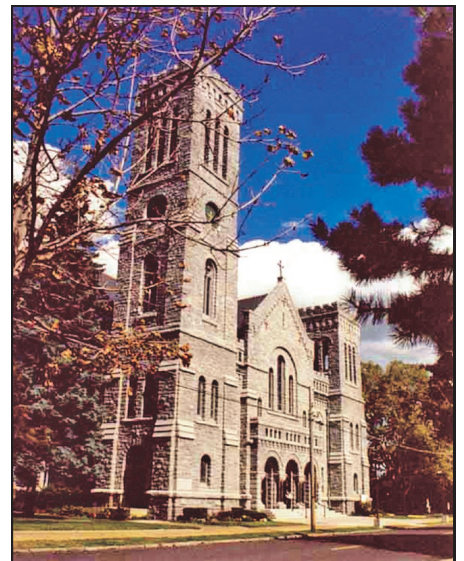


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the first Book of Kings. It would be remarkable in our day for one to choose “wisdom” over riches and power. But Solomon is presented as making that choice in this seminal scene that lays

the foundation for the wisdom he later demonstrates in multiple arenas of life. That Solomon would make this choice suggests the ultimate value of wisdom; no other value ranks above it. He is a young man overwhelmed by his responsibilities, and keenly aware of his deficiencies. Yet he desires nothing more than to serve well. He is sincere and unassuming in his deprecating assessment of himself and in his request for “an understanding heart.”

In times of trial, on the darkest days, few words of Scripture offer comfort and healing like these words of Paul’s in his letter to the Romans. His message is meaningful only to ears of faith and those who have taken the long view and seen pain, sorrow, disappointment and disillusion gradually yield new life and grace. His words are taken from a longer discourse in which he discusses the challenges of life and the pain that so often invades it. The second and third sentences *assure*, like a kind grandparent, not *prove* like a courtroom lawyer, that with God nothing is useless and nothing happens in vain.

In Jesus’ stories, the Kingdom is a seeker, looking for and finding US rather than the other way around. The “treasure” seems to reach up through the ground to grab the man’s attention. God’s initiative, repeated in each story, is non-exclusive; all are given equal opportunity to possess a treasure beyond price. But there is a role for the seeker. Having encountered a valuable treasure, one must employ all available means to secure it, even to the point of hiding the treasure from its rightful owners in order to purchase it without their knowledge. Jesus is not endorsing spurious tactics. But, as in other parables, he creates a character who employs questionable behavior to make his point that acquiring the Kingdom of God is worth resorting to whatever means are necessary. Each parable issues a call and stresses the rewards of sacrificing everything for God’s reign. The dragnet story reminds us of the kingdom’s all-embracing reach. The net collects things of every kind, not just what is

good and worthy. Good and evil coexist in the Kingdom; only at the end will evil be excluded. Judgment rings through these lines, though not without a sense of loss. The message is that to be counted among the righteous, as with the acquisition of the treasures, no sacrifice will be too great.

We’ve encountered a major structural problem in the basement of St. Hedwig’s Church. The recent heavy rainfalls that we have had resulted in an enormous amount of water coming into the basement. In addition, it has caused the back wall to buckle. We have had two engineers look at it and they have told us that unless it is repaired, the entire wall could collapse. Bishop Persico had told me earlier that we are not to put any more money into the buildings at St. Hedwig’s until we know what the future configuration of the diocese is going to be. However, we have been given permission to correct this problem. We are now getting bids on the work and will get at it as soon as possible.

At St. Patrick’s rectory, we have had a terrible time trying to keep the carpet in the entrance hall clean. That carpet was only laid down 4 years ago and it has not been a good investment. We recently took up all of that carpet and have restored the beautiful oak hardwood floors that are under it. Those of you who saw my apartment on the third floor of the rectory saw the beautiful hardwood floors that we restored up there. The main entrance hall now looks the same.

A printed program for the Irish Festival is being prepared. At most other festivals, people take out an ad in memory of deceased parents, spouse, grandparents or an entire family who may have belonged to the parish in the past. Those ads are still available and information can be obtained at the parish office.

We’re still in need of a lot more volunteers for the Irish Festival. We particularly need people who will take a one hour time slot to be in the church sometime between 5-8 PM on Friday and 5:30-8 PM on Saturday. We are going to have the church open during those times; and we need to have someone in there to keep an eye on the visitors as well as to answer any questions they might have. We are also in need of additional

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

volunteers for the Irish Breakfast on Sunday morning from 8:30—noon. Sometime during the week before the festival we have to set up the tables and chairs at the Church of the Nativity Social Center and then sometime during the week after the festival, we need to take them down and store them. We will also be in need of volunteers to tear down the festival on Monday and Tuesday of the week following the event.

We have a group of 70 people—mostly St. Patrick parishioners—who are doing a 10 day trip to Italy in May 2015. I have been able to secure permission to celebrate Mass for the group at the tomb of St. Peter, way beneath the high altar of the Basilica of St. Peter. Ironically, that trip was completely filled within 24 hours! September 1-12, 2015 we are doing a trip of 2 nights in Athens and then a 7 night cruise of the Greek Isles. That trip will also spend a day in Istanbul and a day at Ephesus. At Ephesus, we will tour the ruins — some of the most incredible ruins you will see in your life—and then we will also go up to Mary's House—in the mountains above Ephesus where most scholars believe she lived & died.

There will be a meeting Tuesday morning (July 29) at 10 AM in the weekday chapel for anyone who is interested in participating in our program to help single mothers in the inner city.

