

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

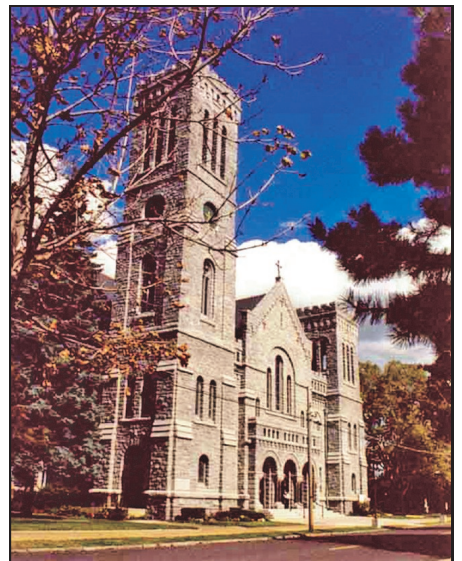
Holy Day

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



Today is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the book of Amos who was a prophet in the northern kingdom during the 8th century. He prophesied during a time of relative prosperity when the kingdom was under the rule of Jeroboam II and

before the fall of Samaria, the capital of the northern kingdom. The prosperity was relative because many in power refused to see how their actions oppressed the poor. In today's brief reading, Amos offers a stinging indictment of those who create hardships for the poor. Many wealthy landowners would take what little land the poor had and leave them with nothing. The prophet chastises their greed, warning that the Lord will not forget their injustices. Their greed, he warns, will cause the Lord to cover the land in darkness. Mourning, famine and death will follow in the verses immediately following this reading.

We next hear again from Paul's letter to Timothy who tells us that God wants everyone to be saved and that the only mediator between God and us is Jesus. The second section "For there is only one God..." is believed to be an early creed used by the church. In the third section, the author (remember it is not Paul, but one of his disciples) affirms Paul's credibility as an apostle.

In the parable in today's gospel, which is called an "example story," Jesus makes a dishonest steward an example of discipleship. We know that God works through people in unexpected ways, yet his working through a dishonest steward seems a bit far fetched. But read carefully and you will see that it is not the dishonesty of the fired steward that Jesus extols, but his wisdom. By reducing the amount of the debt, neither he nor his master would earn interest money; but he would endear himself to the debtor. Why is the steward praised? Not for his dishonesty, but for his ability to act decisively. At this point in the gospel, the disciples are half-hearted and clueless about what it really means to follow Jesus. He is trying to teach them what it means to make prudent decisions and to herald the kingdom by their actions. In this parable, Jesus offers three statements about the proper use of money. First, "make friends for yourself with dishonest wealth," teaches the disciples they are to use the world's possessions prudently, with the objective of sharing with the poor. Second, "If, therefore, you are

not trustworthy with dishonest wealth," instructs the disciples that if they do not share their material possessions, they will not see the kingdom of God. Finally, "You cannot serve God and mammon," means that disciples must dedicate themselves solely to God.

We can now relax for another year as the Irish Festival is wrapped up and done. I'm grateful beyond belief for Cal Pifer's leadership. We're so lucky to have professional young people like him in the parish who are also willing to step up to the bat. There is also a huge committee which has been working since March to coordinate the event. I don't yet have final figures on how we did, but we had to have done very well.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis Michalski who sold every single ad in the program. That program has, under Dennis' leadership in the past two years, become a major source of revenue for the festival.

Another silent hero at the festival is Mary Wegin who annually coordinates everything with the food. I can't believe the hours and hours that many of these people give to making this a success.

The Irish Breakfast on Sunday was over the top. We do not make much money with the festival on Sunday and it was Cal's idea to replace Sunday with the Irish Breakfast. That was an incredible amount of food for \$9. And it was delicious. Once again, Calamari's came through for us with not only the food for the festival, but the breakfast.

Erie County Historical Society is sponsoring a walking tour of the East Bayfront neighborhood on Wednesday evening from 6-9 PM. The tour will include St. Patrick's church and the first floor of the rectory.

Our gracious neighbors at the Tap House (4th & State) have once again invited St. Patrick parishioners to be their guests following today's 10:30 Mass for coffee and donuts. They did this last year on their anniversary and have invited us to share with them again. Please go over after Mass and partake of their wonderful hospitality.

We had more volunteers for the festival this year

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

than we have ever had. In fact, we actually had more than we were able to use. That's another one of the many great things about this parish. Everyone—longtime parishioners and new parishioners— are willing to jump in and help.

I don't know if you've seen footage on line or on television of Pope Francis driving around the Vatican in a 1984 Renault with 180,000 miles on it. This man is such a breath of fresh air in the stuffy and ritualized church that we had become. He also announced last week that there will be no more monsignors named!!! I'm becoming a complete dinosaur in more ways than you can imagine!!!!

The east parking lot at St. Patrick's has been resurfaced as a gift from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. The parking lot is not in the best of condition, and I have been wanting to get to it, but the roof work and exterior work on the church has been the priority. I'm thankful that he is willing to help us.

The new ladies restroom is held up until the door frame and door are ready. We assumed the wall was 36 inches thick only to discover when they began the work that it is 52 inches thick and that threw everything off.

