Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel



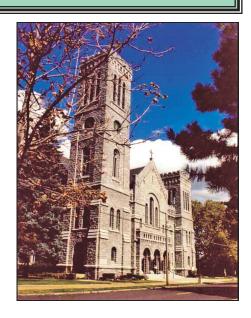
DAILY MASS Saint Patrick 8:00 AM

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





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Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear again from the prophet Isaiah. Written during Israel's darkest hour, the exile, the profound words of consolation sprang Ifrom the prophets, particularly the two whom scholars believe wrote in the

name of their mentor, Isaiah. God holds nothing back in requesting our response. He is like a parent entreating a runaway child, a humanitarian facing near-starved refugees. Our churches are filled with people who are hungry and thirsty for the bread of life that God offers.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans, his awareness of the consequences of Christ's death and resurrection spill over into lavish and extravagant oratory that proclaims how God has removed every obstacle to our oneness with him and shattered every power that would separate us from him. Others might ask what would separate us from Christ or who will; but Paul's exhaustive listing becomes a poetic device that builds and builds. Christ's saving action has changed reality forever. Through the grace he won for us, we can overcome all worldly hardships and suffering.

In our gospel, Matthew begins by hinting at Jesus' reaction to John's death: "He withdrew...to a deserted place." John's death was surely a blow to him; his need for solitude may reflect the depth of his grief and his need to ponder the fate that will await him. But the crowds shift Jesus' focus from his own needs to theirs. His ministry to them flows into evening and the disciples worry how they will be fed. Jesus coyly suggests that they feed them. Their response, "We have nothing" is the core of this gospel. And what follows is clear Eucharistic language that suggests this story is not an instance of God unlocking human generosity. It is imperative that this be seen as a story about God's action, not the disciples. Only God can take our paltry offerings and transform them into the bread of life, the food for the world. When the disciples mention "five loaves and two fishes," you can almost hear their resignation. But Jesus takes charge, instructing them and ordering the crowds. Note the Eucharistic elements of taking, blessing and breaking. Here is the fulfillment of Isaiah's promise, "Heed me and you shall eat well." Matthew seems to comment on this amazing miracle with few words and even less emotion. When we read this in John's

gospel, we get a much richer story. Remember that Matthew, Mark and Luke all have Jesus instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper; John does not mention the Eucharist in his account. Instead it happens here.

Holy Trinity Parish is going to help us with our Irish Festival in a multitude of ways. You have no idea of the time they have given our festival people to help us with the transition to downtown. We are going to be able to use their dance floor and a good number of cooking utensils which will save us a great deal of money. They are a small parish, and their festival is the largest in the city; and they do not have enough volunteers. They are asking if some Saint Patrick parishioners might volunteer to help in their food distribution during the festival. If you are interested in helping them, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and we will get it to them.

Several people have asked if I am going to have a Scripture class again during Lent this coming year. I have started working on the classes and am going to do at least four, hopefully five. I am going to do one on "Mary of the Gospels as opposed to Mary of popular piety." "Who were the Twelve Apostles?" "The people and the world of the New Testament," and finally, "The early Church as given us in Acts of the Apostles." We will hold those again on a weekday morning during Lent, and they will be on our web page. I will again have handouts for people, and anyone listening on line can call the office and we will send you the handouts.

The maintenance people at St. Patrick's have been working overtime this summer on a variety of projects. They leveled and reseeded the lawn between the church and rectory. They painted the exterior windows in the church sanctuary and are now going to paint the eves and the third floor windows on the rectory. We have restored the hardwood floor on the first floor of the rectory. Recently, the ceiling in the community room of the rectory came down because of a broken pipe and they have repaired that. They also removed a huge evergreen tree from the lawn between the church and rectory that was in danger of falling.

We are replacing the door at the entrance to the Food Pantry as the present glass door is not

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

working correctly.

I hope you will consider volunteering for the Irish Festival on September 19, 20 and 21.

Tuesday, August 12, is Erie Gives Day. If you make a donation to the parish on that day, we are eligible to receive additional funds from the Erie Community Foundation in a matching grant. If you are making a payment on a pledge to the restoration, perhaps you can make it that day.

The German Catholic Bishops' Conference announced last week that more than 178,000 Germans left the Catholic church in 2013. Slightly more than 118,000 left the church in 2012. In Europe, people indicate on their tax return what religion they belong to and then that church gets a percentage of their taxes, and it is these forms that indicate how many people are leaving the Catholic Church.

