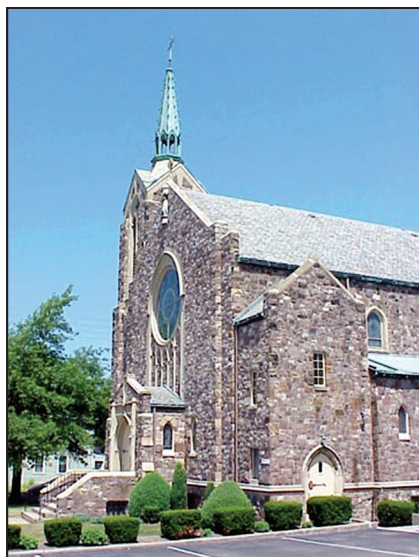


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 Patrick 8:00 AM

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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes from the prophet Habakkuk, the only time in the three year cycle of readings that we hear from him. He wrote in the late seventh and early sixth centuries BC, a time when the Chaldeans,

whose seat of power was in Babylon, ruled the ancient Near East. The book is only three chapters with the first two being a conversation between God and the prophet. Today's reading is from the beginning of both the first and second chapters. Overcome with misfortune, the prophet complains to God, "How long, O Lord?" The people suffered great violence and social injustice at the hands of the Babylonians and by writing down his vision, Habakkuk ensures that everyone will be able to read it and begin to have confidence that their oppressors will not win the day. But the Lord cautions that it will only come to fruition through patience—holy waiting.

We begin today to read our second reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy and we will read from it for 4 weeks. Paul counsels Timothy, his younger companion on his second and third missionary journeys, to remain faithful to the grace of God he received through Jesus. Paul bases his advice on his own experience of apostleship knowing full well that preaching the Gospel brings hardship, and for Paul, imprisonment.

In our gospel, the apostles ask the Lord to "increase our faith." To their credit, they realize that only Jesus can build up their faith; they cannot achieve it on their own. The Lord's reply teaches a mystery that every disciple must ponder: even the smallest amount of faith can cause great things to happen. The second teaching in today's gospel is unique to Luke and substantiates the main point of his gospel: God's grace is freely given; there is nothing we can do to earn it. Yet this passage stresses the disciple's obligation in response to God's free gift. It involves living out one's call responsibly. Acknowledging that we are "unprofitable servants" is not self-deprecating, but rather an affirmation of the faith we have received.

October is traditionally set apart as "Respect Life Month," and we encourage people to respect all aspects of life from conception to the grave. It involves asking ourselves, in response to the

appeal of Pope Francis, how we can allow the death penalty if we say we respect life, how can we sponsor abortion or euthanasia? These are not simple moral questions, but incredibly complex and will become even more so.

St. Patrick's parish is grateful for the gift of a new green chasuble in memory of Joe and Marie Maher from their daughter and son-in-law, Hank and Peggy Pietreszak.

Each year there is a Synod of Bishops from around the world who gather at the Vatican to discuss a particular topic chosen by the pope. Ever since the Synod was initiated by Pope Paul VI in the early 1970s, it has been merely a series of talking points, with no authority to make final decisions on the subject. That has been left to the pope. Pope Francis announced recently that the Synod of Bishops has full authority to speak on the issue at hand and to make decisions for the universal church, which is the way the Synod was originally envisioned. He also announced that the next Synod of Bishops will be asked to discuss and make a decision on Communion for divorced and remarried Catholics. Since becoming pope, he has asked a number of times if perhaps we don't have this all wrong, saying that we are punishing people who made a mistake when we should be forgiving them.

Let's keep this pope in our prayers that God give him good health and keep him safe. He is such a breath of fresh air in the church, but know full well that he has his enemies. He said recently that the church has become obsessed with abortion, same sex marriage and contraception and that he is not going to address those issues. The bishop of Providence, RI, wrote in his weekly column two weeks ago how deeply disappointed he is in the new pope for not addressing these issues. The archbishop of Philadelphia said in an interview recently that "we will not tolerate a pope who does not address these issues." Pope Francis, on the other hand, wants to speak of the mercy of Jesus which should then be the mercy of the church. He said we have gotten bogged down in petty rules and laws and have overlooked mercy as the primary action of the church. He has told bishops to get out among their people, told priests to get out of the rectories and be with our people and bring to them not rebukes or

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

judgments but instead bring them the mercy and healing of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Persico recently sent pastors a lengthy outline of procedures to be followed with regard to money, the Sunday collections, etc. He said that he does so in the light of some recent revelations in the diocese that indicate no such procedures were followed. I'm happy to tell you that both St. Patrick's and St. Hedwig's already comply 100% with those guidelines.

Have you ever considered remembering your parish in your will? You can leave a bequest for a particular purpose, for example, the maintenance of the church, or you can leave it to the general parish fund. With such old buildings as we have, the ongoing maintenance is endless and very, very expensive. A small remembrance in your will can make a big difference. You can also name your parish as beneficiary to a life insurance policy.

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman, to the stand. He asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She replied, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams, I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher." The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?" She again replied, "Why yes, I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. His law practice is one of the worst in the state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women, one of them was your wife. Yes, I know him." The defense attorney nearly died. The judge asked both counselors to approach the bend, and in a very quiet voice said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a **Special Intention**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Peter and Judie Pentz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Merle Spacht** requested by D. Dombkowski. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was \$876.00. Thank you and God bless.

