

# *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**

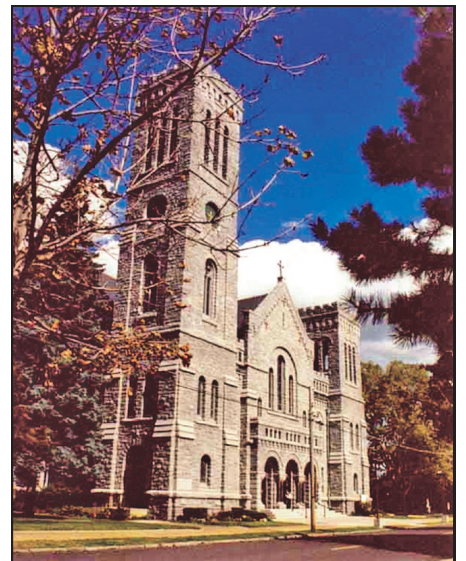
**Saint Patrick 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

## **HOLY DAY MASS**

**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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Erie, PA 16507

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



Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Often depicted as coiled around a cross-shaped rod, the seraph serpent of Moses is viewed as a type of the Cross of Jesus. Clearly, this is the reason this text is chosen

for today's first reading. Though delivered from Egyptian slavery through wonderful manifestations of God's power and protection, years of wandering in the desert have wearied the people and eroded their faith. So once again they complain against God and Moses. They wonder aloud why they left the comforts of Egypt for a pipedream of freedom in a foreign land, and they accuse Moses of leading them to their death. The Lord punishes them and coming to their senses, the people repent and plead for mercy. God graciously responds and orders Moses to construct the bronze serpent promising that it will be a source of healing

Our second reading from the Letter to the Philipians is proclaimed every year on Palm Sunday. Its theological significance is great because it traces the trajectory of Christ's eternal existence from before the incarnation when he enjoyed equality with God; through his incarnation when he willingly surrendered that status to become human in all things but sin and accepted even death of a cross. It is a very early Christian hymn that predated Paul and was probably composed by the apostles to explain the lofty theology of Christ's pre-existence, his humility and willingness to be subjected to all of the consequences of sin. The first half of the hymn (up to "death on a cross") refers exclusively to Christ, telling us who he is. God is the subject of the second half and there we learn what God has done for Christ.

In this brief exchange with Nicodemus, Jesus has expounded a profound truth in the statement that to enter the Kingdom of God one has to be reborn of water and the Spirit. The dialogue with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, serves Jesus' purpose to contrast human stubbornness with God's overwhelming generosity. Though Nicodemus could not possibly understand the reference to the Son of Man needing to be lifted up in order to become the source of eternal life, he is certainly aware that the serpent "lifted up" in the desert by Moses became a source of divine healing. The final part of the exchange focuses on the divine motive for the

incarnation: extravagant love. God did not become human for the purpose of judgment and condemnation (though we can condemn ourselves when we refuse his love), but God sent his Son for only one reason: "that the world might be saved through him."

Well, we're finally at the big week. Our festival opens on Friday evening with bagpipers coming from Perry Square, down State Street and over East Fourth St. to the church. We're open Friday night from 5 -10 PM and Saturday from noon until 10 PM. Sunday morning we will serve a full Irish breakfast in the Social Center at the Church of the Nativity.

Following their Sunday morning services which should end around 10:30, the Church of the Nativity will be open for the public to tour it. If you have never been in it, please take advantage of this opportunity. It is an incredible building. The art work inside is amazing.

Pray for good weather this week, though that has not been the case much of this summer. Remember that even if it rains, everything is tented and the Festival will go on rain or shine. Erie Insurance has bent over backwards to help us by supplying extra security as well as giving us the use of their parking lots for the weekend.

And to practical matters, there will be 8 port-potties on the sidewalk in front of the rectory.

I hope you'll take the time to attend the festival as a ton of work has gone into the preparation. If it were not for the leadership of Angie Kontur this year, none of this would have come to reality. She and Cal Pifer have put in endless hours and I think you're going to be impressed with the outcome.

