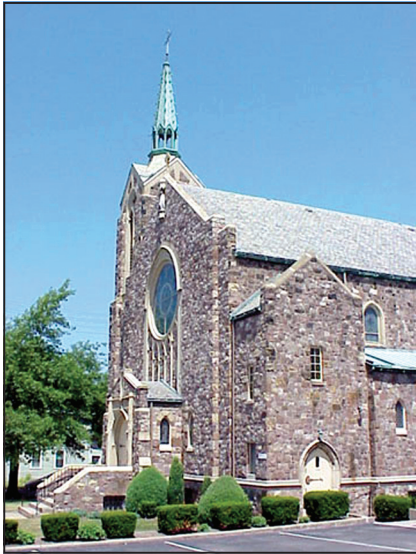


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie*

*Pastor*

**Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel**



## *Saint Hedwig Parish*

Established 1910  
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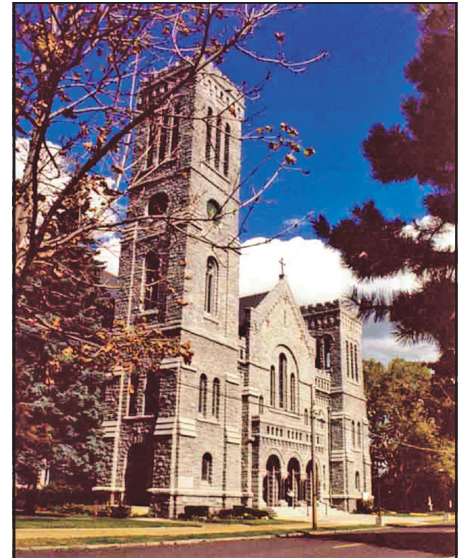
**DAILY MASS**  
Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

**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 8:00 AM  
Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

**CONFESSIONS**  
30 Minutes before each Saturday  
Evening Mass or by appointment



## *Saint Patrick Parish*

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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 Corpus Christi, Latin for the Body of Christ. It has been a feast in the western church since the 13th century and throughout the world, various types of processions are held to celebrate the feast. In Poznan, Poland, for example, all of the children dress in traditional outfits and carry statues, etc. through the streets followed by the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament in an ornate gold container called a monstrance. On the Rhine River near Cologne, Germany, a fleet of boats are festively adorned with flowers, etc. and process the Blessed Sacrament down the river. In Antigua, Guatemala, natives dress in ancient attire and process on stilts followed by the Blessed Sacrament. Our neighboring St. Stanislaus Parish will hold a Corpus Christi procession through the streets around their church on Sunday afternoon. Following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church until 3 PM when the procession will begin. They will erect three altars in the church parking lot for devotions and then carry the Blessed Sacrament through the neighborhood in procession. In case of bad weather, the procession will be held in church.....Our first reading from Exodus tells of God forming a covenant with his people, a covenant written clearly in Old Testament terms, ie., sacrificing young bulls, taking their blood and splashing it on the altar and the people, etc. Fortunately your pastor is no longer required to perform this ritual!.....Our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews takes on the heavy theological context of this letter and tells us that Christ is the high priest of things that were only foreshadowed in the OT rites. As high priest, he intercedes for us, not in the man-made temple in Jerusalem but in heaven itself. Christ is abolishing the former rites of blood and sacrifice by his own once for all sacrifice.....And today our gospel finally returns to Mark where we hear of the preparation for the Passover, all of which indicate that this is not going to be any ordinary meal, something memorable is about to happen. Suddenly the text shifts and we are in the midst of the meal. "This is my body....this is my blood" are nothing less than shocking words. Earlier in Jesus' ministry, many walked away from him because of statements like this. Jesus offers them a way to be connected to him after he is gone, though they don't yet understand its meaning. Though not mentioned in Mark, the hymns sung at the end of the meal would have been Psalm 114-118, hymns of joyful praise.....A new study by the Public Religion Research Institute reveals that a growing tide of young Americans is drifting away from the religions of their childhood and most of them are ending up in no religion at all. One in four young adults choose "unaffiliated" when asked about their religion. But most within this group—55% - identified with a religious group when they were younger. Across denominations, the net losses were uneven, with Catholics losing the highest proportion of childhood adherents (8%), followed by white mainline Protestant traditions, which lost 5%. And among Catholics, whites were twice as likely as Hispanics to say they are no longer affiliated with the church. Black denominations fared better with a net loss of about 1%, But the only group that saw significant growth between childhood and young adulthood was the unaffiliated jumping from 11 percent ten years ago to 25% today!.....The same study reveals some interesting viewpoints on abortion. Eighty-two percent of the unaffiliated said abortion should be legal in all cases. White evangelical Protestants were most opposed to abortion, with nearly 9 in 10 saying it should be illegal in all cases. Among Latino Protestants, 71% shared this belief. Catholics were much more divided, with 48% saying abortion should mostly be legal and 51% disagreeing. On same-sex marriage, 59% of younger people approved with distinctions among religious groups generally mirroring those on abortion.....A total of 487 men will be ordained to priesthood in the United States this year (down from an average of 2,450 twenty years ago). The average age of the men being ordained is 35. Sixty-eight percent regularly prayed the rosary before entering the seminary and 65% regularly participated in Eucharistic devotions. What is perhaps most telling is that 39% of those being ordained are foreign born with 5% coming from Vietnam, another 5% from Columbia, 4% from Mexico, 3% from Poland and 2% from the Philippines.....Couples wishing to be married at St. Patrick's in 2013 would be wise to reserve their date as the calendar is filling up very fast. While we give first consideration to parishioners, we also have a large number of weddings here of people who do not belong to the parish. They generally want to be married here because of the beauty of the church. While there are no fees connected with rental of the church for registered and active parishioners, we do charge a rental fee for non-parishioners. I am going to have a wedding in a church in San Antonio, TX in February and that parish charges non-parishioners \$4,000 to rent the church for 3 hours!!!!.....While mentioning the number of non-parishioners who get married here, the same thing also happens frequently with funerals. I might get a call from a family whose parents were baptized and raised here or were married here and now that one of them has died, they ask if they can come back here to have the funeral. Provided the calendar permits, we always accommodate those requests.....If anyone in the parish is confined to their home, please notify the parish office so that I can bring Communion on First Friday and a group of women who regularly visit shut-ins can also come and visit. These elderly people are always so grateful for people stopping to see them....A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation in Jerusalem. While there, the wife died and the funeral director told the husband, "You can have her buried here in the Holy Land for \$150 or we can ship her back home for \$6,500. The husband thought about it and said he would have her shipped back home to which the funeral director asked him why he would spend all of that money rather than bury her here. Finally the husband replied, "A long time ago, a man died here, was buried here and three days later rose from the dead. And I just don't want to take that chance."





