

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

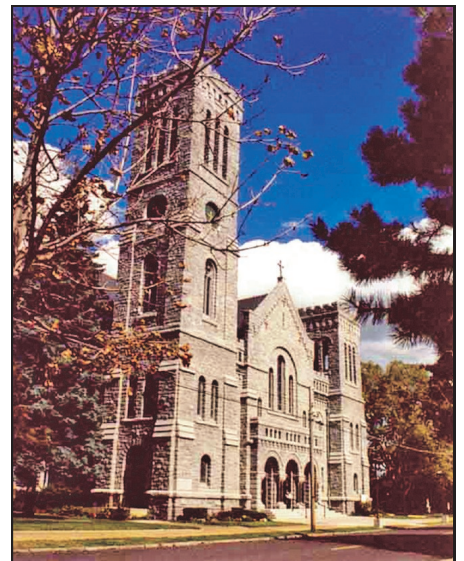
Holy Day

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 Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul. On this day every year every priest who was named an archbishop in the past year travels to Rome to receive the pallium from the Holy Father. The pallium is a narrow band, "three fingers wide" woven of white lamb's wool from sheep raised by Trappist monks. It is decorated with six black crosses. Only the pope and the archbishops who are bishops of an archdiocese wear it.

As we begin to hear from Acts of the Apostles, the blood of martyrs has begun. James, the brother of John and the son of Zebedee, was beheaded by Herod Agrippa in the year 44. Now we hear of threats to Peter's life. There are a multitude of gospel stories to establish Peter's primacy and today is an example. While James was martyred, Peter's life is spared though he will later die a martyr's death. The story of Peter's deliverance is quite dramatic; Peter himself cannot believe that God is intervening for him. If you visit the Church of San Pietro in Vinculi in Rome, located near the coliseum, you will see the chains that held Peter. They are in a glass coffin under the main altar.

The second letter to Timothy is a sincere communication from a veteran leader to a young protégé offering words of advice and encouragement. This portion we hear today is clearly a last will and testament. Paul is facing death and speaks of it openly. Despite frequent opposition from within the body of believers and especially from without, and despite much travail, including multiple shipwrecks, Paul has endured. This earthly life presented him no accolades, but he's confident that a "crown of righteousness" awaits him in the Kingdom. Most scripture scholars also believe that Paul suffered seizures, probably from epilepsy. God does not always choose the most perfect people to do his work! Timothy was a frequent traveler with Paul and their relationship was very person and strong.

Today's gospel account honors Peter for the incomparable role he was given by Jesus and which he faithfully played until his death as a martyr. Many significant moments could be chosen to highlight his singular status, but none would be more significant than the one that

comprises today's gospel reading. As usual, in response to a question, Peter takes the lead. But this time he does not embarrass himself, and earns high praise from the Lord. In Matthew's account, Peter embellishes the response he gives in Mark's gospel where Peter merely names Jesus "the messiah." Peter's insight is a God-given one, neither earned nor merited. But his unique privilege, granted Peter and not the other disciples, qualifies him to be the foundation upon which Jesus will build his church. It is not Peter's gift of leadership or oratory, not his courage or his goodness which sets him apart. It is this insight that calls him to embrace the role of witness to Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, is what marks him apart. His knowledge and devotion to Jesus make him the keeper of the keys of the kingdom and the wielder of the authority to bind and to loose.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit released findings of a study which show that in just the last 13 years there has been a 50% drop in the number of Catholic baptisms and marriages. In 2001, 24,000 people partook of sacraments such as baptism and marriages compared with 11,689 last year. He also noted that in 2001 there were 399 priests. Now there are 267. Of the 1.2 million Catholics in the archdiocese about 220,000 attend Mass each week. "The way we have done things in the past is no longer working and we have to completely change our culture," said the archbishop. Respondents also noted that the quality of worship service is the first characteristic they look for in a parish and that they want their pastors to display a "welcoming spirit."

August 2015 will be the 100th anniversary of the Millcreek flood. Thirty lives were lost including 8 St. Patrick parishioners: Emma Osborn, William Devitt, John Donovan, and the four members of the John Higgins family as well as Fire Chief John McMahon.. I am wondering if we might want to put together some type of a memorial service for the event. We could display some of the pictures and have a memorial service telling the story of the flood. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee for this, contact the parish office and we'll set up a meeting.

With pledges of \$1,024,926 for our Restoration Campaign, I'm happy to tell you that payments to date total \$801,913. I had been making

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

payments on the loan to the diocese at the rate of \$10,000 per month plus interest, but payments have been coming in so well that I have been able since January to make monthly payments of \$20,000 per month plus interest.

We are still receiving pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal and those pledges now total more than \$62,500 which will allow me about \$20,000 over our assessment that I can apply to the debt from the restoration of the church. We have to do major work on the pipe organ but I can't consider that until I get this debt paid off. The last time major work was done on the organ was in 1972, and much has to be done.

The parish office will be closed Thursday after noon and Friday for the Fourth of July holiday. There is no Mass or Communion Service on Friday.

Tuesday, August 12, is Erie Gives Day, the day when we have a chance to share in a matching grant according to how many donations we receive. Last year a number of people waited and made their CSA payment or payment on their pledge to the restoration on that day which helped make St. Patrick's number 17 out of 124 non-profits receiving donations that day. You might want to consider doing the same this year.

