

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

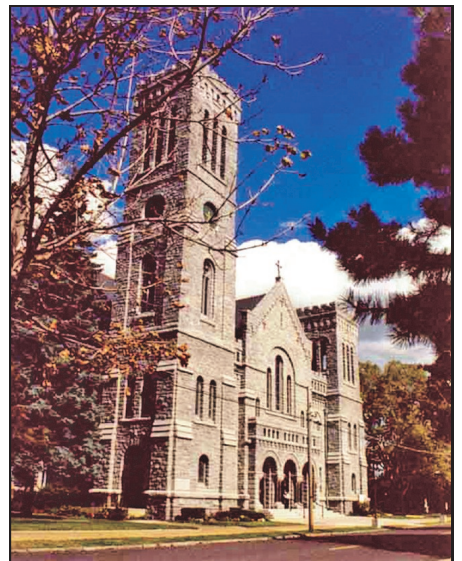
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Erie, PA 16507

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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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time and again we read first from Genesis, a section which follows last Sunday's reading where Abraham provided hospitality to three men. It is during their visit that Abraham hears God's promise to Sarah that she will

bear a son. In the verses between the two readings, the men continue to Sodom and Gomorrah and God tells Abraham of the sin in those places. Isaiah says the sin is not caring for neighbors; Ezekiel says it is not feeding the poor and Jeremiah says it is adultery. Abraham begins by asking God about his stance toward the innocent and doesn't give him a chance to answer, but continues with the first of six questions, intended to test the Lord's patience and mercy. Finally, Abraham gets the answer he is looking for, that God will spare ten innocent people. The Lord's mercy is available to all.

Our brief second reading from Colossians is the culmination of the author's argument about the sovereignty of Christ and his reign over creation. The author notes that they have been reborn in baptism and recalls that when they were mired in sin before baptism, God still brought them to life in Christ. He notes that Christ cancelled all debts that we owe through his death.

Today's gospel begins again with Jesus going off to pray. Remember in Luke, Jesus always go into prayer after a public act. Today's section follows the story of Martha and Mary. The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. Luke's Our Father has five petitions. "Your kingdom come" encourages the disciples to herald its coming by their daily actions. "Daily bread" refers to both physical and spiritual sustenance for all. "Forgive our sins" is again in the plural as it refers to all. It notes that we have to forgive everyone. And the final petition asks that God spare them the final trial. Following the prayer, Jesus tells a simple story of persistence, just as Abraham was persistent in the first reading.

The Kenedy Directory is the official Catholic directory for the United States. It lists every parish, priest, women religious, diocesan officials, etc. The 2013 has arrived and it contains the results of a study on the status of Catholicism in America. It reveals that in 1965 there were 1,088,463 baptisms and by 2010 that number had fallen to

793,103. That is a staggering decline. The number of marriages was 426,309 in 1965 and that has fallen to 163,775. That is even more frightening. The number of funerals was 417,779 in 1965 and today is 412,145. In 1965, Catholic marriages totaled 20% of all marriages in the country. Today they total 8%!

The data shows that 87% of Catholic births result in a baptism; 71% of Catholic deaths result in a funeral but only 34% of marriages involving a Catholic spouse are in a Catholic church.

The study also shows that 106 million people say they were Catholic at some point in their life; 73 million say they now identify as Catholic. Of that number, 51 million say they attend Mass on Christmas and Easter, 37 million say they attend Mass once a month and only 18 million say they attend Mass weekly.

There will be NO Saturday 4:30 PM Mass at St. Hedwig's next Saturday, August 3rd. Father Santor is out of town and I simply cannot find a priest. There is a 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's.

I am honored to have been asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Erie County Historical Society, a board which is rather dominated by St. Patrick parishioners. Chairperson is Jack Watts, and also serving on the board are Dick Wachter, Matt Lechner and Becky Johnson, all of whom are parishioners. In addition, the Executive Director is another parishioner, Cal Pifer.

Kudos to UPMC Hamot for its gift of \$750,000 to BEST, the Bayfront Eastside Task Force, to be used in our ongoing effort to restore this neighborhood. In the past five years, BEST has demolished 42 squalid homes, built 22 new ones and restored a number of apartments in the area. I'm a member of that Board of Directors, and we have a dynamic Executive Director in the person of St. Luke parishioner Jeremy Bloeser. Thanks to this gift from Hamot we can continue joining efforts with them and Erie Insurance to revitalize this neighborhood. Our goal now is to get young professional people living in the area.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia announced recently that the archdiocese had an operating deficit of \$39 million for fiscal year

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

2012. That's grown from \$12 million the year before. That deficit occurred despite the sale of the Archbishop's Residence for \$60 million and the sale of a New Jersey beachfront mansion used by archdiocesan clergy for \$12 million. It is estimated that the deficit for next year will be \$5 million. The report focused solely on archdiocesan operations and did not include parishes or schools who operated to large degree in the red. Much of that deficit is caused by the fact that parishes are so financially strapped that they cannot pay their assessments to the diocese. That same reality is occurring in our diocese and it is one of the factors which will be used to determine the future reconfiguration of parishes. If parishes cannot pay their bills, they simply cannot stay open. In addition, many of these parishes have century old buildings which require constant up-keep and maintenance and much of that is not being done because there is no money.