St. Patrick's Church will be open Friday from 5-8 PM, and Saturday from 4-8 PM for people to tour the building. We have volunteers who will be in the building to oversee and answer any questions. Alice Daub has been gracious enough to have the Gift Shop open during those hours.

East Fourth Street in front of the church will be closed to traffic Wednesday—Sunday so that a large tent can house the stage, dance floor and a

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seating area. We have also secured bleachers which will be on the sidewalk in front of the church for people to listen to the music. The music will stop during the Saturday 5 PM Mass and resume immediately after.

It has been nice the past several weeks to see a significant number of Gannon University students attending Mass at St. Patrick's. I hope they know how much we welcome them and I hope that if you know a college age student attending Mass you would go out of your way to welcome them.

We're continuing some extensive work on the exterior of St. Patrick's Rectory. We have cleaned and painted all of the eaves (and they tell me they have not been touched since Fr. Plunkett left in 1974). We have painted all of the exterior trim and done an enormous amount of caulking between the bricks, much of which had been almost completely gone. Some of the windows were in bad condition and we've replaced all of the caulking on the third floor and are also working on the second floor. The first floor was done earlier. By doing this ongoing maintenance, I think we can avoid falling into any major disrepairs with these hundred year old buildings. We have more sidewalk to be replaced in front of the rectory before winter and then next spring we will do another section of it and keep at it until it is all replaced.

The small shrine area east of the church has been nicely restored.

With pledges of \$82,000 for our Catholic Services Appeal, we currently have payments of \$68,347. I owe the diocese \$44,000 on our assessment and the balance I can put toward the debt on the restoration.

A man charged with murder bribed a friend on the jury to hold out for a manslaughter verdict. The jury was out a long time, but at last brought in the desired verdict. During a visit in prison the following week, the man thanked his friend. "You must have had a tough time getting them to vote for manslaughter," he said. "Tough is right," the friend replied. "The other 11 wanted to acquit you."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **William Hayes** requested by Mike & Pam Kuzuchowsky, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Mary Juchno** requested by the Juchno family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,430.00** and **\$225.00** for the Mission, AIM-USA. Thank you and God bless.

### Annual Rosary Meeting

St. Hedwig Rosary Society meeting on Saturday, October 11 following the 4:30pm Mass. All members and guests are welcome to attend. A light lunch will be served. Upcoming events will be discussed; the Election Day Bake Sale and the Annual Christmas Party on December 7th.

**"Spirit: Friend or Foe?" Theology on Tap Discussion**  
With Rev. Father Chris Singer, JCL. A very timely topic for the month of October. Fr. Chris will talk about the spiritual realm: the Holy Spirit, the Evil Spirit, and the spirits in between. All young adults 21-39 are invited to attend, Tuesday, October 7 from 7 to 9pm at BrewErie at Union Station. There is no cost except for the food and drink you purchase. All are welcome, bring a friend! Visit [www.cyamerie.com](http://www.cyamerie.com) for more info.

### Sin Against Truth - Hypocrisy

*Hypocrisy or dissimulation is acting a lie. It is hypocrisy to pretend to be better than we are. It was hypocrisy of Judas to kiss Our Lord like a friend, when it was only to betray Him. Those who are outwardly pious but lead lives of sin are hypocrites. They resemble Satan, who can assume the form of an angel of light. Jesus called hypocrites "whited sepulchers", beautiful outside, but within full of dead men's bones.*

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>September 20</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>September 21</u> Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski Michelle Moskel	Tom Zielinski Sharon Zielinski
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	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:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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!*



# Saint Patrick News



August 14, 2014

## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 8,210.81
Online Giving	<u>1,067.00</u>
Total Offertory	9,277.81
Mission	<u>2,193.45</u>
Total Income	\$11,471.26

*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 General Fund** in memory of; The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Carol Quinn Portenier** from son, Stephen; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Susan Gerard** from Barbara Gingenbach, in memory of **Jack D. Barber** from Yvonne Gersims, in memory of **William Lacy** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **Catherine Quick** from Mary Atzert in memory of **Ed Pacy, George Zack, John & Barb Jacquiel** from Phyllis Zack, in memory of **Lorna Smith** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski also donations, Kathleen Horan, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Sue & Warren Weber and Susan & Mark Sullivan.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Bill Power

