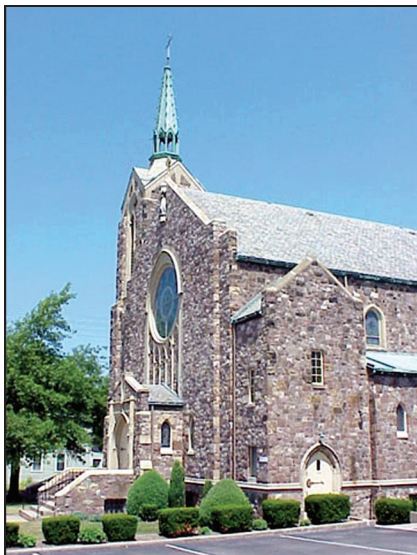


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

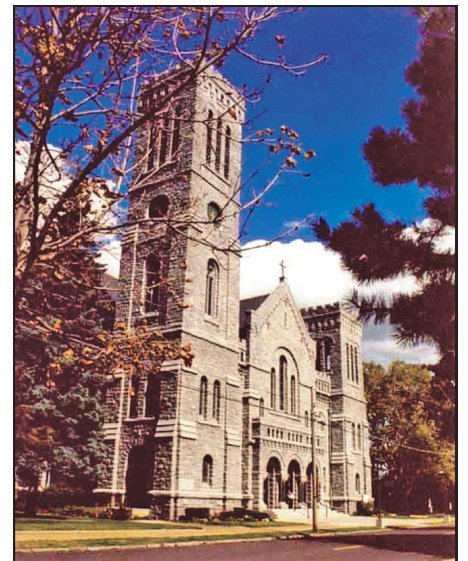
Holy Day

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

Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

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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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the concluding chapter of Isaiah. Most scholars feel that three authors wrote 3 different parts of the book. Chapters 56-66 are the work of the third author and are called Third Isaiah. He wrote during the period when the people had returned home from the Babylonian Exile, and he struggled with people who had a narrow vision of who belonged to God's people. Today we hear him proclaiming that all people belong to the Lord. The "fugitives" the Lord will send as a sign are the Lord's messengers who tells them that all people should see God's glory. The nations named are in southern Spain, Africa, near the Black Sea and Greece, and he says they will come by every means of transport. The final sentence shows how expansive the Lord's vision is in that he will also take priestly leaders from these new people.

Our second reading continues from Hebrews, a heavy theological letter which is difficult to understand. Any parent knows that love and discipline go hand in hand and the author points this out. The use of father-son terminology shows the intimacy of the Lord's relationship with those who believe in him. Since he endured the cross, his followers will also face trials. Today's passage concludes with strong encouragement.

In our gospel, the author proposes a question that many of us ponder—who will be saved? Jesus' response about the narrow gate seems restrictive; but read in the fuller context of the gospel it is now about excluding people but about hard work and due diligence—virtues that do not come easy to us. The issue is not the hard work of earning salvation, but the hard work of remaining faithful to the Lord. A sense of urgency permeates this section of the gospel. Will we accept Jesus message sooner rather than later? The acceptance that Jesus desires contrasts with the rejection that he faced, primarily from Jewish leaders. The consequences of that rejection is surprising. He says their place in the kingdom will be taken by people who come from all corners of the earth. These people, many of whom the world considers the least, will be among the first in the kingdom of God. The image of people approaching the table is a parallel to the gathering of nations found in the first reading.

During the month of July, the St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 19,439 pounds of food to 976 families. This is the largest number of families we have had to date, an increase of close to 200 families which speaks to the growing poverty in Erie. The total cost to the parish for this distribution was \$733.63, all of which was paid through your generosity.

Might I also take a moment to thank you for your generosity in the St. Patrick's Offertory. When I first came here 4 years ago, our weekly offerings were about \$1,600. A few weeks ago we broke all records with a collection of over \$9,000, and we are now averaging between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a week. You make my work much easier, and I hope you know my gratitude.

Northwest Restoration is continuing some exterior work on St. Patrick's Church. As I said earlier, I had not anticipated any of this when we did the restoration. The year before the restoration, we spent over \$140,000 pointing the entire exterior of the building and replacing some roof slates. I think it's simply the nature of an old building. They need constant maintenance and upkeep and we would be foolish to shirk from any of that responsibility. It's an unanticipated expense and not in the budget, but we'll get it paid for. We have completely replaced the roof on the east gable of the church and they are now doing the same with the west gable.

I recently purchased a new green chasuble for St. Patrick's Church to be used for Sunday Masses. The cost is \$250.00. If anyone would like to donate this in memory of someone, please contact me.

