

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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

www.sainthedwigparisherie.org

Saint Patrick Parish

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time and once again we hear first from Isaiah. The connection with today's gospel might escape you until you realize that, like the king in the parable, the "Lord of Hosts" is preparing a rich feast to which "all peoples" are invited. The image of a great banquet as the ultimate symbol of salvation has a long history that predates even Isaiah. He does more than just write poetry. He feeds the religious imagination of his people and paints a picture of a time that is not yet, but will be. Joy crescendos in the closing lines that announce the coming of our God. The prophet sees what we cannot and announces it with certainty.

Paul has learned a secret from living in scarcity and in abundance. All things are doable and all is tolerable, he says, "because of Christ who provides the strength to embrace abundance" without pride and endure want without resentment. At the time he is writing this, Paul is in prison facing death. Yet his spirit is undaunted and he proves the sincerity of his words by being able to express gratitude, speaking words of encouragement, and ending in prayer. Paul's secret is that in Christ he found a way to hover above life's circumstances so that when abundance gives way to need and comfort yields to bare necessity, the faith path he walks remains stable and unshakable. We almost sense a regret that the Philippians have been so generous in sending money, not just once but multiple times. Paul has learned to rely solely on God. Nonetheless, he thanks them sincerely for wanting to relieve his distress.

Like the first reading, our gospel begins by stressing the lavish preparations that were made and the invitations that were sent for a great banquet. The hostility and violence of the invitees can only be understood as an allegory that reflects the situation faced by the church of Matthew's day. He's making sense of the destruction of Jerusalem and sees it as the consequence of Israel's rejection of Jesus and their hostility towards the Christian community. The king in no way anticipates a negative response, but naïve no more, the "enraged" king sends an army to destroy and burn. As the destruction begins, so does the banquet. Because the king ordered that "whomever you find" be "invited to the feast," the

banquet is filled with "good and bad alike." A new controversy, and many Scripture scholars would say, a new parable begins with the king's entrance into the feast. Anger and disappointment flare when he spots someone "not dressed in a wedding garment." He gives the guest an opportunity to defend himself, but can't abide the man's rudeness. The man has not taken the (Eucharistic) banquet seriously; he does not have the awe of God that would have compelled him to prepare. Swift and terrible judgment follows. It's a warning to all of us to recognize the divine invitations we may be ignoring.

Today's bulletin contains the Financial and Spiritual reports for 2013-14 from both St. Hedwig's and St. Patrick's parishes. I hope you will take the time to review them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As you can readily see, both parishes operated in the black and both parishes have reserves. At St. Patrick's, remember that we still owe \$390,000 on the debt for the restoration of the church. A little over \$200,000 remains to be paid on pledges and the balance will be paid from our Catholic Services Appeal and income from the festival.

What is more important to read is the Spiritual Report. To sustain itself, a parish must have more baptisms than deaths, and we are clearly in that category at St. Patrick's. St. Hedwig's, however, is a different story as there has not been a baptism in over 7 years. Remember also that many of the deaths recorded at St. Patrick's are non-parishioners who perhaps were baptized there, married there, etc. and expressed a wish to their survivors that they be buried from there, and I always accommodate.

It is much too early to know the financial results of the Festival, but the overwhelming response is that everyone loved it being downtown, and we're going to continue that in the future. The committee heads are all meeting to review glitches and other things that we can improve for next year, but it was an incredible success. The crowds were unlike anything we've experienced in the past and eliminating the entrance fee proved to be very beneficial. Everywhere I've gone in the city in the past weeks people have come up to me and raved about the festival and what a great time they had. Our profit may be down a bit this year because of first-time expenses, but we now

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

have these and we won't have to invest in them again. For example, we spent over \$10,000 with new electricity to be able to accommodate everything, and we won't have that cost again. Starting next year, we're going to buy a piece of cooking equipment each year so that we won't have to rent it.

I'm especially grateful to Holy Trinity Parish and to St. Paul's Parish for lending us lighting for use in the tents. That saved a great deal of money and both parishes gave that lighting to us at no cost. In addition, several Holy Trinity parishioners volunteered and helped in serving food. It's so nice to see parishes working together rather than against one another.

You're aware of the tragedy which occurred in St. Patrick's Church a few weeks ago when we found a young man dead of a heroin overdose. I looked at him sitting there and could have cried. Handsome young man with all the potential for life, and now it was all over. When the detective told me that this was the 42nd drug related death in Erie this year, I realized we have an epidemic on our hands. I don't know what the solution is but we need to find it before we bury more of our young people.

I'm grateful to a couple in the parish who have graciously donated the new kettle drums for St. Patrick's Church.

Two nuns were shopping. As they passed the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a cold beer or two taste good on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered, "It would, Sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand." "I can handle that," said the other nun. And she picked up a six pack and headed for the check-out. The cashier looked surprised, but one of the nuns said, "We use beer for washing our hair. Back at the convent, we call it 'Catholic Shampoo.'" she said without blinking an eye. The cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the two nuns straight in the eye and said, "The curlers are on the house."

Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Ted Mielink** requested by Irene & family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **John Gorski** requested by Jim Gorski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Peter & Judy Pentz. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$688.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Please keep in your prayers to family and friends of **Gerald Winiecki**. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Rosary Society Meeting

Saturday, October 11 following the 4:30pm Mass.

All members and guests are welcome to attend....

A light lunch will be served. The Bake Sale and Christmas Party on December 7th will be discussed.

Annual Polonaise Ball

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

All Souls Day

Please send in your envelopes by Monday, October 27. Your envelopes include space for you to list the names of loved ones to be remembered on the Feast Day and throughout the month of November. The names will be published in the bulletin.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 IS THE FEAST DAY OF
OUR PATRONESS ST. HEDWIG.**

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	October 18 Saturday 4:30 PM	October 19 Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Rossi	Peter Pentz
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ray Nowosielski	Tom Kurpiewski
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Charlotte Mabie



ST. HEDWIG FINANCIAL & SPIRITUAL REPORT: 2013-2014

INCOME

Offertory	\$59,980
Special Gifts	7,935
Investment Income	5,580
Sale of Convent	7,178
Additional funds	406
TOTAL INCOME	\$81,079

EXPENSES

Salaries—clergy	\$ 3,175
Benefits—clergy	2,553
Salaries—employees	13,990
Benefits-employees	1,106
Rectory expense	6,656
Office expense	5,475
Altar, sanctuary, liturgical	3,590
Plant maintenance & repair	2,738
Utilities	8,070
Insurance and taxes	6,852
Diocesan Fund assessment	4,107
Elementary school assessment	3,068
Secondary school assessment	3,514
Extraordinary repairs	3,333
Loan principal payment	3,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$68,767

Beginning Financial assets	\$37,901
Ending Financial assets	\$47,213

Total registered parishioners	161
Baptisms	0
First Communions	0
Deaths	4

Envelopes mailed	110
Envelopes used	53

ST. PATRICK FINANCIAL & SPIRITUAL REPORT: 2013-14

INCOME

Offertory	\$408,994
Special gifts	500
Investment income	9,454
Capital Fund Drive	225,790
Parish Activities (festival)	32,617
Rental income	23,375
Church tours	1,084
Votive candles	2,511
TOTAL INCOME	\$711,401

EXPENSES

Salaries—clergy	\$ 23,090
Benefits—clergy	13,799
Salaries—employees	129,135
Benefits-employees	40,934
Rectory expense	11,119
Office expense	25,399
Altar, sanctuary, liturgical	16,128
Plant maintenance, repair	21,511
Utilities	49,151
Insurance & taxes	24,557
Parish activities	7,562
Diocesan Fund assessment	21,259
Elementary school assessment	14,305
Secondary school assessment	17,470
Religious Ed salaries	33,129
Religious Ed—other	176
Extraordinary repairs	98,326
Loan interest	18,986
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$566,036

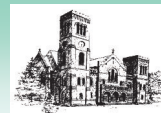
Loan principal payments	170,000
Beginning Financial Assets	\$184,534
Ending Financial Assets	\$160,558
Fiscal year income	\$146,124

Total registered parishioners	1,260
Baptisms	36
First Communions	3
Marriages	33
Deaths	27*
Number envelopes mailed	708
Number envelopes used	375

*15 parishioners; 12 non-parishioners



Saint Patrick News



Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 9,319.85
Online Giving week ending 09/29/14	862.00
Online Giving week ending 10/05/14	<u>977.00</u>
Total Income	\$11,258.85

Thank you for your generosity!

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 for the **Birthdays of Rita and Neil McLaughlin** from Kathie McLaughlin



The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson

The Donations to the **Food Pantry** :

In memory of **The Wegner Family** from Lynne Long

In memory of **Trudi Featsent & Attilio Chimenti** from Marjory & Merle Painter

In memory of **Barbara Korn** from Dave Korn

Also donations were received from Patty MacArthur, Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler, Denise & Phillip Rewers, David Romanowicz and Barbara & Mark Sargent.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Gary Drapcho

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Shirley Winschel, Jay Habas, Carol Habas

CUP: Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Jane Carney, Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis, Ryan & Colin Hudson

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Mary Williams, Ed Brown

CUP: Kathleen Pae, Mike Vehec

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox,

John Purvis, Luke Purvis

Offertory Counters: Tom & Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan



Let us *Welcome*
Zackary Arthur Manchisi son of
John and Kate (Kuholski) Manchisi
who will be baptized after
5:00 pm Liturgy on
Saturday, October 11, 2014

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY The letters requesting your memorials for the Feast of All Saints and All Souls Day have been mailed. Please fill in your request and return them as soon as possible. They need to be in the parish office no later than Monday, October 27, 2014 to meet the bulletin deadline.

The **offertory counters** are requesting that you write separate checks for the weekly offertory and your payments to the restoration, food pantry, CSA etc. The money goes into different accounts and it is difficult for them to divide it and keep track of the different envelopes. As always, we appreciate your generosity and hope that this request is not too big of an imposition.

