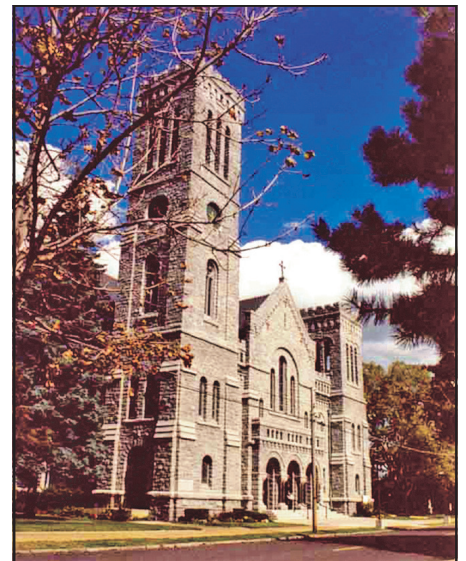
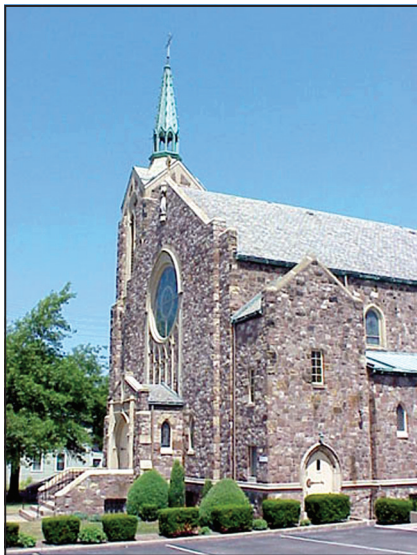


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

[www.sainthedwigparisherie.org](http://www.sainthedwigparisherie.org)

