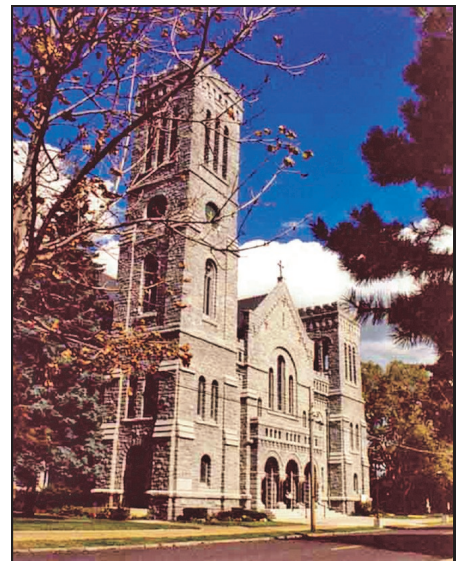


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

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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 22nd Sunday in ordinary time and our first reading comes to us from the Book of Sirach. Ben Sira, its author, lived during the late third and early second centuries BC, probably in Jerusalem. He wrote the book to instruct people in the advantages of the Jewish over the Greek way of life. Today's passage is about humility. The greater one's station in life, the more one needs humility. For some reason, verse 19 is not included today and it is one of the most important about humility as it says it is to the humble, rather than the proud, that God grants understanding. When we act humbly, we bring glory to God. The final sentence tells us that wise people appreciate proverbs and are always alert for wisdom. He concludes by noting that water puts out fire, and that we can prevent the damage done by our sins by giving alms.

Our second reading continues from Hebrews and presents us with two assemblies. The first is the gathering of the Israelites at Mount Sinai for the sealing of the covenant and the giving of the Law. The second stanza paints the picture of Jesus' followers gathering in the heavenly Jerusalem to receive the new covenant sealed in his blood.

By noting that Jesus is dining at the home of one of the leading Pharisees on a Sabbath, the opening sentence of today's gospel reminds us of the continuing controversy between Jesus and the Pharisees, a controversy which began at the end of Luke 13. Jesus notes the guests taking places of honor, and, as a good teacher, he does not let a teachable moment pass. He tells a parable about humility which links the gospel to the first reading today. This parable, unique to Luke, involves not only how we act as guests at others' banquets, but whom we invite when we host a gathering. Jesus' way of thinking is different from the prevailing Greek and Roman attitudes of the day that we invite our family and friends because they will invite us back. He encourages that we invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the outcasts. These are the people whom Jesus invites to the heavenly banquet and the ones we should invite to the Eucharistic banquet now.

Tomorrow, September 2, is Labor Day and the parish office will be closed.

It is only two weeks until our Irish Festival. Have you purchased raffle tickets on an all expense week in Ireland for two? The grand prize includes air fare out of either Buffalo or Cleveland, a rental car and 6 nites in Irish B & B's. Anyone who has stayed in an Irish B & B knows that you will experience the ultimate in Irish hospitality.

We're also still in need of volunteers to help with the festival. This is our largest fundraising event of the year and the revenue from it will be used to pay off our debt on the restoration of the church and to support our food pantry. I hope you'll support us in the project.

Sunday morning from 8:30 until 12:30 we will be serving a full Irish Breakfast. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 and children under 5 admitted free. In addition to the Irish breakfast, Bloody Mary's, Mimosa, etc. will be available. A local farmer will also be present with some sheep to show us how the sheep are sheared to make wool. A sheep would ultimately die if it were not sheared and so the process is a necessity and in parts of Ireland is still done by hand—as we will have the opportunity to see. The menu includes Corned Beef Hash, Irish bacon, scrambled eggs, Irish muffins, bangers, fried tomatoes, mushrooms, seasoned white beans, oatmeal and coffee, tea or milk. Quite a meal for less than \$10!! Calamari's is catering the breakfast as well as all of the food for the festival.

I'm grateful to St. Patrick parishioner Pat Doyle for orchestrating the installation of a camera in St. Patrick's Church which will now make the online homilies both audio and video. This camera was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bloomstine, Atty. & Mrs. Jay Habas, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schenker, Mr. & Mrs. Craig McCune. Marilyn McClelland and Mr. & Ms. James Herdzik.

On Thursday at 2 PM, St. Patrick's Church will host an interfaith Memorial Service for the War Dead of Erie County. Bishop Persico, Bishop Sean Rowe of the Episcopal Diocese, the heads of the Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Presbyterian and Temple Anshe Hased will all participate. Mark Alloway has assembled a rather large choir accompanied by timpani, pipe organ, trumpet and bugle. The ceremony should be very nice and is open to the public. There will

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be a strong patriotic theme to the event. The ROTC Honor Guard of Academy High School will lead the procession. Music will include "America," "The Navy Hymn," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Following the ceremony, people are invited to go to Dobbins Landing where a statue will be dedicated. Then, at 5 PM, the tall ships will come through the channel into the bay. The weekend will continue with a grand finale and huge fireworks display on Sunday evening. How great to support this event by attending the Memorial Service for those who gave their lives that you and I might enjoy the freedoms we have.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your will? Particularly with the old buildings we have to maintain, a gift in your will can help maintain the beauty of them. You can also name your parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. In designating your parish in your will or life insurance policy, you can determine exactly how you want your money used. At St. Patrick's, for example, we have established the St. Patrick Foundation, monies of which can only be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. None of that money can be used for operating expenses, etc. Any gift of any amount would be gratefully appreciated.