We've had another water leak in St. Patrick's rectory, this time in the ceiling of my office. There is a bathroom directly above it and apparently the sink or the toilet has been leaking. Caring for hundred year old buildings is like caring for a baby—it's endless!

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your will? At St. Patrick's, we have the St. Patrick Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. A gift to this foundation would greatly help the parish. Another way to remember your parish is by naming it the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. The costs of maintaining these hundred year old buildings is prohibitive and the only way we can continue is to build up an endowment.

A man ran through a train looking very agitated and calling out, "Is there a Catholic priest on board?" When he got no reply, he ran through again shouting, "Is there an Anglican vicar on board?" Becoming increasingly desperate, he then ran through the train shouting, "Is there a rabbi on board?" Eventually a gentleman stood up and said, "Can I help? I'm a Baptist minister." The agitated man said, "No, you're no good. I need a corkscrew."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Diane Yezzi, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Zielinski** requested by Dolores and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory "**Happy Birthday MANDA**" requested by Mom. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **§818.00**. Catholic Services Appeal Update: Goal \$11,083.00 - Pledges \$12,615.00. Warmest thanks for your support and your loyalty to St. Hedwig Parish.

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.

St. Bonafice Spaghetti Dinner

August 9th (rain or shine) from 4 until 8pm at the Coleman Center, 9637 Wattsburg Rd. Family \$20.00, Adult \$7.00, under 12 \$4.00. Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, dessert, roll and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Chinese auction and Basket Raffle and more.

Smile Mile - Saturday, September 13

This is a 1-mile walk/run for children up to 14 years of age. Children (and participating parents/friends) are encouraged to wear white as they will be doused with color along the walk. Includes chalk walk, a DJ, snacks and more. This will take place rain or shine on the Villa Maria campus. Cost \$20 per child, \$10 for any parent. For more info call 838-5451 x 223.

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." ... Saint Augustine

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule					
	August 9	August 10			
	Saturday	Sunday			
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM (St. Pats)			
Lector	Ron Helminski	Peter Pentz			
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Art Blum			
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz			
Altar Server	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie			



Erie Irish Festival Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 19, 20, & 21



PROGRAM

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



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection \$ 6,623.29
Online Giving 747.00
Total Income \$ 7,370.29

Thank you for your generosity!

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or homebound.

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 Wellie Yaple II from Family; The Food Pantry Truck is sponsored this week in memory of Deceased Family Members from Kathy Alessi; The Food Pantry is sponsored this week in memory of Lois Dahlkemper from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, in memory of William Lacy from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of Jo Johnson from Becky & Gary Johnson,in memory of Barbara Korn from Dave Korn, in honor of Aaron, Justin, Jourdan, and Cameron from JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz also donations from Alice & Ken Daub, Karen Euliano and Judy Kelly.

Ministry Schedule Saturday, August 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Patty Dailey, Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Shirley Winschel, Tom Golab

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, August 10, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Kathleen Pae, Audrey Reigel

CUP: Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,

Mary Duncan



Let us WELCOME

John Francis McInerney son of John and Sarah (Howell) McInerney and

Kenna McCarthy Perry daughter of Jason and Michele (Snyder) Perry who will be baptized after the 10:30 Mass.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Online Safety Tips for Parents &

Kids: Talk to your children about never, for any reason, agreeing to meet someone face to face that they met online. This could potentially be very dangerous. You simply just



don't know who you are talking to online. Over the course of two years, MySpace removed 90,000 known registered sex offenders off its website. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 55:1-3



Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Lessons that are remembered are the ones that connect on a deep and personal level. Those workers in our many food pantries see the real need brought about by physical hunger and they try to do something to care for that need. But there are other hungers in our communities...sometimes our spirts are starving for nourishment and care, as well as our bodies. How well do you know those in your community who are hungry? What have you done to help them? How well-fed spiritually are 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.





September 19, 20, 21, 2014 Volunteer Sign-up Sheet Be a SAINT PATRICK V.I.P.!

