

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

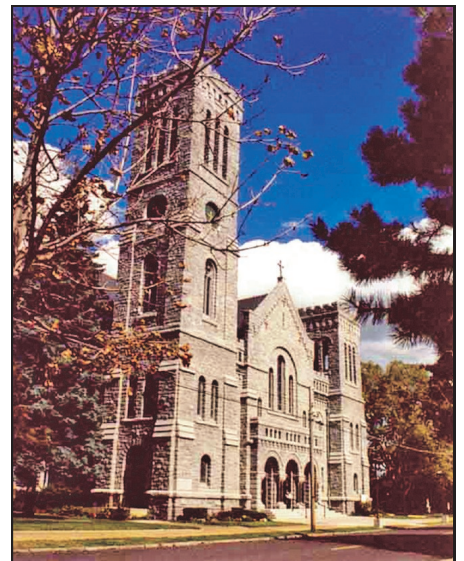
Holy Day

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 we celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will use the readings from the day with our first reading from Acts of the Apostles. It describes the chaos as thunder, wind and fire come to bring the Holy Spirit. The other phenomenon is that they can understand different languages that are being spoken.

In our second reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we hear him writing to a divided community splintered by the very reality that should be the source of their unity—the Holy Spirit. We read of Jew and Greek, slave and free brought together by the fearful noise of the Holy Spirit. In Corinth, God's generosity had divided the community. All received gifts, but instead of rejoicing with each other, they compared their gift to that of others, feeling blessed or short changed. He reminds them that, like parts of the body, gifts can't be ranked. The body, whether human or mystical, works only when all the parts labor in harmony. Each part has its own task and unless it is done well, the body suffers. Gifts can bring out the best or the worst in others. The worst is jealousy and rivalry, and that's what happened in Corinth. They forgot that gifts, though given to individuals, are to be exercised as forms of service for all. Paul obviously has great affection for the Corinthians and desires their harmony.

In our gospel it is the day of the resurrection and the disciples are hiding fearfully behind locked doors when unexpectedly and miraculously, Jesus comes and offers them peace. They are baffled and wonder if indeed this is the Lord. They seem not to recognize his face, but know it is him by his pierced hands and side. Once the disciples respond to him, Jesus repeats his greeting of peace. "As the Father has sent me" is meant as much to comfort as to commission. He assures them that just as the Father empowered him to do his work, so will he empower them. In John's gospel, the word "breathed" is his description of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is intended to remind us of the imparting of life at creation. Note also that John places the Feast of Pentecost on the same day as the Resurrection. While we separate all of these feasts for liturgical reasons, most scripture scholars feel that the time between the Resurrection, the

Ascension and Pentecost was very brief, perhaps all of it happening on the same day.

CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) at Catholic University has released a study on the ordination class of 2014. The report shows that only 477 men are being ordained in the US this year and their average age is 34 (when I was ordained, the average age was 25). Thirty one percent are from outside the United States with the majority coming from Mexico, Vietnam, Columbia, Poland or the Philippines. Interestingly, over 41% of the ordinands this year served in the military. While 71% said that their parish pastor encouraged them to consider priesthood, only 1% said that a military chaplain encouraged them. The highest degree of discouragement came from peers and from other family members but not a parent. About 10% were discouraged by their parents.

Another interesting aspect of the report shows that 70% of this year's ordination class pray the Rosary, 73% participate in Eucharistic Devotion but only 45% participate in any type of Bible Study. That's a disturbing statistic as you would hope and think that 100% of them would participate in Bible Study. On the contrary, this year's ordination class is overwhelmingly into private devotion over biblical studies.

With the recent retirement of Msgr. McSweeney & Msgr. McGee for health reasons, the retirement of Father Joseph Gregorek from Gannon and the resignation of the pastor of Our Lady of Peace, we are now down to 111 active priests in the diocese. The decline from 305 priests we had when I was ordained in 1970 is astounding and frightening. We simply cannot continue this way. Many of the men are burdened with two and three parishes and are burning themselves out. I can tell you what an effort it is to run two parishes just a few blocks apart; down in the diocese some of our men have 2 and 3 parishes, some of them 20 miles apart and they are constantly running back and forth between them. Interestingly, we are hearing from bishops around the world that it is time to openly discuss the requirement of mandatory celibacy for the clergy. The Brazilian bishops are discussing it as are the German bishops and the head of the Italian bishops conference said in a recent interview that we

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need to have an open discussion about it "with no taboos attached."

That major change is taking place in the church can be evidenced again by the recent meeting of the Italian Bishops Conference in which a rather angry Pope Francis berated them and told them to begin to live a simple lifestyle, to stop all of the factions and jealousy among themselves and he told them that it is about Jesus Christ and not about them!!

