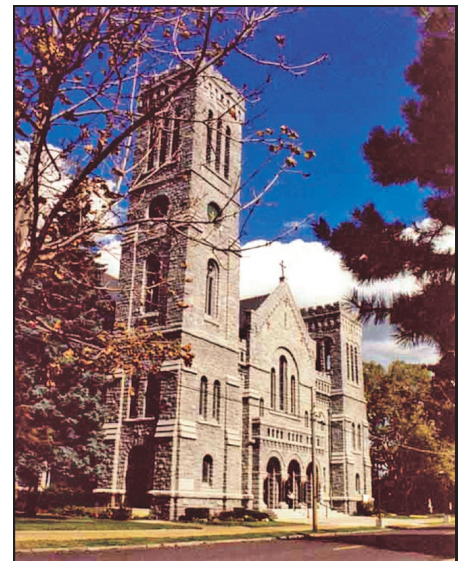


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

(814) 454-8085

www.saintpatrickparisherie.org



***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the Book of Exodus. The Israelites have grown impatient with God. It seems to them that Moses is spending an inordinate amount of time on Mount Sinai, receiving the commandments. They then call on Aaron to make a new god for them. Aaron was not the strongest of leaders and he implemented a plan to fulfill their wish. All members would donate their gold earrings which were melted to fashion a molten calf which the people would worship. Aaron even built an altar in front of the statue for people to offer sacrifice after which they would feast. Our reading today begins with God telling Moses to go back to his people and to remind them that they have violated the basic commandment by worshipping another God. The Lord is consumed with anger but he will not harm Moses. But Moses stands up for the people and reminds God that their freedom from slavery in Egypt came not from Moses but from the Lord and he reminds the Lord of his promise. The Lord then relents, not the only time that he forgives the Israelites for their sins.

Our second reading comes from Paul's Letter to Timothy, and we will read from this letter for the next seven Sundays. These two letters to Timothy and the one to Titus are called pastoral letters because they address practical aspects of the early church. They were not written by Paul himself but by one of his disciples. Today's reading is addressed to church leaders and recounts Paul's own conversion from being a false teacher to his ministry as an apostle. The author reminds us that neither right thinking nor right action will merit salvation but only the Lord's grace which is freely given. The author reminds us that if God saved the great sinner Paul, he will certainly save us.

Our gospel is from Luke today in which he once again reminds us that Jesus welcomes the sinner and dines with them. The parable of importance today is the Parable of the Prodigal Son, one of the most powerful stories in all of the scriptures. The son has insulted his father, squandered his fortune and comes meekly back to beg forgiveness; but he is never given the chance. The minute the father sees him coming from afar, he forgives the son and calls for a great celebration. It's an incredible reminder to

one of us that we can be forgiven anything wrong we do, provided we recognize the wrong. An often forgotten section of this parable is the older son who assumes a self-righteous stance and refuses to welcome and forgive his brother. Quite frankly, we're seeing some of this in the church today as the very right wing of the church is very loudly condemning Pope Francis because he's not talking endlessly about same sex marriage, birth control and abortion. One prominent American archbishop said recently, "We will not tolerate a pope who does not address these issues." What a stance of self-righteousness, rather than rejoicing in the mercy and healing which this new pope embraces.

Throughout the Diocese of Erie this weekend, we have the annual Catholic education collection. One half of the funds raised in this appeal remain in the parish to help with our costs of religious ed and the other half is invested by the diocese to grant scholarships to students.

This weekend is our Irish Festival. It is the largest fundraising event of the year for St. Patrick's Parish, and I hope you will help support it. The monies raised will help eliminate our debt and also help finance the St. Patrick Food Pantry.

Sunday morning we will host a full Irish breakfast from 8:30 until 12:30. Cost is \$9 per person, \$6 for children under 12 and children under 5 are admitted free. It promises to be the concluding part of a fun weekend, and I hope you'll consider joining us.

The new Finance Council for St. Hedwig's parish consists of Jim Gorski, Peter Pentz, Nancy Widomski and Paul Siegel. I'm grateful for their giving time and talent to help me with the finances at the parish.

We have just completed some work on the tall chimney behind St. Patrick's church. Northwest Restoration discovered that many of the bricks at the very top were loose. We initially thought of lowering the chimney, but the cost is prohibitive and so we had the area pointed and repaired. The chimney is still a functioning chimney, it's just that we don't need it that high, but I guess that is the way it's going to remain.

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

I had planned to use the majority of the profit from the Irish Festival to put toward our debt, but I'm going to hold off a bit until Northwest Restoration finishes the exterior work on the church. Both the east and west gable roofs had to be replaced. I was honestly shocked when I saw the condition of some of the tiles that came down in the bucket. They were so badly broken that I don't know how they ever kept water out of the building. Hopefully, they will finish their work soon and then I will know how much I can put toward the debt. We have already paid Northwest over \$40,000 for work they've done this summer. As you know, none of this was anticipated. We spent over \$120,000 pointing the exterior of the church prior to the restoration as well as carefully checking the roof. I thought we were done; but old buildings have a mind of their own.

