

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter and again we hear first from Acts of the Apostles. The apostles have traveled “a Sabbath’s day’s journey”, or a distance of a little over half a mile from the top of Mount Olivet back to Jerusalem. They have witnessed Jesus’ ascension, but now they gather in the upper room focused entirely on prayer. Prior to his ascending, Jesus promised to send “another Advocate,” so this is a time of waiting. In bridging the time between the ascent of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit, the men are not alone, for notably “some women” and “Mary, the mother of Jesus” were among them. We have to remember how startling it is that there are women among the group because that went against every social mores of the day; but they are continuing what Jesus did in having women as part of his disciples.

Our second letter continues from the letter of Peter. Christianity has always presented a unique and countercultural view of suffering. Though often misunderstood and sometimes exaggerated, Christianity finds goodness in suffering—when it results from our dedication to Christ. Peter speaks boldly today about the near certainty that those who follow Christ will share in his suffering. But he assures us that if we suffer with Christ, we will share the glory that will be revealed in him. He asserts that if “you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.” Two aspects of his words stand out. First, they paraphrase one of the beatitudes spoken by Jesus. Secondly, they are words of contradiction: rejoice over suffering; be happy about being insulted. Peter also repeats his admonition that it is better to suffer for “doing good....than for doing evil.”

It is a rare privilege, even in the gospel accounts, to be able to listen in on Jesus in prayer. This sincere prayer, known as the “high priestly prayer” reveals two things: Jesus’ intimacy with the Father and his candid love for his disciples. The prayer sums up Jesus’ life of uncompromising dedication to God’s will. Jesus’ request to be glorified might sound strange but remember that in John’s gospel, glorification comes through his death. Jesus knows the hour has arrived and that God will glorify him in the resurrection and in the ascension, but only after he has mounted the cross and entered the tomb. The apostles are

privileged to overhear Jesus’ prayer, and we are likewise privileged. While he is still with them, he has a very clear sense that his earthly ministry is now concluded.

We continue to be blessed with a multitude of baptisms at St. Patrick’s and today is no exception with three baptisms scheduled. First of all, congratulations to Kasey Everly Church, daughter of Dennis & Ashley Vecchi Church who will be baptized. Congratulations also to Aiden Michael Corner, son of Steven & Ashley Will Corner who will also be baptized. And, finally, congratulations to Novalee Rose Murphy, daughter of Noah Murphy and Danielle Hutchison who will be baptized today. I can’t think of anything that makes me happier as a pastor than seeing all of these young families and these beautiful babies being received into the church.

We are finishing up some work in the Food Pantry. Following the water damage from the leak in the roof, it was necessary to repaint a large area and that has been done by volunteers from the Food Pantry. In addition, there was a small kitchen in that area which hasn’t been used for years. The Food Pantry is in need of additional storage space, and so we removed the kitchen and have lined the walls with large shelves so that they can use that area for storage.

I’m grateful to Erie Insurance who took a two hour time period from 11—1 this past Thursday to promote our ethnic festival as well as all of the others in town. We were invited to have a table displayed, hand out brochures and drum up business for the festival.

The Festival Committee will meet after the 10:30 AM Mass today so that we can update everyone on where we are with plans for the event. The leadership of Holy Trinity’s festival have bent over backwards to help us and show us how they plan theirs. They also have a great deal of equipment that we can rent at a very reasonable price.

While on a recent river cruise on the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland, we visited a monastery in the Black Forest region of Germany. The monastery is huge and the centerpiece is a magnificent baroque church that was built in the 1700s. There is gold gilding every-

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

where and magnificent ornamentation. The complex is now government offices because there are no more monks left. As I looked at the complex and the beauty of the church (which is still being used for Masses. In fact, there was a wedding taking place the day we were there), it struck me how we are going to face the same reality in the near future as we close and merge parishes. Many of our parishes are bankrupt, there are dwindling and elderly congregations who can no longer support them, and we do not have enough priests to staff them. All priests over the age of 65 received a letter from the bishop recently asking us to indicate our retirement plans so that they can plan for the future of the diocese. For the past 30 years, priests have been able to request retirement at age 70 and are assured of it at 75. I am 71 and I indicated on the form I returned that as long as my health is good I would be more than happy to remain here after the age of 75. I'm just not sure what I would do all day long if I were retired. Fortunately, many of our retired priests are more than willing to help cover weekend Masses in parishes so that priests can get some vacation time and get away a few times a year.

A fleeing Taliban terrorist, desperate for water, was plodding through the Afghan desert when he saw something in the distance. Hoping to find water, he hurried toward the mirage only to find a very frail old Jewish man selling ties. The terrorist asked, "Do you have water?" The Jewish man replied, "I have no water. Would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5." The terrorist shouted in hysteria, "Idiot infidel. I do not need such an overpriced western adornment. I spit on your ties. I need water." "Sorry, I have just ties and they are pure silk for only \$5," said the Jewish man. "A curse on your ties. I should wrap one around your neck and strangle you. I want water," he replied. "Okay," said the Jewish man, "it does not matter that you don't want one of my ties and that you threaten me, I am bigger than that. If you continue over that hill to the east for 2 miles you will find a restaurant with the finest food and all the ice-cold water you need." Cursing him again the Taliban terrorist staggered over the hill. Several hours later, he crawled back, almost dead and gasped, "They won't let me in without a tie."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary & Adam Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene & family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by his wife Janice. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Because of an early deadline for this week's bulletin, the offertory for May 25 will be in the June 6th bulletin.

