

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

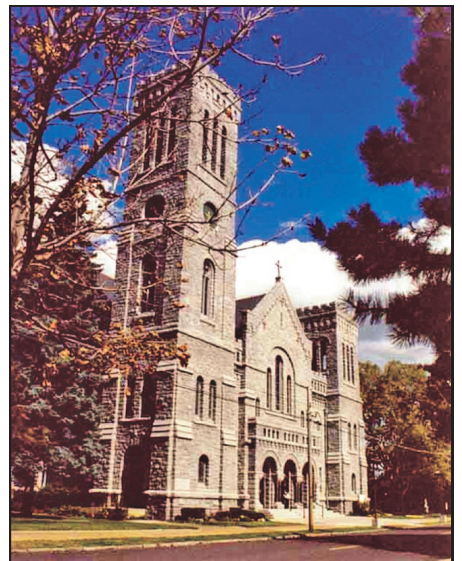
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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Saint Patrick Parish

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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the prophet Ezekiel. This is a serious and sobering message, especially for those who exercise the care of souls. It points to the gravity of undertaking ministry in the name of the Lord. Last week we heard Jeremiah bemoan the weight of God's service. Here, Ezekiel proclaims a message found throughout Hebrew Scriptures: with election comes responsibility. Ezekiel uses the image of a watchman, whose task it was to stand on the hilltop watching for approaching danger and give warning when aggressors approached. In like manner, the prophet must recognize and warn of the dangers that lurk in the hearts and actions of the people of Israel. Divine warnings must be delivered undiluted, God says, no matter how unpopular they are. Speak what must be spoken and you will live. Those who ignore you are responsible for their own fate; but *fail* to carry out your charge and the lives of those who are lost are on *your* head.

Continuing to read from Paul's Letter to the Romans, we encounter his immensely pastoral approach. Though Paul wrote before the gospels were written, he is aware of Jesus' teachings and here summarizes it by defining "law" as love of neighbor. If the essence of the law is love, then the commandments serve primarily as illustrations of how to love.

Just two weeks ago, in an earlier chapter of Matthew, we heard the same injunction regarding binding and loosing. At that time it was addressed only to Peter; now it is extended to the entire Christian community. As the community grows, the need for discipline becomes more apparent. Jesus' mandate no longer applies only to nonbelievers, but to those already within the community. As in the first reading, clear directions are given for handling correction and the community. But rather than warning of dire consequences, Jesus endorses repeated efforts to win over a recalcitrant sister or brother. Try to work it out and if that fails, get help. When that, too, is unsuccessful, take it to a higher authority. Each step is intended to resolve the problem with the least amount of effort and disruption. And finally, this reading today concludes with Jesus' exhortation that we pray as a community because wherever two or three are gathered, Christ

is present.

Bishop Persico recently shared a rather frightening statistic with the priests. He said that we now have 111 active priests in the diocese and that 50 of us are over the age of 65. Even more challenging is the fact that 70 of the 111 active priests are over the age of 60.

We welcome representatives of the Sisters of St. Benedict to our parishes today as they conduct our annual Mission Appeal.

I had initially thanked you for your generous response at St. Patrick's to Erie Gives in the fact that you had donated \$23,000. With the added gift from Erie Community Foundation, the check we received totaled \$25,000!!! That is incredible. How can I thank you for your generosity? I hope you know my gratitude.

I have just finished plowing through a rather heavy study on why larger and larger numbers of individuals are drifting away from traditional notions of church. In her book, *Belief Without Borders*, Linda Mercadante, a Presbyterian minister, begins her study with an exploration of the "spiritual but not religious" people. She comes to the conclusion that no matter how much organized religion tries to dismiss this, it is constantly being challenged by this ethos. Based on 5 years of research, she discusses the generational difference and narrows the categories into "types": dissenters, casuals, explorers, seekers and immigrants (not physical but those who've moved into a new belief).

