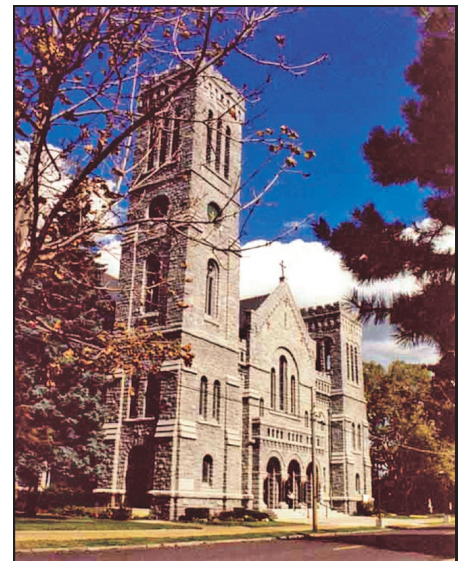


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

[www.sainthedwigparisherie.org](http://www.sainthedwigparisherie.org)

## *Saint Patrick Parish*

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter and again our first reading comes from Acts of the Apostles. Despite the fact that the church is being persecuted, successful evangelization is underway. Today we hear of Philip who goes to the Samaritans. Philip is not one of the original twelve, but one of the men selected to help meet the needs of the Hellenist widows of whom we heard in last Sunday's reading. The twelve were so pleased at the results of Philip's preaching that they dispatch Peter and John to also go to Samaria.

In a hard and often hostile world, Christians must witness to their faith in Christ through patient endurance of trial and persecution. In today's reading, Peter is telling his audience why we can live with peace in the midst of turmoil. He points out that following Christ inevitably leads to difficulties such as being maligned. But, he says, such abuse should not be feared. Constancy in faith will bring shame on those who defame us.

No matter how much we might wish it were otherwise, institutional order and relationships of any kind require obedience. "Keep my commandments" doesn't mean store the tablets safely; it means obey the commandments in every aspect of life. Today's reading from John is part of the long discourse which Jesus gives at the Last Supper, a discourse found only in John. Jesus is telling his disciples that, though he is leaving them, he will not leave them orphaned. He will send another Advocate, the Paraclete, who will lead and guide us. When Jesus says "I will come to you," he is not referring to the Second Coming as this text was mistakenly understood by the early church, but that he will come to us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

Thursday of this week, May 29, is the Feast of the Ascension, a holyday of obligation in the northeast United States. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM at St. Hedwig's. There will be one Mass on the holyday itself, at 12:05 PM at St. Patrick's Church.

On Tuesday evening of this week we have our third dinner for this year's bridal couples. Five of the couples will come to the rectory at 5:30 for a drink and dinner at 6:30.

Beginning next Sunday the 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's will move over to St. Patrick's Church because of the air-conditioning. We will continue to have the Mass there until the temperatures cool in the fall.

I'm very grateful to the people who run the Polish Festival at Holy Trinity for all of the help they are giving our leadership team as we prepare to move ours downtown. They have been incredibly helpful. They are letting us use their dance floor, they are helping us determine how much electricity we have to bring in, etc. It's nice to see parishes working together rather than competing.

A group of parishioners are going to start work on the little shrine area to the east of St. Patrick's Church. There is a statue, table, etc. there, but the area has been neglected for a number of years, and parishioners are now going to work on restoring it.

We've completed putting air conditioning in the first floor of St. Patrick's rectory, and rest assured that was no easy task. The workmen installing it had to cut through 21 inch thick floors in order to run the vents up from the basement. This house will never fall down! In the past we have had the window units which are incredibly noisy, particularly when you are on the phone, are very expensive to run and are a security risk. Anyone can push one of those units in and come into the house. That is how the cathedral rectory was broken into a year ago. We've had the first floor zoned so that we don't have to run it in all of the rooms if we're not using them.

