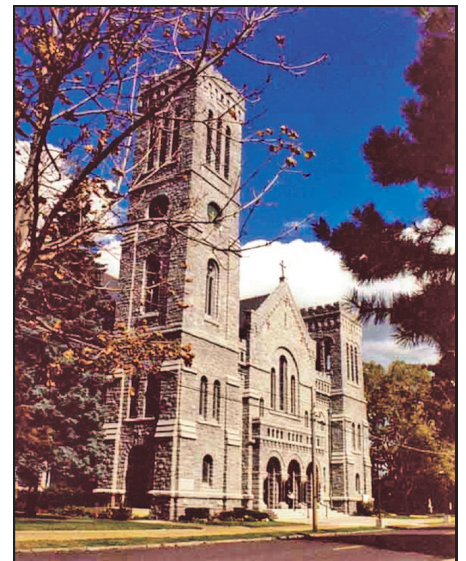


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 12:05 PM**

## **CONFESSIONS**

**30 Minutes before each Saturday**

**Evening Mass or by appointment**



## *Saint Hedwig Parish*

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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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Deuteronomy. The Israelites have wandered in the wilderness for 40 years and soon they will cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. But Moses will die before that happens and today's reading is part of his final instruction to them emphasizing fidelity to the law.

In our second reading, we read from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. We will read from this letter for the next three weeks. The letter aims to present the correct teaching about Christ and his role in salvation. Paul was prompted to write this letter because false prophets were teaching these people that other principalities and powers played a role in salvation. Today's excerpt has been used as a liturgical text since the time of the apostles. Paul is very clear that reconciliation and salvation come only from Christ Jesus.

The opening question in today's gospel from Luke is one that people of faith often ponder. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The scholar is intent on learning and performing the right actions to merit heaven. When Jesus simply affirms the man's own answer, the scholar presses further, intent on justifying himself. He then asks who his neighbor is which Jesus answers with a simple parable. Jesus portrays a Samaritan, one whom law-abiding Jews would hate, as the good and caring neighbor. The point of the parable is not that we earn salvation by our compassionate actions, nor that following the Law merits eternal life; rather, the point is that if we count ourselves as members of God's Chosen People by virtue of our baptism, then we must follow the example of the Good Samaritan. His spontaneous compassion made human distinctions irrelevant. Everyone is a neighbor. Again, this is a parable found only in Luke's gospel. We do not find it in the other three gospels. It's one of those very simple stories which Jesus told but full of meaning and message. Remember that he was speaking to people who were illiterate and who lived off the land. You'll find that many of these parables are stories about the earth, crops, etc.

I continue to marvel at how well the new air conditioning system works at St. Patrick's. The bid

for standard A/C in that room was \$285,000 and this product cost \$115,000. You will recall that it only air conditions up 8 feet. None of that huge space above is cooled. At the console of the pipe organ, the system has isolated an area 8' x 8' x 8' and it works like a charm. By removing the old water based system which was in the church, we were also able to see—for the first time in years—two beautiful stained glass windows in the choir loft that had been covered up.

There are three additional stained glass windows behind the pipe organ which cannot be seen because of the pipes. The original design for the church calls not for those windows to be there, but where the center window is, there was to be a larger than life statue of St. Patrick. The two smaller side windows were to have been empty niches. If you also look up at the southwest tower, you can see circular wood inserts high on the tower. Those were originally intended to have been clocks which would have been visible from far and near. For some reason the clocks were never installed nor was the statue of St. Patrick.

People planning a wedding at St. Patrick's in 2014 would be wise to seek out a date as we are filling up very fast. I'm amazed at how many people want to be married here since we did the restoration. Of course, it's only the most beautiful church in the city!

A reminder that the Sunday 9 AM St. Hedwig Mass is being celebrated at St. Patrick's until the heat breaks and what a relief that is. I would finish Mass over there in the summer months and immediately have to take a shower because I was soaking wet.

We're also having a Sunday 8 AM Mass for the summer months and then we'll decide if we want to continue to keep it. There seem to be enough people attending that we might continue with it.

The Irish Festival Committee has been busy meeting and planning our September 13, 14 and 15 event. Under Cal Pifer's leadership, we are making a number of improvements to the event including ending the festival on Saturday evening and then on Sunday serving an Irish breakfast from 8:30 AM until noon. We're hoping to advertise that widely so that people from other

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

parishes will come for breakfast when they leave their Sunday morning Mass. The food will once again be prepared by Calamari's who have done an excellent job the past two years.

Thanks to parishioner Marilyn Lechner of Vacation Playgrounds, we once again have a tour of Ireland donated to us from CIE Tours. That saves the parish a great deal of money. All we have to do is supply the airfare for two people.

We are in the process of submitting our financial and spiritual reports to the diocese from both parishes. Once those are completed, I will publish both of them in the bulletin so that you can see how we are doing. Sacramental viability is one of the criterion for keeping a parish open. That means baptisms are keeping up with deaths and in most parishes, unfortunately, that is not the case. I'm happy to tell you that at St. Patrick's, our baptism far outshine our deaths. We have been incredibly fortunate with the numbers of young families who have joined the parish in recent years. On the other hand, there has not been a baptism at St. Hedwig's Parish in over 7 years. I think in the almost 4 years I have been here there have been two weddings there.

