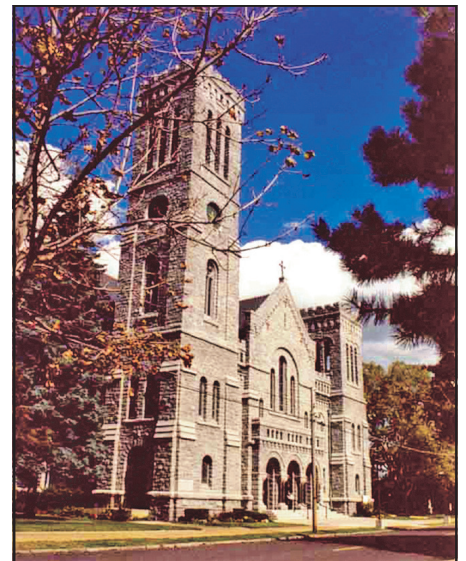
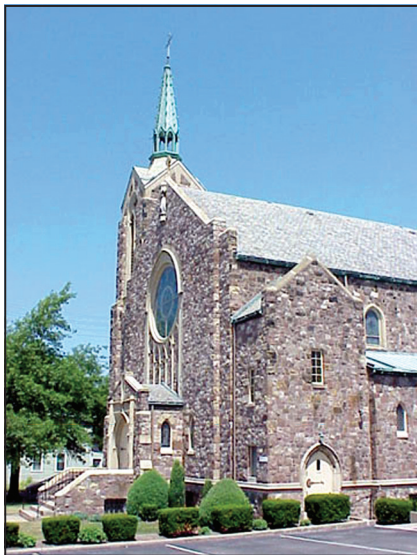


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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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 is from the Book of Deuteronomy, a text which is presented as Moses' last will and testament, his parting wisdom to the people he has led for many years as he now prepares for his own death. Though much of its content is found in other places in the Old Testament, Deuteronomy's rhetorical style and its deep spirituality hold a unique place in the hearts of the Israelites. For some reason, several verses are omitted from today's reading, verses in which Moses reminds his people to remember all that God has done for them. He speaks of the law as a gift from God, never a burden and goes on to say that it manifests the intimate relationship between God and Israel. He says that the law can never be diminished because it comes from God.....

In our second reading, we hear from the Letter of James. This New Testament letter is included in the Catholic bible, but not in the Protestant one. It deals primarily with hierarchical church structure which would not be the Protestant approach. Today's reading speaks of the unchangeable God and the great gift he has given us in receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ. James' insistence on coupling *doing* with *believing* is part of the reason Martin Luther called the Letter of James "that book of straw." For James, faith of itself is not enough; if it does not have good works, it is dead faith. He calls us to recognize the needs of the orphan and widow with action. It is also interesting that the word *religion* is only mentioned once in the New Testament, in the Letter of James.

Our Gospel excerpt from Mark is a section in which Jesus rails against those who distort God's law or replace it with human decrees. His disciples are being judged because they fail to keep the human laws of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus nullifies the law regarding unclean food and declares that it is only what comes from within that is important, not food which is taken from outside the body.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday.....Labor Day began in New York City in 1882 and Oregon became the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. Following the death of a number of workers at the hands of the U. S. military and U. S. marshals during the Pullman strike, President Grover Cleveland reconciled with the head of the labor movement and Congress approved Labor Day as a national holiday. The original plan was that parades would be held to promote the esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations. Labor Day is also popularly considered the end of summer and for those of you who still do so, it is the last day of the year to wear white or seersucker!! It is also the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. And, finally, the day after Labor Day was traditionally the day when children would return to school from summer vacation.

Celebrant of the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass in the Cauley Auditorium will be Father Dennis Martin, chaplain at Saint Vincent Health Center. Celebrant of the Sunday morning 9 AM at St. Hedwig's and the 10:30 in the Cauley will be Father Tom Fialkowski, retired pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. I will return from Europe on Sunday, September 9th.

The Conrad Schmitt Studio foreman for our work was here this past week to inspect all of the scaffolding. Their full 10 man crew will arrive on Tuesday and begin the major work in the church, plaster repair and restoration, painting, gilding, etc. Also this week we will begin the installation of the new electrical system which includes re-wiring the entire attic of the church. Although this expense was not included in our original budget, it's well worth doing. This way the entire church is now completely re-wired and up to code.

You can go to our St. Patrick web page to see updated pictures of what the interior of the church looks like. I'm grateful to photographer John Baker and St. Patrick parishioner Barb Fischer for taking the photos and video for the webpage so that you can keep up to date with what is happening.