Northwest Restoration tells me that the west wall of St. Patrick's Church will need to be pointed at least every 12 to 15 years because of the weather that it is exposed to. The same thing is true on the west wall at St. Hedwig's. We pointed that a few years ago and it will need it again. Unfortunately very expensive wooden doors were put on the main entrance (the west wall) and they are not designed for our weather. As such, they have to be stripped down, sanded and refinished every year. It takes the maintenance man a full week of work to do this each year. They should never have been installed. We are not going to strip them and repair them this year. We cannot put money into the buildings there until the report on the future of parishes is complete next spring.

Don't forget the Irish Festival this weekend. It's going to be a great event and Sunday morning's breakfast at \$9 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 and children under 5 free is the biggest bargain of the year. It will be a full Irish breakfast.

I was visiting my daughter last week when I asked if could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century," she said, "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad." I can tell you this, that fly never knew what hit him.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Mary Juchno** requested by the Juchno Family; Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Robbie Robinson** requested by son, Russ Robison; St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by Joe Mabie. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,508.00**. 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.

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

*Remember to Pray
the Rosary Everyday*



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	September 21	September 22
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Ron Helminski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Michelle Moskel
Altar Server	Nowosielski Fam.	Charlotte Mabie

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



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.





Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,750.65 and \$628.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,378.65**. 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 **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Becky & Gary Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Geraldine Ciacchini & Dr. Quentin Orlando** from Nancy & Q. Gregory Orlando; in memory of **Dorothy & Jack McManus** from Sue Ellen & Luigi Pasquale; also donations from Thomas Hoderny, Genny & Edward Chizewick, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Debra & James Murray, and Joel & Jill Blaga-Walz.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Carol Habas, Judy Emling

CUP: Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Dario Cipriani, Colleen Welch, Cyndi Pristello

CUP: Tim Scully, Ed Brown

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Logan Kearney

Ushers: Jim Wehan, Paul Balczan,

Randy Pristello, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Susan Merski, Mary Frick

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will begin on September 22nd during the 10:30 AM Mass. Fr. Kriegel will call for the children to come up and go with Sr. Marie after the opening prayer. Children ages 4 thru 10 are encouraged to participate.

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 Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-15

Reading II: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32



The story of the prodigal son is quite possibly Jesus' best known parable. It challenges us all, whether as a forgiver, someone forgiven, or as one who feels wronged. There is in most of us a bit of each of these three: repentant prodigal, loving parent, resentful sibling. We can learn from this parable first, that love can be squandered, spread generously, or stored away for some other time. The choice is ours; second, that God's love, extended to everyone, forgives equally, and welcomes all of us back home; and third, forgiveness leads to gratitude and rejoicing.



Thank you to the many people who volunteered to work at the festival. The response was overwhelming! If you were not called and still want to participate, just go to the festival and you will be put to work! We appreciate everyone who was so willing to help us make this a success!

THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. IF YOU ARE READING THIS ON SATURDAY, THE FESTIVAL CONTINUES UNTIL 11:00 PM SO THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET OUT AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES. THE SUNDAY BRUNCH BEGINS AT 8:30 AM AND ENDS AT 12:30 PM. THERE WILL BE FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, THE RINCE NA TIARNA DANCERS AND A SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION.



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 14 *Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM VINCENT & SOPHIE DOBRY (ESTATE OF MONICA DOBRY) - ST.H

5:00 PM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL DEC., WEDDING ANNIV. (JEAN BLACK & FAMILY)- ST.P

Sept. 15 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

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

10:30 AM GERALDINE CIACCHINI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (9/14) (Q. GREGORY ORLANDO FAMILY) - ST. P

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

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

8:00 AM JACK DECK (MARJORIE CLARKE)

Sept. 18 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM RAY CICERO, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (JOHN & THERESA ONOFRIO)

Sept. 19 *Thursday, Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKY" MABIE (SON, JOSEPH)

Sept. 20 *Friday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon. Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM ALEXANDER DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. (HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

Sept. 21 *Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM TED WIDOMSKI (RICK & RON BOLLA) - ST.H

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

Sept. 22 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

9:00 AM ALBERT (MICKY) MABIE, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM ALEX BARLEKOFF (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=Rectory, CV=Convent

09/14 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/14 12:00 PM Erie, Irish Festival at Rainbow Gardens

09/15 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Irish Brunch at Rainbow Gardens

09/17 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/18 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/21 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/22 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10—Holy Rosary

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS for our children and youth begin **Sunday September 22nd** as follows:

Kdg through Gr. 6 – 9am to 10:15 am on the Holy Rosary campus; **Grades 7 through 10 – 1:00 pm to 3:00** on the Holy Rosary campus.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – Candidates for the *Sacrament of Confirmation*, their parents and sponsors will meet **Sunday, September 29th at 1:00 pm** in Hastings Hall on the Holy Rosary campus. This meeting will provide information about the Confirmation guidelines, opportunities for ministry and the schedule of sessions. Please note: Juniors and Seniors may still register for Confirmation until September 20th. **Please contact S. Marie Kebort, SSJ** (St. Patrick Parish) at **454-8085** to register.

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