During the month of April, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 27,369 pounds of food to 888 families. The cost to the parish for April was \$1,378.06. I might remind you again that in the almost five years I have been here, the parish has never had to absorb any of these costs; your generous support of the food pantry has covered all of those costs.

There is a large evergreen tree between St. Patrick's rectory and church which is rotting and in

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

danger of coming down, particularly in a strong wind storm. We're having the tree removed as well as the stump.

Congratulations to Benjamin James Gilmore who will be baptized after the 10:30 Mass today at St. Patrick's. Also, Congratulations to Clara Jane Haslett who was baptized Saturday, May 17th and whose name was inadvertently omitted from the bulletin.

There will be a meeting of all the festival chair persons immediately following the 10:30 Mass next Sunday. Things are really moving along with our plans, and we want to update everyone.

He also speculated what would happen if a group of Martians came and wanted to be baptized. He said that the church would probably respond by saying this is not prudent, and we can't do it, "but," he asked, "who are we to close the door?"

I have 5 bridal couples coming for dinner on Tuesday, June 2. They arrive at 5:30, we eat at 6:30 and everything is pretty much over with by 8 PM. Would there be two women in the parish who might be able to help serve and clean up. The dinner is catered by Calamari's, but I need help with serving and cleaning up.

We had a meeting last week to determine what type of electricity we need to bring in for the Irish Festival. I know that what we have is not adequate, and the head of the Holy Trinity Festival is coming to help us determine what we need.

After Mass one Sunday, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a priest when I grow up." "That's wonderful," she replied, "but what made you decide that?" "Well," the little boy said, "I have to go to church every Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up there and yell, than to sit here and listen."

A priest was noted for his particularly long and boring homilies each week. One week a man got up and walked out in the middle of it and then returned just before the end. After Mass the priest inquired as to where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut." The priest asked, "Why didn't you get it before the homily?" The man replied, "I didn't need one then."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeffrey Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jean and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **the Deceased Polish Falcon Members**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$918.00** plus **\$214.00** for Good Shepherd Collection. Thank you and God bless.

### Mass and Breakfast - Memorial Day

Memorial Mass 9am at St. Hedwig for the deceased Polish Falcon members on Monday, May 26th. Breakfast immediately following the Mass at the Falcons. Tickets are available at the club and are \$5.00.

### Catholic Services Appeal

The amount received so far is \$9,815.00. We need \$1,268.00 to achieve our goal of \$11,083.00. The opportunity still exists for those who have not yet responded to the 2014 Appeal. If we do not reach our goal, the difference will need to be paid out of parish savings.

### Father's Day Intentions

Please return Father's Day Intention envelopes or use a plain envelope with your requests for fathers living or deceased by June 1st. The list will be published in the bulletin on Father's Day.

### Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of obligation. Anticipated Mass at St. Hedwig on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30pm.

*Pray the Rosary Daily....*

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

#### Memorial Day—May 28 at 5:30pm

Reader: Jim Gorski  
Eucharist: Jim Gorski  
Altar Server: Charlotte Mabie

#### May 31

Saturday  
4:30 PM

Lectors Ron Helminski  
Eucharist Ron Helminski  
Ushers (June) Nancy Widomski  
Michelle Moskel  
Altar Servers Nowosielski Family

#### June 1

Sunday  
9:00 AM

Russell Robison  
Judy Pentz  
Tom Kurpiewski  
Tony Wernick  
Charlotte Mabie





# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	<b>05/18/14</b>	\$ 7,109.00
Online Giving		717.00
Good Shepherd		<u>762.00</u>
Total Income		\$8,588.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## Additional Mother's Day Intentions