## *Saint Patrick Parish*

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-8085

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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 our first reading is an excerpt from the Book of Kings. Recall that in our Catholic liturgy, the first reading and the gospel are always related. Our gospel will be the familiar story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and this first reading tells of God feeding people at the time of the prophet Elisha just as Jesus will later feed the crowds.....In our second reading from Ephesians, we are at a moment when Paul is in prison and he pleads for unity among the believers. He says that peace and unity are to be the hallmark of Christian life and that the way to achieve this is through humility, gentleness and patience. He concludes by listing the seven centers of Christian unity.....Our gospel comes today not from Mark but from John. While this story is told in all four gospels, in John it replaces what the other three evangelists have happening at the Last Supper—the institution of Christ's body and blood to feed his believers. John does not mention this in his Last Supper account, but has Jesus doing it here. The other three evangelists take a different approach and have Jesus institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper.....The St. Patrick Family Picnic will be held today at Shades Beach. The meal will be served at 4 PM.....Mark your calendars for September 14, 15 & 16 for our annual Erie Irish Festival. Would you consider being a volunteer for some part of the event? We are in need of additional volunteers. You can pick what you want to do and the time frame you want to serve. Contact the parish office or the chairs of the Volunteer committee—Ann Halupczynski or Marilyn Lechner at [mlechner@verizon.net](mailto:mlechner@verizon.net) or [ahalupczynski@malinbergquist.com](mailto:ahalupczynski@malinbergquist.com).....Also be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 20th, for the 175th anniversary banquet at the Bayfront Convention Center. Invitations will be sent in late August.....This weekend will be our last weekend in St. Patrick's Church until we return on Christmas Eve. All Masses will be held in the Cauley Auditorium which is located one block east of the church on the opposite side of the street. There is ample parking and the Cauley is air conditioned.....Starting this Monday, weekday Masses will be held in the rectory chapel. The back door will be open and you can come in and go up the stairs or into the front hall and take the elevator to the second floor.....Monday and Tuesday of this week we will move the altar, ambo, organ, etc. from the weekday chapel into the Cauley Auditorium. Wednesday, the piano will be crated and put into storage and Thursday and Friday the side sections of pews will be removed. A week from Monday, scaffolding will begin to be erected along the east and west walls. The center section of pews will remain until August 25 for the last scheduled wedding.....During the restoration, we will hold all of our funerals at St. Hedwig's rather than in the Cauley Auditorium.....We are going to eliminate the 8 AM holyday Mass at St. Patrick's. We get about 20 people, and we have too many holyday Masses with both churches three fourths empty.....A new report on the dramatic decline of Catholicism in Brazil, the most Catholic country in the world, is rather startling. In 1970, Catholics comprised 92% of the population. By 2000, that had dropped to 74% and today they comprise 64%. The predictions of the study estimate that by the year 2030, Catholics will represent less than 50% of the population. At the same time, the number of Protestant evangelicals has soared in Brazil by 42.3 million, a figure equivalent to the entire population of neighboring Chile. Protestant evangelicals now number 22% of the population. The Assemblies of God is the largest evangelical group in Brazil with 50,000 pastors and over 100,000 churches. By contrast, the Catholic church has 25,000 priests and 11,000 parishes.....**It's not too late to make a pledge to the St. Patrick Capital Campaign and be a participant in the restoration of the church. Please join us in making our dream become a reality.**.....A recent issue of the newsletter of the Sisters of St. Joseph featured the volunteer work that two St. Patrick parishioners, Yvonne Gersims and Kay Mannino, do regularly at St. Patrick's Haven. The haven, located on East 12th St. was founded by Sister Mary Fromknecht while she was stationed at St. Patrick's. The Haven can accommodate 21 men who eat at area soup kitchens during the week and on weekends and holidays various church groups bring meals. When the men arrive, they are greeted by the manager, himself a former homeless man, given coffee and a snack, a warm shower and a clean bed. Before they leave in the morning, they are given a light breakfast. Perhaps you might want to volunteer at the Haven or help bring a meal in on the weekends. Contact the parish office for information.....We do our financial and spiritual reports to the diocese on a fiscal year (July 1—June 30). In fiscal 2008-09, we had 6 baptisms at St. Patrick's. This past fiscal year, we had 30! That's a great sign of the vigor and life of the parish.....I have just received a donation to the St. Patrick Food Pantry in the amount of \$216.50, money which has been donated by the children enrolled in the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation program.....Starting soon, there will be an envelope in your packet for donations to the Food Pantry.....Did you know that just over a hundred years ago—1910—the average life expectancy for men was 47 years; only 14% of homes had a bathtub, the average U.S. wage was 22 cents an hour and throughout the entire USA there were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved roads and the speed limit was 10 mph.....A teacher assigned her second grade class to write letters to God and one child wrote, "We read Thomas Edison made light but in Sunday school they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea. Sincerely, Donna," while another student wrote, "Dear God, If you give me a genie lamp like Alladin I will give you anything you want except my money and my chess set, Raphael.".....Father O'Malley received a phone call from the IRS and they asked if he knows a Ted Houlihan. They also asked if he is a member of his parish. "He is," answered O'Malley to which the IRS agent asked, "Did he donate \$10,000 to your church?" Father O'Malley promptly replied, "He will!"





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,594.12**. Thank you for your generosity.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Casimir Pietrasiewicz** who passed away on July 16th. 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 honor of **Delphine Arduini**; The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in honor of the **Deacons & candidates** requested by David Romanowicz; The **Food Pantry** in honor of **Ken Shaffer** from his children, Scott, Jennifer and Brian.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Lynne Long, Kathy Sertz,  
Carolyn Power*

Greeters: *Stella and Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power or Jamie Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

**Sunday, August 5, 2012 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Tom Golab, Mary Kearney,  
Tim Scully*

Greeters: *Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab*

Altar Servers: *Ryan Jubulis, Brendan Jubulis*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, David Wilcox,*

*David Taccone, John Maloney*

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,  
Tim Donlin*

*Thank you to Jay and Carol Habas and Mary Daly who have volunteered to become Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in being a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Greeter or Usher, Please call the office at 454-8085. Altar servers are desperately needed, and adults are welcome to become servers also. As one of our newest servers told his mother "Mom, you have such a good view from up on the altar."*

