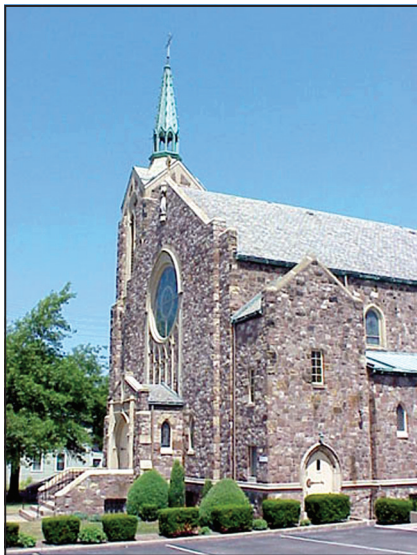


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

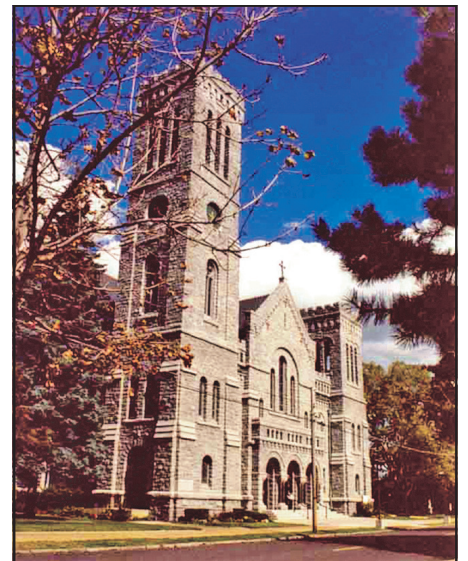
Saint Hedwig 5:30 PM

Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

**30 Minutes before each Saturday
Evening Mass or by appointment**



Saint Hedwig Parish

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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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is again from Isaiah. Today's reading is always also proclaimed on Palm Sunday to identify Jesus as the focus of the reading. Jesus is the Suffering Servant of whom Isaiah speaks. It is proclaimed today because of its strong connection to the gospel where Jesus speaks of the necessity of suffering with clear implications about its redemptive power. Isaiah also reminds us that we never suffer alone, for God is always with us in the midst of our trials.

Our second reading continues from James, the letter which is at the heart of debates between those who argue that faith alone is sufficient for salvation and those who say faith without works is lifeless. James makes it clear that faith calls us to certain behavior. We can get into some very heavy theological arguments about James' approach to faith and works and Paul's approach that salvation is by faith alone; but I had to do all of that in the seminary and once in life is enough!

Mark's gospel today notes that progress and backsliding mark the spiritual life. We never stand still, we either move forward or we slip backwards. Peter's answer today that Jesus is the Christ is central because Christianity is a commitment to a person who is the Son of God. The commandments, the beatitudes, etc. are merely our way of living out our conviction that Jesus is who we say he is.

This is our annual Erie Irish Festival weekend, and things are hopping. I hope you'll take some time to come out to Rainbow Gardens and support our venture. A lot of people have put a lot of hard work and time and talent into making this weekend a success. The revenue from the weekend will help with our restoration project at St. Patrick's.....Our grand prize again this year is a trip to Ireland for two. The trip, donated by CIE Tours, includes airfare from either Cleveland, Buffalo or Pittsburgh, a rental car in Ireland and 6 nights lodging in charming B & Bs. There are so many people to thank for the success of this year's festival that I can't begin to name them. It is really a project where hundreds of people come together to give talent and time. I'm especially grateful to our chairman this year, Cal Pifer, for his leadership. Cal joined the parish about 2 years ago, is an example of so many of the young professionals who have joined, and it's great that they are willing to share their time and their leadership skills to help the parish as they do. Another new volunteer this year who has done an outstanding job is Dennis Michalski. Dennis took over the chairing of the program and has spent endless hours working on it getting ads, totally reconfiguring it from previous years and reducing the costs. Marilyn Lechner of Vacation Playgrounds convinced CIE Tours to donate this year's 6 night Ireland trip for 2 at a great cost savings to the parish. When the winner decides when to travel, we will pick up the cost of the air, but the entire ground package is covered.....

Most of the pipes from the pipe organ have been removed to make room for scaffolding, and several have been taken to the Tellers Organ Company for restoration and repair.

