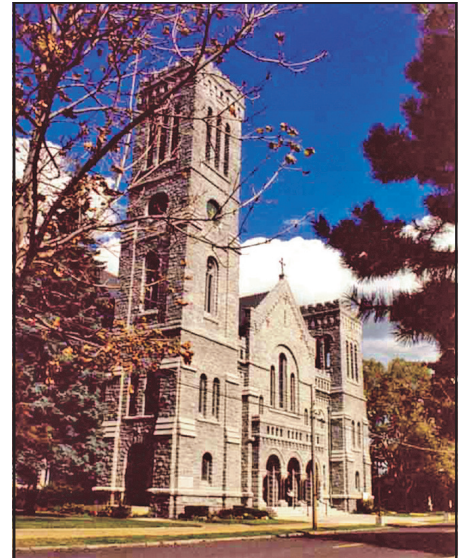
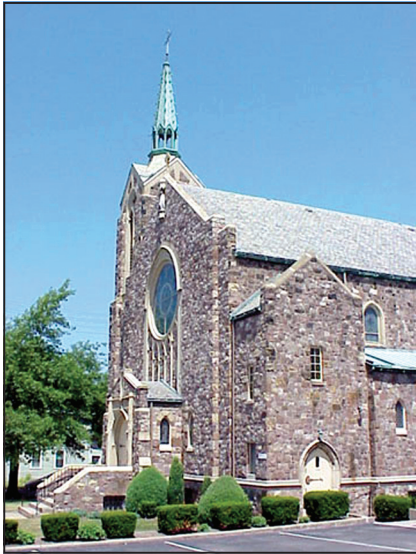


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 8:00 AM**

**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 Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist and our first reading comes from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. Prophets enjoyed a special relationship with God. Sent often to proclaim an unpopular message, met usually with resistance and undoubtedly assaulted by self-doubts, prophets could only persevere in their ministry if they possessed the in the depths. Of their being a profound conviction of God's love and guidance. Today we hear Isaiah speaking from the deep conviction. In poetic rhythms, the prophet rejoices in his mission, recognizing that through him God is unfolding the divine plan for Israel. This is one of Isaiah's four "Songs of the Servant of the Lord." Its words are filled with hope. He refers back to God's initiative in choosing him from his mother's womb and setting him apart for this special work. The reading leads to a climax in the last verse: the prophet's ministry will not be limited to the restoration of Israel. God's love and mercy is so boundless that the prophet's light will shine among all nations and God's salvation will extend to all people....Our second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Recall that this book is written by the author of Luke's Gospel and begins with Pentecost and traces the early church for us. It is only from his book that we have so much knowledge of life in the early church. Today we hear how Paul is invited to speak in the local synagogue. He begins by reviewing God's saving intervention in the life of Israel—delivering them from slavery, guiding them through the desert, gifting them with the Promised Land, guiding them with judges and later with kings, including David. This David was so loved by God that he is called "a man after God's own heart" who would carry out his every wish. And it is from this ancient ancestor that God raises up Jesus and it is this Jesus whom John the Baptist heralded through his ministry of baptism. Many assumed that John was the Messiah and he must have tired of saying, "I am not he."....And, finally, our gospel today is from Luke and recounts the story of John's birth. We're told that fear overcame the people and they wondered what will this child be. He was born to aged parents after an angelic visitation during which his father was struck dumb. No wonder they speculated and feared, but a careful reading shows that their fear was more akin to awe than dread. God's ways are not our ways and when God comes close, as happened here, the natural reaction is wonder. The birth of John will soon be followed by the birth of Jesus and in both narratives the Jewish identity of the child is clearly established. Although something radically new will emerge from these events, Luke wants to assure his readers that the new has deep roots in the old. And while Elizabeth takes the initiative in saying that the boy will be called John, it will be Zechariah's confirmation of the name John that brings these events to fulfillment. Zechariah is once again able to speak. The wonders of God never cease for those who are faithful to him.....A recent study by the Pew Research Center is titled "The Decline of Marriage and Rise of New Families," and it reports that the number of married people in the United States has hit a record low of 51% of all adults. The report also shows that the decline of U.S. sacramental marriages mirrors that decline. Since 1972, the number of marriages celebrated in a Catholic church has fallen nearly 60%. While the number of marriages celebrated in the church fell from 415,487 in 1972 to 168,400 in 2010, the U. S. Catholic population increased by almost 17 million. Those figures are also true in our own Diocese of Erie where there were 1,554 marriages in 2000 and only 650 in 2010 for a decline of 45%. A smaller but similar decline is evidenced in our diocese with regard to baptisms. In 2000, there were 4,726 baptisms but by 2010 that number had dropped to 1,783 for a thirty-six percent decline. An even larger decline is reflected in the number of confirmations. In 2000, there were 3,784 confirmations in our diocese but by 2010, that number had dropped to 1,955, for a 50% decline. If any organization or business were experiencing such sharply declining numbers, they would immediately research the issue and try to determine what steps can be taken to stop the trend. But church leadership does nothing to try to study the root causes of the problem much less to stem the tide. It seems, instead, that we do everything possible to make access to the sacraments more and more difficult.....I hosted all of the couples being married at St. Patrick's this summer for an evening at the rectory. In groups of 4 or 5 couples, we gathered for a drink at 6 followed by dinner at 7. I can't tell you what enjoyable evenings these were. It's also nice for me in that it gives me an opportunity to know them a bit better rather than just standing before them as a stranger on the day of their wedding. Parishioners helped with the serving and clean-up.....**Have you made your pledge to the St. Patrick's Restoration Fund yet? We need the participation of all parishioners in order to make the project a success. Please return your pledge card as soon as possible so that volunteers won't have to call on you. Your participation in this project is vital to its success.**.....The St. Patrick Food Pantry operates every Tuesday morning and provides food for hundreds of needy families. We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with it. And we are also always welcoming donations to help us cover the cost of this. Our Food Pantry fund is almost empty right now, and if anyone would like to make a gift to it, you can send it to the Parish Office.....A second grade teacher asked her students why God made mothers to which one answered, "She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is," while another answered, "Mostly to clean the house.".....When she asked them how God made mothers, one child replied, "He used dirt, just like for the rest of us." Another said, "Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring." A third student said, "God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts!" And, finally, when she asked her students why God gave you your mom and not some other mom, a student replied, "Because we're related," while another said, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me."