## THE FESTIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING:



**The Ave Maria Care and Concern are asking for your help for their—"Irish Auction!"** Feel creative? Get together and make up a Theme Basket or donate unused items and/or gift certificates and the Ave Maria Society ladies will make up the baskets. Another option - donate money and items will be purchased for the baskets. The Irish Auction has always been a popular booth at the festival with its display of attractive Theme Baskets. Donations will be accepted at the Rectory during 9—3 Monday thru Friday. Monetary donations may be put in the collection marked "AVE – Irish Auction". All donations must be in by August 31<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds go to the parish! As always, we are grateful for your support! Last year's booth was outstanding! Everyone is excited for this year! Questions? Call Renee Calabrese 459-6004.

**The Jewelry Booth, chaired by Gail Smith,** is accepting jewelry to be sold at the Festival. This booth is one of the most popular. So now is a great time to clean out your jewelry drawers or boxes and donate your old jewelry to the Festival. You may drop it off at the rectory office. Also needed at small gift bags for the jewelry.

**Volunteers:** There are volunteer forms on the ledge in the back of church now for your convenience. And the form will be in the bulletin next week. We need **YOU** to make this festival a success. There are many areas that need your help. Think about where you would like to volunteer. Peruse the form and choose the areas that interest you the most.

**Program Sponsors:** Festival Program sponsorship forms are also included in the bulletin. These are for the program booklet for the festival and we are soliciting advertisements to help pay the cost of printing. There is a special line that you may check to have a memorial for a loved one.

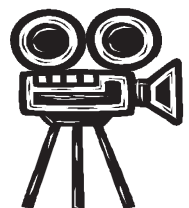
**RCIA:** If anyone is interested in the RCIA process for the 2011-2012 year for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Sr. Marie at 454-8085, ext. 2.



## THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

For our celebration on October 20th, we are preparing an inspirational video presentation about Saint Patrick's. We are in need of current photographs from Saint Patrick's events such as weddings, baptisms and first holy communion pictures.

Please email to Erin Fessler at [edfess@gmail.com](mailto:edfess@gmail.com)







# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Stanley Dombrowski** requested by Helen Dombrowski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by wife Irene and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Please also remember those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for July 21/22 was **\$977.00** Thank you and God bless.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of **Gertrude Crynock**, sister of Delphine Trambley, who passed away on July 2nd. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Catholic Service Appeal

The appeal is ongoing. We are still short **\$2,459.00** of last year's over goal of \$4,282.00 which significantly helped our parish.

## Summer Festival Collection

Summer Festival update **\$800.00**. St. Hedwig's does not have a festival. We depend on your generosity to give as if you were buying raffle tickets or playing games of chance. This collection will continue throughout the summer. Thank you for your support.

## Polka in the Forest

Polka dance featuring "The Boys" from Baltimore, Maryland will happen on Sunday, August 5 from 2 until 6pm at St. Anthony's Parish St. Paul Center, 7266 Route 6, Sheffield, Pa. 16347 (Saybrook).... about 10 miles east of Warren, Pa. Cost is \$10 per person. Home-made Polish food and beverages available. Contact: St. Anthony Parish at 814-968-5915 or stanthony@windstream.net for tickets and information. Contact persons: Fr. Tom Aleksa (pastor) and Lorie Corbin (office manager). "The Boys" have made their presence known in the Polka world. Their latest CD album "A New Day" has already won the 2012 PACE award for the best Polish album and best NEW original song "In My Old Polish Town".

*Pray the Rosary Daily*

## Mark Your Calendars

Feast of the Assumption at St. Paul Church, Erie  
St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut St. Erie, will be having their annual Feast of the Assumption from August 10 thru 12. On Sunday, August 12, the 11am Mass will be said in Italian. Call the church for more information: 814-459-3173.

## St. John's Parish Festival

St. John's Parish Center, 1001 Main St. Girard on Saturday, August 18 from 5 to 10:30pm and on Sunday August 19 from 12noon until 6pm. Huge Chinese Auction, Car show on Saturday and Sunday. Barbecued chicken dinners on Saturday, Roast beef dinners on Sunday. Casino games on Saturday. Bake sale on Saturday and Sunday., Children games and activities on Sunday. Hope to see you there!

