

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

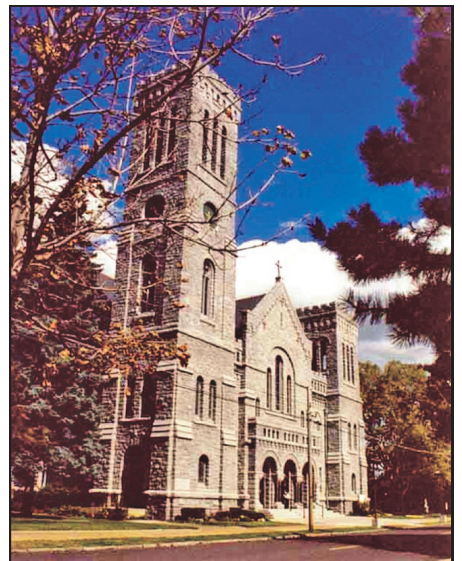
Holy Day

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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Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Isaiah. Today's excerpt originated as a popular folk ballad that Isaiah may have sung himself at local harvest festivals and which he turns into a prophetic allegory about the people's infidelity and God's condemnation. We don't learn of Isaiah's allegorical intent until the final stanza where the vineyard is identified as "the house of Israel" and the vinedresser as the Lord. We're reminded throughout the text that the owner of the vineyard has done all he could to ensure a good harvest. But the vineyard produced bitter grapes nonetheless. Eventually, even the hard working owner gives up and allows the vineyard to be overrun with weeds.

Just as we turn to busy people when we need something done, it would seem we should turn to those in greatest need when we need our faith bolstered. Paul proves this by telling the Philippians to have no anxiety while he himself faces the possibility of imminent death. His deep faith, fostered over many years and through many trials, has convinced him that God is an ally we can trust in all situations, some of which we approach with thanksgiving. From within his jail cell he is filled with peace and gratitude which proves to Paul that a power that "surpasses all understanding" stood guard over his heart and mind. Paul expects the second coming of Christ at any time and he expects his own death at any time. And Paul urges the Philippians that we know neither when Christ will return nor when our individual lives will end.

Jesus' story in today's gospel opens like Isaiah's song: upbeat and without hint of the gloom to follow. God has consistently sent messengers to his people and they were mostly rejected. In Matthew's telling, these prophets came to claim some of the produce expected of the tenants. When that fails, the landowner sends his own son in the belief that surely he would win their respect. Matthew has taken this parable from Mark, but he makes changes. He has the Son first thrown out of the vineyard, an effort on his part to suggest Jesus being taken out of Jerusalem for his execution. Rather than answering his own question as Jesus does in Mark, here he puts the question about what should be done with those tenants to the chief priests and elders

who respond that they should be put to death. In doing so, the religious leaders, in effect, pronounce judgment on themselves. After quoting Psalm 118, which anticipates Jesus' ultimate victory at the hand of God Jesus announces a dire fate for the blind leaders who have impeded the work of God's kingdom rather than furthering its growth. "The kingdom will be taken away and given to a people that will produce fruit."

Bishop Persico and 15 priests are coming to St. Patrick's later in October for dinner. In years past we all got together at 40 Hours Devotions as well as two weekly open houses for the priests: Sunday night at the cathedral rectory and, under Fr. Tom Plunkett, Friday night at St. Patrick's rectory. Those were great opportunities to share in one another's lives, etc, but that's all gone today. It's extremely important for us to spend time with one another, and I'm just grateful we have the space in this huge rectory to host several evenings like this a year.

The Synod of Bishops will get underway in Rome this month amidst growing hope that they will be able to find a way to admit divorced and remarried Catholics to the Eucharist. Pope Francis has suggested that we imitate our Orthodox brothers and sisters who recognize that people make a mistake and admit those people to Eucharist. The bishops in Germany, South Africa and Japan have already voted and are admitting divorced and remarried Catholics to the sacraments. The Synod hopes to explore our entire approach to human sexuality, an approach which is certainly out of sync with the real world in which we live.

There is incredible opposition to Pope Francis from some of the cardinals, 5 of whom have just written a book rebutting everything that he is saying. Bishop Robert Lynch of West Palm Beach, FL wrote in his paper last week that these men have lost the sense of being pastors and have become bureaucrats.

It is interesting that Pope Francis recently married 20 Italian couples at St. Peter's in Rome. Among them were 3 couples who were already living together as well as one couple who already have a child. That's the reality of the world in which we live. Why would we deny these people a sacrament? I personally see Pope Francis'

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doing exactly what Jesus did—welcomes everyone, saint and sinner alike.

We've become so rigid with rules and laws that we end up excluding people, the very thing Jesus condemns the Pharisees for doing. We make our kids jump through hoops to get confirmed and by the time they're done, they are so tired of rules and laws that they just walk away. We've got to change all of this. We've already lost one entire generation of young people; we can't afford to lose any more. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit works in this Synod to formulate a more pastoral approach for the church.

I wish you could have seen the hundreds and hundreds of people who came into St. Patrick's Church during the festival. The expression on their faces and their comments about the beauty of the church were incredible. One woman said she was Presbyterian "and we don't have anything like this in our church. I might think of changing over!!" People were taking pictures, spending long times at the Stations and simply overwhelmed by the beauty of the building. The Saturday evening 5 PM Mass was like Christmas Eve there were so many people in church. We ended up with less than ten hosts left.

