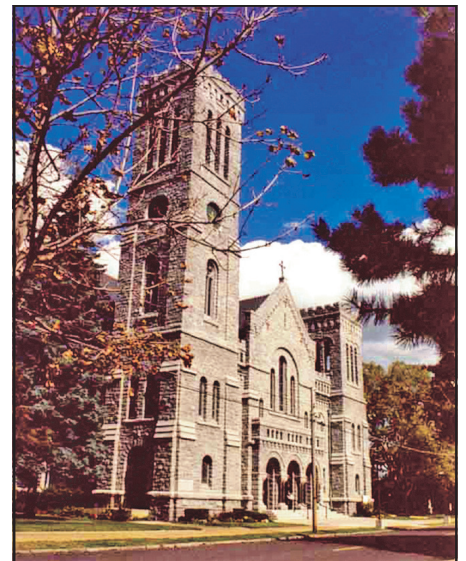
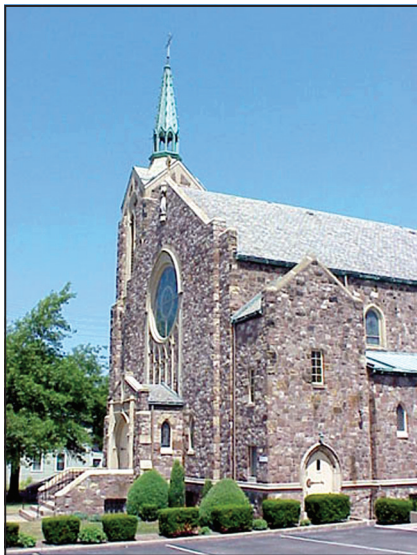


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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**



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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 our first reading comes from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom. The first chapter of this book reminds its readers that God is not responsible for the evil in the world, evildoers are. Rather than seeking justice, the wicked seek only their own gratification. Today we hear from chapter two which does more than place responsibility for evil squarely on the shoulders of selfish humanity. It presents sinister plotting that often has been seen as a direct prophecy of the scheming that led to the Passion of Christ. Clearly, the liturgy makes a connection between the plots of the evildoers in Wisdom and the fate Jesus announces for himself in today's Gospel. Today we hear them plotting against "the just one." They justify their plans by telling themselves that if he is as good as he seems, God will protect him. Even death is not off limits, and so we clearly see the connection with today's Gospel.

Our second reading is from the Letter of James and we continue much the same theme as from Wisdom. Concerned about his readers ethical behavior, he constructs a work of proverbs and exhortations endorsing right conduct. He has already spoken of the need to put faith into action and the dangers of loose tongues. Now he addresses jealousy and ambition. James contrasts earthly wisdom that leads to disorder against heavenly wisdom. He reminds us that the conflicts we experience come from within ourselves, from the passions and cravings that war within us. We desire what we cannot have and the frustration leads us to vile and sinful behavior like fights, wars and even murder.

Just prior to today's reading from Mark's Gospel, Jesus drives out the evil spirits from a mute child and later explains to his disciples that such spirits can only be cast out with prayer. This manifestation of his divine power, and the Transfiguration that came just before it, set the stage for Jesus' prediction of his future suffering. He has acted with a power and authority unavailable to the disciples. He can command demons, so surely he could cast off the enemies who conspire against him. But Jesus is speaking about what he will *allow* to happen, about a choice he is willing to make and this poses a serious problem for his disciples. They simply don't understand, or perhaps don't want to. His ability to cast out demons is far more fascinating. Aware of this, Jesus

asks them what they were discussing. They won't say because they know it was inappropriate. So Jesus enacts a parable by taking a child into his arms. If you want to draw close to the Son of Man, he says, serve my little ones, the lowly, the poor, and be like them.

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make the Erie Irish Festival 2012 a great success. We won't have final figures for a week or two, but we certainly did very well. It's a great deal of hard work by a lot of people, but it's also a fun weekend. There are so many people to thank that it would be impossible to list all of their names, but it was a great event. And congratulations to our Erie Irish Festival Chairperson, Cal Pifer, who was just recently named the Executive Director of the Erie County Historical Society. Cal did a great job with the Festival; it was his first year at it and he certainly pulled it off.

There will be an opportunity to meet our new Bishop Persico on Wednesday, October 24, at St. Jude's Church. Priests will have dinner with him at 5:30 followed by a 7 PM Mass and then a public reception. You will also have an opportunity to meet the new bishop at our 175th anniversary dinner on Saturday, October 20, as he has graciously agreed to join us for the evening.

The Benedictine Sisters are looking for volunteers to staff their Treasures and Such Thrift Store. This store provides used items ranging from clothing to household goods to those in need. Many who benefit are refugees who are in the St. Benedict Education Center Welfare to Work program. Hours are Mon-Fri. 9:45 AM to 1:15 PM and people can choose their hours and availability. Call Sister Dorothy Stoner at 452-4072, ext. 291 for more information.

The scaffolding of the interior of the church is completed and the artists are at work. You would be amazed at how damaged some of the plaster is. As a result there is a great deal of dust in the room as they remove it and repair it. They assure me everything will be back in place by Christmas Eve. Once they are finished, Jeff Rouse will come up from Greensburg to clean the Stations again. He could use some volunteers to help him.