## Ushers for August

**Saturday 4:30pm**

Usher needed  
Richard Mielnik

**Sunday 9:00am**

Art Blum  
Pete Pentz

## Ministry Schedule

|               | <b>August 4<br/>4:30pm</b> | <b>August 5<br/>9:00am</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Eucharistic   |                            |                            |
| Minister      | Ron Helminski              | Judy Pentz                 |
| Reader        | Ron Helminski              | Tom Kurpiewski             |
| Altar servers | Charlotte Mabie            | Breanne & Nick Hayes       |

## Heaven

This bliss will last for all eternity. The joys of heaven will always delight. And we shall have no fear of their ending, for heaven will be everlasting. Eternity has no measure. It is like a circle: We can spend our whole life going around a circle, but we shall never find an end. *Eternity has no end....* We can never have a proper conception of its duration, because we have nothing similar to eternity. If a bird were to carry away from the ocean one drop of water every thousand years, a time will come when it will have carried away the whole ocean. But that time is less than the shortest moment, if compared to eternity.



*Office of the Bishop*

*Diocese of Erie  
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July 20, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Imagine 770 children lined up to receive the Eucharist for the first time. St. Blaise, a parish in El Pozón, Colombia, recently prepared such a group for first Holy Communion, aided by the generous support provided through the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Such support allowed the boys and girls to attend classes led by trained catechists with the materials necessary to teach the faith in one of the poorest parishes in Colombia.

In 2010 the generosity of Catholics in the United States allowed this Collection to distribute over \$7.5 million to support the Church in Latin America. It funded seminarian formation and the continuing education of clergy, as well as the formation of lay ministers. Locally, funds from this collection are also used to help maintain our diocesan Mission of Friendship in Mexico. By using collected funds for these causes and more, we are able to ensure that our impact will be felt for years to come and will help create self-sustaining Catholic communities throughout the Western hemisphere.

This year the Diocese of Erie will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America on the weekend of August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 all of Latin America, be as generous as possible. Your support will truly make a difference. Be assured of my prayers

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L.  
Bishop of Erie

*Original with signature is on file in the Chancery*

**This letter is to be read, published, or otherwise communicated to the faithful on the weekend of July 28-29, 2012. Many thanks for your assistance.**



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****July 28 Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM HATTIE GLEBA (TERRY AUGUSTINI) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI - ST.P

(VICTORIA CORAPI)

**July 29 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM JOSEPH BOROWY - ST.H

(GARY &amp; LAURA BOROWY)

10:30 AM WELLIE YAPLE, II, ANNIV. - ST.P

(HIS LOVING FAMILY)

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

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**July 31 Tuesday, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE

(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

**Aug. 01 Wednesday, St. Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM CHESTER LONCKI

(SHARON &amp; JIM MARTIN FAMILY)

**Aug. 02 Thursday, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

8:00 AM ANTHONY TACCONE

(EUGENE &amp; GREG DEANGELO)

**Aug. 03 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

**Aug. 04 Saturday, Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM BILL ZDUNSKI (BARB &amp; RICH GRASSO) - ST.H

5:00 PM ALFRED SOKOLOWSKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(FAMILY) - ST.P**Aug. 05 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM RAYMOND RUFFLEY, SR. - ST.H

(NANCY &amp; FRANK HODAS)

10:30 AM KATHLEEN LOREI, 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=Rector, CV=Convent

**07/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**07/30** 7:00 PM MM Novena -St.P**07/31** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**08/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**08/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**A Moment of Reflection**

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15



We reflect this week on the mystery of sharing in the story of the loaves and fishes. Whether it was Jesus who caused the loaves and fishes to be multiplied or the people being moved to sharing with strangers, either way we may speak of miracle. Sharing—this is the mystery of our lives, God sharing God's self with us and our sharing with one another and those in need from the riches given us by God. Think of your life, of those who have been moved to action on your behalf or for the benefit of others.

From whom have you received great generosity in your life? How is God nourishing you at this time of your life?



**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.

**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 Rector**