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Carolyn Power, Lynne Long, Yvonne Gersims

**CUP:** Kay Mannino, Kathy Sertz

**Greeters:** Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

**Altar Servers:** **NEEDED**

**Ushers:** Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Charla Leemhuis, Ed Brown

**CUP:** Michelle Tortorelli, Mike Vehec

**Greeters:** Charla Leemhuis, Noran Brugger

**Altar Servers:** Logan Kearney

**Ushers:** Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,  
Luke Purvis

**Offertory Counters:** Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of September 20-21 we will conduct the Catholic Education Collection in our Diocese. Your gift to the Catholic Education Collection renews the very heart of the Church as we strive to carry out our mission to teach the Christian faith to each new generation.

We have many reasons to be proud of the faith formation at all levels in our Diocese. From parish religious education to Catholic schools, from adult faith formation to RCIA, and through many other means, we are teaching the truths of the Catholic faith and forming disciples.

Unique to the Catholic Education Collection is that half of the funds raised in your parish will remain in your parish for important catechetical ministry for both children and adults. The majority of the balance will be invested in the Religious Education Endowment Fund and in the Catholic Foundation to be used for students, Catholic school teachers, religious education teachers and a variety of educational opportunities for adults. A portion of the funds raised also supports Catholic University of America.

I thank you for your generous support of Catholic education in the past and ask you to please be generous again to the Catholic Education Collection on September 20-21.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Numbers 21:4b-9

Gospel: John 3:13-17



The early church saw the cross as an instrument of torture; Christians today see it as a sign of our salvation. There is so much suffering in our world-separated families, the war, sickness, hunger, homelessness. These are some of the crosses we bear, and we look to the cross as a source of hope. We are marked with the sign of the cross at our baptism, with holy water as we come into church, at the beginning of liturgy, when we pray before a meal. It is the symbol we use to identify ourselves as Christians. Which engages your spirit more, the cross without a corpus or a crucifix with a corpus?

## 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 FIVE DAYS UNTIL THE FESTIVAL!

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

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI - ST.H

(MARY JO &amp; 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 &amp; EILEEN BALCZUN)

10:30 AM HARRY &amp; RITA CALDWELL - ST.P

(FRED &amp; JUDY BUCKHOLTZ)

**Sept. 15** *Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 16** *Tuesday, Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

8:00 AM HELEN LAROCCA, ANNIV OF DEATH, 9/17

(DAUGHTER ANGIE)

**Sept. 17** *Wednesday, Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM LIL MARINCE (FAMILY)

**Sept. 18** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM BARBARA KORN, ANNIV. OF DEATH, 9/18

(STANLEY LIPINSKI)

**Sept. 19** *Friday, St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 AM RON ANGELOTTI (MARILYN WAYLAND)

**Sept. 20** *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM HARRIET MICHALSKI - ST.H

(THERESA &amp; BOB DZIKOWSKI)

5:00 PM DELPHINE ARDUINI (ANN STAROCCI) - ST.P

**Sept. 21** *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM SEAMUS KEARNS (MASI FAMILY) - ST.P

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKEY) MABIE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM FORREST &amp; GERTRUDE SHORTS

DEC., WEDDING ANNIV. (FAMILY) - 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

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**09/16** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**09/17** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**09/19** 5:00 -11:00 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**09/20** 12:00 -11:00 ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL-CHURCH GROUNDS**09/20** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**09/21** 8:30 -12:30 ERIE IRISH BREAKFAST,  
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK-****END** – 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*.**SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR PARISHIONERS** – The *Benedictines for Peace of Erie* along with the Sisters of St Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy will host an environmental event -- **My Home, Our Planet, the Future? Commit to Make a Difference** -- **Sept. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Perry Square**. The goal is for awareness to create a more sustainable world. The event, part of the *International Day of Peace*, will feature speakers, poets and presentations by the *Young People's Chorus of Erie* and the *Erie Playhouse Youtheatre Showstoppers*. Other attractions in Perry Square will include children's and family activities, ideas for reducing an individual's carbon footprint, and an invitation to sign a pledge to care for the earth. In the event of rain, festivities will be held in the Yehl Ballroom of Gannon University's Waldron Center.**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**