

# *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**

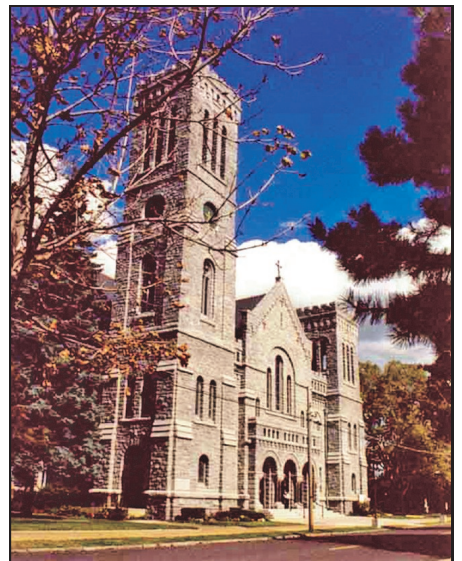
## **HOLY DAY MASS**

**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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Ezekiel. In this ancient culture, individual identity developed very slowly, subsumed for centuries within the identity of the community. For example, it was believed that children were accountable for the sins of their parents. But Ezekiel champions the notion of individual responsibility. The trauma of the exile contributed to the emergence of a maturing sense of personal accountability. Speaking for the Lord, Ezekiel calls on the Israelites to take responsibility for their own decisions and realize they have the power to turn from bad to good and from good to bad as we will hear in today's gospel. In response to a childlike whine that God's ways are "not fair," God asks for an honest assessment of just whose ways are not fair, God's or the people? God explains how divine judgment is meted out: each one is judged on his or her own behavior.

We continue reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians as we hear him again plead for unity among believers. He lists all of the things about these people that bring him joy and then he asks, "complete my joy" by being "of the same mind." Only someone who loves deeply can scold, love and teach at the same time. "Do nothing out of..." echoes the urgency of a dying parent or a departing leader who wants to ensure that structures and relationships will remain intact. Paul also calls for selflessness, urging that they think of others as superior to themselves. Then we begin a very early hymn in the church, one which is proclaimed every Palm Sunday. This mystical, almost musical passage revels in the paradox of Christ's grandeur and his remarkable humility. He asks that if thinking of others as superior seems like he is asking a lot, just look at Christ. He was God, yet became human like us and endured a humiliating death.

In our gospel, Jesus draws an ever-clearer line in the sand between himself and the Pharisees as his tolerance of hypocrisy and spiritual barrenness grows thin. This passage follows the cleansing of the temple and the cursing of the fig tree, a parable which speaks of judgment coming upon those who feign goodness but fail to bear fruit. In today's parable, Jesus points to the primacy of deeds over words. The greatest crime of the leaders is not their hypocrisy but their failure

to teach, their failure to understand that physicians heal the sick, not those who are well. Instead, they turn their backs of the sick, even after seeing John calling the greatest sinners to conversion. He is very critical of them saying that while the son changed his mind and went, but they did not later change their minds and believe.

This past February a number of parishioners volunteered to help our neighboring Russian Church of the Nativity as they hosted about 40 homeless people for a 2 week period. They are doing the same thing in December of this year and have been asked to take a two-week session again in February. They are reticent to do so because they do not have enough volunteers and are asking if St. Patrick's Parish would be willing to take the entire two-week session in February. They are willing to allow us use of their Social Center, but we would have to get enough volunteers to staff it from 7 PM until 7 AM each day as well as enough people who would prepare a meal to be served in the evening. I'm hoping that we could gather enough volunteers to undertake this. Anything we do to help the poor and the homeless will find enormous reward and forgiveness from the Lord. If you are interested in helping, can you please call the parish office.

I'm going to contact the Knights and Ladies of St. Patrick to see if some of them would volunteer to help with this project. It would be a perfect way for them to show their commitment to the gospel beyond simply gathering for Mass and a dinner. I hope they will respond. I am also going to contact the local Knights of Columbus and members of the Serra Club to see if we can garner some volunteers from among them.

Father Mike DeMartinis and his Youth Group are going to prepare and serve meals for 4 nights and a group of Gannon University students are going to do the same thing, so we already have 8 of the 14 nights covered.

Thanks for the generosity of a good friend, I was a recent guest at the Inner City Neighborhood Art House event on September 9. I sometimes wonder if we realize the incredible work these Benedictine Sisters do in our midst. To see some of the art work that they bring out in inner city children and the hope they give some of these poor

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

impoverished children is incredible. What would some of our inner city be like without the endless work and commitment of these women? They made decisions long ago to refocus ministry and to serve the poorest of the poor. Where would we be without them? I'm going to ask the St. Patrick Finance Council if they would approve our sending a \$100 check each month to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen which the sisters run to feed the homeless and the poor. You have been incredibly generous in our offertory, and we've been able to have a beautiful church, etc. But our primary focus has to be on the poorest of the poor, and I hope you will support me in asking the Finance Council to approve this. It is precisely what Pope Francis is asking us to do. I feel so proud of your generous support of our Food Pantry and your generosity in helping the poor, and I hope you will support me in asking this.

In the past we have been able to borrow kettle drums for special occasions, but we are no longer able to borrow them. Mark Alloway has found some used drums in very good condition which we would buy and then have available whenever we want to use them. A set of drums would cost about \$800. He located a set in Pittsburgh and drove down to pick them up, so we will now have them available for us. Perhaps brides might want to include kettle drums in some of the music for their wedding. If anyone is interested in donating these as a memorial, please contact me.

The number of wedding reservations for next year is down dramatically from what we have had in the past. Since the restoration of the church, by this time each year we have had 25-30 reservations for the following summer. This year we only have 12.

A football fan had a lousy seat at the stadium but through his binoculars he spotted an empty seat on the 50-yard line so he made his way there. When he got there, he asked the man in the next seat whether the empty seat was taken. "This is my wife's seat," he replied. "She passed away. She was a big Packer's fan." "I'm sorry to hear of your sad loss. May I ask why you didn't give the ticket to a friend or a relative?" "They're all at the funeral."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John & Mary Fuller** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Charlotte Mabie. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$812.00** Thank you and God bless.

### Mark your Calendars

Annual 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.

### Annual Polonaise Ball

Saturday, November 1st at the Polish Falcons, 431 East 3rd St. The program consists of dinner, crowning of Miss Polonaise queen and an evening of dancing to the music of Erie's "MarVels". Cost is \$20 for adults, children 10 years and under \$10.00. The evening will begin with a cash bar followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30pm. For tickets and reservations call Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924.

### "Sacred Tour"

We had an excellent turnout for the Sacred Tour sponsored by the Erie County Historical Society. We thank everyone who donated baked goods which made our open house so special.

"THE THINGS WE LOVE TELL US WHAT WE ARE."

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR**

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>October 4</u>	<u>October 5</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Russell Robison
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY







# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,522.30
Online Giving	<u>907.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 6,423.30

*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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Jean Yezzi** from Husband & Family; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Michael Bellotti** from Francis Silay; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Mary Jean Cioccio** from husband, Hubert Cioccio, in memory of **James Fitzgibbon** from Jane & Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **Gretchen Marie Armour** from Barbara Gingenbach, in memory of **Trish** from husband, Jeff, in memory of **All Lives Lost on 9/11** from Barbara & John Reitingner also donations from Kathy & Pierre McCormick, Cynthia & John Purvis, Mary Barbish and Alice & Ken Daub.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Rick Filippi

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kay Mannino, Lynne Long, Kathy Sertz

**CUP:** Yvonne Gersims, Tom Golab

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Dario Cipriani, Michelle Tortorelli,  
Mary Kearney

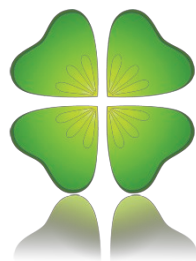
**CUP:** Charla Leemhuis, Kathleen Pae

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

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

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



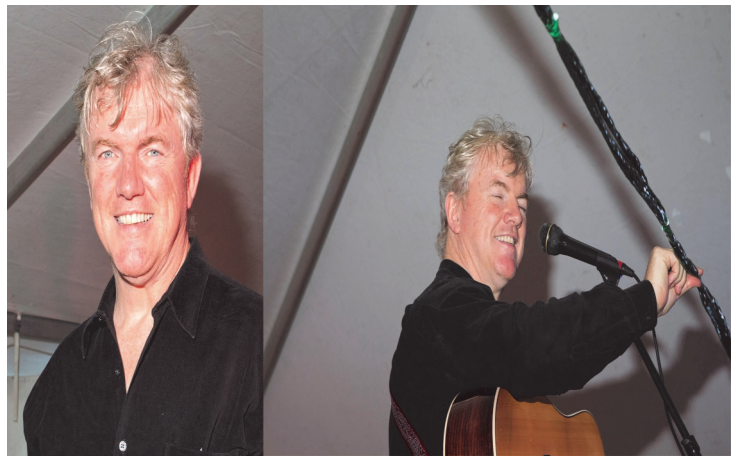
*The St. Patrick Erie  
Irish Festival  
was a huge success!  
Many thanks to everyone  
who made it happen!*













**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**Sept. 27** *Saturday, Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ROBERT (BOB) OSMER (MARY & JIM) - ST.H

5:00 PM ISABEL BOEH - ST.P

(ED & MARY ELLEN BRENNAN)

**Sept. 28** *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARILYN WAYLAND - ST.P

(TIM & CINDY BOKOL)

9:00 AM ANNA BUSZEK (PEG GOTZINGER) - ST.H

10:30 AM JUSTINE PURVIS (SR. MARIE) - ST.P

**Sept. 29** *Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sept. 30** *Tuesday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM RICHARD MOSKEL (GRANDKIDS)

**Oct. 1** *Wednesday, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM JEANETTE BOROWY

(TED & REGINA RUTKOWSKI)

**Oct. 2** *Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00 AM JAMES KONTUR, WEDDING ANNIV.

(WIFE, ANGIE)

**Oct. 3** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HARRY & RITA CALDWELL

(FASEMYER, BLACK & BUCKHOLTZ FAMILIES)

**Oct. 4** *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM GEORGE MIELNIK, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM MARY ANN WELSH (SR. MARIE) - ST.P

**Oct. 5** *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM MARY JEAN CIOCCIO - ST. P

(MR. & MRS. GARY KOBIELSKI)

9:00 AM MERCEDES KALATA - ST. H

(DR. & MRS. WILLIAM ROWANE)

10:30 AM PATRICIA TRAPP, 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=Rectory, CV=Convent

**09/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**09/30** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**10/01** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**10/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28



Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Some see God at work in their world and still do not believe. As people of faith, we need to take time to intentionally seek to recognize God at work in our world. Whether we see God in others, in nature, or even within ourselves, the opportunities are boundless. God is alive with us and within us. Listen and be aware. When have you recently experienced the presence of God at work in your world?

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**