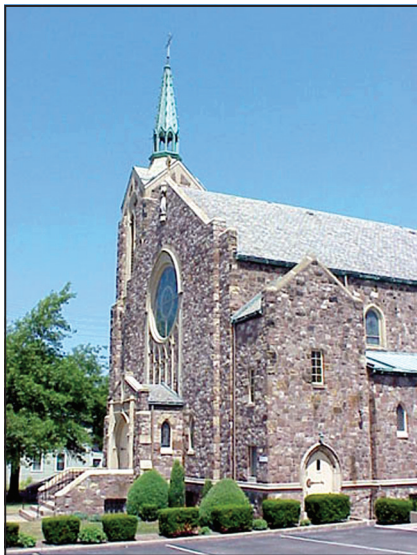


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

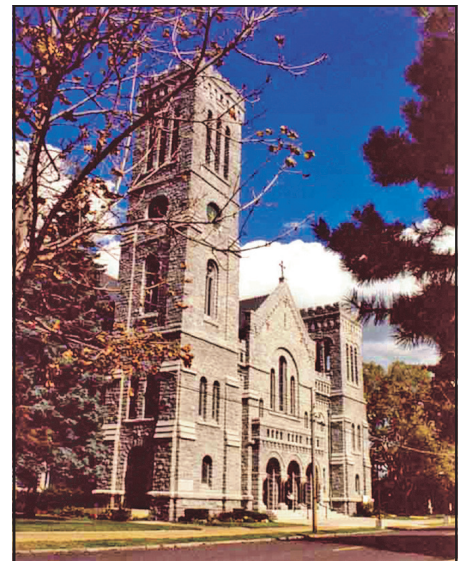
Holy Day

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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is from the Book of Numbers and once again we have a very clear example of how the first reading is related to the gospel. It presents an all too familiar scene: those closest to the seat of power, relishing their privileged position, play gatekeeper to ensure that others who are not authorized don't gain access to the coveted power. The same dynamic is at play in the gospel where John tries to prevent someone from driving out demons. Here Joshua wants to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying. In both instances, a subordinate tells his superior that his toes are being stepped on and both times the superior says, "It's not a problem." Today we have Moses who clearly understands that religious authority comes from God and if God chooses to distribute it more widely than anticipated, all that the rest of us can do is rejoice in God's generosity.....It's also important to understand that when both the Old and the New Testament stories speak about prophesying, it doesn't mean seeing the future but a type of inspired and spontaneous charismatic utterance.....Our second reading moves today to the Letter of James, a New Testament book accepted in the Catholic bible but not in the Protestant bible. The words we hear today are stark and unsettling as James reminds his readers that wealth, fine clothing and precious metals will all fade away; they will disappoint us and not sustain us. James is trying to tell them that real wealth is found in the ways of the Lord.....Our gospel from Mark reveals Jesus dealing with overzealous disciples who think they are safeguarding his authority by forbidding one who is not of their group from exercising power in his name. Jesus responds by challenging their narrow-mindedness and jealousy and offers a larger vision: "He who is not against us is for us." Jesus goes further and points to God's generosity. Then Jesus has disturbing words of warning to those who exercise power and authority. Death, he says, is better than causing scandal to one of God's innocent ones. His reference today to Gehenna is one of only two times in Mark's gospel that Jesus refers to hell....We are very quickly filling up for wedding dates at St. Patrick's for 2013. At the present time, all we have open between Easter and November 1 are a weekend in July, one in August and one in September. If someone is thinking of a wedding here next year, you would be wise to contact the office and firm up your date because they are disappearing fast.

We're grateful to Lou Ann Nowosielski for underwriting the expense of restoring the bell carillon at St. Hedwig's. That carillon was severely damaged when hit by lightning early this summer, and it's nice to have the bells ringing again.

Congratulations to St. Patrick's parishioner Elisa Guida, who recently obtained her 501 c 3 status for her organization, StringsforaCure. Elisa is a two-time breast cancer survivor and jewelry designer who transforms guitar strings from famous musicians into one-of-a-kind bracelets, earrings, pendants and rings. Proceeds are used to fund the foundation's efforts to educate, comfort and support cancer victims, primarily those with breast cancer. The foundation sends out \$100 gift cards to cancer patients, etc. More information is available at www.StringsforaCure.com.

If you have not yet returned your reservation for the 175th anniversary banquet on October 20th at the Bayfront Convention Center, please do so soon. We're rapidly filling up. I'm happy to tell you that Bishop Persico has graciously agreed to join us for the evening thus giving many of you an opportunity to meet him for the first time.

Father Michael DeMartinis is going to be offering a Bible Study class on the Letters of St. Paul on Tuesday evenings from 7-8 PM beginning October 16th and ending December 18. The classes are open to the public and additional information is available by calling Mount Calvary Parish at 454-0061.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 18,388 pounds of food during the month of August at a cost to the parish of \$607.99 That distribution served 736 families.