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-95, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he spotted a Florida State Trooper, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110 and 120. Suddenly, he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this." He pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his car and walked up to the Corvette. Looking at his watch, he said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding, a reason I've never heard before, I'll let you go. The old gentleman paused and then said, "Four years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper, and I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, Sir," said the trooper.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Miedy \$ Rose Plizga** requested by Peter and Judy Pentz; Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Albert (Micky) Mabie** requested by wife, Charlotte; St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$972.00** plus **\$239.00** for the **Missionary Co-Op**. Thank you and God bless.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Amanda Juchno**, whose funeral was celebrated on Friday, August 30th. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

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.

Please note that the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday has moved back to St. Hedwig beginning this week, September 1st.

ATTENTION: ROSARY MEMBERS, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS: The Rosary Society's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be canceled for this year. Any gifts that have been donated for the Chinese Auction will be kept for use at the Annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2013. More information will follow.

*Remember to Pray
the Rosary Everyday*



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

| | <u>Sept. 7</u> | <u>Sept. 8</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Saturday | Sunday |
| | 4:30 PM | 9:00 AM |
| Lector | Dave Widomski | Tom Kurpiewski |
| Eucharist | Dave Widomski | Peter Pentz |
| Ushers | Nancy Widomski | Michelle Moskel |
| Altar Server | Nowosielski Family | Charlotte Mabie |

ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL

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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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. 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 to all who have volunteered! You will be contacted
within the next two weeks.*



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,797.00 and \$628.00 from online giving for a total of \$7,425.00.** Thank you for your generosity.

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 **Grace Dietz** from co-workers at Matrix Hair Salon: The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of the **Wegner Family** from Lynne Long; in memory of the **Kelly Family** from Mary Duncan; also donations by Susan & Mark Sullivan, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Alice & Kenneth Daub, Rev. Leon Muroski, Carol & Jay Habas, Lynda & Thomas Cook, Jr. and Mr. David Romanowicz.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Patty Dailey, Ray Fiorelli

CUP: Chris Sanner, Lynne Long

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oliveri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Kathleen Pae,
Audrey Reigel

CUP: Michelle Tortorelli, Mary Williams

Greeters: Tim Donlin, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Logan Kearney

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Dave Wilcox,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

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.

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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.

Pre-Cana for marriage preparation will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek in two sessions, Sunday, September 8th and Sunday, September 15th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They are located at 837 Barlett Rd., in Harborcreek and reservations can be made by calling 814/898-0065.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14



The Lord's call to embrace humility is what this week's scriptures are all about. Humility is knowing who you are, with your gifts, strengths, virtues, shortcomings, sins, and imperfections. Gratitude is stirred in us when we live from humility. Coming to accept who we are with our gifts and shortcomings, we can live a life of thanksgiving. Francis DeSales said, "Part of our perfection is supporting one another in our imperfection." In order for us to know God, to become who God intends us to be, we need the gifts of others. Imagine yourself in today's Gospel scene. Where would you put yourself at that table? What would contribute to your choice?

TWELVE 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!



ST PATRICK FESTIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING SEPTEMBER 13TH THRU 15TH



Volunteers: Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to work at the festival. The volunteer sheets are being processed and put into a spread sheet. You will be contacted within the next two weeks with a time and area where you will be working. A big "thank you" to Kathy Sertz who has agreed to chair the decorating committee. We need so many to make this festival a success and it is very rewarding to find so many willing to help. There are still volunteer forms in this week's bulletin and in the back of church. 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 festival is just two 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.



The **CHILDREN'S AUCTION**

needs donations such as new toys, games 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!

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.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

10:30 AM RITA POL (JIM VALAHOVIC) - ST.P

Sept. 2 Monday, Weekday, Labor Day

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 3 Tuesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM RITA MCLAUGHLIN (SUPPLY TECHNOLOGIES)

Sept. 4 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM JOHN A. KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Sept. 5 Thursday, Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, religious

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Sept. 6 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM MARGARET THOMAS (BARBARA STAIGER)

Sept. 7 Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION (JEAN GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM JOCCO MALONEY (RAY & PATTY FIORELLI)

Sept. 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS - ST.P

9:00 AM PETER WERNICKI (TOM KURPIEWSKI) - ST.H

10:30 AM PATRICK WHALEN (ARLENE BARLEKOFF) - 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

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/02 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

09/03 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/04 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/05 2:00 PM Interfaith Service

09/07 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/08 11:30 AM Ave Mtg. - Chapel

THE 2013-14 CATECHETICAL YEAR WILL BEGIN FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS FOR KDG – 6 and GR 7 – GR 10 Sunday, September 22, 2013. Sessions for Students in *K – Gr 6* will meet **Sunday morning** from **9 am – 10:15 am**. Sessions for **Grades 7 – 10** will meet from **1 pm to 3 pm Sunday afternoon**.

A CATECHIST IS STILL NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN! Is God calling you to share your Catholic faith with these little ones in Kindergarten? Please contact **Kathleen Kutz @ 454-6322** as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless you!

NEW REGISTRATIONS are being accepted for the Faith Formation program which begins September 22nd. If you would like to register your child, please call the Faith Formation Office: **454-6322**.

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