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,725.90**, and **\$260.00** for **International Needs**. Thank you for your generosity.

## **"ON-LINE GIVING"**

If you choose to make your donation to the Weekly Offertory or to the Restoration Campaign electronically, you may now do so. Visit **saintpatrickparish-erie.org** and follow the registration instructions for on-line giving. **Please Note:** *If you have been giving through another electronic means or institution, please make the change to the company that we are using. Doing so would make the contribution uniform and will eliminate duplicity of posting and paperwork.*

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 **Paul Capucille** requested by Annie & Brian Candella; The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Kathy Alessi** in memory of Deceased Family Members; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Helen Farmer** by Dennis McGuire.

## **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, June 16, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Judy Emling, Carolyn Power*

Greeters: *Kit Jaskiewicz, Mary Beth Graml*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power, Brendan Humphrey*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

**Sunday, June 17, 2012 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Arlene Barlekoff, Cyndi Pristello, Mary Pristello*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Tom Welch, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

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

**Ministers**—Call or email the office with your preferences for the summer schedule. There are extra copies of the June schedule in the Trinity Gift Shop. Thanks

Have you made your pledge to the St. Patrick Restoration Fund yet? 110 years ago penniless Irish immigrants raised \$180,000 to build this magnificent building. In 1999, a parish with half the present number of families raised over \$1 million to restore the Stations, repair and relead the stained glass windows and caulk the exterior. Today we are attempting to raise \$1 million to restore the interior. Will you join us? St. Patrick's parishioners can do it, and we need your help.

## **FESTIVAL MEETING:**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Festival Meeting after the 10:30 Mass today in the Pascal Room. You may enter next to St. Joseph's altar. This is a very important organizational meeting and we need YOU to make the festival as successful as it has been in the past. So bring your ideas, and your enthusiasm and attend this meeting! The festival will be here before we know it. Everyone is so busy that it seems the summer flies by before we realize it and the festival is here!



## **ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW**

**PARISHIONERS:** James Lacey, Thomas and Mary Ann Jakubowski, John Watson, William Carney, Marilyn Garfield, Homer and Marlene Mosco, Ian Pifer, Matthew Wolford and Marian Schmitt.