**Requested By:** Richard E. Filippi Family  
**In Memory /Honor Of:** IMO Ines Filippi  
 IHO Letty Burris

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 **John L. & Alice E. Sullivan** from Jeffrey & Gretchen Johnson & Family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Michael Bellotti** from Francis Silay; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Irene Opalenik, George Zack, Gary King, John & Barbara Jacquel** from Mrs. Phyllis Zack, in memory of **Charlotte M. Durant** from Diane & Robert McCarthy, in memory of **Tony Libertore** from Marjory & Merle Painter, in memory of **Richard Romanowicz** from David Romanowicz, in memory of **Kay Wright** from Nancy Yochim, in memory of **Matthew Niebauer (5-2-05)** from Alice & Ken Daub also donations from Christa Blose and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

**Lector:** Gary Drapcho

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Kathy Sertz

**Greeters:** Angie Kontur

**Altar Servers:** **NEEDED**

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

**Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 10:30 am**

**Lector:** Dario Cipriani

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**HOST:** Charla Leemhuis, Mike Vehec, Forrest Mischler

**CUP:** Michele Wheaton, Colleen Welch

**Greeters:** Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

**Altar Servers:** Andrew Wilcox

**Ushers:** Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis, Luke Purvis

**Offertory Counters:** Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith



Let us **Welcome Clara Jane Haslett**, daughter of Lucas and Kathleen (Chew) Haslett, who was baptized on Saturday, May 17th and also **Benjamin James Gilmore**, son of Luke and Megan (Bomba) Gilmore who will be baptized after the 10:30 Mass today.

*Sr. Marie has discontinued **Liturgy of the Word** for the children for the summer. She will resume taking the children during Mass in the Fall.*

**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 ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING A SUMMERTIME "GET TOGETHER" AT LOCAL LANDMARK, PLYMOUTH TAVERN, ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014 FROM 7:30 P.M. UNTIL ? PLEASE CONTACT PARISHIONER, JOHN MALONEY(814 -897-6115) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. WE REMAIN "SHAMROCK PROUD!"

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1Pt. 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

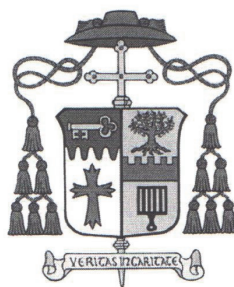


The next time someone says "Give me a hand," or any of a hundred other "hand" expressions, think about this: each hand contains 29 bones, 123 major joints, and 34 muscles that move the fingers and thumb. And, there are 17 muscles in the palm and 18 that move the hand in the forearm. The hand is a wonder of nature and of God! Remember the times that your hands prepared a meal, washed dishes, made a living for your family, painted the house, cleaned a fish, wiped a tear, changed a diaper. This week's Scripture from Acts shows us the power that our hands truly have. Phillip "laid hands" on the people and they received the Holy Spirit. We who have been baptized in the Spirit, also can heal others by using our hands to heal all sorts of hurts. Think about a time when you used your hands to heal.

## 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.





May 12, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world. Ever since our Lord's admonishment to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need.

The annual **Collection for International Needs**, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on **May 31 and June 1, 2014** offers a concrete and sure way for us to reach out to the needy living in distant lands. It is actually a combination of three national collections:

- ☐ The **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults;
- ☐ The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- ☐ The **Support for the Church in Africa** collection, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for International Needs on May 31 and June 1. Please accompany your donation with prayer for all those in need, whether here in the Diocese of Erie, or across the globe. Thank you for your prayer and for your donation. Both are greatly appreciated. You and your family remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**+Lawrence T. Persico**

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



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## **The Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity**

is holding its **Troika Festival** this Sunday noon to 10:00 PM at 109 German St. They are allowing St. Patrick's to use their beautiful facility for our breakfast at our Irish Festival so I encourage you to reciprocate this neighborly gesture by supporting their event. You will be in for a real treat with some great Russian food and yummy baked goods. There is sure to be plenty of vodka on hand as well.