These are actual transcripts, word for word, taken by a court reporter, of things people said during a trial. Attorney: "How old is your son, the one living with you?" Witness: "Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember." Attorney: How long has he lived with you?" Witness: "Forty-five years."...Attorney: "What is your date of birth?" Witness: "July 18th." Attorney: "What year?" Witness: "Every year."...Attorney: "Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?" Witness: "Did you actually pass the bar exam?"...Attorney: "The youngest son, the 20-year old, how old is he?" Witness: "He's 20, much like your IQ."...Attorney: "She had three children, right?" Witness: "Yes." Attorney: "How many were boys?" Witness: "None." Attorney: "Were there any girls?" Witness: "Your honor, I think I need a new attorney. Can I get a new attorney?"

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by wife, Charlotte; Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for **Mary and John Fuller** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski; St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly and Larry Bargielski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$984.00 and \$197.00 for Catholic Education**. Thank you and God bless.

*Remember to Pray
the Rosary Everyday*



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	September 28	September 29
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:00 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Jim Gorski	Fredic Olds
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Tom Zielinski
	Michelle Moskel	Sharon Zielinski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Amos 8:4-7

Reading II: 1 Tim 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



The 2013 Forbes' list of world billionaires names Bill Gates as number two out of a list of 1,152 with his assets topping \$61 billion dollars. During his Microsoft days he was known for his clever, cutting edge, ingenious and shrewd dealings in the business world. Today, he has transferred his clever ways and immense wealth into the founding and management of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, using his business tools and savvy to improve the health and welfare of the world's poorest. The shrewd manager in today's Gospel is far from being generous with his gifts for the good of humanity; he only gets more greedy. What "clever and resourceful" gifts do you bring to the building up of God's Kingdom?



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,088.90** and **\$693.00** from online giving for a **total of \$5781.90** And, **\$578.00** 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 **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 **Anne & Howard Tower** from daughter Betty Ann Filipowski The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Connie Rocco** from Janice & Donald Pastore; in memory of **Barb & John Jacquell** and **George Zack** from Mrs. Phyllis Zack; in memory of **daughter Marcy** from Mrs. Betty Gama; in memory of **Aunt Theresa Kalata** from Dr. Joanne Finn; also donations from Carolyn and Robert Schenker, Rev. Leon Muroski, Nancy Yochim, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, and Carol & William Sanner.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Carolyn Power, Bill Power, Chris Sanner*

CUP: *Kay Mannino, Shirley Winschel*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

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

Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Dario Cipriani*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Kearney, Mike Vehec, Forrest Mischler*

CUP: *Mary Williams, Dario Cipriani*

Greeters: *Tm Donlin, Arlene Miller*

Altar Servers: *Emilio Filippi*

Ushers: *David Wilcox, David Taccone, John Purvis, Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani, Gail Smith*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins today, 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.

St. Patrick's community is indeed blessed to have so many parishioners who generously offered their time as volunteers at the Erie Irish Festival. It was through your help and participation that we were able to present this three-day event. The names of those who volunteered were given to the various chair people for the area that you chose to work in. If you were not called, it means that we were covered in that area. We certainly do appreciate your willingness to help make the festival a success. The numbers are not in yet and the invoices are not paid, but we will let you know the bottom line as soon as it becomes available. Again, thank you for your help and generosity!



THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL

ALLIANCE is sponsoring the 5th annual White Mass for physicians, dentists, pharmacists, medical students, nurses and their families on October 5th at 11:00 AM at the Mother House of the Sisters of Mercy, 444 E. Grandview Blvd. The Mass will be concelebrated by Bishop Trautman, Monsignor William Biebel and the Very Rev. Joseph Gregorek. Lunch and a brief presentation will follow immediately after Mass. Please RSVP by September 26th at 814-864-4755. Lunch is \$7 per person with a family discount.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

**TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND:
THE GRAND PRIZE WINNERS ARE...
ERNIE AND KATHIE WRIGHT!
CONGRATULATIONS!**



LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Sept. 23 *Monday, Pio, Priest of Pietrelcina*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Sept. 24 *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM MILDRED KRAUCHEN, ANNIV. (BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Sept. 25 *Wednesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM RAYMOND LAPLANTE (RITA DEMER & FAMILY)

Sept. 26 *Thursday, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*
 8:00 AM GRACE DIETZ (DEBBIE & LARRY NEBAUER)

Sept. 27 *Friday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*
 8:00 AM PETER WERNICKI (HELEN ZIELINSKI)

Sept. 28 *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM RAYMOND RUFFLEY, SR - ST. H (HELEN ZIELINSKI)
 5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI (VICTORIA CORAPI)-ST.P

Sept. 29 *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM DAVID R GORNDT - ST.P (PIERRE & KATHY MCCORMICK)
 9:00 AM CHESTER LONCKI - ST. H (MRS. HELEN DUBOWSKI)
 10:30 AM ELIZABETH WARD (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

09/21 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

09/24 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/25 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/28 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/29 1:00 PM Confirmation Preparation Mtg, for candidates, parents and sponsors - Hastings Hall - 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.

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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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