

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

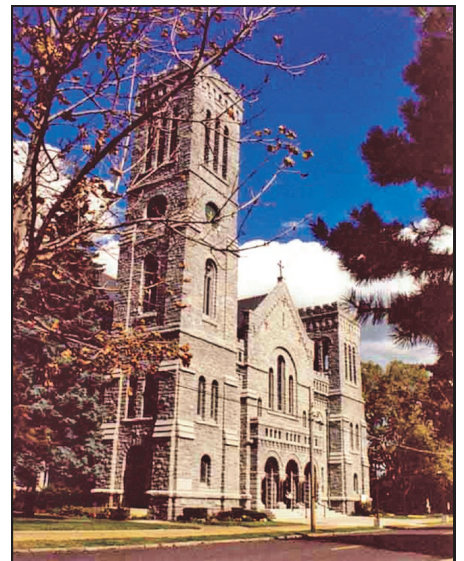
HOLY DAY MASS

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

Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-8085

www.saintpatrickparisherie.org



***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear again first from Isaiah. Arrogance and opposition to Isaiah's inspired advice to King Hezekiah, one of Israel's few good kinds, has caused Shebna, the master of the palace, to fall from favor and lose his privileged position to Eliakim. Prophets speak for God; to oppose them is to oppose the divine will, and such action is always treated harshly in the Scriptures. Isaiah warned Hezekiah not to join a rebellion against the Assyrians, but Hezekiah refused to listen, expecting support from Egypt which never materialized. So he bought his safety by looting gold from the temple and offering it as a tribute. But king and people earn Isaiah's bitter condemnation when, after this narrow escape, they fail to repent or pray for the dead and choose instead to feast and rejoice. For trusting in political alliances rather than the Lord, the people and Shebna incur God's wrath.

The past two weeks we've seen Paul struggling with a bittersweet reality: while his own people have rejected Christ, pagans have embraced him. As a learned Pharisee well versed in the Law, Paul is inclined to seek logic and reason for the circumstances he encounters. He has an explanation: the Jew's rejection of Christ has pushed Paul outward toward the Gentiles for whom he now recognizes his special mission—bad news for his own people but good news for the Gentiles. But Paul also realizes he has to stop trying to be logical and stop trying to understand what God is doing. His only real choice is to marvel at God's wisdom. He asks who are we to question God.

Whatever reason Jesus had for posing this question to his disciples, is he simply inviting them to focus on him and better recognize who it is who walks among them, or is he sensing in Peter the dawning of a revelation that could come only by divine intervention? The significant moment comes when Peter makes his response. The comments about the crowd's speculation reveal how Jesus has captured the popular imagination. His presence is so strong that people are wondering, "who is this?". The other apostles offer only the opinions of the crowd, but none offers his own opinion. None, that is, until Peter speaks. Jesus immediately praises him for his insight. Like Paul after him, Peter was privileged with a

revelation that enabled him to recognize Jesus' true and full identity.

Each year, every Catholic parish in the world is required to host a missionary for two reasons: that we be aware of the missionary work of the church and that we support that work with our contributions. Speaking at all Masses at St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's next weekend will be representatives from the Erie Sisters of St. Benedict.

If you know of a parishioner who is a patient at one of the local hospitals or convalescent homes and would like me to visit, please call the parish office, and I would be more than happy to do so. Many times when patients are admitted to the hospital, they are not asked their religious affiliation or parish, and so I often have no way of knowing that someone is hospitalized.

Bishop Persico has informed me that he will ordain St. Patrick seminarian, Jamie Power, to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 10:30 AM in the chapel at St. Mark's Seminary. God willing, he will be ordained to the priesthood one year later. Jamie has done a summer internship this year at St. Joseph Parish, Warren, under the direction of Father Rich Toohey, and has returned to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to begin his fourth and final year of theology studies. These will be incredibly joyful dates for St. Patrick's Parish as we give another man to the priesthood. St. Patrick's has given a score of men to the priesthood, but none in the last 30 years. I'm thrilled to see that track record broken.

Payments on pledges for the restoration of St. Patrick's Church continue to come in at a very good rate. With pledges of \$1,12,926, we now have payments of \$931,701 and remaining payments of \$193,225. Thank you for your generous support of this project. While I had originally planned to pay the diocese \$10,000 + interest each month toward the money they loaned us to do the project, since January of this year I have been paying them at the rate of \$20,000 + interest each month. Because of that, in less than 2 year's time, we have reduced that debt from over \$750,000 to \$440,000. With pledges of almost \$200,000 still to come in, we will then pay off the balance from CSA and the Irish Festival. Thanks

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

to all who have supported this project.

As I had mentioned in the past, we need major repairs to the pipe organ. They tell me that nothing major has been done on it since 1972, but we can't undertake that project until I pay off the debt on the restoration. The estimated costs of rebuilding the pipe organ is around \$350,000!! We certainly do not want that instrument to fall into disrepair, and so we'll face that challenge at some point in the future.