While she says that her studies reveal that a large number of parents feel that those who drift will return to the faiths of their childhood, she is skeptical of that. "Many millennials cannot return to the religion of their youth," she writes, "because many of them never had one." While she divides her categories of people who have left into areas such as transcendence, human nature, community and the afterlife, her studies shatter the idea that this defecting generation does not believe in anything. Her studies show that there is simply one issue that all of these departing people believe in. That is "human nature is inherently good." Beyond that, there isn't one thing that is common because they are still

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

trying to understand what belief means to them.

A disturbing part of her study shows that this idea about searching too often turns inward to focus on the self, rather than turning outward to embrace the other. The search for "the authentic self" inherent in so much of her studies may be a reaction against the time in which we live, a way of "carving some space away from the distracting, fragmented external world" in which we live.

I hope this isn't too heavy, but unless we understand what is happening, we will never be able to solve the problem. Next I want to share with you some insights in another new book, "Young Catholic America" which I think has some fascinating insights into where our children are today and why we are having such a problem keeping so many of them in the Catholic Church.

One morning three South Georgia good old boys and three Yankees were in a ticket line at the Atlanta train station heading to Athens, GA for a big football game. The three Northerners all bought a ticket and stood and watched as the three Southerners bought just one ticket among them. "How are you 3 going to travel on one ticket?" asked one of the Yankees. "Watch and learn" was the response. When they boarded the train, the three Yankees sat down but the 3 Southerners jammed themselves into a bathroom together and closed the door. The conductor came through to collect the tickets. He knocked on the bathroom door and said, "tickets please." The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with the ticket. The conductor took it and moved on. The Yankees were impressed. After the game, when they got to the train station, they bought a single ticket but the 3 Southerners didn't buy one. "How are you going to travel without a ticket?" they asked. "Watch and learn." When they boarded the train the three Northerners all crammed into the bathroom and the three Southerners crammed into the one across from it. As soon as the train left, one of the Southerners left the bathroom and walked quietly over to the Yankee's bathroom. He knocked on the door and said, "ticket please." An arm reached out and handed over the ticket. There's just no way on God's green earth to explain how the South lost the Civil War.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Harriet Purzycki, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by Janice and family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$833.00 plus \$139.00 for Assistance to Poland. Thank you and God bless.

50th Annual Polonaise Ball

The East Side Federation of Polish American Societies was founded 90 years ago to aid and assist Polish Immigrants to be good Americans while preserving their ethnic heritage. While this is a milestone, we are also having our annual Polonaise Ball on Saturday, November 1st at the Polish Falcons Nest 610, 431 E.3rd Street. Our program will consist of dinner, followed by the crowning of a new Miss Polonaise queen for the 2014-15 year, then an evening of dancing to the music of Erie's own Mar-Vels. For tickets and dinner reservations call Cindy Plizga at 868-7924. The cost is \$20.00 each for adults, children 10 and under \$10.00. The evening will begin at 6pm with a cash bar followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30pm.

Reflection

Flattery consists in praising a person immoderately, against one's conviction, for an ulterior motive. A flatterer lies in order to secure an advantage for himself. "A man that speaketh to his friend with flattering and dissembling words spreadeth a net for his feet" (Prov. 29:5). "It is better to be rebuked by a wise man than to be deceived by the flattery of fools" (Ecclus. 7:6). "Woe to you that call evil good!" (Is. 5:20). *Flatterers criticize and ridicule a man behind his back, but they praise him before his face.*

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>September 13</u>	<u>September 14</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Rossi	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Tom Zielinski
	Michelle Moskel	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY



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"/> ID Checking | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Sign In |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Games of Chance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages (All) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Shop |
| <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. 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!