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

I believe I mentioned that we are reconfiguring the lights in the vestibule, Gift Shop, tower room and under the balcony. These were all originally in the chapel of St. Joseph's Orphanage and are beautiful lights. Instead of the three that were under the balcony, we will now have five. Tom Church of Church Electric has donated a large light fixture from the old Meadville High School Auditorium and it will be used as the light in the Gift Shop. We've also had to retain Northwest Restoration to do some major work on the church roof. There are areas that need all new tile and it wouldn't make sense to restore the interior and not do this.....The ordination of Bishop-elect Lawrence Persico will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Monday, October 1, at 2:30 PM. The ceremony is not open to the public, but Sunday evening Vespers are. Fortunately, the Erie TV stations are going to broadcast the ordination live so you can watch it that way. We have to give thanks to God for this wonderful man who he is sending as our new bishop. His 15 years as a pastor helped mold him into a genuine "people" person.....The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch and the first item was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray. "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples!"....Children's letters to God. "Dear God, Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter." "Dear God, If you didn't let the dinosaur be extinct (!), we would not have a country. You did the right thing. Jonathon."



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.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parishes who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or homebound.

Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,681.00**, and **\$77.00 for Catholic Education**. Thank you for your generosity.

A very special **"Thank You"** to everyone who volunteered at the Erie Irish Festival. There are way too many people to thank, but please know that we could not have done it without you! The early figures look good. We will give a full report after all the bills are paid. Join us at the "wrap-up" meeting on September 30th after the 10:30 Mass. We will meet in the Pascal Room. Thanks again!

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 Truck** does not have a sponsor this week.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 29, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Judy Emling*

Greeters: *Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato*

Altar Servers: **Needed**

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri*

Sunday, 30, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Michele Wheaton*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Mary Kearney, Mike Vehec, Audrey Reigel*

Greeters: *Charla Leemhuis, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Kiely Kearney, Logan Kearney*

Ushers: *John Maloney, Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan, Randy Pristello*

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

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Reading II: Psalm 54:3-8

James 3:6-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



In the news, on reality shows, in sports and on commercials, we hear that constant message that if we are first, we will be happy and fulfilled. But that happiness or fulfillment never lasts. Many times when we try to secure our first place we disturb the peace by jealousy and selfish ambition. When has ambition become a source of discord in your life? When has your faith challenged you to difficult action?



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Alexander Dombrowski** requested by Helen Dombrowski, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Emil & Jane Petrus, and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Harry Niewolak** requested by his wife Charlotte. Remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$808.00** and Catholic Education **\$145.00**. Thank you and God bless.



St. Hedwig Annual Pancake Breakfast

Our Pancake Breakfast will be held next week Sunday, September 30 from 9 until 1pm at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons.

Mass at Saint Hedwig Church 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 available before and after Mass in the back of the church 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 on Saturday, September 29th.

Microwave Potato Bags

We now have added new fall colors to our microwave potato bag assortment. They make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers and will be available at the pancake breakfast for \$5.00 each.

Ladies....Mark Your Calendars

St. Hedwig Annual Rosary Meeting on Saturday, October 6th following the 4:30pm Mass. Please attend. A light lunch will be served. Bring a friend.

Pray the
Rosary



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 29 - 4:30pm

Eucharistic Minister	Patricia Mielnik
Reader	Patricia Mielnik
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie

Sunday, September 30 - 9:00am

Eucharistic Minister	Peter Pentz
Reader	Peter Pentz
Altar Server	Nick Hayes

Cancer Support Group

Individuals and families dealing with cancer are invited to share thoughts, hopes, angers and fears about cancer. The group is led by Deacon Tom Matusiak who was a cancer caregiver. It is open to all people who are open to God's presence in their lives. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at St. Mark Catholic Center. 429 E. Grandview Blvd in Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side). We meet from 7 to 8:15pm. For more information contact Deacon Tom at deacontom@holytrinity.org or Holy Trinity Church 456-0671. Next session is Thursday, October 18

Loving Our Enemies

Christ has given us the supreme *example*. Our heavenly Father Himself gives us the example, for He makes the sun to shine on the just and the unjust alike. From the cross Our Lord prayed for His enemies: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He who loves his enemy for God's sake is like God; he is like his Father in heaven (Matt. 5:45). He follows the example of Christ, who prayed and died for His enemies. He is like the saints, who have always loved their enemies, for the love of God. "For I have given you an example, that as I have done to you, so you also should do" (John 13:15). "If you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses" (Matt. 6:15). Can anything be clearer than these words of our Lord?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Sept. 24 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM MILDRED KRAUCHEN, ANNIV.
(BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)

Sept. 25 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM JOHN GORSKI (HELEN KURPIEWSKI)

Sept. 26 *Wednesday, Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs*

8:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA (DR. JOHN KALATA)

Sept. 27 *Thursday, St. Vincent de Paul*

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Sept. 28 *Friday, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE
(MR. & MRS. MARK BOROWY)

Sept. 29 *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ELIZABETH (BETTY) JARZOMSKI - ST.H
(TOM & SHARON ZIELINSKI)

5:00 PM EDITH CICHETTI - ST.P
(ALICE & CARL CARLOTTI)

Sept. 30 *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 AM ANTHONY KANTOROWSKI - ST.H
(THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

10:30 AM CAROLYN QUIRK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

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

09/22 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

09/25 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

09/26 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

09/29 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

09/30 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM Festival "Wrap-Up" Meeting—PR

"MOTOR FOR THE MISSION: THE HUNT FOR HISTORY" Road Rally – Saturday, October 6th – Go to the diocesan website: eriercd.org to find out how you, your family and friends can take part in this "amazing race" and help the Mission of Friendship at the same time! Don't delay! Check it out!

VATICAN II: A FRESH LOOK – This October the Church observes the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council – an anniversary that deserves a year long reflection on the gifts that the Church has received because of this Council. As part of this observance you are invited to a series of presentations and reflections on the Council beginning **October 4th – the feast of Francis of Assisi, at Holy Rosary from 6:30 pm to 8 pm**. The series will be offered on the the Thursdays in October: **4th, 11th, 18th and 25th**.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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E-MAIL: _____

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