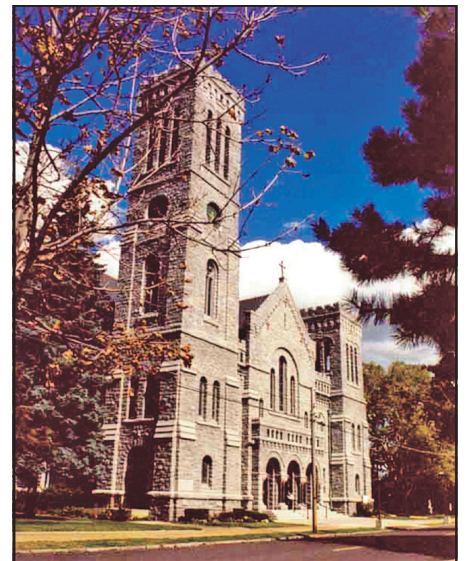
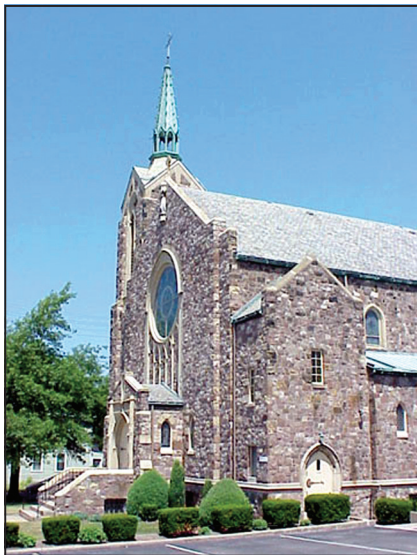


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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

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## *Saint Patrick Parish*

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

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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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from the Book of Proverbs. In the verses that follow today's reading, we meet Folly, Wisdom's opposite who also invites people to feast on sweet and pleasing fare, but hers is unhealthy. It is born of selfish desire and leads to death. Wisdom, on the other hand, does not offer the shortcuts of deceit and self-indulgence that Folly serves, but instead virtue and divine truth. There are two important thoughts here: first is God's initiative in calling us to dine on nutritious food that sustains us. Second, our freedom to choose is a great responsibility that ultimately determines whether we live or die.....Our second reading continues again from Paul's letter to the Ephesians in which Paul follows the theme of our first reading and warns us against the dangers of being foolish. He notes that ignorance and debauchery are the food of fools.....Our gospel again this week comes from chapter 6 of John and is a highly developed theological treatise in which the author is reflecting back on what Christ taught and writes it almost as if writing a homily. Everything that Jesus says about Eucharist defies reason. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" asks the crowd. While the crowd is skeptical and full of scorn, Jesus stands his ground that he is the true food and says that only those who feast at his table will be raised up on the last day. Just as Jesus derives life from his Father, so the believer derives life from feeding on the bread of life. And the bread, unlike the manna of the past, will not simply sustain them for a day or a season, but for all time.....Mark your calendars for September 14, 15 & 16 for the Irish Festival and call the parish office if you are able to serve as a volunteer.....Also mark your calendar for Saturday, October 20, for our 175th Anniversary Banquet at the Bayfront Convention Center. It promises to be a fun evening. Invitations will be mailed in early September.....Please join me in keeping Bishop-elect Lawrence Persico in your prayers. It must be a daunting and rather frightening time in his life as he leaves the security of a diocese where he has served for over 25 years to undertake the leadership of a neighboring diocese. The Greensburg priests tell we Erie priests that there will be many tears shed when he leaves because he is very well liked and well respected by everyone. From all reports, we are very fortunate to have him as our new bishop. At the age of 61, he could be our bishop for the next 14 years. One of the things that priests praise him for in Greensburg is the way he led the diocese through downsizing to consolidate parishes, etc. because of the shortage of both people in the pews and priests to serve them. He's certainly going to face a similar challenge in our diocese.....We're continuing to use St. Patrick's Church for weddings and funerals until August 25th when we have the last wedding here. Though the pews in the side aisles have been removed and scaffolding is being erected, the center pews and the sanctuary will remain in place until August 25. From then until Christmas, we'll have funerals at St. Hedwig's and our weddings are being held at the cathedral.....St. Patrick parishioner Barb Fisher will take video inside the church on a regular basis and post it on our web page so that you can see what is happening. We're also fortunate that professional photographer John Baker is donating his time and effort to take before and after photographs of the church interior as well as ongoing photographs of the restoration work so that it will all be recorded for future generations.....Pledges continue to come in for the St. Patrick restoration and I encourage you if you have not done so, to consider making one. We will certainly go over budget particularly with having to replace all of the wiring in the attic. (However, with this we will now have new wiring everywhere in the church). At the present time, with a goal of \$1 million, we have pledges of \$1,021,000 and growing!!.....In addition to the work that is going on in the church, we've had to undertake some needed repairs to the rectory. The front steps and the side bars had to be completely rebuilt as they were literally falling apart. In addition, if you look closely at the building you will notice that a good deal of the mortar is missing between the bricks. We're starting to correct that and are doing it in sections. We have now done the front and west side up to the top of the ground floor windows, and as I have the funds, we'll continue. We also have to do some major upgrades on the electrical system in the rectory. We are constantly blowing circuits simply because the system is outdated and inadequate for today's needs. I guess it's simply the fact that we're dealing with an old building and we need to be constantly vigilant with it. There were a lot of years of neglect and that's now caught up with us, and we'll get it. It just might take a bit longer.....We're also starting to pay the bills for the restoration work and the money is going fast!!! As expected!! We started with approximately \$400,000 in cash against pledges of \$1 million. We had to make a payment of \$75,000 to the Conrad Schmitt Studio, a payment of \$20,000 to the people restoring the pews, \$40,000 to the electrical consultant, \$25,000 to the scaffolding company, and on and on. We knew it would be this way and we have an open line of credit