Would you consider volunteering to help with the Irish Festival September 13, 14 & 15. The actual festival will run Friday night and Saturday with Saturday night again being geared toward young people. Sunday we will host an Irish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Cost is \$9 for adults; \$6 for children under 12 and children under 5 are admitted at no cost. This is our largest fundraising project of the year and the revenue is necessary to help pay for the restoration of the church and support the Food Pantry.. We desperately need volunteers. You can pick the time you can work as well as what it is you might be doing.

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

You may have noticed in a recent bulletin that we listed 19 new families who have joined St. Patrick's Parish in the past month. I'm amazed and thrilled at the number of new parishioners we continue to attract. When I first came here four years ago, we had 201 families. We are now right around 650 families. The diocese tells me that we are the only parish in the entire diocese that is growing at this pace.

We have just completed the financial statements for both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's Parishes. Both parishes operated in the black again this year. However, St. Hedwig's operated in the black only because we took some money out of the small amount of savings that the parish has.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bob McCarthy who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They did so with their son Bob who celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife.

Of the more than 300 not-for-profits who participated in Erie Gives, little St. Patrick's Parish was number 18 in donations. Only 17 large organizations such as the Erie Philharmonic, Erie Day School, Second Harvest Food Bank, Erie Playhouse, Kanzius Cancer Foundation, etc. received more than we did. Parishioners generously donated \$20,273 to the parish. Thank you.

A group of women participated in a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with your husband. They were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands. Then they were asked, "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some answered today, some said yesterday and some didn't remember. The women were then told to take their phones and send the following text to their husband: "I love you, sweetheart." Then the women were told to exchange phones and read the responding text messages. Here are some of the replies. "What's wrong, are you sick?" "Who the hell is this?" "What now, did you crash the car again?" "I thought we agreed not to drink during the day." "Your mother is coming to stay, isn't she?"

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Carol Kurpiewski** requested Janice Moskel; Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene and Family; St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Raymond Kantorowski** requested by Michelle Owens. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$782.00** and **\$65** for the **Church in Latin America**. 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.

MISS POLONAISE 2013-2014 If you are interested in competing for the title of Miss Polonaise you must be of Polish or Slavonic descent, must be proud of heritage, must reside in Erie County, must be of good moral character, must be between 16-20 years of age, must be committed to represent Erie's Polonia at numerous events, have fun and interact with people of all ages for the entire year. For applications, please call **Maria Wawrzyniak** at 814-881-8633. Deadline for entry is August 29th.

***Remember to Pray
the Rosary Everyday***



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>August 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Penz
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,453.37**, and **\$613.00 from online giving for a total of \$7,066.37.** 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Food Pantry Volunteers; Irene Nemergut, Cheryl Heintz, Francis Selay and Linda Pfeffer**: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Jerry McMahon** from Rosemarie McMahon; Laura Reitingner in memory of **her Grandparents; in memory of Ryan Palmer** from Barbara & John Reitingner; also donations from Barbara & Mark Sargent, Mr. Timothy J. Torrey, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske and Ed & Genny Chizewick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Shirley Winschel

CUP: Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: **NEEDED**

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Forrest Mischler,

Tim Scully

CUP: Mike Vehec, Ed Brown

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Randy Pristello, David Wilcox,

David Taccone, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

RCIA - If anyone is interested in the RCIA process for the 2013-2014 year for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Sr. Marie at 454-8085, ext. 2.

WELCOME

ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW

PARISHIONERS: Mary Barbish, Michael and Eileen Scutella, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Callaghan, Shirley Coughlin-Brown, James and Joyce Roehm.

A FUNDRAISER FOR GARY KING II, an alumni of St. Patrick School and the son of Deacon Jerry and Joan Peterson, is being held on his behalf due to medical complications as a result of a lung transplant. Contact Deacon Jerry at 456-0639 or Elizabeth Sweeney, choir member, to purchase a chance.

Help Pick Garden Produce

The Second Harvest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help pick fresh produce during harvest season. This will begin in July and continue until November. You can volunteer one time or multiple times and groups are encouraged. You will get to enjoy the great outdoors while helping to feed the hungry in an eleven-county service area. Kids must be at least 12 years old. Please contact Mariana Skonieczka at 459-3663 ext. 109.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environment **Online Safety Tips for Parents and Kids:**

Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyberbullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out:

<http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

EIGHTEEN DAYS UNTIL THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE VOLUNTEER FORM FOR THE FESTIVAL INCLUDED IN TODAY'S BULLETIN. THE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU TO MAKE IT THE SUCCESS!





September 13th, 14th, 15th, 2013

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:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ 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/Drink Tickets | |

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK:

Friday, Sept. 13th _____ Saturday, Sept. 14th _____ Sunday morning, Sept. 15th _____
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!

