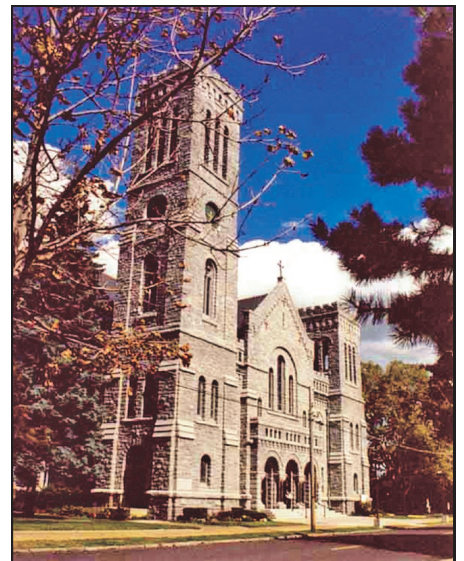


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

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 Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, for it was on this day that Jesus left his Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in our journey of life.

Our first reading, from Acts of the Apostles, describes the first Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was the feast on which the Jews celebrated Moses having received the Law on Mount Sinai. Luke has earlier told us that the group which is gathered included the apostles, some women, Mary, the mother of Jesus "and his brothers." In all, there were probably about 120 people present. The coming of the Spirit is described as being like a strong wind and like tongues of fire. These are traditional symbols representing the coming of God. Notice that the tongues of fire separate and come to rest on each person. Pentecost is not just a celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, but the descent of the Holy Spirit on the whole church. Next Luke describes the effects of the coming of the Spirit: the preaching of the Good News to all the nations. Luke does this through "the gift of tongues" or "glossolalia." Note that Luke interprets this to be the ability to speak in foreign languages.

While we have a choice in our second reading, we are going to use Paul's First letter to the Corinthians in which he addresses the problem of division, a problem that plagued the early church and continues yet this day. What is one to do when church members completely disagree with one another? Paul teaches that unity can and must be maintained even in the face of differences. All who claim Jesus as Lord are operating under the one Spirit who gives different people different gifts and different works to perform. These are gifts which are not given to enhance the individual, but for the good of the whole community. Paul then draws the analogy of the human body which has different parts and different functions. Nevertheless, the parts make up a single body; all of the functions, though different, operate for the good of the whole. The same is true in the church. For Paul, unity and oneness are the keystones of the church.

Our gospel today again comes from John and is John's account of Pentecost, one which differs from Luke's in the Acts of the Apostles. In John, Jesus bestows the Holy Spirit upon the disciples

on Easter night. The disciples are behind locked doors, frightened and disillusioned, when Jesus suddenly appears. Note his first words are an offering of peace, no reprimand that they have faltered and are frightened—the same way he always approaches us when we fail. When he has shown them his wounds, he commissions them with the command, "Whose sin you forgive" Scripture scholars tell us that these words are a reference to Baptism. To the extent that the disciples are able to spread the Good News so that people are baptized, they are free from sin. To the extent that the disciples fail to do this, people's sins remain.

I was searching for something in the archives the other day and I found two bills from the early 1900s for St. Patrick's Church. One is the electric bill for the church and rectory for June 1918. The bill was \$1.65 and there was a 5% discount (\$.08) if paid before August 10th meaning the total bill for the month was \$1.57. Also in the same drawer was a bill from the Pennsylvania Gas Company for July 1910 which was stamped "Only a few hundred feet consumed. No bill rendered!" Ah, for the good old days.

What prompted me to go into the archives is that we have found a photo of the interior of St. Patrick's Church on the day it was dedicated on August 2, 1906 in the presence of the Papal Delegate to the United States, Archbishop Diomedede Falconio, Erie's Bishop John Fitzmaurice and Bishop Charles Colton of Buffalo and Bishop John Hoban of Scranton. We're planning to decorate the church exactly as it was decorated for that dedication when we have the rededication on June 23rd.

If you are planning to attend the brunch at the Erie Convention Center following the June 23rd rededication of the church, please return your reservation. We are limited in our seating for that brunch. It promises to be a fun affair.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's next weekend will be Father Dennis Martin, chaplain at Saint Vincent's Health Center. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's will be Monsignor Richard Sullivan, retired pastor of St. Andrew's. I will be in London.

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

I mentioned recently that the largest church in Belgium, St. Catherine's, was sold and is opening as a fruit and vegetable market. Let me give you an other example of how badly the influence of the church in western Europe has deteriorated. The archbishop of Brussels, Belgium was giving a lecture in late April when four bare-breasted feminist demonstrators charged on to the stage and dumped a bucket of water on the archbishop. They were protesting the church's attitude toward women. There have to be better ways to dialogue about these things!! A mere generation ago, the church enjoyed prestige and respect throughout western Europe, but all of that has completely disappeared. The percentage of Catholics who attend Mass is now down in the single digit numbers, and the seminaries are practically empty. Monasteries and convents are closing as elderly priests and sisters die and there is no one to replace them. It's a very strange watershed moment in the history of the church, and it's probably anyone's guess as to where it is going.