We're all aware of the tension imposed by the Vatican on American women religious and hopefully there will be a solution to it. I urge you to continue to pray for these good women who are the very backbone and strength of our American church. Let me share some information about American women religious. In 1900, there were 49,872 sisters in the U. S.. By 1965 that number had risen to 181,421 and today there are 55,944. At the present time, 30% of American Women Religious communities have no one in formation. While there are over 1,000 women in formation programs in the US, they represent a highly educated and deeply spiritual group of women.

Next week I will share with you a rather startling new study on the sharp decrease of U. S. Catholic women presently practicing their faith. And this recent study shows that while a significant number of younger women have fallen away from religious practice, religious institutes have the challenge of trying to recruit women who are also struggling with their deep ambivalence about the church. The famous Jesuit theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was so correct when he said, "The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope." I must tell you that these very women religious are the people who give me reason to have hope.

A special thank you to those who made a donation to the Restoration Fund on Erie Gives. I'm happy to tell you that we raised over \$9,000 that day and half of it were new pledges and/or new donations to the project. It's amazing that in this economy, Erie donated over \$1 million that day to local non-profits.

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

Inside St. Patrick's Church, a complete floor has been built on the top of the scaffolding just beneath the dome so that they can work on that ceiling. At the same time, the new electrical wiring and fixtures will be put in place. The calendar provided by Conrad Schmitt shows that their workmen will complete their work by November 19th at which time the scaffolding will begin to be dismantled. It will take a couple of weeks to dismantle the scaffolding and as soon as it comes down, we move to the next phase of the restoration, bringing back the pews, carpeting the aisles and laying the new floor for the sanctuary.

A young man working for the scaffolding company started last week and said to me, "This is the most beautiful church I've ever seen. I've got to bring my parents here to see this. It's unbelievable. What a privilege to be able to work on the restoration of such a beautiful building."

You may recall that the two holy water fonts in the vestibule (the white cherubs) had bowls which had turned black from a century of calcium. Thanks to parishioner Eric Albright, they now sparkle like new. He was able to use a cleaner on them that completely removed the black deposit. As you may remember, once we are done with the work, I'll be looking for some volunteers to help clean the altars. They are blackened from the smoke in the fire in 1978 and, at that time, there was no material to clean them. Now we do have a cleaning material and Eric is donating the material, the brushes, etc. for us to do the work

More letters from children to God. "Dear God: The bad people laughed at Noah—"You made an ark on dry land you fool." But he was smart, he stuck with you. That's what I would do. Eddie." "I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. Eugenia." "Dear God: My brother told me about being born but it doesn't sound right. They're just kidding, aren't they? Marsha." "Dear God, Did you really mean 'do unto others as they do unto you'? Because if you did, they I'm going to fix my brother. Darla." "Dear God. Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. Bruce.".....

Message on the sign of the Christian Fellowship Church: "Church Parking Only. Trespassers Will Be Baptized." A teacher was giving a lesson on blood circulation. Trying to make it clearer, she said, "Now class, if I stood on my head the blood would rush in and I would turn red in the face. Then why is it while I stand upright like this the blood doesn't run into my feet?" One little boy in the back of the classroom shouted, "Because your feet aren't empty."



Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,280.25**, and **\$1,655.00** for the **COAR Mission** to benefit orphans in El Salvador. 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 by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**. The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Casimir Pietrasewicz** by Ed and Genny Chizewick.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Pat Schlaudecker*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Judy Emling, Ray Fiorelli,
Mary Marnella*

Greeters: *Judy Emling, Kathleen Horan*

Altar Servers: **Needed**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Forrest Mischler,
Charla Leemhuis, Audrey Reigel*

Greeters: *The Tom Brunner Family*

Altar Servers: *Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Tom Welch,*

Randy Pristello, David Taccone

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan*

We really need altar servers for the 5:00 Masses on Saturday. The position is not limited to children—adults may apply!

FESTIVAL NEWS:

BE SURE TO PICK UP A FLYER FROM THE BACK OF THE CAULEY CENTER. THIS FLYER HAS A VOLUNTEER SHEET ON ONE SIDE AND FESTIVAL NEWS ON THE OTHER! THE FESTIVAL IS TWELVE DAYS AWAY! THERE IS A MEETING IN THE PASCAL ROOM AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON SUNDAY.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns for the health of **Rose Niedzwiecki** requested by Judy Pentz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Wanda Damico** requested by Barb & Amanda Juchno and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Victor Pazdziesz** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for August 25/26 was **\$860.00** and **\$422.00** for the **COAR Mission** to benefit orphans in El Salvador. Thank you and God bless.