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,375.61
Online Giving	<u>1,052.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 7,427.61

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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory **Jeah Yezzi** from Husband & Family: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, and Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Tina Kraus** from Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, in memory of **Norma & Bernard Clement** from Debra Morrow, in memory of **Trish** from Jeff Hardner, in memory of **Father Walter Kozlowski** from Dr. Joanne Finn, in memory of **Robert Miller** from Yvonne Gersims also donations from Debra & James Murray, Alice & Ken Daub, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz, & Dotty & Michael Schloss, and Sue & Warren Weber.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Ray Fiorelli, Jay Habas, Carol Habas

CUP: Patty Dailey, Tom Golab

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Michele Wheaton, Audrey Reigel, Tim Scully

CUP: Colleen Welch, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

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

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

FESTIVAL MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 7 after 10:30 Mass in the Pascal Room. 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.

JOIN THE ERIE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY to explore 10 downtown Erie places of worship open for tours and historical interpretation. Thursday, September 11, 2014 6:00—9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please call 454-1813 to make a reservation!



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20



The whole world seems in conflict. A pervasive atmosphere of conflict and violence among us seems to exist as we deal with shootings and individuals attempting to solve their problems by striking out at others. Our media foments an US versus THEM atmosphere. Even the disciples did not escape conflict and sought to be the one closest to Jesus. Today Jesus lays out a method of dealing with conflict; he called for one-on-one conversation. If that is unsuccessful he asks that the Christian community become involved. It is then that God's point of view becomes part of the conversation...respect for one another, compassionate listening, this often leads to compromise. How tolerant are you of the real failings of others? How do you resolve conflict?

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.





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.



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!



ONLY TWELVE DAYS UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 6 *Saturday, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM JOSEPHINE ALECCI
(KEVIN & PEG KENDZIOR) - ST.P

Sept. 7 *Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOCKO MALONEY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(RAY & PATTY FIORELLI) - ST.P

9:00 AM PETER ZIELINSKI (THERESA JUCHNO) - ST.H

10:30 AM MARIAN GLAZ, ANNIV. OF BIRTH, 9/12 - ST.P
(WALT & DARLENE MIENTKIEWICZ)

Sept. 8 *Monday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 9 *Tuesday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00 AM EDWARD BUKOWSKI (JOAN I. ZAUSEN)

Sept. 10 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 11 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 12 *Friday, The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY
(GREG & MARY BETH DILLON)

Sept. 13 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI - ST.H
(MARY JO & ROBERT SULECKI)

5:00 PM GERALDINE CIACCHINI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY)

Sept. 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 AM BARB MCGILL (JOHN JOINT FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM WILLIAM HAYES- ST.H
(PAUL & EILEEN BALCZUN)

10:30 AM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL - ST.P
(FRED & JUDY BUCKHOTTZ)

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

09/06 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/07 11:30 AM Festival Mtg. - PR

09/07 12:00 PM Ave Mtg. - McGarrey's Oakwood Café

09/09 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/10 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/13 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN –

Sunday, **September 14th** we welcome the children and families once again for their opening session of the *Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Program*. **Children in Kdg – Gr 6 meet at 9 am to 10:15 am. Jr and Sr High Youth (Gr 7-9) meet from 1 pm to 3 pm. Parents are reminded that their presence is necessary at the Opening Session.**

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – The young people of our Eastside parishes met with their sponsors and the Confirmation Team, August 24th to begin preparation for Confirmation. The candidates for the *Sacrament of Confirmation* are: **Abby Cochran, Taylor Drzewicki, Jordan Kuhns, Ryleigh McNaughton, Zack Scarpino, Caitlin Strasser, John Tharp, Brendon Jubulis, Kiely Kearney, Zach Lintleman.** Please keep these young people in your prayer throughout their period of formal preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

URGENT NEED FOR CATECHISTS!!! – Won't you please consider becoming a catechist in our Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry?!? At this time we need a catechist for Gr 3, Gr 7 and Gr 9. The children in Gr 3 will be preparing for their first Eucharist. Our children and youth need someone (*perhaps like you*) to help them grow in their love of Jesus through instruction, prayer and joyful witness to our Catholic Faith. **Please call Kathleen Kutz at 454-6322 for more information regarding these grade levels in need of a catechist.** Thank you!

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