Invitations have been sent to all of the priests of the diocese to attend an Open House at St. Patrick's to see the restored church and then have a social get-together in the rectory. That event is scheduled for June 4, and the following week, we will host the Sisters of St. Joseph for a similar Open House in gratitude for their long years of service to this parish.

The 98 year old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying and the nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink but she refused. Then one of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the entire glass down to the last drop. "Mother," the nuns asked in earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die." She raised herself up slightly in the bed and with a pious look on her face said, "Don't sell that cow."

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Reading II: Psalm 104:24-34

Gospel: 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

John tells us that the disciples were locked in a room fearful of doing anything, paralyzed by the events of the week before. When Jesus enters the room, he offers his peace, bestowing the Holy Spirit on them, charging them as missionaries of forgiveness. The Spirit encouraged the disciples to fulfill their mission in spite of their fear. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to take action in the face of and in spite of fear. Only the Holy Spirit would encourage a few simple, uneducated, ordinary disciples to change the world and become the foundation upon which the Church was built. We celebrate our birthday as Church on this feast of Pentecost. Through 2,000 years and many struggles and challenges our Church endures. The Spirit lives and breathes still in our church, in each of us, Courage! When have you acted confidently because you knew that God's Spirit was with you?



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us God wants to be with us always and in all ways. Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is yours.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

FOR PARENTS AND KIDS: Instruct your children to never give out personal information online. This includes their address, telephone number, the name or location of their school, or their parents' names. They also need to be careful of any photos they might post. A simple picture of your daughter in a cheerleading uniform, standing in front of your house, could provide enough information for a stranger to physically locate her. Online predators have ways to innocently ask simple questions over a period of time that gives them enough information to know who children are and where they live. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out:

<http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,397.00 and \$1,051.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,430.57**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 this week in memory of **Josephine Alecci** from Sandy and Jeff Corchade; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Justine Burger** from husband, Chuck; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored this week in memory of **Jake S.** from Laura Reitingen & Barbara Reitingen: in memory of **Helen Wright** from Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Polaski and in memory of **Howard & Dorothy Bailey & son Dennis** from Mrs. Patricia Schmidt.

THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN will have a meeting on Sunday, May 19th after the 10:30 Mass. They will be meeting in the chapel to the left of Mary's altar. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to join, or would like more information on this group, feel free to attend this meeting.

WELCOME

**ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE
NEW PARISHIONERS:**

John and Mickie Becker, Jacquelyn Kuhn, Harold and Jeanne Bender, Thomas and Jill Fessler, Anne Metzger, John Bixby, William and Carol Sanner, Neil and Susan Shea.

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.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Kathleen Haslett*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kathy Sertz, Patty Dailey
Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: *Brendan Humphrey*

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

Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Ed Brown*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Cheryl Stephany,
Michelle Tortorelli, Mike Vehec*

Greeters: *Gail Arneman, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, Brendan Jubulis*

Ushers: *John Purvis, Luke Purvis,*

Tim Torrey, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh
Tim Donlin*

Thank you to all our dedicated altar servers. Your ministry to God and to St. Patrick's is such an important part of the celebration of the Eucharist each week. Our parish desperately needs more altar servers. If you are interested in serving the church, please attend **one** of our upcoming altar server training sessions. Adults are welcome to serve! The sessions will be held:

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 5:15 and Sunday, May 26th after Mass.

The session should last about 30 minutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Jubulis @ 449-8527 or 454-5533.

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry.

The June schedule is being prepared. Please call the office with your availability. Please note that we are having an 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday throughout the summer and we will need ministers for that Mass. And, now that the flu season has subsided, we are once again offering the Cup starting June 2nd and we will need extra Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses. We really need your help. We also need altar servers at both Masses, but especially at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday. Please remember that you are responsible for getting your own substitute. Extra schedules are always available in the Trinity Gift Shop. Most schedules are sent via email. The rest are sent via postal service. If we don't have your email address, please call the office with that information. Thank you!



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Bro. Ramon Purzycki** requested by his sister Harriet, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Peter Purzycki** requested by his sister Harriet Purzycki. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$907.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to the additional parishioners who have responded to this year's Catholic Service Appeal: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lyons and Corrine Cassa. We are now **\$429.00** short of the appeal. This is a very important collection for our parish because we get to keep for the parish what we bring in over our goal. As you know, our over goal amount comes to the parish for our use here and is crucial for our financial vitality. If we do not reach our goal, the difference will need to be paid out of parish savings. Warmest thanks for your support.