The full 10 man Conrad Schmitt crew arrived early this past week and have been hard at work in the church. They plan to work 6 day weeks so that they can complete the plaster repair, painting, gilding, etc. by November 19th. Once they finish, it will take Safeway another two weeks to dismantle the scaffolding so that we can move on to the next phase: reinstalling the renewed pews, carpeting and the sanctuary floor.

Once again, Barb Fischer is going to videotape their work and put up on the web page so that you can follow the progress. It's rather difficult to see the work because the entire building is full of scaffolding, but it's amazing the artistry with which these artists work. It seems like it's all natural to them.

We decided early on not to have the vestibule restored, but instead to paint it by ourselves. We decided the same thing with the gift shop while we also decided to leave the southwest tower room as it is so that people can see the condition the building was in when we began.

The plaster in the Gift Shop has been restored, it has been painted and new lighting installed. We will probably have to wait until we are all finished before we can do the vestibule.

A new Pew study released last week shows that the number of people who check "none" for religious affiliation in America are now nearly one in five Americans (10%). The rapid rise of "nones" includes atheists, agnostics and those who say they believe "nothing in particular" and according to the report defies the usually glacial rate of change in spiritual identity. One of the conclusions of the report is that young people are resistant to the authority of institutional religion, older people are turned off by the politicization of religion and people are simply less into theology than ever before. The study is based on interviews with 19,377 people.....The first study of this kind was done in 1990 when 6% of Americans identified themselves as "nones." The study also shows that the Catholic Church, the nation's largest denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, Methodists and Lutherans all show membership flat or inching downward. And, finally, the study reports that two factors could hold the number of "nones" down. First, they are disproportionately young, often single and highly educated—all groups with a low birth rate. Second, the number of believers who immigrate to the U.S. from particularly religious nations, such as Mexico, fluctuates with government policies and economic issues.

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

I hope you can get to the Festival this weekend at Rainbow Gardens. A good time will be had by all. Once again our food is being prepared by Calamaris, and a score of parish volunteers are giving their time and talent to make this a success. The Ave Society has been working hard making a score of baskets to be raffled off. The rectory has been a beehive of activity with different people and groups working to make this year's event another smashing success. I think you're going to be pleasantly surprised when you see this year's program. It is very, very different from those of the past, and I think, very exciting and refreshing. Our grand raffle of a trip for two to Ireland promises to give the lucky winner a trip of a lifetime. And Erie Beer is this year building us an Irish Pub as the spot to dispense beer and other drinks. The funds from this year's festival will be used toward the restoration of the church. Please come and join us.

I had hoped we would have enough money to redo the church restrooms, but I don't think we're going to because of cost overruns with electricity, etc. Perhaps we could make it a goal of next year's festival to use those funds to begin doing that project. I particularly want to get the Women's Room redone as soon as we have the funds.

How our world has changed in the last 100 years. One hundred years ago, the average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. More than 95% of all births took place at home. Ninety percent of doctors had no college education!! Instead they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned by the government as substandard. Sugar cost four cents a pound, eggs were fourteen cents a pound and coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo. The population of Las Vegas was 30 people and marijuana, heroin and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstore. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels and is a perfect guardian of health!!!" And, finally, in 1912, there were a total of 230 murders in the entire United States for the entire year.

The Public is invited to evening prayer with Bishop-elect Persico The general public is, however, warmly invited and encouraged to attend the evening prayer service to be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie. This celebration will include Bishop-elect Persico making the Profession of Faith and taking the Oath of Fidelity. A reception follows at St. Peter Cathedral School. No ticket or reservation is needed for evening prayer or the reception. Pastors/administrators/principals are asked to publicize the evening prayer event to their people as an excellent way for them to participate in these days of diocesan celebration and to meet the bishop-elect.

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Metro & Anna Moskel** requested by Janice Moskel, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Keith & Anne Mc Lean. Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the home-bound.

Our Offertory Collection for the week of September 2nd was **\$1,230.00** and for September 9th was **\$1,466.00**
Thank you and God Bless.



St. Hedwig Annual Breakfast

The St. Hedwig Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, September 30th from 9am until 1pm at the Third Street Polish Falcons. Mass at St. Hedwig is at 9am. Come and enjoy pancakes with choice of toppings including blueberry, cherry and whipped cream, plus sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee or 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.