## **New Ministry at St. Patrick's**

We recently had an announcement in the bulletin to see if people would be interested in preparing a meal or two for a couple who have just had a baby and maybe don't have extended family in the area, or someone coming home from the hospital, etc. Parishioners need to notify Abby Lechner when such a need arises so that her group may bring in a meal. Contact Abby at 456-6287 or email her at [Abigail.lechner@gmail.com](mailto:Abigail.lechner@gmail.com)

## **Villa Maria Elementary School**

is pleased to offer a **Summer program** for children entering 2-year-old Preschool through 6th grade. The VME Summer Program operates from 7:30am - 5:30pm Monday through Friday. The program has fun-filled activities and field trips and is conducted by certified instructors. The program includes breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Parents must register by May 21st to guarantee a Summer Program t-shirt!

## **Marriage Moments**

On Memorial Day we remember those who have defended our freedom. Humorists suggest that once couples marry they lose their freedom. True, we are not free to enter into other intimate relationships or to make important decisions based solely on one's own desires. But, marriage can free us to stop searching, to stop putting up a front, to risk being our truest, best self because we are loved unconditionally.

## **A Family Perspective**

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

## **Have You Registered for NOVA?**

NOVA: A one-day marriage preparation program designed specifically for couples free to remarry in the Catholic Church. Topics covered include expectations of remarriage, blending families, legal issues and others. Call the Family Life Office at 814.824.1261 for information. The next NOVA is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th in Erie. Pre-registration is required.

## **Cancer Support Group**

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at [deacontom@holytrinityrc.org](mailto:deacontom@holytrinityrc.org) or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, June 19, 2014.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****May 24 Saturday, Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**4:30 PM STEFANIO DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV - ST.H  
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI))5:00 PM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY, ANNIV OF DEATH  
(JOY & JIM HANULIK) - ST.P**May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter**8:00 AM BARBARA KORN, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P  
(BOB & THERESA ZABOROWSKI)9:00 AM ELIZABETH (BETTY) JARZOMSKI, - ST.H  
(CHARLOTTE MABIE)10:30 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, SR., ANNIV. - ST.P  
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)**May 26 Monday, Saint Phillip Neri Priest**

8:00 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00 AM DECEASED POLISH FALCON MEMBERS - ST. H

**May 27 Tuesday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM SARA CARLOW (THE CARLOW FAMILY)

**May 28 Wednesday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

5:30 PM MARY ZIELZINSKI (DOLORES &amp; FAMILY) - ST.H

**May 29 Thursday, The Ascension of the Lord**

12:05 PM MARCELLA MAJCYK (GRANDDAUGHTER, ANN)

**May 30 Friday, Easter Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**May 31 Saturday, Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**4:30 PM WALTER DOMBROWSKI - ST.H  
(KATHLEEN DOMBROWSKI)

5:00 PM FORREST &amp; GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY) - ST.P

**June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter**8:00 AM DR. & MRS. ANTHONY MERSKI - ST.P  
(NORBERT KRAUS)9:00 AM LOUISE WILLIAMS - ST.H (SON, DENNIS & WIFE,  
SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, DAUGHTER, LYNNETTE  
WILLIAMS & NEPHEW, MICHAEL BOSHER)

10:30 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY (THE "SHARPIES") 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

**05/24** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**05/26** OFFICE CLOSED - Memorial Day**05/27** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**05/28** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**05/31** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To each and everyone who helped the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* with their Romolo Candy sale this year, we say "Thank you and God bless you!" Because of your generosity you helped raise **\$1,100.00** for the missions and **\$260.00** for a few more Catholic Youth Bibles. The money for the missions will be shared with our east side parishes that have food pantries, the *Mission of Friendship* in our sister diocese in Yucatan and with the United Way of Erie County's initiative – *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*.

**REGISTRATION** (Grades Kdg through Gr 10) is now being accepted for the **Eastside Catholic Faith Formation program** for 2014-2015. If you would like to register your child, please call the *Faith Formation Office*: **454-6322** to register your child.

**We thank Murray Insurance**  
for advertising in our parish bulletin.  
See their ad on the back of the bulletin.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐

Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**