When I arrived here, I was rather shocked to discover that St. Patrick's Church is only insured for \$1 million. We have since raised that insurance to \$16 million and an additional \$4.6 million insurance on the Stations of the Cross. The Conrad Schmitt artists from Milwaukee, who did our restoration, told me that to replicate this building today would cost between \$44 and \$46 million!!! That is staggering when you think of it. We are in the process of cutting a door through the wall between the southwest tower room and the restroom so brides will have access to a restroom, and we discovered that the walls are 4 feet, 2 inches thick!!! They are solid brick.

A Jewish lawyer was troubled by the way his son turned out and went to see his rabbi. "I brought him up in the faith, gave him a very expensive bar mitzvah, educated him and last week he tells me that he has decided to become a Christian. What did I do wrong?" "Funny you should come to me," said the rabbi. "Like you, I brought my boy up in the faith, put him through college and one day he came to me and said he was becoming a Christian." "What did you do?" asked the lawyer. "I turned to God for the answer," replied the rabbi. "And what did he say?" pressed the lawyer. "God said 'Funny you should come to me.....'"



Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly and Larry Bargelski; Our Lady's Shrine burns in loving memory of **Rose and Miedy Plizga** requested by Judy and Peter Pentz; and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jane Filipkowski** requested by the Carroll Family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,248.00** plus **\$95.00** for Summer Festival. 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.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>August 3</u>	<u>August 4</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Ron Rossi	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 18:20-32

Reading II: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to call God, Father; the two stories that Jesus tells reinforces the assurance. Ask for what you need. The energy of God is always at work to sustain, nurture, enrich and enlighten us. Through the power of prayer, we develop a natural, healthy relationship with the Father. God answers when we knock and sustains us in our need. How much of a personal prayer life do you have? How well do you do with just being quiet in God's presence?

NEED PRAYERS? Please call **Barb** at **899-9358** 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.





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last week-end was **\$5,450.20 and \$743.00 for on-line giving for a total of \$6,193.20**. 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Sally Quinn** from Judy Emling; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Justine Burger** from **Charles Burger**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored by Ms. Laura Reitingner in memory of her **Grandparents**; Barbara & John Reitingner in memory of her **Parents**; Janice & Donald Pastore in memory of **Donald C. Pastore**; Marjorie & Merle Painter in memory of **Art Chimenti**; Cynthia McLaughlin in memory of **James E McLaughlin**; Mr. & Mrs. J. Michael Stephany in memory of **Madeline Stephany**; Mr. & Mrs Robert Biebel in memory of **Rev. Father Joseph Wiley**; also donations from Miss Rosemarie McMahon, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cook, Mr. Laith Wardi & Dr. Carla Orlando, Mr. & Mrs. William E. Flanagan.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Lynne Long,
Carol Habas

CUP: Kay Mannino, Ray Fiorelli

Greeters: Judy Kelly + 1 Needed

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

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

Sunday, August 4, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tom Golab, Cyndi Pristello,
Yvonne Gersims

CUP: Ed Brown, Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: David Taccone, David Wilcox,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin



Let us **WELCOME** Katherine Maeve Lechner and Meredith Jane Lechner, twin daughters of Matthew and Abigail Lechner, as they are baptized today.

St. Patrick's parishioner, **Michelle Tortorelli** will be welcomed as an Associate of The Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 2013. Michelle has completed the year-long formation process and will make her commitment at a 1:00 pm Liturgy in the Chapel of the SSJ Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road.

FESTIVAL NEWS

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL MEETING SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 MASS! THE FESTIVAL IS TWO SHORT MONTHS AWAY AND WE ALL KNOW HOW QUICKLY THAT TIME WILL FLY BY! COME TO THE MEETING AND HEAR ABOUT THE NEW PLANS FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

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

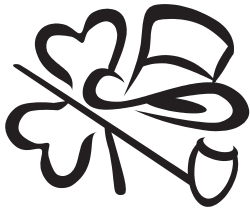


Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. I know this is early but I am asking for donations for the Irish Auction. We will not be doing the baskets this year, but we are having the auction with single items. I am hoping that you could purchase a gift for the auction. We would like 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.