**From the Pastor's Desk continued.....**with the diocese to borrow money as we need it and then repay as pledge payments come in. I did the exact same thing twice before when we undertook construction of a Parish Center at St. Jude's as well as a later addition to OLCS.....The Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry serves as the religious education program for all of the eastside parishes. They are presently in need of additional teachers for children in grades 1 through 11. If interested please contact Sister Marie at the St. Patrick's Office.....Jeff Rouse, the artist who restored our Stations of the Cross and who many of you know, called the other day to say that he is heartbroken that his pastor is leaving—our new Bishop Persico. Jeff said he goes to Mass every morning and then the bishop-elect invites everyone into the rectory for a cup of coffee before he goes to his office at the chancery. He has been their pastor for 14 years, and Jeff said we are going to get great enjoyment out of his sense of humor. Jeff reiterated something that the bishop-elect himself said and that is that he hates to travel. I feel sorry for him coming to this diocese, but he can curtail some of that by delegating various responsibilities.....A few more paraprofessionals: "I didn't say it was your fault; I said I was blaming you." "A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory." "You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.".....A first grade teacher had her children write letters to God. One child wrote, "Dear God, It rained for our whole vacation and is my father mad! He said some things about You that people are not supposed to say, but I hope You will not hurt him anyway. Your friend (but I'm not going to tell you who I am.)" Dear God, Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. Love, Joyce." "Dear God, If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I can't stand her. Denise."



## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Keith & Anne Mc Lean, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clarence Zielinski** requested by family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Harry Niewolak** requested by his wife Charlotte. Remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing homes and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for August 11/12 was **\$1,124.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### Zabawa

The 19th Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, East 23rd & Reed Sts. the weekend of August 24, 25 & 26. Festival hours are Friday from 5 to 10pm, Saturday from 1 to 10:30pm and Sunday from noon until 6pm. In addition to the Polish bakery and multiple food courts, the event includes special Polka Masses on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 11am; live music on stage, folk dancers, drawings, theme baskets, children's area, adult games of chance and more...

### Entertainment includes:

Friday 6-10pm **Polka Family Band**....

Saturday 1-4pm **Marvels**....

Saturday 6:30-10:30pm....

**Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push**....

Sunday 2-6pm

**John Gora Band**....

Sunday 1pm **Wiwaty Polish Folk Dancers of Erie**.

More info? [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org)

### Ministry Schedule

#### August 25

#### August 26

Eucharistic Minister	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Reader	Patricia Mielnik	Barb Juchno
Altar servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

What is the destiny of man?

Man's high destiny is to go to God, because man comes from God, and belongs entirely to God.— Our reason tells us that Someone *made us*. That someone is God. Nothing can proceed from *nothing*. If there had ever been a moment when nothing existed, nothing would ever have existed. Therefore, because we exist, we know Someone who made us also exists; that Someone is God. "He made us, and not we ourselves" (Ps. 99:3), "All things have been created through and unto Him" (Col. 1:16).

Pray the Rosary





# ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 14th, 15th, 16th, 2012

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:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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"/> Irish Auction                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Area    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating         | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle (Grand Prize and Side) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room        | <input type="checkbox"/> Teardown after the Festival   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food/Drink/Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere needed               |

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:**

Friday, Sept. 14th \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Sept. 15th \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Sept. 16th \_\_\_\_\_  
*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 FESTIVAL BOOTH IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE  
CHURCH OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.