Thank you for your support on Mother's Day with the sale of carnations. We sold all of the carnations and made a profit of **\$209.00** for the pro life group, People for Life.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Rosary Society is holding the election day bake sale and raffle on Tuesday, May 21. Again we will be selling chances for 2 large boxes of baked goods this weekend. We ask members and parish ladies and men to please bake and bring items to the Church (handicap entrance) on voting day. We need baked goods, as many of our members are sick and unable to bake. Your help will be greatly appreciated, whether it's baking or donations as all profit is for the church.



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>May 25</u>	<u>May 26</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
	Richard Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

Additional Mother's Day Memorials:

From **St. Hedwig's**
In Memory Of
 Annette Paluh..... Sylvia Brubzyk

From **St. Patrick's**
In Memory Of
 Ann Kolodziejczak..... Tessie and Mary Kolodziejczak, Marcella Majczyk
 Aunts of Kolodziejczak, & Majczyk Families:
 Marsha Wilson, Alice and Chris Marinno and Carolyn Maloney

From *In Honor Of*
 Ann Kolodziejczak..... Patricia, Cindy, Theresa, Nikole, Melissa and Jennifer,
 Aunts of Kolodziejczak, Majczyk families



**SHAMROCK SPIRIT! THE ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WELCOMES ALL GRADUATES AND FORMER STAFF**

TO OUR 2013 REUNION—WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013.

WHERE: THE POLISH FALCONS CLUB, 431 EAST THIRD STREET.

**TIME: 3:00 TO 7:00 P.M. COST: \$20.00 FOR A DELICIOUS BUFFET DINNER + CASH BAR.
WE WILL BE SELLING 50-50 TICKETS SOON, TOO. THREE(3) FOR THE LOW PRICE OF
\$5.00. PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING 10:30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, JULY 7TH, AND TOUR THE
BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH. CONTACT PARISHIONER, JOHN(JACK) MALONEY
AT 814-897-6115 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**



Annual Memorial Day Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding. May 27th at 9 a.m. at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 West Lake Road. Call 838-7724 for information or visit www.eriecdc.org

Keep your children learning this June at Mercy Center of the Arts

Mercy Center of the Arts on the grounds of the Sisters of Mercy overlooking beautiful Lake Erie at 444 East Grandview Boulevard. Register your children for Summer FUN-tastic Day Camp at Mercy Center of the Arts. Choose from two- sessions in June – each one full of enriching activities, plus time for play and socialization. Summer Clay Workshop (ages 5-12) Workshop Schedule: June 13-14 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon; Glazing: June 24 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pottery Exhibit and Pick-up: June 28 from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Summer Day Camp (ages 4-10). Register for the week-long session June 17-21 where children explore, create, learn and enjoy a full range of integrated activities and adventures at the Mercy Center of the Arts. Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register today by calling 814-824-2519 For more information visit our website at: mercycenterofthearts.com

PALS Support Group

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Openings remain for the upcoming NOVA

Scheduled for Saturday, June 1st at St. Mark's Parish in Lawrence Park. Nova is a one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include communication, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814 824-1261 or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org for information. Pre-registration is required.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

522. "Everything that the Father has is mine." (John 16:15) The same can be said for spouses - Everything that the husband has is the wife's and vice versa. This sounds nice and fair until you talk specifics, like my paycheck, my time, my toothbrush... Is there anything you don't want to share?



LITURGY INTENTIONS

May 18 *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*

4:30 PM BRO. RAYMOND PURZYKI (HARRIET) - ST.H

5:00 PM BEV HARTIGAN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 5/15
(EILEEN HAAS) - ST.P

May 19 *Pentecost Sunday*

9:00 AM MEMBERS OF ST HEDWIG HOLY NAME SOCIETY
LIVING & DECEASED - ST.H

10:30 AM JUSTINE BURGER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(HUSBAND, CHUCK & FAMILY) - ST.P

May 20 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 21 *Tuesday, Weekday, Saint Christopher*

Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 22 *Wednesday, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 23 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 24 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 25 *Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity*

4:30 PM STEFANIA DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM CATHERINE FITZGERALD (EDNA CANAVAN)

May 26 *Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity*

9:00 AM JOSEPH SUL (JUCHNO FAMILY)- ST.H

10:30 AM JOHN J. KRAUCHEN, ANNIV. (BILL & BARBARA
KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)- 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

05/18 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

05/19 11:30 AM Ave Maria Meeting—Chapel (left of
Mary's altar)

11:30 AM Festival Meeting—Pascal Room (right
of Joseph's altar)

05/21 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

05/22 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

05/25 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P



A FESTIVAL MEETING will be held immediately after the 10:30 Mass today, May 19th. 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!



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

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ 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