A **camera case** has been found in church and is being held at the rectory. If you think it may be yours, please call the rectory at 454-8085.

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.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



Our God is an inviting God. This week we are invited to a wedding banquet. Consider the parable—the joy, excitement, and preparations involved in the planning; the rich foods and wine—all to be shared with the invited guests—the Israelites. But when they refuse to come, and some of the servants, the prophets are killed, then God decides to invite everyone to the celebration. And that includes us, the Gentiles. For us, this means living from gratitude that we have been invited. How does gratitude show itself in your life? Have you ever felt God pursuing you through life?

Second Annual Catholic men's conference in Erie less than one month away!

Be a part of it! 2232 Men, is a day-long event based on the theme of Luke 22:32, "But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

The conference will be held on Sat., Nov. 1, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Warner Theatre in Erie. Enjoy fellowship and inspiring national speakers—including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jesse Romero and Father Larry Richards—along with lunch, adoration and the opportunity for reconciliation. The event will conclude with Mass offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Discounts available for groups of eight or more as well as high school and college students. Visit www.2232Men.com or call (814) 455-7364 for more information and to register.

YCEA (Young Church Eucharistic Adoration)

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Each month, the Youth and Young Adult Office sponsors an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music, times of silence, and the opportunity for confession. Social time and light refreshments will follow. Join us Friday, October 17th at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie from 7-9pm. See the full calendar at www.onthevine.us

20th Annual Rosary March

Sunday, October 12, 2014 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral 10th and Sassafras. Please come, pray the rosary with us. Sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima, speaker is Rev. David Renne.

For more information call John Walsh, 868-1100

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

"Keep Calm & Catholic On"

"Keep Calm & Catholic On" is the theme for this year's Middle School Catholic Youth Rally which will be held on Sunday, October 26 at Our Lady of Peace School, 2401 W. 38th Street, Erie. The rally is open to anyone in grades 6-8, and their leaders; registration is \$30.00 per person.

National Catholic youth speaker/musician, Bob Rice, will headline the event; Bishop Persico will spend the day with us and close the rally with Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Visit www.onthevine.us for registration and information.

The Middle School Youth Rally is sponsored by the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Erie. Contact Kathleen Peterson with questions, 814-824-1218, kpeterson@eriercd.org.

Faith Enrichment Lecture Series

Father Christopher Singer, Chancellor of the Diocese of Erie, will lecture on the powerful message of St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body," from its origins to its deepening by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to the challenge of Pope Francis to "have life and have it to the fullest." Father Singer's lecture series—titled "The Heart of Christianity: Finding God and the Meaning of Life Written Within our Minds and Bodies"—will be held Wednesdays Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. The talks will be in the auditorium at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview, Erie, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Questions? Contact kdietz@ErieRCD.org.

Divorced? Separated? Widowed?

Transitions, a monthly support group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed persons will meet on Sunday October 26th from 2 – 4 pm at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. Program includes a short presentation, discussion, followed by refreshments. This month's topic is: "Triggers." For more information call 814 – 824-1265 or email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. Visit us at: www.eriercd.org/transitions.asp

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- 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
- Oct. 13** *Monday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Oct. 14** *Tuesday, Saint Calistus I, Pope and Martyr*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Oct. 15** *Wednesday, Saint Teresa of Jesus,
 Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Oct. 16** *Thursday, Saint Hedwig, Religious;
 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Oct. 17** *Friday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
 Bishop and Martyr*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Oct. 18** *Saturday, Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM JEANETTE BOROWY
 (ED & REGINA RUTKOWSKI) - ST.H
 5:00 PM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI, ANNIV.(FAMILY) - ST.P
- Oct. 19** *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 PM LIL MARINCE - ST.P
 (TOM, JAY & BROOKE PERKINS)
 9:00 AM WANDA DONIKOWSKI - ST.H
 (ST.HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY)
 10:30 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS &
 LADIES OF ST. PATRICK - 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
- 10/11** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/12** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr 6 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Jr./Sr. High - Holy Rosary
 1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary
- 10/14** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 10/15** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 10/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 10/19** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr 6 - Holy Rosary

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN OCTOBER – Sunday morning sessions for Kdg – Gr 6: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Sunday afternoon sessions for Jr/ Sr High and Confirmation: Oct. 12th and 26th.

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN NOVEMBER – Sunday morning sessions for Kdg – Gr 6: Nov. 9, 16, 23; Sunday afternoon sessions for Jr/ Sr High and Confirmation: Nov. 9th and 23rd.

PLEASE NOTE: There are **NO** sessions Nov 2nd – Catechist Inservice and **NO** sessions Nov 30th – Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - The young people from our east side parishes and their sponsors began their sacramental preparation for Confirmation. We ask that you keep the candidates and their sponsors in your prayer. **St. Patrick** - Brendan Jubulis and sponsor Michael Jubulis, Kiely Kearney and sponsor, Courtney Elliott

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