I recently attended the annual meeting of the Erie County United Way, and I must tell you that no organization in this community is doing more to overcome poverty and illiteracy than the United Way. Over 8,300 Erie children are enrolled in the Dolly Parton Book Program whereby they get a free book every month until they are five years old. Programs are in place to help the poor with their income taxes, their prescriptions, job search, etc. This past year's successful campaign (the largest in United Way history) was chaired by St. Patrick parishioner Marlene Mosco, and the Executive Director of the United Way is another St. Patrick parishioner, Bill Jackson. I hope you will support United Way in its efforts. It is making a difference in Erie County. Poverty is the greatest challenge facing Erie as we continue to be one of the poorest areas in the entire commonwealth. United Way, the Erie Community Foundation and others are all working as hard as they can to help people lift themselves out of poverty, and I hope you will support them in their efforts.

Volunteers are cleaning up and replanting the area around the shrine to the east of the church.

An accountant dies and goes to heaven. He is met by St. Peter who asks his name. Peter goes through the files and pulls one out. "Oh yes," he says, "we've been expecting you. You've reached your allotted time." "How can that be?" asks the accountant. "I'm too young. I'm only 48 years old." "That's impossible," says Peter. "Why do you say that," asks the baffled accountant?" "Well, we've been looking at your time sheets and the hours you've been charging your clients. By our reckoning you're at least 93 years old."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Craig & Kathy Miller and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Joseph Sul** requested by the Juchno family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week ending May 25th was \$1,067.00, and for June 1st was \$1,076.00. Thank you and God bless.

New Parishioner

We welcome Roderic Showers to our parish family.

Catholic Services Appeal Update

To date we have received \$10,565 in pledges. We are short \$518 of our goal of \$11,083. Please consider making a pledge.

Thank You!

We thank St. Hedwig Rosary Society and St. Hedwig Holy Name Society for their donation to the Catholic Services Appeal to help us meet our goal.

Summer Festival Collection

Our Summer Festival Collection begins now. St. Hedwig Parish does not have a festival. We simply do not have the man or woman power to run an actual festival. Instead we depend on your generosity to give as if you were buying raffle tickets or playing games of chance. This collection will be ongoing throughout the summer. Proceeds are used to help cover our regular operating expenses. You will find the Summer Festival envelopes in your packet.

The 9am Mass at St. Hedwig's on Sundays, June through the end of August, will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church.

Pray the Rosary Daily

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 15</u>
	Saturday	Sunday-St Pat's
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Tom Kurpiewski
	Michelle Moskel	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	05/25/14	\$7,827.00
Online Giving		<u>787.00</u>
Total Income		\$8,614.00

Offertory Collection	06/01/14	\$8,418.00
International Needs		381.00
Online Giving		<u>742.00</u>
Total Income		\$9,541.00

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 Charles Genck** from Lewis & Greer, P.C. Attorneys at Law, Mrs. Virginia Snyder, Mr. Charles Colvin, William & Sylvia Schaaf, Margaret Burton & Family and Patricia & Edward Tynecki, The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Michael & Maureen Byrne** from Eithne, Patrick & Michael Murphy. The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Mary Novotny** from Carolyn & Robert Schenker, in memory of Our Mother's, **Cecelia Vitron & Marjorie Wenstran** from Roberta & Robert Vitron.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz, Carol Habas

CUP: Tom Golab, Lynne Long

Greeters: NEEDED

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, June 15, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Forrest Mischler,
Charla Leemhuis

CUP: Mary Williams, Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Jane Pamula and Norma Clement**, who passed away last week. Both were lifelong members of St. Patrick's. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.



SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:



Kathleen McCabe, Mary Lou Spinelli, Scott & Linda Whalen, Erica Young, William & Patricia Jackson, Thomas & Laurene Peterman, Elizabeth Papa, Carlee Pentz.

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!"



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments:

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Five Steps to Safer Environments - The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs!
 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
 4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus)
- To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

June 9 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 10 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND (EILEEN BOKOL)

June 11 Wednesday, Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 AM J. JOSEPHINE JUCHNO (JUCHNO FAMILY)

June 12 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

June 13 Friday, Saint Anthony of Padula, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM ISABELLE DOMBROWSKI, 6TH YR. ANNIV. (FAMILY)

June 14 Saturday, Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30 PM JOHN & JEAN GORSKI (JIM GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM RITA EBISCH (BOB & DIANE BOEH) - ST.P

June 15 Sunday, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H

TOM KURPIEWSKI & ART BLUM FAMILIES

10:30 AM MARY CIOTOLI, ANNIV. (SUSAN WHITE) - 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

06/07 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

06/10 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

06/11 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

06/14 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 20:19-23



Taking a breath is a simple stress reliever. The disciples were locked in fear, holding their breath in terrified anticipation of what would happen to them. Then Jesus entered and breathed on them, they breathed in deeply and moved out of their fear. This breath of the Spirit recreated them for their mission. How many times have you found yourself holding your breath, afraid of some consequence. A deep focused mindful breath can fill you with peace. What has kept you at times holding your breath, locked in fear? Take a deep breath

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.



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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