Cheerleading Clinic

Mercyhurst Prep is hosting a Cheerleading Clinic September 28th and 29th for girls and boys from Preschool 4's through 8th grade. For registration and further information contact Michelle Intrieri at 814-873-6276 or email jmtayk@juno.com

Ministry Schedule

	Sept. 22	Sept. 23
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Sharon Zielinski
Reader	Dolly Bargielski	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

"God of all goodness, grant us the desire ardently, to seek wisely, to know surely and to accomplish perfectly Thy holy will, for the glory of Thy name."

...St. Thomas Aquinas

Pray the Rosary



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,325.00**, and **\$258.00** for **Catholic Education**. 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 **Food Pantry** in honor of the Knights & Ladies from **David Romanowicz**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Carolyn Power, Jay Habas, Carol Habas*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Cyndi Pristello, Colleen Welch, Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: *Gail Arneman, Arlene Miller*

Altar Servers: *Leah Taccone, Brendan Humphrey*

Ushers: *David Taccone, David Wilcox,*

Randy Pristello, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin*

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Reading II: Psalm 116:1-9
James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Today's Gospel is our Gospel, too. We hear Jesus say, "And you, who do you say that I am?" How we respond to that question will shape and give meaning to how we live out our faith. Think about some of the ways that you act on your faith these days.



The invitations for the **175th Anniversary Celebration** were mailed September 5th. It is imperative that you respond ASAP. We are limited as to how many reservations can be accepted.

RCIA If anyone is interested in the RCIA process for the 2012-13 year for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Sr. Marie at 454-8085, ext. 2. Classes begin Wednesday, October 3rd.

Be sure to visit the **St. Patrick web-site** to watch the progress on the interior of the Church. It is quite impressive to see how much scaffolding has been erected

NEW WEBSITE for the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry – Please check out the new web-site for the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry at **www.eastsidecatholicffm.org**! The website has information that will keep you well informed about the catechetical year for 2012-2013.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN COUNCIL II – In October the universal Church begins its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. What are we celebrating? "Vatican II has given us a new view of ourselves, made us more free, more human and more at the service of a world Jesus loves. It has given us a new view of the church ... and our place in it" (excerpted from NCR).

FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN SAINT – Kateria Tekawitha, a Mohawk woman born in 1656 in Fonda, NY, is known as the "Lily of the Mohawk." She will be canonized in October by Pope Benedict XVI. "Google" **Kateri** and learn more about her life.



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.



JOIN US AT THE ERIE IRISH FESTIVAL



LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sept. 15 Saturday, Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM ALEXANDER DOMBROWSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(FAMILY)

5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI - ST.P
(DONNA & DOMINICK FORNE)

Sept. 16 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM HELEN KURPIEWSKI - ST.H
(MARY SHCHOUCHKOFF)

10:30 AM CHRISTOPHER GENCK - ST.P
(TIM AND ELLEN CONBOY)

**Sept. 17 Monday, St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Sept. 18 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM RAY CICERO (GERI CICCHETTI)

Sept. 19 Wednesday, St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM JOSEPH & ANTOINETTE CICERO, FAMILY

**Sept. 20 Thursday, St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 AM ALBA SLIVINSKI (ED SLIVINSKI)

Sept. 21 Friday, St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 AM HARRY NIEWOLAK (WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

Sept. 22 Saturday, Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM ALBERT (MICKY) MABIE - ST.H
(WIFE, CHARLOTTE)

5:00 PM ATTILIO CHIMENTI (FAMILY) - ST.P

Sept. 23 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM MARY ELIZABETH & JOHN FULLER - ST.H
(LOU ANN NOWOSIELSKI)

10:30 AM ANN JACOBSON - ST.P
(MIKE & CHERYL STEPHANY)

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

09/15 Noon—11:00 PM

IRISH FESTIVAL AT RAINBOW GARDENS

3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/16 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM—6:00 PM

IRISH FESTIVAL AT RAINBOW GARDENS

09/18 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/19 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/22 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/23 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY— Parishes throughout the United States will once again, celebrate **Catechetical Sunday, September 16th**. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that *each person* plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the ministry of catechesis as a community of faith. The 2012 Catechetical Sunday theme is "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization". What Good News will you share and with whom?

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED – for Jr High and High School How are you using the talents that God has given you? Think of using your talents as the passion you have to do what is good. God has given to you something that no one else has. Each of us brings a unique talent to our parishes. How will you use you talents to bring the Good News of the reign of God to the people you touch?

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