Two women were sitting next to each other at a bar. One says, "I can't help but think, from listening to you, that you're from Ireland." "I sure am," responds the other. "And whereabouts, may I ask?" "Dublin," she responds. "So am I. What street did you live on?" "I lived on Warbury Street in the old central part of town." "Faith and begorrah, it's a small world, so did I." "And what school did you attend?" "I went to Holy Heart of Mary, of course." "And so did I. What year did you graduate?" "In 1964." "The good Lord must be smiling down upon us," says the first lady. "I can't believe my good luck in ending up in the same pub with you tonight. I graduated from Holy Heart of Mary in 1964 me self." About this time, Michael walks into the bar, sits down and orders a beer. Brian, the bartender walks over to Michael shaking his head and says, "It's going to be a long night." Michael asks "Why do you say that?" Brian answers, "Because the Murphy twins are drunk again."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gloria Sullivan, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Moskel** requested by Janice and family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$935.00 plus \$192.00 for Catholic Education. Thank you and God bless.

Annual Rosary Society Meeting

This coming Saturday, October 11th following the 4:30pm Mass. All members and guests are welcome to attend! A light lunch will be served. The Election Day Bake Sale and the Annual Christmas Party on December 7th will be discussed.

Annual Polonaise Ball

Saturday, November 1st at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons, 431 E. 3rd St. with a cash bar and a buffet dinner beginning at 6:30 pm, crowning of Miss Polonaise and music by the MarVels. Contact Cindy Plizga at 814-868-7924 for tickets and reservations.

Free Event - Better Business Bureau

This is an Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention Program which features FREE on-site document destruction & distribution of ID theft prevention materials. BBB volunteers will guide cars through a moving line and offload their disposable items to be shredded on the spot. Each vehicle may dispose of a maximum of 3 boxes/bags of paper-based materials. The event will take place on Saturday, October 11 from 10am until 2pm at Erie Intermodal Transportation Center, 208 E. Bayfront Parkway, Erie, Pa. 16507. For more info visit bbb.org or contact Pamela Marlowe at 877-267-5222, ext 134.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>October 11</u>	<u>October 12</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Art Blum
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	Tony Wernicki/Altar
Server	Charlotte Mabie	Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY





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Stewardship

Offertory Collection

\$ 6,226.01

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 **John Euliano** from Karen Euliano; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Kathy Alessi; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Charles & Betty Veiga** from Carol & William Sanner, in memory of **Cathy Quick** from Kathy & James Sertz, in memory of **K. Wright, R. Yochim, T. Yochim** from Nancy Yochim also donations from Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Ray & Patty Fiorelli, JoElla & Lawrence Gorgacz, Kathleen Horan, Judy & Phillip Kelly and Diane & David Lauer.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Patty Dailey, Jay Habas. Carol Habas

Cup: Ray Fiorelli, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Addie & Owen Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Colleen Welch, Audrey Reigel, Patty Jackson

CUP: Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

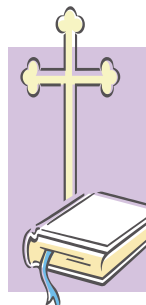
Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan,
Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith



Let us *Welcome*
Tatum Rose Cassano daughter of
Sal & Sarah (Schultz) Cassano
who will be baptized after
10:30 Mass today.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins today, October 5th during the 10:30 AM Mass. Fr. Kriegel will call for the children to come up and go with Sr. Marie after opening prayer. Children ages 4 thru 10 are encouraged to participate.

20TH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH on Sunday October 12, 2014. Starting time is 2:00pm at St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras. Please come and pray the rosary with us. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima. For more information contact John Walsh at 868-1100.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIROMENTS

Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensure that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandated for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriecd.org/pdf/protectionpolicy.pdf>. For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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

Oct. 6 *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 7 *Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary*

8:00 AM RICHARD MOSKEL (GRANDKIDS)

Oct. 8 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SYLVESTER CARLOW (CARLOW FAMILY)

Oct. 9 *Thursday, Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

8:00 AM FRANK & HELEN LARocca, WEDDING ANNI.

(DAUGHTER, ANGIE)

Oct. 10 *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM NOREEN ANDREZEJEWSKI

(ANDRZEJEWSKI FAMILY)

Oct. 11 *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE & FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM KRISTINA SPINKS NEWLIN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH

(MOM & FAMILY) - ST.P

Oct. 12 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 PM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. (WIFE, ANGIE) - ST.P

9:00 AM ANTHONY KANTOROWSKI - ST.H

(THE JUCHNO FAMILY)

10:30 AM DELPHINE ARDUINI (ROSE FIGURSKI) - 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

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

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/07 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/08 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

10/11 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



In today's parable—God is in charge. The vineyard is an image of Israel, greatly loved by the owner-creator. The tenants are the high priests and the aristocratic families who are expected to care for the vineyard-Israel. The messengers are the prophets, reminding the tenants of their responsibilities, and the son is the messiah. Throughout the history of Israel, God is always loving and caring. Today, when God challenges and prunes us, we need to remember that he also loves us. God is not only in charge, God cares. When has being cut back in some way led to new life for you?

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