We wish the best to **Breanne Hayes**, our altar server, who is entering Duquesne University to pursue a career in medicine. We thank Breanne for her many years of service to St. Hedwig's. We are also proud of how she represented St. Hedwig's and her Polish Heritage as Miss Polonaise 2012.

We congratulate **Genevieve Gorski**, a generous and cherished parishioner, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on September 9th. We wish her many more happy years.

St. Hedwig Annual Pancake Breakfast

The St. Hedwig Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 from 9am until 1pm at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. Sunday Mass at St. Hedwig's is at 9am. Come and enjoy pancakes with your choice of toppings, plus sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 3 to 10 years of age. Tickets are available at all weekend Masses and at the door. We will also have a wonderful Chinese Auction. Donations for the Auction would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the sacristy after any weekend Mass.

Miss Polonaise 2013

Plans are now in the making for the activities of Miss Polonaise 2013. Anyone interest in applying contact Patty Tofel at 456-9796.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 8 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister	Jim Gorski
Reader	Jim Gorski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski

Sunday, September 9 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister	Tom Zielinski
Reader	Art Blum
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Festival

SS. Peter & Paul at 3415 Wallace St. Erie is having their festival on Sunday, September 16 from noon until 7pm. Church tours, gift shop, Carpatho-Rusyn Society exhibit, ethnic foods, baked goods, gift basket raffles, hourly gas card giveaways. Polka music by Erie's Mar-vels. Free Admission. Rain or shine. See the \$1 off coupon in the Erie Times and at the parish website www.eriecountybyzantines.org

Camp Notre Dame

Will be offering its popular Father/Son and Mother/Daughter weekend again this fall and winter. Programs run from Friday evening to Sunday morning for parents and their children ages 6-14. Visit www.CampNotreDame.com for a full schedule of activities and registration form.

What do we mean by "life everlasting"?

By "life everlasting" we mean that there will be Another existence after this present life, and in it the just will be happy for all eternity. *In that life the just will dwell in heaven with God, in perfect and everlasting happiness. Heaven is both a place and a state: Our Lord Jesus Christ came down from heaven, and ascended into it. Heaven is a state: even when the Blessed Virgin Mary, for example, appears to men, she does not leave heaven, which she carries with her, in the state of her soul.*

"Quote"

"You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late."

____Thomas Fuller
(1608-1661)



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.

**Pray the
Rosary**



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 1 Saturday, Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM EMILIO & ANGELINE ABBATO & FAMILY
(THE FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 2 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM ANNA SCHWARTZ (ROSARY SOCIETY) - ST.H

10:30 AM EDITH CICHETTI - ST.P
(CARL & ALICE CARLOTTI)

**Sept. 3 Monday, St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor
Of the Church**

8:00 AM NO MASS

Sept. 4 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM NO MASS

Sept. 5 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 6 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 7 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 8 Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM FOR THE INTENTION OF JEAN GORSKI - ST.H
ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

5:00 PM JOCKO MALONEY, ANNIV OF BIRTH - ST.P
(RAY & PATTY FIORELLI)

Sept. 9 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM TED WIDOMSKI - ST.H
(ROSE NIEDZWIECKI)

10:30 AM EDWARD ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. - ST.P
(FAMILY)

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

09/01 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/02 11:30 AM Festival Mtg.—PR

09/03 **Labor Day—Offices Closed**

09/04 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/05 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/08 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/09 11:30 PM Festival Mtg. - PR

9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS begin September 9th for all grade levels and we still do not have enough catechists. Please note that we have children from **each** of the following parishes: *Holy Rosary, Holy Trinity, St John the Baptist, Our Mother of Sorrows, St Hedwig, St Mary of the Immaculate Conception, St Patrick, St Stanislaus*. The children of your parish would appreciate having you share their faith with them.

The catechetical ministry is the **primary ministry** of the Church. We each received the call to discipleship – to follow Christ, to be his heart and hands and feet and voice. Can you, will you respond to the call YOU received at baptism, to proclaim the Gospel? You will never regret saying "yes." **Catechists are needed for the following levels: 1 each for Gr 2, Gr 3, Gr 5; 4 for Jr High and 3 for Sr High.** Please call Kathleen Kutz (**454-6322**) or S. Marie Kebort, SSJ (**454-8085**) for more information and to volunteer. God bless you!

12 DAYS UNTIL THE IRISH FESTIVAL

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