Thank you for your participation in Erie Gives. St. Patrick's parish received more donations than any other parish in the city with a total of \$23,000 in donations! That is incredible, and I am able to apply all of that to our debt on the restoration. I hope you know my gratitude.

We welcome Iran Jason Stubenhofer, son of Jason and Susan Merski Stubenhofer, who will be baptized after the Saturday evening Mass.

In statistics that the diocese has shared with pastors, more and more parishes see deaths each year outnumber baptisms. Unfortunately, that is the case at St. Hedwig's. At St. Patrick's, on the other hand, our baptisms are much higher than the number of deaths. And when you look at deaths at St. Patrick's remember that many times someone belonging to another parish might have been baptized here or married here and always told their children they wanted to be buried from here, and I always say yes. So, in reality, the number of deaths is not as high as it appears.

A naval officer met a pirate and noticed that he had a wooden leg, a hook and an eye patch. "How did you get the wooden leg," he asked. "Well," said the pirate, "we were in a storm at sea and I was swept overboard and a shark bit my leg off. "That's terrible," said the officer. "What about the hook? How did you come by that?" "We were boarding an enemy ship and in the heat of battle, my right hand was sliced off by an enemy swordsman." "How terrible," said the officer, and what about the eye patch?" "A seagull dropping fell into my eye." "You lost your eye to a seagull dropping?" asked the officer. "Well, it was my first day with the hook!"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Sigmond Prochowski** requested by Charlotte Niewolak, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Barb and family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$720.00**. 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.

Luke Live

Paulist Fr. James DiLuzio will give a dynamic presentation of the Gospel of Luke. Chapters 1 and 2 on Tuesday, September 30 at 7pm at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St. Erie. Also: Tuesday after the 8am Mass at 8:30 to 10am. Call 814-864-0622 for more information.

Reflection

Humanity is saddled with a struggle in which our senses are literally programmed to enhance the life of me, myself and life. Significant dimensions of human nature are always on the prowl for gratification through elements of the world that humanity thinks he/she needs. The transitory quality of this world's existence presents a challenge in that so much of life is masked to look appealing and to be seen as vital for life. This struggle is insatiable. For when one gets what one has been longing for from this world, the satisfaction is fleeting. One recalls Augustine's prayer, "O Lord our God, You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>August 30</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>August 31</u> Sunday 9:00 AM (St. Pat's)
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Art Blum
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	Art Blum Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

September 19, 20, 21, 2014
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:

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

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:

Friday, Sept. 19th _____ Saturday, Sept. 20th _____ Sunday morning, Sept. 21st _____
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 RECTORY OR PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.

Thank you for your generous support!



ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL 2014



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN LADIES—to clean out and recycle your costume jewelry items for the Festival Jewelry Booth! We are organizing the jewelry to be sold at the Festival (with all proceeds going to the parish). Donations 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, we 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 !

TOYS, GAMES AND PRIZES are needed for the Children's Area. Cyndi Pristello and her committee are collecting items to be used for prizes in the children's area. No used stuffed animals please. Items may be brought to the rectory and left on the rear porch.



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... Volunteer forms are in the bulletin and extra copies are on the tables at the back of church. Fill out the form indicating where you would like to work and your availability and the volunteer coordinator will contact you.



RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't miss your chance to win a **trip to Ireland** for two. Raffle tickets have been 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. 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!





Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,813.00
Feast of the Assumption	342.00
Online Giving	872.00
Total Income	\$ 7,027.00



Let us **WELCOME**
Ian Jason Steubenhofer son of
 Jason and Susan (Merski)
 Steubenhofer who will be baptized
 after 5:00 PM Liturgy on Saturday.

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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Victor & Virginia Tortorelli, Wedding Anniv.** from Family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week **Francis Silay** The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Madeline Stephany** from Mary & Thomas Lyons, in memory of **Debra Mussett** from Rosemarie McMahon, in memory of **Jocko & Issy Maloney and Ray & Rose Fiorelli** from Patricia & Ray Fiorelli also donation from Eastside Faith Formation Program, Denise & Phil Rewers, Kathleen Horan, Dotty & Michael Schloss, Mary Beth & Richard Wachter, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Betty Gama and Charla Leemhuis.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Chris Sanner, Tom Golab, Jay Habas

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, August 31, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Alex Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler, Tim Scully

CUP: Michele Wheaton, Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

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

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
 Susan Merski, Mary Frick

Please remember in your prayers, the family and friends of **Cathie Quick** who passed away recently. A memorial Mass was held on August 22nd. Cathie was involved in a number of community organizations and was a member of the Knights and Ladies, the Ave Society, and was the Director of the Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry for many years. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FESTIVAL MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 7 after 10:30 Mass. Purpose of the meeting is to go over info that would pertain to all areas of the festival - volunteer sign-in, ticket policy, ID plan, security, trash removal, take down responsibilities. etc. Please attend this meeting!

AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN: will have a meeting on Sunday, September 7th at McGarrey's Oakwood Café at 1624 West 38th Street at 12:00 Noon.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

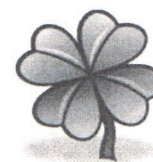
Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids: Parents should consider having internet accounts in their name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords and using blocking and/or filtering devices. Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

John Applebee, Thomas Nies, Jason Exley, Jacqueline Bacco, Richard McCurdy, Michael and Noelle Colpoys, Jordan Truitt Abbott, Mike Crane, Tammy Jakobowski, Thomas Fontecchio, Shannon Small, Jeffrey O'Hara, Jeffrey and Mary Beth Pinto, Matthew and Shannon Yelkovich.



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



PROGRAM

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

() Banner \$500

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

() 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**

DEADLINE FOR THE ADS/MEMORIALS
HAS BEEN MOVED TO
AUGUST 30TH.

A Family Perspective

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. But those who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they say you are?

Sportsman's Raffle scheduled at St. John Parish Center

The second annual Knights of Columbus #5430/St. John the Evangelist Sportsman's Raffle will be held Sept. 27 from 6 to 11 p.m. at St. John Parish Center, 1001 Main St., Girard. Doors open at 5 p.m. The grand prize is a 2014 Polaris Sportsman 400 HO 4x4 ATV. See the attached poster for important details.

Paulist priest to speak at St. George Parish

Paulist Father James DiLuzio will present two lectures on Tuesday, Sept. 30 on the Gospel of Luke, chapters 1 and 2, at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie. The first talk will be held after the 8 a.m. Mass, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The second presentation begins at 7 p.m. Father DiLuzio will recite the Scriptures from memory, with hymns and inspired songs. A free-will offering will be taken for the Paulist Fathers. Call 814-864-0622 for more information.

Are you a person with a disability and looking for more in your Faith Life?

Are you someone with a disability or do you know someone with a disability who wants more out of their Faith Life? The Office of Disabilities and Deaf Ministry has a number of groups that will provide the faith-filled social interaction you're looking for. Call Michael Adamus at 814-824-1257 or email him at madamus@eriercd.org for more details. You can also learn more about our ministry on the diocesan website www.ErieRCD.org under Catholic Charities Disability Ministries.

Transitions Support Group This Weekend

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday, August 24th from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. RSVP's not necessary. Visit our website at: www.eriercd.org/transitions.asp Come as you are; you are always welcome. This month's topic is: "Guilt and Regret: Obstacles to Healing." Our presenter will be Ann Badach, Family Life Director for the diocese of Erie.

Say "Yes" to God's call at first annual Catholic women's conference

Don't let the busy fall schedule get away from you—sign up today to take part in the inaugural 1:38 Women conference planned at the Warner Theater in Erie for Sat., Oct. 4 from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Hear inspiring national speakers including Scripture author and teacher Sonja Corbitt; enjoy fellowship with women from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond, find renewal through prayer, adoration and reconciliation. The day will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Discounts are available for groups of eight—get your friends together for this special opportunity. Visit www.138Women.com or call (814) 455-7364 to learn more about this event, designed around the theme of Mary's "Yes" to God found in Luke 1:38.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS*

A trip down Memory Lane #4: Can you remember when you first said "I love you" to your beloved? The place? The time? Recollect the feelings that welled up in you as a result.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 23 *Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM NORBERTO JAGORIN - ST.H
(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(MARILYN WAYLAND)

Aug. 24 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM THERESA MERSKI (BUDD KRAUS) - ST.P

9:00 AM FRANK OLSZEWSKI (FRANK ABATE) - ST.H

10:30 AM GEORGE BOEHM - ST.P
(JANE & LEO FITZGIBBON)

Aug. 25 *Monday, Weekday, Saint Louis;*
Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 26 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 27 *Wednesday, Saint Monica*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 28 *Thursday, Saint Augustine*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 29 *Friday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*

8:00 AM ROBERT DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. 8/26
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

Aug. 30 *Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM BARBARA KORN, WEDDING ANNIV. - ST.P
(JAN RUSSELL)

Aug. 31 *Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND - ST. P
(SOPHIE MALY & NICOLETTE AZICRI)

9:00 AM THEODORE WIDOMSKI (LIZ JAROMSKI) - ST.H

10:30 AM BEATRICE CROSS - ST.P
(BARBARA & MIKE CROSS)

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

08/23 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/26 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/27 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 22:19-23

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20



"Do you know who I am?" Jesus wasn't asking the disciples if they or the people knew his name. He was asking what he meant to them. Jesus asks us that question every day of our lives. And we answer that question every day by what we say and do. We need to let the good news of Jesus seep into us, to seek the Lord, to invite him into our lives every day. What can you do to let Jesus seep into your life more each day?

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 Rectory