# WE NEED YOU!

SAVE THE DATES—KEEP PHONE NUMBERS & PLEASE BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION

[www.ErieIrishFestival.com](http://www.ErieIrishFestival.com)



*Benefitting the Restoration of St. Patrick's Church*

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 9:30 pm)**

**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (noon – 11:00 pm)**

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (noon – 3 pm)**

**Rainbow Gardens at Waldameer Park**

**Adult Admission: \$5 daily or \$10 for 3 day pass**

**Children 12 and under admitted free**

*(Canned/dry goods donations are encouraged to support Saint Patrick Food Bank)*

FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS			
COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	PHONE	NEEDED
Festival Chairperson	Cal Pifer	Cell: 281-940-7245	—
Volunteers	Ann Halupczynski	Home: 838-2486	MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EVERYWHERE!
Bake Sale	Arlene Barlekoff	Home: 454-8070	Baked Goods (Lots of dough needed)
Beverages	Dave Taccone / Randy Pristello	Dave: 898-1103 / Randy: 897-9522	Volunteers
Booklet & Sponsors	Dennis Michalski	Home: 456-4979	Please Buy Booklet Sponsorships
Children's Area	Chris Lampe	Home: 835-7208	Children's Toy Prize Donations
Decorations	Mary Duncan	Home: 456-1914	—
Food	Mary Wegelin	Cell: 434-7046	Many Kitchen Volunteers Needed
Gaming	Tim Mackey	Cell: 882-8422	—
Grand Prize Raffle	Kathleen Wehan / Eileen Balczun	Kathleen: 864-0375 / Eileen: 866-1096	Please Buy Raffle Tickets
Irish Auction	Renee Calabrese	Home: 459-6004	Many Auction Prize Donations Needed
Jewelry Table	Gail Smith	Home: 833-9484	Used Costume Jewelry
Social Media	Matt & Abby Lechner	Cell: 881-2266	—
Trinity Shop	Alice Daub	Home: 899-8433	—
Vendors	Kay Cline	Rectory: 454-8085 (Ext. 1)	—
Jewelry & Auction & Children's Prizes can now dropped off in the Trinity Shop.			