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble-making biker sits down next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down. "Whatcha' gonna do about it?" he asked as I burst into tears. "Come on, man," said the biker, "I didn't think you'd cry. I can't stand to see a man crying." "This the worst day of my life," I responded. "I'm a complete failure. I was late for a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I discovered that my car had been stolen, and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home and then I found my wife with another man. And to top it all off, the dog bit me. So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to all of it. I bought a drink, dropped a capsule of poison in and sit here watching the poison dissolve, and then you show up and drink the whole thing. But, hell, enough about me. How are you doing?"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Leo J. & Teresa M. Brugger, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of My Loving Father **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$995.00**. Catholic Services Appeal Update: Amount Pledged \$12,115—Amount Paid to Date \$9,530. 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.

Blessed Sacrament Golf Scholarship Tournament
Friday, August 8th at Riverside Golf Course...Lunch 11:30-12:30pm Shotgun start 1:00pm. Cost \$75 per player. Skill prizes, team prizes, door prizes and a steak dinner are included. Enter your foursome now. Sponsorships also are available. For more information Jim Malloy 814-882-1360 or jmalloy@porterie.com

St. Paul's Festival - 16th & Walnut Sts. Erie **August 8th, 9th, 10th**

Friday: Opening Mass at 5pm followed by a Pasta Fagioli Dinner beginning at 5pm. Saturday: Children's activities 1-3pm. Mass at 4:30pm. Sunday: Mass at 11am celebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Spaghetti dinner 12-5pm. Music Friday & Saturday from 7-10pm; Music Sunday Cugini Italiani 3-6pm & Ruby Port 6-9pm. Tickets for the car can be purchased at www.winafiat.org

"Our actions have a tongue of their own, even when the tongue is silent.
For deeds prove the lover more than words." ...St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Pray the Rosary Daily



St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 3</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Ron Rossi	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	

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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:

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

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



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,268.35
Online Giving	<u>872.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,140.35

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 by **Francis Silay**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Mrs. Betty Jean Suminski and Donald & Carmen Pastore** from Janice & Donald Pastore, in memory of **Al Sokolowski** from Mrs. Frances Sokolowski, in memory of **our fathers, Robert Wenstran & Joseph Vitron** from Robert & Roberta Vitron, in memory of **deceased family members of the Fiorelli & Maloney Families** from Ray & Patricia Fiorelli also donation from Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi and Delene Thompson.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 2, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Lynne Long, Chris Sanner

CUP: Carol Habas, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Michelle Tortorelli, Ed Brown

CUP: Colleen Welch, Mike Vehec

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith



Let us **WELCOME**

Aisha Cathleen Froess daughter of Jeffrey & Carrie (Matson) Froess who will be baptized after the 10:30 Mass today.

Holy Trinity Parish is in need of volunteers to work the food line at their **Zabawa Festival** Aug. 22, 23 and 24. Their festival organizers have generously given their time and talent in helping us plan our festival. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation. If you can help, contact Angie Kontur at angie.k1@verizon.net or 434-9653.



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 Splash Lagoon, Gift Certificates for McDonald's, Burger King, Chuck E Cheese's, 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

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.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

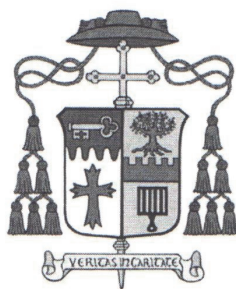
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



How can we participate more effectively in hastening the day of God's kingdom coming into our midst? The kingdom remains hidden until we make it our first priority and open ourselves to God's action. This requires us to give up judging and discriminating against others; life is too short to judge the lives of others, to limit others because of their accent or the color of their skin or their gender, where they live or what religion they practice. Life is too short to place value in objects instead of people. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done," our love within us is extended to those around us. Then all things will work together for good. What is **WORKING FOR GOOD** in your life these days?

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.





July 14, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges when it comes to living their faith; yet the light always shines through the darkness and hope arises out of difficulty. We help that light to shine in a variety of ways when we support the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**, to be taken up in our diocese the weekend of **August 2nd and 3rd**.

Among other needs this collection will benefit the day care, after school care, medical care and other programs of our own **Mission of Friendship** in Yucatán, Mexico. Now in its 43rd year, the Mission of Friendship has been able to touch thousands of lives because of the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Erie.


On a larger scale, proceeds from the **Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

I am grateful for your past participation, and ask that you once again, for the sake of our brothers and sisters in Yucatán as well as those in greater Latin America, be as generous as possible. More important, however, is your prayer for those in need. Your support will truly make a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



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LITURGY INTENTIONS**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

July 28 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 29 *Tuesday, Saint Martha*

8:00 AM HENRY BOROWY (HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

July 30 *Wednesday, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, JR., ANNIV.

(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

July 31 *Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND (TIM & CINDY BOKOL)

Aug. 01 *Friday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM DANIEL P. BEDNER (JUDITH BEDNER)

Aug. 02 *Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM BLESSED MOTHER'S INTENTION - ST.H

5:00 PM LAVANDA DOWNEY - ST.P

(BILL & KATHY MASEK)

Aug. 03 *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM KATHLEEN LOREI (FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM SOPHIE KOWOLEWSKI - ST.H

(SUSAN DOMBROWSKI & FAMILY)

10:30 AM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH) - ST.P
(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

07/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/29 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**07/30** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**08/02** 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

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