*Thank you for your generous support!*



# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,287.25**, and **\$78.00** for the Church in Latin America. 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 home-bound.

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 **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 **Ken Shaffer** from his children, Scott, Jennifer & Brian; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Shirley Marinelli Bennetti** from Frank and Carol Vona.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Stan Malinowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella,  
Kay Mannino

Greeters: The Tom Brunner Family

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

**Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton,  
Yvonne Gersims, Mike Vehec

Greeters: Gail Arneman, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Andrew Wilcox, Leah Taccone

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Dave Wilcox, Tom Welch,  
Randy Pristello

Offertory Counters: Susan Merski, Mary Frick

Please call the office with your availability for September—especially for the Festival weekend.

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Proverbs 9:1-6

Reading II: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58



This week we continue to hear the bread of life discourse; Jesus offers himself to us as “true food” and “true drink”. The bread and wine that we offer in sacrifice at the Eucharist get their substance and meaning from the actual presence of Jesus Christ. Our sharing in the Eucharist is a participation in the communion life of God, Father, Son and Spirit. Through the Eucharist, we are given the grace—the strength—to become what we eat. Living this grace, this energy in prayer we can seek the spiritual paths in our lives and open our hearts to the truths God reveals to us.

## 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 Thursday. 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 are small gift bags for the jewelry.

**Volunteers:** We need **YOU** to make this festival a success. There are volunteer forms in this week’s bulletin. 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. You may drop the form in the offertory basket or at the rectory.

**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!



**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Don’t miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. If you haven’t purchased the raffle tickets that were sent to you in the mail, **don’t delay any longer!** You may return them via the offertory basket, mail or drop them off at the rectory. The office has more if you need them. Let’s make this year’s sales the best ever!



**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 9:30 pm)**  
**Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> (noon – 11:00 pm)**  
**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (11:30 am - 6 pm)**

**Rainbow Gardens at Waldameer Park**

**Adult Admission: \$5 daily—or**  
***\$4 with canned/dry goods donation for the St. Patrick Food Bank***  
**\$10 for 3 day pass**  
**children 12 and under admitted free**

**Grand Prize Raffle—**  
**7 NIGHT TRIP TO IRELAND FOR 2**  
**(includes air from Buffalo, car & hotel)**  
**Donated by CIE Tours**



*[www.ErieIrishFestival.com](http://www.ErieIrishFestival.com)*  
*~all proceeds support the Saint Patrick Restoration Project~*

**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Aug. 18 Saturday, Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM JOHN GORSKI, ANNIV. (JIM GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM BEV HARTIGAN (BUD &amp; JOAN SHERRON) - ST.P

**Aug. 19 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM CLARENCE ZIELINSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM TERRI LAIRD (DON LAIRD) - ST.P

**Aug. 20 Monday St. Bernard, Abbot &***Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JOSEPH J. CICERO (ANNIV. 8/19) (FAMILY)

**Aug. 21 Tuesday, St. Pius X, Pope**

8:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA

(BARB &amp; AMANDA JUCHNO)

**Aug. 22 Wednesday, The Queenship of the Blessed***Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM ROSE HELLMAN BUSH

**Aug. 23 Thursday, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS &amp; BENEFACTORS

**Aug. 24 Friday, St. Bartholomew**

8:00 AM MARY JUCHNO (THERESA JUCHNO)

**Aug. 25 Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM CASIMIR &amp; HELEN BARGIELSKI, ANNIV - ST.H

(LARRY &amp; DOLLY BARGIELSKI)

5:00 PM MAE CONLEY (BETH &amp; JIM RESPECKI) - ST.P

**Aug. 26 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM NORBERTO JAGOREN - ST.H

(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

10:30 AM FLORENCE LAPLACA - ST.P

(MR. &amp; MRS. TONY VIGANO)

**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

**08/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**08/21** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

5:00 PM Mass at St. Hedwig's

**08/22** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**08/25** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**2012-2013 FAITH FORMATION YEAR** will begin for all grade levels (Kdg-Gr 11 *Confirmation*) **Sunday, September 9th** as follows: Kdg-Gr 6 @ 9:00 am; Jr High, Sr High and Confirmation @ 1:00 pm. All sessions are held on the Holy Rosary Campus.

**CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED** – *Please consider volunteering!* Your Gifts are needed to nurture community and give witness to the peace and forgiveness of the Risen Christ through the catechetical ministry of the Church. **The children and youth of the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry need YOU to share your faith** with them as you and they continue to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. **Will you serve as a catechist for the year 2012-2013?** Contact Kathleen Kutz, DRE: 454-6322 or S. Marie Kebort, SSJ, DRE: 454-8085 to volunteer

**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**