We wish the best to **Nicholas Hayes**, our Altar Server. Nick is entering Penn State University Main Campus this fall to pursue a career in Professional Golf Management. Nick is the son of Bob and Ann Hayes. We thank Nick for his many years of service to St. Hedwig Parish.

Catholic Services Appeal

To date, we have received \$10,565 and are short \$518.00 of our goal of \$11,083. We are so close to making our goal. Any pledge would help no matter the amount \$25, \$50, \$100. We are so thankful to those who have contributed so far.

Mother's Day Carnation Project

Thanks to everyone who donated to the People for Life Project by purchasing flowers. We collected \$175.00 at St. Hedwig's. Not only are we able to honor our mothers, but we are also helping in the fight to protect the lives of innocent unborn children.

Thank you, Tom Kurpiewski

Please Join us

The Holy Name will be reciting the rosary before the 9am Mass beginning at 8:30am on Sunday, June 8th.

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>June 7</u> Saturday	<u>June 8</u> Sunday
Lectors	Dolly Bargielski	Art Blum
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Tom Kurpiewski
	Michelle Moskel	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	



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Stewardship

Because of an early deadline for the bulletin, the Offertory amount for May 25th will be in the bulletin of June 8th.

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 **Jim "Vinnie" Vincent** from his wife, Judy. 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 **Msgr. James Peterson** from Mildred & Robert Biebel, in memory of **Deceased Ave Members** from Renee Calabrese, in memory of **Robert "Bob" Urraro** from Carol & Frank Vona, in memory of **Robert Adamczyk** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **Barbara McGill** from Judy Galvin, in memory of **Barbara Korn** from David Korn, in memory of **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long, also donations from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Dotty & Michael Schloss, and Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST - Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey, Shirley Winschel

CUP - Chris Sanner, Lynne Long

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Emilio Filippi*

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

Sunday, June 8, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST - Dario Cipriani, Mary Kearney, Tim Scully

CUP - Audrey Reigel, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

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

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner, Mary Duncan*

The Ministers' Schedule for June has been emailed to those who have provided an email address and mailed to those who have not. Extra copies are available in the Trinity Gift shop.



Let us **Welcome: Novalee Rose Murphy** daughter of Noah and Danielle (Hutchison) Murphy), **Kasey Everly Church** daughter of Dennis and Ashley (Vecchi) Church and **Aiden Michael Corner** son of Steven and Ashley (Will) Corner who will be baptized after the 10:30 Mass today.

FESTIVAL MEETING Sunday, June 1st after the 10:30 Mass in the Pascal Room. There is a lot to do to prepare to bring the festival downtown to the church property. Come share your ideas, your expertise and your enthusiasm. Everyone is welcome to attend!



ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Anne Styn, Dennis & Sandra Styn, Timothy & Jill Mannino, Abigail Grasinger, Russell Groner, Gary & Mary McMahon, Angela Reisinger, Daniel & Mary Lee Lynch, Patty MacArthur, John & Glenda Frazzini.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: "Tattling" or "Telling"? "I don't want to be the first to say anything." "It's none of my business." "Let's just pretend it didn't happen." "I'm not going to be the one to tattle." The distinction between "tattling" and "telling" is a simple one. Tattling is done to get someone in trouble. Telling is done to stop a person from hurting themselves or someone else. So don't be the one to "tattle," but please be the one who "tells," and save a child's life. Call reports of disclosed or suspected abuse to the Pennsylvania child abuse hotline, Child Line, 1-800-932-0313. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14

Reading II: 1Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

Jesus speaks this week of eternal life, a life of perfect union with God and the whole communion of saints. For the baptized, eternal life begins NOW. And for us, the life and teachings of Jesus become the standard by which we judge the life of any person or institution in the world. We don't cultivate a relationship with God by just going to church once a week. It is the way we live our lives—immersed in him. How much eternal life do you experience now?



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

5:00 PM FORREST & 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

June 2 *Monday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 3 *Tuesday, Saint Charles Lwanga and
Companions, Martyrs*8:00 AM FRAN MANGO THOMPSON
(CHUCK & WENDY WEBER)**June 4** *Wednesday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS)

June 5 *Thursday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM AMANDO JUCHNO (CHARLOTTE MABIE)

June 6 *Friday, Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

June 7 *Saturday, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (GENE & JOSIE JASINSKI) - ST.P

June 8 *Pentecost Sunday*

8:00 AM MARY ANN WELSH - ST.P

(BILL & KATHY MASEK FAMILY)

9:00 AM MARY NOWOSIELSKI (TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM HUGH KEARNEY (FAMILY) - ST.P

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See their ad on the back of the bulletin.**

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

05/31 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/01 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR**06/03** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**06/04** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**06/07** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU to the ministry of Catechist? Our catechetical year with weekly or bi-weekly sessions with our school children and youth ends this weekend. But the catechetical year is never "really over" for any of us. You and I have been baptized into a community of faith called to discipleship and we are to draw closer to God and deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer and encountering the poor and marginalized.

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: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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