Rosary Society Meeting

The annual meeting is on Saturday, October 5th after the 4:30pm Mass. A delicious light meal will be served. Please attend and bring a friend!

Please Join Us

The Holy Name members will be reciting the rosary before the 9am Mass on Sunday, October 13th starting at 8:30am.

Sacred Heart Parish Day

Today, October 6th from noon until 5:30pm at the Sacred Heart Auditorium, 26th & Liberty featuring their annual roast beef dinner. Adults \$8, Children \$4.50 and under 5 free. Grand Prize 2013 Roush Mustang, a Samsung 55 inch Flat Screen TV, theme baskets and more....

The Goal of Human Existence

Our reason tells us the Someone made us. That someone is God. Our reason also tells us that God must have made us for some purpose. God Made us to **know** Him, to **love** Him and to **serve** Him in this world and to be **happy forever with Him** in the next. God made us for Himself. The end or goal of humanity, as with all of creation, is the glory of God; to manifest (or make known) the divine perfections, to pro-claim the goodness, majesty and power of God.

Pray the Rosary



St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	October 12	October 13
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	Tony Wernicki
Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5700.05**. 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 **Deceased Family Members** from Kathy Alessi; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored by Barbara & John Reiting in memory of her **Parents Chet & Loretta**; in memory of **Strimel & Hevia Families** from Erin & Adlin Strimel; in memory of **Doris Blaga** from Joe & Jill Blaga -Walz; in memory of **James Fitzgibbon** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon; in memory of **Betty Jones** from Barrie Nolan; in memory of **Howard C. Daub (50 year Anniv. of his death)** from Alice & Kenneth Daub.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Sclaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kay Mannino, Carol Habas, Kathy Sertz

CUP: Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Owen Babinsack, Addie Babinsack

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Tom Golab, Cyndi Pristello, Michelle Tortorelli

CUP: Ed Brown, Tim Scully

Greeters: Marlene Golab, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox,

John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy, Welsh,
Tim Donlin



Let us **WELCOME** Brennan David Weber son of Matt and Erin Weber who will be baptized today.

Let us also **WELCOME** Sawyer Craig Stevens son of Craig Stevens and Stephanie Chiz Stevens and Charlotte Rose Potosnak daughter of Matthew Potosnak and Nicole Malone Potosnak who were baptized on September 22, 2013.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Be sure to talk to your kids about cyber bullying. Four out of ten kids have been bullied online and five out of ten have said mean things about others online. Cyber bullying continues to grow and the ultimate tragic result can be suicide. Most kids who suffer or experience cyber bullying do not tell their parents as they are afraid they will lose their online privileges. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out : www.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm

19TH ANNUAL ROSARY MARCH

on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Starting time: 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, call John Walsh at 868-1100.

ST. PAUL'S SPECIAL MASS FOR CANCER

AWARENESS: October 23rd at 6:00 pm at St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut Street. 814-459-3173. Mass celebrants are Fr. Alex Amico and Deacon Anthony Alleruzzo.

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.



MSGR. KRIEGEL'S HOMILIES ARE ON-LINE IN AUDIO AND VIDEO FORMAT.

Be sure to check out St. Patrick's web-page to listen to Msgr. Kriegel's homilies.

Go to **saintpatrickparisherie.org** Click on "homilies" on the bar to the right and then the date of the homily you want to hear. The video homilies are available on "you tube" and can be watched by clicking on the bar that says "video homilies" on that page.

We are still working on a few glitches but the site is up and running and being viewed by over 400 people per week.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Oct. 5 *Saturday, Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI (SOPHIE MALY) - ST.P

Oct. 6 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JOSEPH MESSINA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

9:00 AM AMANDA JUCHNO (MOM, BARB) - ST.H

10:30 AM DELPHINE ARDUINI - ST. P

(DANIEL & JUDY BRUNO)

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

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 8 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM VINCENT & SOPHIE DOBRY

(ESTATE OF MONICA DOBRY)

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

8:00 AM WARREN GRUCZA, ANNIV.

(FRAN & MARY ANN FABIN)

Oct. 10 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 11 *Friday, Weekday, Bl. John XXIII, pope*

8:00 AM STANLEY DOMBROWSKI

(DOMBROWSKI FAMILY)

Oct. 12 *Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

5:00 PM RICHARD ALLAN PURCELL - ST.P

(JOHN PURCELL)

Oct. 13 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM JACKIE FONTECCHIO - ST.P

(ST. PATRICK'S CLASS OF 1957)

9:00 AM MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY,

LIVING & DECEASED - ST.H

10:30 AM JAMES KONTUR, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P

(WIFE, ANGIE)

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

10/05 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/06 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM NO RELIGIOUS ED FOR GR 7-9

10/08 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/09 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

10/12 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/13 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



This week we hear Jesus explain that faith the size of a tiny seed is sufficient for discipleship and he challenges his disciples to examine their attitude of service. As followers of Jesus, we might examine our own attitude of service. When we serve, do we seek praise and recognition, or are we humble and grateful for the opportunity? An unprofitable servant does not need to be thanked for doing what is expected, and with mustard seed size faith, the servant has all that is needed for discipleship. From your acquaintances, think about some truly unprofitable servants, people who serve without need of praise.

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

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