All proceeds from this year's festival will support the Saint Patrick Restoration Project.

(June 23/24, 2012)



# Erie Irish Festival



Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
September 14, 15 & 16

Save the date  
and volunteer to help.  
We really need you.

## PROGRAM

Our program booklet this year will be much larger (8 1/2 x 11) with a color cover and the opportunity for you to memorialize deceased family members, etc. with an ad AND A PHOTOGRAPH (black and white). Please use the form below to list the message as you wish it to appear. If you are honoring the memory of a deceased love one, your message may read, "In memory of my parents (insert name) who were called to their Eternal Rest on (insert date). Or you might mention that someone was baptized or married at St. Patrick's. Ad copy should read:

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### Parishioner information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the size of ad (size based on full page of 8 1/2 X 11)

( )	Inside Front Cover, Back Cover	\$350
( )	Full page	\$275
( )	Half page	\$175
( )	Quarter page	\$125
( )	Business card size	\$ 75
( )	Memorial Size	\$ 25

Any questions, contact **Program Chair Dennis Michalski at 456-4979**



# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,016.00**. 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 duplication of posting and paperwork. Thank you!*

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 **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Volunteers of the Food Pantry**; The **Food Pantry** donations from **Shirley Blumish, Ed & Genny Chizewick, Paul & Ruth Hazlett, and Fr. Leon Muroski.**

## **Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli,  
Mary Marnella

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

**Sunday, July 1, 2012 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch,  
Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney

Greeters: Needed

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: John Maloney, John Purvis,

Luke Purvis, Randy Pristello

Offertory Counters: Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker



BE SURE TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH AFTER THE 10:30 MASS! THERE IS A LOT TO DO AND WE NEED YOUR HELP ! WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT **YOU**. THE MEETING WILL BE IN THE PASCAL ROOM. ENTER BY THE DOOR NEAR ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR. SEE YOU THERE!



SAVE THE DATE

The St. Patrick Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 29th at 2:00 pm at Shade's Beach. More information will be coming out soon. A flyer will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks with a registration form.

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Books on the History of St. Patrick's are available in the Trinity Gift Shop before and after Mass, or at the rectory between 9 and 3 Monday thru Thursday and Friday til noon. These books make great gifts for all the upcoming occasions of Father's Day, Graduations, Anniversaries, Birthdays, or whatever other special occasion is coming up. The Gift Shop is located at the south east corner of the Church. Be sure to stop in!

## **A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: Isaiah 49:1-6

Reading II: Acts 13:22-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80



John the Baptist's life was marked with the grace of God from his conception to his death. His life was a gift and a blessing to others. He came to know that he had a mission given to him by God. He exemplifies for us what it means to dedicate one's life to God, to know that all things come from God, leaving to God the realization of His plan. What do you think that God is calling you to do or become these days?



**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 is burning in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp is burning in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested by Charlotte Mabie and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Maleski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Please also remember those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for the week of June 9/10 was **\$1,011.00** and the Summer Festival Update **\$435.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

## Catholic Services Appeal

**Thank You.....**to the following parishioners who responded to this year's CSA appeal: James Gorski, Lou Ann Nowosielski, Mrs. Nellie Kozlowski, Thomas & Sharon Zielinski, Larry & Dolly Bargielski, Amanda Juchno, Barb Juchno, Genevieve Gorski, Mr. & Mrs. Roland Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mielnik, Don Moehler, Theresa Paluh, Anthony Wernicki, Theresa Juchno, Katelyn Kurpiewski, Del Trambly, Rose Niedzwiecki, Peter & Judy Pentz, Nina Siggia, St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, Amy Paczkowski, Thomas Kurpiewski, David & Nancy Widomski, D. Dombkowski, Helen Dombrowski, Ann Heid, Dorothy Mielnik, Catherine Jankowski, Janice Moskel, Irene Mielnik, Raymond Nowosielski, Mrs. Helen Zielinski, Mrs. Mary Zielinski, Charlotte Mabie, Helen A. Dubowski, Corrine Cassa, Gail S. Torbic, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Jarzomski, Jeanette Borowy, Kathy & Doug Fuller, Florence Biletnikoff, Art & Margie Blum, Patricia Wernicki, Edward J. Slivinski, David Borowy, Thomas E. Lyons, Sandra Belczyk, Evelyn Belczyk, St. Hedwig Rosary Society, J. James & Nancy Griffey, Stanley Domowicz. To date, we have received \$12,300.00 and are short \$2,509.00 of last year's over goal of \$4,282.00 which significantly helped our parish. Our prayer is that everyone will consider the appeal regardless of the amount of their pledge. Additional pledges will be listed in the bulletin. Warmest thanks for your support!

