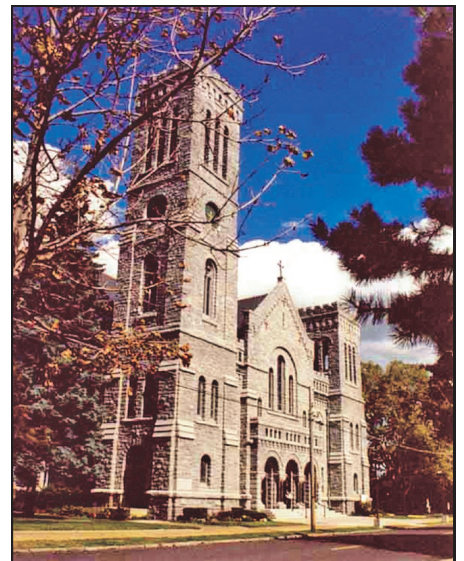


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the OT Book of Wisdom. The author reminds us that no one can challenge the actions of our God, even when God condemns, for our God has the “care of all”, is “the source of justice”

and is “lenient to all.” God doesn’t sit back when his sovereign power is questioned and God rebukes any audacity among those who know him and his might. Having boldly defended God’s strength, the author then links God’s power to God’s mercy. The author thanks God for teaching us by his kind example; thanks you for giving us, your children, and reasons to hope that we will be allowed to repent for our sins.

In our second reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans, we stare at the mystery of death and recognize the inadequacy of speech. Yet we often stand before a person who has lost a loved one and try to express feelings that will not be squeezed into words. It’s a hard lesson to learn that there are times when we simply will not know how to speak as we ought, just as there are times when “we do not know how to pray as we ought.” And such times, Paul tells us, we ought not fear or resist. Instead they should be seen as one of those moments when our weakness becomes God’s strength. At such times, if our hearts are open, the Spirit comes to the rescue teaching us with a look or a touch, or with patient and wordless endurance what cannot be expressed in speech. In our prayer, too, the Spirit provides what we lack, interceding for us “with inexpressible groaning.”

In our lengthy gospel from Matthew today, Jesus the storyteller is concocting images that reveal aspects of the mystery of the Kingdom. The first parable, the wheat and weeds story shifts between moods of joy and malice. Each reference to the “good seed” is upbeat, but a threatening tone introduces “the enemy” and “the weeds.” The slaves are confused and then angry. The owner is philosophical, his concern for the wheat obvious. There is also another motive. Jesus’ enemies criticized him for associating with sinners. Jesus counters that only God can separate good from evil, and only at the end when true identities will be revealed, and when some in one camp will be revealed as belonging to another. The parable of the mustard seed speaks of the

Improbable but inevitable growth of God’s kingdom that starts small and grows large. The explanation that Jesus gives his disciples says that the wheat represents the outcasts, and weeds are the hypocritical religious leaders; for Matthew, wheat is the Church and weeds symbolize the nation of Israel that has turned a deaf ear to the Messiah. The wheat are good and holy members while the weeds are those of weak faith and moral discipline.

Once again we will have a printed program for the Irish Festival. Most other festival programs have a great deal of memorials to family members, etc. We have a few, but wouldn’t it be nice if people took an ad as a memorial to people who were parishioners here, etc. You can contact the parish office with any questions.

I’m happy to tell you that pledges for the Catholic Services Appeal at St. Patrick’s now total \$82,635.00. That is an incredible response. I hope you know how easy you make my work. With an assessment of \$42,000, this allows me \$40,000 to apply toward the debt from the restoration. In the letter I sent to parishioners, I wrote that I was hoping we could have pledges of \$80,000, and your generosity takes us over that goal. Thank you.

You may notice some paint peeling high on the pillar in the northeast corner of St. Patrick’s Church. It is nothing to worry about. That is where we had a bad leak after the restoration and it was felt it was coming from a leak in the roof and traveling to that spot. When we hired a second company to look at it, they said it wasn’t the roof, instead there was no mortar between the stones in that area and that is where the water was coming in. That area has been completely repaired, it is now dry; but they told me to wait 6 months to a year, let it peel, and then we can go up, sand it and repaint.