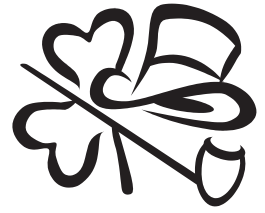
Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry is in need of two volunteers. The first position requires lifting and stocking The second position is for someone to label bags. Hours for both positions are from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

ROSARY MARCH FOR YEAR OF FAITH - SATURDAY, August 17th Noon to 2 pm at St. Casimir Church, 629 Hess Ave. Refreshments served following the event. For more information call John Kaus at 440-7424, Please plan to attend.

Erie Irish Festival



Friday, Saturday and Sunday
September 13, 14 & 15



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

PROGRAM

Our program booklet this year will again be the larger (8 1/2 x 11) size 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:

Sponsor information:

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

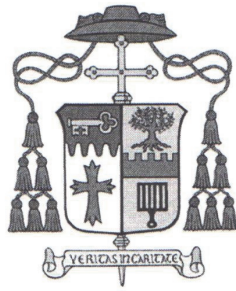
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() Banner \$500

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

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| () Inside Front Cover, Back Cover | \$350 |
| () Full Page | \$275 |
| () Half Page | \$175 |
| () Quarter Page | \$125 |
| () Business Card Size | \$ 75 |
| () Memorial/Friend Size | \$ 25 |

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



July 19, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The **Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be taken on the weekend of **August 3-4** this year. Once again, this will be a combined collection which will benefit the mission outreach program of the Diocese of Erie, **Mission of Friendship**, in Yucatán, México, as well as critical needs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our sister diocese relationship with the Archdiocese of Yucatán is in its 42nd year. Throughout these years many people of our diocese have grown in their faith through their involvement in the programs of the Mission, and some have even had the life-changing experience of visiting Yucatán. However, in order for Mission of Friendship to continue, funding is desperately needed.

As always, proceeds going to the **Church in Latin America** will be distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions in that needy area of the world. 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 in the rest of Latin America, be as generous as possible. Your support will truly make a difference.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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LITURGY INTENTIONS**July 27 Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM IN HONOR OF PETER & JUDY PENTZ ON THEIR
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY- ST.H5:00 PM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**July 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM KRISTINA SPINKS NEWLIN, ANNIV.- ST.P
(FAMILY)9:00 AM STANLEY DOMBROWSKI - ST.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

10:30 AM WELLIE YAPLE, II (LOVING FAMILY) - ST.P

July 29 Monday, Saint Martha

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 30 Tuesday, Weekday, Saint Peter Chrysologus

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 31 Wednesday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Aug. 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church**

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS)

**Aug. 2 Friday, Weekday, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli,
Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

8:00 AM ST HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Aug. 3 Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM BETTY JARZOMSKI (ROSARY SOCIETY) - ST. H

5:00 PM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH 8-04
(FAMILY)**Aug. 4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**8:00 AM CATHERINE FITZGERALD (KAREN, JOE & COREY
ABATE) - ST. P

9:00 AM MADELINE STEPHANY (JUDY EMLING) - ST.H

10:30 AM KATHLEEN LOREI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)**LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATION REGISTRA-****TION** – High school students (Juniors/Seniors) who wish to be Confirmed in Spring, 2014, are asked to call the Faith Formation Office **by August 12th** to register for Confirmation preparation sessions. Contact: Kathleen Kutz @ 454-6322. Thank you!**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN** for Kdg. through high school in the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry*. Please call 454-6322 to register.If your children were in the program last year **but you did not re-register for 2013-2014, please do so by August 12th.****ALL CATECHISTS** for Kdg through Gr 8 in the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* are reminded that the Catechist Inservice for the new catechetical materials is **Saturday, August 10th from 9am until 11:30 am on the Holy Rosary Campus.****REMINDER FOR THE PARENT MINI-SESSIONS**regarding the NEW Catechetical series from Loyola: *Finding God* – The sessions are for parents whose children are in Kdg through Grade 8 and are as follows: **August 13th** – families whose **last name begin with A– G**; **August 22nd** – families whose last name begins with **H – O**; **August 27th** – families whose last name begin with **P– W**. **These sessions are from 6:15 pm until 7:30 pm in Hastings Hall.** If you are unable to attend on your *scheduled day*, you may attend on another day, but please, **ATTEND**. Thank you ~**CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED** – What can you do to help make a difference in the life of a child or a teen? Perhaps God is calling you to share your faith as mentor, as catechist ... as a believer in the Good News of Jesus Christ! Please call Kathleen at 454-6322 or Sr. Marie Kebort, SSJ at **454-8085** to inquire and to volunteer. Bless you!**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 Rectory