*Pray the Rosary*



## Additional Father's Day Intentions:

**IMO In Memory Of**  
**IHO In Honor Of**

### Requested by

Helen Zielinski	IMO	Husband, Peter Zielinski, Father Peter Michalski, Brothers: Edward, Joseph, Frank, Ben, John Michalski Father-in-law: Peter Zielinski
	IHO	Peter Zielinski, Jr., Tom Zielinski, Frank Hodas
Dave, Nancy & Jacob Widomski	IMO	Vittorio Snidarich, Ted Widomski
Wife Verna & family	IMO	Joseph Krineski

## Cancer Support Group

The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd.

Erie from 7 to 8:15pm. For more information call Deacon Tom Matusiak at Holy Trinity Church, 456-0671.

## Ministry Schedule

**Ushers for July**  
**Saturday - 430pm**

Roland Henderson  
Ray Nowosielski

**Sunday - 9:00am**

Dan Jarzomski  
Don Moehler

**June 30 - 4:30pm**

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Servers

Charlotte Mabie  
Ron Rossi  
Portia & Yvonne  
Nowosielski

**July 1 - 9:00am**

Eucharistic Minister  
Reader  
Altar Server

Pete Pentz  
Don Moehler  
Charlotte Mabie

## "Quotes"

Love cannot remain by itself- it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. Whatever form we are, able or disabled, rich or poor, it is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing; a lifelong sharing of love with others.

\_\_\_Mother Teresa

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****June 23 Sat., Vigil: *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***4:30 PM HELEN KURPIEWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(TOM KURPIEWSKI & FAMILY)5:00 PM DEBRA (SZYMANOWSKI) MCINTOSH, ANNIV.  
(MOM & FAMILY) - ST.P**June 24 *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist***9:00 AM CHESTER JUCHNO, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(JUCHNO FAMILY)

10:30 AM WILLIAM SCHRIEFER (SR, MARIE) - ST.P

**June 25 Monday, Weekday**8:00 AM VINCENT & BERTHA ORLESKI WEDDING ANN.  
(STELLA, PATTY, ANGIE ABBATO)**June 26 Tuesday, Weekday**8:00 AM ANNA SCHWARTZ  
(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)**June 27 Wednesday, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA (DR. JOHN. C. KALATA)

**June 28 Thursday, St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**June 29 Friday, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

8:00 AM WILLIAM J. RENNIE (WIFE &amp; CHILDREN)

**June 30 Saturday, Vigil: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM MARY BOROWY - ST.H  
(JOHN & KAREN RAYDO)5:00 PM JAMES MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIV. - ST.P  
(WIFE, MARY)**July 01 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI (HUSBAND, TOM) - ST.H  
10:30 AM LOUIS CASSANO (THE 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**06/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**06/24** 11:30 AM Festival Meeting—PR**06/25** 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**06/26** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**06/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM Peace Prayer - CP

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**CATECHISTS are URGENTLY needed for the 2012-2013 Catechetical year** – Please consider sharing your faith with the "little ones" in **Kdg., Gr 1, Gr 4 as an aide, Gr 5 or as a catechist/mentor to the Jr and Sr high students.** Training, materials and ongoing assistance is provided throughout this wonderful experience. None of us makes the journey alone!

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – will be held on the *Holy Rosary Campus* for children and youth of our Eastside parishes **June 25th – 29th.** If you are interested in having your child participate, **please call the Faith Formation Office to register your child: 454-6322.** Few openings remain: ONE in the 7-9 age group and FIVE in 9-12 age group. ***The first session for VBS is Monday, June 25th at 9 am!***

**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 WEBSITE for the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry*** will soon be launched! Watch for it!

**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**