The St. Patrick’s Food Pantry distributed 23,366 pounds of food during the month of June. A breakdown of the clientele shows that there were 404 elderly, 1,213 adults and 982 children. The total cost for the month to the parish was \$1,539.65, all of which has been once again covered by your generosity. It always strikes me how many of these clients are the elderly and

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

and children.

The parking lot on the east side of the church is property that is owned by St. Patrick's Church and presently leased to Health South for parking for their employees. With the unanimous approval of the Finance Council, we have terminated that agreement effective August 20, 2014. We have grown from 200 families to over 700 and are in need of more parking for weekend Masses. In addition, we have a large number of funerals during the week and parking is always a problem. Every Tuesday morning our Food Pantry distributes food to over 800 families and the chaos and automobile accidents that occur as people try to get in and out of that tight area is much too dangerous. With the larger parking lot, we will have much more space.

In addition, we are going to locate the Irish Festival in that area which means we will not have to close East Fourth Street. We can get very large tents that will accommodate all of the booths, the eating area, dance floor, stage, bars, etc. It will simply make the Festival much easier to accommodate. The idea to do this germinated with Paul Balczun who has been making scale models of the tents, booths, etc. to make sure that everything will fit. This way, we will have much more ease and space to accommodate everything. We have been concerned about people tripping over the curbs or stumbling on the lawns if we use the area originally thought of. This solves that.

A priest decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday homily. Four worms were placed in separate jars. The first in a container of alcohol. The second in a container of cigarette smoke. The third in a container of chocolate syrup and the fourth into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the homily, the priest reported, "The first worm in alcohol is dead; the second worm in cigarette smoke is dead; the third worm in chocolate syrup was dead, and the fourth worm in good soil was alive. "What did you learn from the demonstration," asked the young priest. Patty O'Brien, the town drunk, was sitting in the fifth pew, raised his hand and said, "If you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms."

Saint Hedwig News



Condolences: We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **William Hayes** who passed away last week. William is the father of Bob Hayes (Ann), grandfather of Breanne & Nick, our former altar servers. May his 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 **Richard Moskel** requested by his family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Genevieve Gorski** requested by Ester Wieczorek. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$930.00**. Update: Peter's Pence collection (147.00), Summer Festival **\$155.00**. Catholic Services Appeal (**\$12,065**—Amount paid to date \$9,430.00). 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.

Catholic Women's Conference

The first annual 1:38 Women conference on Saturday, October 4 from 9am to 3:30pm. Attendance expected to top 1,200. Registration: visit www.138Women.com.

Featured are Catholic Bible study author Sonja Corbitt; Sister Catherine Marie of the Sisters of Life; and Father Larry Richards, of the Reason for Our Hope Foundation. Groups of 8 or more will enjoy a price break. The conference theme is based on Mary's "Yes" to God found in Luke 1:38.

Pray the Rosary
Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>July 26</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>July 27</u> Sunday 9:00 AM (St. Pat's)
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 19, 20, 21, 2014

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

Be a SAINT PATRICK V.I.P.!

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evening)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH AREAS YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Admission | <input type="checkbox"/> Games of Chance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages (All) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle (Grand Prize and Side) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Teardown after the Festival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Drink Tickets | |

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:

Friday, Sept. 19th _____ Saturday, Sept. 20th _____ Sunday morning, Sept. 21st _____

You will be contacted concerning your choice of area and your hours of service.

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE:

☐ Irish Auction Prize ☐ Baked Goods ☐ Children's Auction Prize

☐ A money donation towards Publicity /Advertising

☐ \$250 ☐ \$150 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$20 ☐ Other

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RECTORY OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.

Thank you for your generous support!



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	07/13/14	\$ 7,852.75
National Needs		201.00
Online Giving		822.00
Total Income		<u>\$ 8,875.75</u>

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 by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of Audrey Laposky from Yvonne Gersims, in memory of **Dr. Donald McNeil** from Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, in memory of **Ronald Angelotti** from Deborah & Eric Enzbrenner, also donations Judy & Phillip Kelly, Maggie McMahon Collins, Mildred & Robert Biebel, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 26, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tom Golab, Kathy Sertz, Patty Dailey

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Mary Kearney,
Dario Cipriani

CUP: Dr. Forrest Mischler, Tim Scully

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

Remember that if you are unable to serve when scheduled, you are responsible for finding your own substitute. Lists of each ministry with names and phone numbers have been updated and are available in the Trinity Gift Shop.