There were two evil brothers who were very wealthy and used their money to conceal their evil ways. They attended the same church and appeared to be perfect Christians. A new pastor arrived and could see right through them. He was an outstanding preacher and church membership grew in numbers to the point that they had to build a new church. A fund-raising campaign was underway when one of the brothers died. The remaining brother sought out the pastor, handed him a check for the total cost of the new building and said, "I have only one condition. At the funeral, you must say that my brother was a saint." The pastor gave his word and deposited the check. The next day at the funeral the pastor said, "He was an evil man. He cheated on his wife, he abused his family, he cheated on his taxes, etc." After going on and on, he finally concluded, "But, compared to his brother, he was a saint."

Saint Hedwig News



Condolences : We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Dianne Wieniecki** who passed away last week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Stanley & Elinor Flowers** requested by daughter Janice Moskel, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Josephine J. Juchno** requested by the Juchno family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Nancy & David Widomski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$750.00**. Thank you and God bless.

The Summer Festival is still ongoing. We thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to consider doing so. Proceeds are used to cover our regular operating expenses. Please be generous.

Catholic Services Appeal

We have now received \$12,015 in pledges and have met our goal of \$11,083. Thank you. Whatever is pledged now will be used for our parish.

Religion

The study in which Jesus Christ Our Lord teaches us about God and how to know, love and serve Him is the study of Religion. It is the most important study anyone can undertake. The neglect of this study is the cause of sin and evil in this world. Without a knowledge of God, people give into their basest passions.

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>July 5</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>July 6</u> Sunday 9:00 AM (St. Pat's)
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,979.00
Peter's Pence	419.00
Online Giving	847.00
Total Income	\$ 7,245.00

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Donald DeDionisio** who passed away on June 17th. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 **James L. McCarthy** from wife, Mary: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Carol & Mike Litzinger**: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Barb McGill** from Yvonne Gersims, in memory of **Parents, Loretta & Chet** from Barbara & John Reiting, in memory of **John** from Charla Leemhuis, in memory of **Grandma Isla & Loretta** from Laura Reiting also donations from Denise & Phil Rewers, Sue & Warren Weber, Elaine Resler, Mildred & Robert Biebel, and Ed & Genny Chizewick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Carol Habas, Patty Dailey, Shirley Winschel

CUP: Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: **Needed**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Audrey Reigel, Kathleen Pae

CUP: Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Tom & Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan



SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Tom & Janice Tobin, Patrick & Emily Grab, Alyssa Kozik, Michael Wolf, Darlene Kozesky, Thomas Kozesky, Jennifer Stephany, Marsha McQuillen, Matt & Kimberly Linse, Daniel Maloney, Anthony Poleti.

Many thanks to **Tom Welch and Tom Brunner** for building shelves to be used in the garage to store items for the festival. They emptied the storage unit we had rented and organized the items on the shelves. Thanks also to **Colleen Welch** for her help in moving and labeling all the items. Organization is key to finding all these items when the festival rolls around. They did a great job and we are grateful for all the work they put into it!



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids:

Instruct your children to never give out personal information online. This includes their address, telephone number, the name or location of their school, or their parents' names. They also need to be careful of any photos they might post. A simple picture of your daughter in a cheerleading uniform, standing in front of your house, could provide enough information for a stranger to physically locate her. Online predators have ways to innocently ask simple questions over a period of time that gives them enough information to know who children are and where they live. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out:

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

FREE AARP Caregiving Forum at the H.O. Hirt Auditorium—Blasco Memorial Library on July 10th, 1-3 PM, featuring local and nationally recognized caregiving experts, and individuals providing care for loved ones at home. To RSVP and for questions, call 877-926-8300.

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS**June 28** *Saturday, Vigil: Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles*4:30 PM AL JARZOMSKI - ST.H
(JAMES & LINDA DUBOWSKI)5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH (MARY DUDENHOFER) - ST.P
MARILYN KINDLE (VICKY LAMPE) - ST.P**June 29** *Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles*8:00 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY, WEDDING ANNIV. - ST.P
(WIFE MARY)9:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY - ST.H
(ST HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)

10:30 AM KEN KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS) - ST.P

June 30 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 1 *Tuesday, Weekday*8:00 AM FOR THE INTENTION OF MIRIAM MURNOCK
(TREVOT MURNOCK)**July 2** *Wednesday, Weekday*8:00 AM DEBORAH (MARAFSKY) YOCHIM
(RICH & JEAN ZACK)**July 3** *Thursday, Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 AM HATTIE GLEBA (CHARLOTTE KNIGHT)

July 4 *Friday, Weekday, USA: Independence Day*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

July 5 *Saturday, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION - ST.H

5:00 PM FORREST SHORTS, ANNIV, OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**July 6** *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND - ST.P
(PHIL & PAT TRYCHEL)9:00 AM ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI - ST.H
(HELEN ZIELINSKI)10:30 AM GERALDINE CIACCHNI, ANNIV. - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)**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

06/28 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.H

07/01 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**07/02** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**07/03** Church office closes at 12:00 PM**07/04** Office Closed - Happy 4th of July!!!**07/05** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Acts 12:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19



“Who do you say that I am?” Who is Jesus to you? Do you know Jesus for what he did for others or is he active in your life and through your relationships with others? There are many times on a daily basis when we can tell people who Jesus is to us. We don’t have to hit them between the eyes with our message - they should be able to see it without any help. We say who Jesus is to us, above all, in the quality of our relationships with others. Consider the many relationships in your own life - family, friends, acquaintances - where might they need to be strengthened?

**We thank CarpeTown, Bruce Baumann, Owner
for advertising in our parish bulletin.
See their advertisement on the
back of the bulletin.**

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
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Saint Hedwig

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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