The ordination and installation of Bishop Persico will take place Monday, Oct. 1, beginning at 2:30 at the cathedral. Access is by ticket only. We are very fortunate that WJET TV, Channel 24, is going to broadcast it live. They will leave the ceremony at 5 because of their news, but you can then switch over to Fox, and coverage will continue. Because he is being ordained a bishop and installed as bishop of Erie, it will be a very, very long ceremony and certainly not finished by 5 PM. Please keep him in your prayers as he faces a daunting task trying to lead a diocese in these very changing times.

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

Work continues in St. Patrick's Church. You would not believe the maze of scaffolding. You can hardly walk in the building. The work on the exterior is finishing up, and the artists from the Conrad Schmitt Company tell me we are on schedule to be ready for Christmas Eve and the grand opening. I'll probably wait until spring but the sidewalks have to be replaced. They are badly broken and someone could fall. The ones right in front of the church have been replaced, but the rest now need to be done.

As workmen were installing the last of the scaffolding in the choir loft, one of the men reached out and touched the wall and the entire west wall of the choir loft collapsed. About 2 hours later, the entire wall of the stairwell collapsed. We knew those would have to be replaced.

The artists working on the ceiling have discovered that the plaster work done after the 1978 fire is not holding up, so much so that you can press the plaster in the dome. It's just a matter of time before it would come down, so that area has to be re-plastered!

You might notice that the bell in front of St. Patrick's Church has been restored.

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, a policeman was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. "Are you a cop?" she asked, to which he replied, "Yes." "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Your mother is right," he replied. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward him, "would you please tie my shoe?"

A kindergarten student listened attentively as the teacher explained how God created everything, including human beings. He was especially interested when the teacher said that Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. "What's the matter?" she asked, to which he replied, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

The sign on the West End Church of Christ read, "Sermon: The Reality of Hell. Come early and

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, along with all dioceses of the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in creating safe environments. The diocese is committed to ongoing screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. It is also committed to the yearly inservicing and training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out: <http://www.eriecd.org/protectyouth.htm>

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.



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 home-bound.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Reading II: Psalm 19:8-14

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 47-48



We all know people who are gifted, and because of that are influential, powerful, successful, or popular. With privilege comes accountability and responsibility. Life blesses people with all sorts of gifts; blest with God's spirit in our lives, we are called to live graciously for others, to appreciate our own gifts and not to begrudge the gifts of others. What personal gift have you been privileged to share? When have you hesitated to use your gifts?



Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Judy & Peter Pentz, Our Lady's Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Victor Pazdziesz** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz and St. Joseph Shrine lamp burns in loving memory of **Louis Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz. Please also remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$947.00**. Thank you and God bless.

St. Hedwig Pancake Breakfast

Our Pancake Breakfast is today Sunday, September 30 from 9am until 1pm at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons. 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 will be available at the door today.

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.

Reminder:

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

Ministry Schedule

	October 6 4:30pm	October 7 9:00am
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Judy Pentz
Reader	Dave Widomski	Barb Juchno
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie

All the Homemade Soup & Salad you can eat

At Mount Calvary Church, Feeny Hall, 2022 E. Lake Rd. in Erie on Friday, October 12 from 4:30 until 7:30pm. Dinner includes 5 delicious soups, tossed salad, bread, beverage, dessert & cheese pizza for the children. Adults \$7.00, and children under 12 is \$4.00.



Pray the rosary

Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$3,882.46**, and **\$493.00** from on-line giving. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are planning on attending the **175th Anniversary Celebration of St. Patrick Church** on October 20th at the Bayfront Convention Center, do not delay in sending in your reservation. It is sure to be a most memorable evening with a video of parishioners sharing their memories and a brief presentation by Jeffrey Rouse, the conservator, who restored the stations of the cross. The video is a work in progress. If you have any past or recent photos you would like included, please email to Erin Fessler at **edfess@gmail.com**

Drop your reservation in the mail or into the offertory basket so we are sure to get it! Please indicate which meal goes with each person listed.

FESTIVAL WRAP-UP MEETING: Join us after the 10:30 Mass for this meeting in the rectory. Use the porch door to come in to the community room. From all indications, it looks like the festival was a huge success. A complete report will be given when all the bills are paid.

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. The **Food Pantry** from Betty Gama in memory of her daughter, **Marcene**.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Lynne Long

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Steall Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey,
Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, John Maloney,
John Purvis, Luke Purvis

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

**Oct. 01 Monday, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Oct. 02 Tuesday, The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ, ANNIV.
(THE SPELLING FAMILY)

Oct. 03 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Oct. 04 Thursday, St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ, ANNIV.
(PAUL & HELEN CONCILLA)

Oct. 05 Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM MARLENE PACINELLI (VICTORIA CORAPI)

Oct. 06 Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM MARY CERAMI (BOB OLSEN FAMILY) - ST.P

Oct. 07 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM MEMBERS OF THE ST. HEDWIG HOLY NAME
SOCIETY—LIVING AND DECEASED - ST.H

10:30 AM PATRICIA AMENDOLA (LISA HINES) - 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

09/29 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—R

10/02 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/03 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

10/06 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

Religious Education News

There will no faith formation sessions on October 7. It is Holy Rosary Parish Feastday Celebration.

NEW WEBSITE for the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry – Please check out the new website 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.

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 Thursdays in October: **4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.**

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 Rector