HELP! We are in need of NEW toys and games for the children's auction for the Irish festival. Other ideas for donations are passes for Waldameer and Splash Lagoon. Gift Certificates for McDonald's, Burger King, Chuckee Cheese, etc. are also welcome. Donations can be left on the tables in the rectory porch at any time. Any questions contact Cyndi Pristello 897-9522 or 873-5779



There is a festival meeting Sunday, July 20th after the 10:30 Mass to go over the new layout. We will meet in the Pascal Room. Please join us to share your ideas!

JEWELRY BOOTH COLLECTIONS PLEA—We like to sort, clean, fix, card and price the donations before the festival weekend. So we are asking for any jewelry donations now and NOT wait until the big weekend. Items can be dropped off at the Trinity Gift Shop or Rectory, or by calling Gail Smith at 833-9484.



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.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



Today we are blessed with information, more and more news channels, info spots, blogs and throughout the globe there are slaughters, racism, financial inequality, unemployment and on and on, And yet, sometimes we can find good news - stories of courage and grace under fire, people combine fortitude with compassion, offering hope to every human condition. The people of Jesus' time were well aware that the world is not the garden of Eden that God originally intended. We will always find sin/evil around us; it is in every part of life. As Christians, our task is to find and harvest as much wheat as we can from the weeds, much like in today's Gospel. How often overwhelmed by the tragic state of the world, do you find balance in responding to it all?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page | \$275.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/2 Page | \$175.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1/4 Page | \$125.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Patron | \$ 75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial or Friend | \$ 25.00 |

Make your check payable to **SAINT PATRICK CHURCH.**

Send this form, your proposed advertisement and check to:

Saint Patrick Church
130 East 4th Street
Erie, PA 16507

Advertisements must be high resolution, grayscale or black and white in Word format. Ads cannot be in color. Proposed Advertisement can be sent via e-mail to:

stpats@neo.rr.com

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

All Sponsorship Forms must be received by **AUGUST 16, 2014.**

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- July 19** *Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM FRANK OLSZEWSKI (LOU & IRENE DART) - ST.H
 5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI (ISABEL GRAZINO)- ST.P
- July 20** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM BARBARA O'LEARY
 (JOE & KRISTIN LEONE) - ST.P
 9:00 AM CHET LONCKI
 (JAMES & NANCY GRIFFEY) - ST.H
 10:30 AM ALEX BARLEKOFF, ANNIV
 (ARLENE BARLEKOFF) - ST.P
- July 21** *Monday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- July 22** *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (FAMILY)
- July 23** *Wednesday, Saint Bridget, Religious*
 8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY
 (GARY M. & LAURA BOROWY)
- July 24** *Thursday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV, 7/21
 (SISTER, ANN)
- July 25** *Friday, Saint James, Apostle*
 8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (FISH FAMILY)
- July 26** *Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM PETER ZIELINSKI
 (CHRIS & MARY MICHALSKI) - ST.H
 5:00 PM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (FAMILY) - ST.P
- July 27** *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM SEAMUS KEARNS (MASI FAMILY) - ST.P
 9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI
 (MARIE & CARL SOSINSKI) - ST.H
 10:30 AM JUSTINE BURGER (HUSBAND, CHUCK) - 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
- 07/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 07/20** 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR
- 07/22** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 07/23** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 07/26** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

REGISTRATION for the 2014-2015 CATECHETICAL YEAR – If you have not registered for the 2014-15 Catechetical Year, please call the **Faith Formation Office** – **454-6322** to register your child in the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Program*. Materials books and materials need to be ordered, so early registration is greatly appreciated! **Registration is open for Kindergarten through High School.**

CANDIDATES for the SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION– High School students in **Grades 10, 11 and 12** (in *Diocesan Catholic High Schools and Public High Schools*) who wish to celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation* in 2015 are asked to contact Kathleen Kutz at **454-6322** or Sr. Marie Kebort, SSJ at 454-8085 to register for sessions which will begin in September, 2014. **Please call to register by August 12, 2014.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED – Catechists are needed in our *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* for the following: Kdg., Gr 1, Gr 7 and Gr 9.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory