for Life, will be available on Mother's Day, Sunday, 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 in honor of Our Lady or mothers who have passed away.

Election Day Bake Sale

Just a reminder to the ladies and men of the parish that our Bake Sale will be held on Tuesday, May 21. We appreciate your special bake goods and donations. We ask that you bring the items to the church (handicap entrance) on that Tuesday morning. We will be selling chances for two large boxes of a variety of baked goods the weekends of May 11 & 12 and May 18 & 19, before and after Mass, for \$1.00 each and six for \$5.00. Also make plans to stop at the Polish Falcons for lunch or early dinner.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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 - ST.P (WIFE, MARY)
- May 6** *Monday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM MARTIN MIKESKA (DIANE & DAN JARZOMSKI)
- May 7** *Tuesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM AMELIA WEBER (HER SISTER, VIKI)
- May 8** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
VIGIL: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 5:30 PM MRS. VICTORIA KALATA - ST.H (DAUGHTER, MRS. NELLIE KOZLOWSKI)
- May 9** *Thursday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*
 12:05 PM JOSEPHINE P. ACQUAVIVA - ST.P (ERIE LOTTERY OFFICE)
- May 10** *Friday, Easter Weekday*
 8:00 AM ANN KRUSZEWICZ (ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)
- May 11** *Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter*
 4:30 PM RITA POL (ROSE NIEDZWIECKI) - ST. H
 5:00 PM RICHARD ALLAN PURCELL (ANNIV.) (JOHN PURCELL) - ST. P
- May 12** *Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Easter*
 9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE - ST.H (ALEXIS & JENNA MABIE)
 10:30 AM VINCENT A. WAGNER, 50TH ANNIV. OF DEATH (LYNNE LONG) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent
- 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
 11:30 PM Festival Meeting—PR
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr 7, 8, 9, 10 -Holy Rosary
- 05/07** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 05/08** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 05/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.** 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 **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**
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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 Rectory