ST PATRICK FESTIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING

SEPTEMBER 13TH THRU 15TH

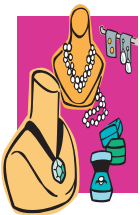


Volunteers: We need **YOU** to make this festival a success. There are volunteer forms in this week's bulletin and in the back of church. There are many areas that need your help. *We especially need a volunteer to coordinate decorations.*

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. If you have any questions call Ann Halupczynski at 838-2486.



THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN—Ave Needs Your Help! 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. So far, we have received very few items for the auction and the 3rd festival is just a few short weeks away. 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.



FESTIVAL JEWELRY BOOTH is always accepting jewelry to be sold at the Festival. This booth is one of the most popular, and now is a great time to donate any **UNBROKEN** jewelry to the Festival. You may drop it off at the rectory office or call Gail Smith at 833-9484.

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 !

The **CHILDREN'S AUCTION** needs donations such as new toys or gift cards. Please no stuffed animals. Your donations may be dropped off at the rectory on the porch at the rear of the building on the weekends and at the rectory office during the week.



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. Please call 454-8070 to 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!





August 16, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past 23 years you have been very generous in supporting the Catholic Education Collection. This year the collection will take place at the Masses of September 14/15.

This special collection is unique because half of the funds raised remain in your parish for important educational needs for adults and children. The other half is invested in the diocesan Religious Education Endowment Fund and The Catholic Foundation Education Fund. A portion of the funds also supports Catholic University of America.

Your support has helped thousands of people to find spiritual strength on their journey of faith. Over the past year we were able to use the earnings from the educational endowments to fund many very valuable initiatives including:

- Tuition assistance for many of the 8,000 students in the 38 Catholic schools throughout the Erie Diocese.
- Curriculum support for the students and teachers in the 98 parish religious education programs in the Diocese.
- A spiritual conference for the inmates of the Forest County State Correctional Institution in Marienville.
- An Adult Catholic Education Retreat in Oil City.
- Scholarships for many of the 2,000 religious education teachers and teachers in our Catholic schools enabling them to pursue graduate degrees or attend conferences for continuing education.

Again, thank you for your past and continued support of the Catholic Education Collection. May the Lord bless you abundantly with his peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



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Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival

The 20th Annual ZABAWA Polish Heritage Festival will be held at Holy Trinity Parish, located at E. 23rd and Reed Streets in Erie on the weekend of August 23, 24 & 25.

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 Msgr. Tom McSweeney for the Saturday Mass.

In addition to the Polish bakery 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 2 to 6 p.m. The Knewz -- Buffalo, NY

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

Admission to the festival grounds is free and all activities are under cover and handicapped accessible. Free additional parking and trolley 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

Parish Day with the Seawolves

Come see **Bishop Persico** throw out the first pitch on Parish Day at Jerry Uht Park in Erie, Sun., Sept. 1. The choir from the teen Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish will sing the national anthem.

Game begins at 5:05 pm. Tickets are \$8; \$7 for children 12 and under and seniors over 65. Reserve your tickets for section 211 at 814.456.1300 or use the order form on the back of your August edition of Faith magazine!

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 20, 2013.

Retrouvaille: A place to heal marriages.

Don't give up! Register now for the next Retrouvaille weekend October 4 - 6 in Erie. Learn a communications technique and attend follow-up sessions that can help strengthen and renew your marriage. Give your marriage a chance. Retrouvaille is sponsored by Catholic Charities. For more information, call 1-814-437-9377.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Aug. 24 Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM AL JARZAMSKI (MRS. HELEN DUBOWSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM HELEN TROCKI (THE LAMPE FAMILY) - ST.P

Aug. 25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM ELIZABETH WARD (FAMILY) - ST. P

9:00 AM NORBERTO JAGOREN - ST.P

(GEMMA NOWOSIELSKI)

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P

(ANGELOTTI FAMILY)

Aug. 26 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Aug. 27 Tuesday, Saint Monica

8:00 AM ZEBROWSKI & FABIN FAMILIES, LIVING &

DECEASED (FABIN CHILDREN)

Aug. 28 Wednesday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM THERESA SHREVE

(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)

Aug. 29 Thursday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00 AM MY MOTHER, VICTORIA KALATA

(DR. JOHN C. KALATA)

Aug. 30 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY

(RENEE & PAUL SITTER)

Aug. 31 Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM STEVE KOWALSKI (BARB & MIKE CROSS) - ST.P

Sept. 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS - ST.P

9:00 AM ROBERT DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.P

(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

10:30 AM RITA POL (JIM VALAHOVIC) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

08/24 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

08/27 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

08/28 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

08/31 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 66:18-21

Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



We are called to take our discipleship to heart. But that does not mean that we become self-righteous and arrogant, and that we believe that we are the only ones following all the right rules. Salvation is not something that we earn all by ourselves. It comes first and last from God's love for all. How presumptuous are you about being in God's good graces? How are you aiming for that narrow gate?

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