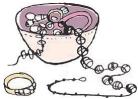
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PLEASE INDICATE WHICH AREAS YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:						
Admission Games of Chance Bake Sale Gift Shop Beverages (All) Kitchen Children's Area Raffle (Grand Prize and Side) Decorating Teardown after the Festival Dining Room Anywhere needed Food/DrinkTickets PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK: Friday, Sept. 19th Saturday, Sept. 20th Sunday morning, Sept. 21st Verweil has contacted accompaint years also in a favore and years heaves of corning.						
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\$20Other						

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

Thank you for your generous support!

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL 2014





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.

THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN—Ave Needs Your Help! Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. We will not be doing the baskets this year, but we are having the auction with single items. If you would like to purchase a gift for the auction, e would like them to be at a value of at least \$15.00 and up. 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. We are also going to need help with set up and we need volunteers to work during the festival. If anyone has any questions please call Mary Pat Ringhand at 871-2926. Thank You.



PROGRAM SPONSOR There is an additional page in today's bulletin for anyone who would like to be a sponsor for the festival booklet. It is the perfect opportunity to memorialize a loved one or to say congratulations to someone who has entered college, high school or a new job. Any reason to give credit and attention to a loved one! Check it out!

We need you! The St. Patrick's Erie Irish Festival will be held on Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21. "Many hands make light work." Please consider filling out a volunteer form and donating time, baked goods, etc... If you have any questions or need further information please contact the parish office at 454-8085 ext.1.





RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. Raffle tickets will be sent to you in the mail. You may return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. The office has more if you need them. We will be at Celebrate Erie August 14th thru the 17th selling tickets. Let's make this year's sales the best ever!

The Bake Sale Booth is always a popular spot! If you would like to donate to this area, we would love to have your items. All items do not need to be brought to the Festival on the first day. It would help to have some items arrive on Saturday. Let us know when you will be bringing your item, so we can plan accordingly. Thanks!



Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival

The 21st Annual ZABAWA Polish Heritage Festival will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, located at E. 23rd & Reed Streets in Erie, the weekend of August 22, 23 & 24.

Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 10 pm, Saturday from 1 to 10:30 pm, and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. The event includes Polka Masses on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m., with Bishop Lawrence Persico joining Fr. Tom Aleksa for the Saturday Mass.

In addition to the Polish bakery, beverages and multiple food courts (also available for take-out), festivities include live music on the festival stage, folk dancers, drawings, theme baskets, children's area, adult games of chance and more.

Known for outstanding Polka music, this year's festival features four Polka bands. The entertainment schedule includes:

Friday 6 to 10 p.m. Polka Family Band -- Bloomsburg, PA

Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. Mar-vels -- Erie

Saturday 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Polka Country Musicians -- Connecticut

Sunday: 1 p.m. Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie

Sunday 2 to 6 p.m. The Knewz -- Buffalo, NY

Admission to the festival grounds is free and all activities are under cover and handicapped accessible. Free additional parking and shuttle service to and from ZABAWA grounds available at Sts. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church at 34th & Ash Streets (500 block of E.34th St.).

Visit our web site at holytrinityrc.org or call 814-456-0671.

Cancer Support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The Cancer Support Group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side and look for the big red "C" on the door. We meet from 7 pm until 8:15 pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom via email at deacontom@holytrinityrc.org or at Holy Trinity Church at 814/456-0671. Our next session is Thursday, August 21, 2014.

A Family Perspective

The apostles were probably being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds" so they could go and buy food. Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

A trip down Memory Lane: As your relationship developed and you started to grow fonder of each other, what is one of the first endearing qualities you can remember that attracted you to your beloved?

PALS Support Group

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

LITURGY INTENTIONS 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) Aug. 04 Monday, Saint John Vianney, Priest 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE Tuesday, Weekday The Dedication of the Aug. 05 Basilica of Saint Mary, Major 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE Wednesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord Aug. 06 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE Aug. 07 Thursday, Weekday, Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest 8:00 AM JACK & PAT THORR (JEFF HORWATH) Aug. 08 Friday, Saint Dominic, Priest 8:00 AM RICHARD MOSKEL (FAMILY) Aug. 09 Saturday, Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM ANNA SCHWARTZ - ST.H (ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY) - ST.H 5:00 PM DELPHINE ARDUINI - ST.P (NANCY CORTES CRUNK) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 10 8:00 AM BETTY SONTAG (BETTY MASEK) - ST.P 9:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY - ST.H 10:30 AM LIL MARINCE (JIM & CAROLE PERKINS) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

08/02 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/05 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR **08/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/09 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 CONFIRMA-TION— 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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