## **A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Exodus 24:3-8

Reading II: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



To the ancient people of Israel blood meant life. Today, the Red Cross blood drives ask us to "Give the Gift of Life". This week we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi—the gift of God giving his life for us—giving the perfect gift! For whom or for what do you pour yourself out? Name some way on which you might be holding God's love for you at bay? How have you been sustained by the Eucharist?:



**THE SHAMROCKS LIVE ON!** The St. Patrick Alumni Association cordially invites all graduates and former staff to a picnic reunion on Friday, June 29th at Stephany's Grove, 1022 Wyoming Avenue, from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. The \$15.00 fee includes dinner and refreshments. Please contact parishioner, John (Jack) Maloney at 814-897-6115 for additional information.



# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary & Adam Nowosielski** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Judy & Peter Pentz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns for **Poor Souls**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our Offertory for May 26/27 was \$830.00. Thank you and God Bless.

## Summer Festival Collection

Our Summer Festival Collection begins now. St. Hedwig's 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. All proceeds remain here at St. Hedwig's to help maintain our parish facilities. The envelope is in your packet.

## Leo Bennett Medical Fund Benefit

St. John's Athletic Committee & Friends is sponsoring the Benefit on Saturday, June 16 from 6pm until 12 midnight in the school gym and cafeteria at 27th & Wallace Streets. The cost is \$10.00 per person at the door (must be 21) and the event features food and refreshments, a 50/50, gift auction and games of chance. All proceeds from this event will go toward defraying his medical expenses. Contributions can be made to St. John's Athletic Committee...Fund for Leo Bennett, c/o 519 Donna Dr. Erie, Pa. 16509

## Custodian/Janitor for St. John's

With the closing of the school, beginning July 1, St. John the Baptist will need someone to fill a new part-time position of custodian. For more information call 454-2873.

## Ministry Schedule

### June 16 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Servers

Dave Widomski  
Dave Widomski  
Portia & Yvonne  
Nowosielski

### June 17 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Server

Tom Zielinski  
Art Blum  
Charlotte Mabie

## Anniversary Celebrations 2012

Couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries will be held Sunday, August 12th at 2pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Erie. To register or receive a scroll by mail, please contact Family Life Office at Catholic Charities 814-824-1250 or 1-800-374-3723 ext. 250 or online at [www.eriecd.org](http://www.eriecd.org)

## *Corpus Christi - Body & Blood of Christ*

It was not far from Toc H, at Liege in Belgium that this feast was first celebrated. It was 1246, when Flanders was booming and its towns bursting with new ideas. But the Mass had become a formal and rigid thing, communion taken by very few of the laity who were belittled with a sense of unworthiness. It was a Belgian Pope who declared Corpus Christi a feast of the Church. What we celebrate today is the breaking down of the barrier, the invitation to come, to receive, despite our want. Christ has come 'slumming' with us. And He needs what we bring to Him. We celebrate today the very limitation that comes from being flesh and blood, and God gives back to us the extraordinary richness of Christ.

## *Pray the Rosary*



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**June 9 Saturday Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY CERAMI (BOB OLSEN FAMILY) - ST.P

**June 10 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

9:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(WIFE AND CHILDREN)

10:30 AM JUSTINE BURGER - ST.P  
(HUSBAND, CHUCK BURGER)

**June 11 Monday, St. Barnabas, Apostle**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

**June 12 Tuesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE  
(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

**June 13 Wednesday, St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM SEAN COBURN (PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

**June 14 Thursday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ISABELLE DOMBROWSKI, 4TH ANNIV.  
(FAMILY)

**June 15 Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:00 AM JOSEPH ALECCI (FAMILY)

**June 16 Saturday, Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM BEV HARTIGAN (JAY & CAROL HABAS) - ST.P

**June 17 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM PHILOMENA FIGLIUZZI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 6/18  
(FAMILY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

**06/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/10** 11:30 AM Festival Meeting -PR

7:00 PM AOH Mtg. - R

**06/11** 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P

**06/12** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**06/13** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

**06/16** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Vacation**

*Bible School* is being sponsored by **St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish** and will take place at the **Holy Rosary Campus**. Children ages 4 – 12 are invited to attend **Vacation Bible School June 25th – 29th from 9 am to 12:30 pm**. This wonderful opportunity for your children will include Bible stories, crafts, games, skits, songs and LUNCH! A donation of \$5 per family will help defray some of the cost, but is not mandatory. **Please call Kathleen at 454-6322 or the office of St. Mary I.C.: 452-2010 to register your child by June 10th**. We look forward to sharing this time with your child!

**CONFIRMATION, 2013 – Students who will be Juniors or Seniors in 2012-2013** and attend Mercyhurst Prep, Cathedral Prep or Villa Maria and wish to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation in 2013**, are asked to **register by June 15th**. Please call Kathleen: 454-6322 or Sister Marie: 454-8085.



**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 Rector**