An elderly man lay dying in bed. Suddenly death's agony was pushed aside as he smelled the aroma of his favorite homemade chocolate chip cookies. Gathering his remaining strength he lifted himself up from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, supported himself going down the stairs and in labored breath gazed wide-eyed into the kitchen. There, spread out on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven or was it one final act of love from his devoted wife? Mustering one final effort, he threw himself toward the table, landing on his knees, one hand on the edge of the table. The withered hand quaveringly made its way to a cookie near the edge of the table. Feeling the warm soft dough actually made the pain in his bones subside for a moment. His parched lips parted; the wonderful taste of the cookie seemed to bring him back to life. Suddenly his loving wife slapped his hand with the spatula and said, "Stay out of those. They're for the funeral."

## Saint Hedwig



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary L. Zielinski** requested by Charlotte Mabie, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jim Valahovic. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$966.00**, National Needs was **\$87.00**, and **\$130.00** for the Summer Festival. Thank you and God bless.

### Annual Summer Festival Collection

The Summer Festival Collection will continue through-out the summer. Total to date is \$443.00. Thanks to all for the contributions.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome Sue & Ray Williams to our parish family.

During July and August, the Sunday 9AM Mass at St. Hedwig's will be celebrated at St. Patrick's.

Did Christ establish many Churches?  
God is essentially one. He is Truth itself. How can He say to one group of men that there are three persons in one God, and to another that there is only one Person? How can He say to one body that the Holy Eucharist is Himself, and to another that It is mere bread? *God cannot contradict Himself.* "He who hears you hears me" (Luke 10:16). "There shall be one fold and one shepherd" (John 10:16).

*Remember to Pray  
the Rosary Daily*



### Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>July 20</u>	<u>July 21</u>
	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Dan Jarzomski
	Ray Nowosielski	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,616.50**, and **\$683.00** from online giving for a total of **\$7,299.50**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson** from Gary and Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Veronica Golab** from Michael and Virginia Golab; in memory of **Fr. "Pete"** from Forrest and Shirley Mischler; also donations from Ken and Alice Daub, Fr. Leon Muroski, Kathleen Horan, Mark & Barbara Sargent, Carole Jakubowski, David Romanowicz, Fr. Thomas Hoderny and Francis Silay.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: *Kathy Sertz, Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey*

CUP: *Kay Mannino, Shirley Winschel*

Greeters: *Kathleen Horan, Jane Carney*

Altar Servers: *none*

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

**There is an 8:00 AM Mass but no Ministers are required.**

**Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: HOST: *Michele Wheaton, Michelle Tortorelli, Dario Cipriani*

CUP: *Gerri Valahovic, Yvonne Gersims*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab*

Altar Servers: *Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun,*

*Randy Pristello, Dave Taccone*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

**Liturgy of the Word** for the little children during the 10:30 Mass will be discontinued during July and August. See you in September.

**THE ST. PATRICK SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** 3rd ANNUAL REUNION HELD ON JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, GENERATED FUNDS FOR THE SR. MARY PASCAL GRAY, S.S.J. FOOD PANTRY. SHE WAS A MAJOR, POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN OUR LIVES! ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO BARB ARMOUR, THE WINNER OF OUR 50-50 TICKET DRAWING.



## ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW

**PARISHIONERS:** Lynnette Detzel, Linnette Burgos, William and Mary Flanagan, Lauren Lim, Karinna Vernaza, Keri Langer, Luigi and Sue Ellen Pasquale, Chris Sanner, Tina Agnello, Mark and Monica Bloomstine, Jason and Nancy Morris, Diane and Harry Brown, Matthew Hausmann, and Jennifer Lowther, Kevin and Ashley Scott, Dave and Nancy Murzynski, Mike and Dotty Schloss.

**HOLY LAND GIFTS:** After all the Masses on July 13th and 14th, there will be a display in the vestibule of hand made articles for sale. Items such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious articles will be available. Due to the recent interruptions of the tourist trade, over 130 Christian families in Bethlehem make their livelihood through the sales of their handmade olive wood religious articles.



## NOTE FROM THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN—Ave Needs Your Help!

Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. I know this is early but I am asking for donations for the Irish Auction. We will not be doing the baskets this year, but we are having the auction with single items. I am hoping that you could purchase a gift for the auction. We would like them to be at a value of at least \$15.00 and up. Also, if you are not a shopper and you would like to make a donation (check or cash) to the Ave Maria Society, we will do the shopping for you. Remember these donations are tax deductible. All gifts can be taken to the rectory and monies addressed to the Ave can be dropped in the collection basket. If anyone has any questions please call me, Barb Jones at 899-9358. Thank You.

## 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****July 13 Sat. Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM THEODORE WIDOMSKI - ST.H  
(PETER & JUDY PENCE)5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI - ST.P  
(TOM & BARB SUDOSKI)**July 14 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM LUCILLE BRUNO - ST.P  
(BILL & KATHY MASEK & FAMILY)

9:00 AM ROBERT (BOB) OSMER (BOB'S GIRLS) - ST.P

10:30 AM JACK DECK - ST.P  
(PATRICIA DONALDSON & CHILDREN)**July 15 Monday, St. Bonaventure,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 16 Tuesday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 17 Wednesday, Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 18 Thursday, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 19 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**July 20 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (BROTHER &amp; SISTER) - ST.H

5:00 PM COLLEEN GRESSLEY - ST.P  
(BARB & MIKE CROSS)**July 21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM SCOTT HESS (DAVE &amp; JOAN HEUBEL) - ST.P

9:00 AM ADAM NOWOSIELSKI (TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, - ST.P  
ANNIV. OF BIRTH (SISTER, ANN)**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

**07/13** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**07/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**07/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS - ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS #4.:**

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 keep children and youth safe, check out: <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

**THE 94TH ANNUAL ST. ANN NOVENA** begins on Thursday, July 18th, at St. Ann's Church, 10th and East Ave. Services at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Phone calls, emails, texts and tweets can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is intentional time – free from distractions.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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