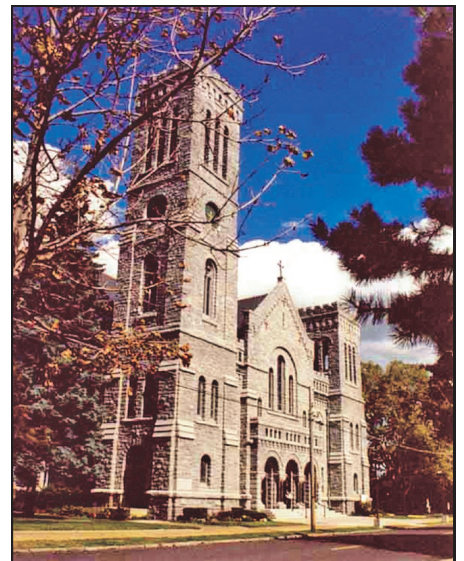


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 AM & 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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is from the 2nd Book of Kings. The passage about Naaman's cure from leprosy begins several verses before what we read today and we learn that he was a highly respected commander of the king of Aram. A new servant in his household had been captured from Israel and she urged Naaman to go to the prophet in Samaria who would cure him. The king sends a letter to the king of Israel attesting to his desire for a cure; but the king of Israel tears his garments and is convinced he is being set up. The prophet Elisha finds out about the encounter and sends word to the king to send Naaman to him. When he arrives he is told to wash in the Jordan seven times and his flesh will be healed. But Naaman balks that the prophet did not come out to meet him, lay hands on him and cure him. His anger causes him to turn away from Elisha's house, concluding that the God of Israel is no better than any other god. His servants, however, intervene and convince him to wash in the Jordan. It is at this point that our reading today begins, a reading which focuses not so much on his healing but on his confession of faith. Elisha's refusal to accept Naaman's gift is also a confession of faith for it shows that those who serve the Lord are not in need of material things.

Our second reading continues today from Paul's letter to Timothy, a letter written in deeply personal terms. He urges Timothy to remember the gospel of Jesus for which Paul is enduring suffering and imprisonment. The freedom of God's word allows Paul to bear with his own suffering for the sake of those whom God chooses. The reading concludes with verses from a hymn used in first century house churches.

Our gospel today is the familiar story of the healing of the ten lepers. Remember that our first reading and the gospel are always connected and today in both we hear a healed leper profess that it is faith that saves us. In neither case does religious or ethnic background pose an obstacle. Both men are foreigners. This story is found only in Luke and concludes with Jesus sending the cured leper on his way knowing that his faith brings him salvation. Like Naaman, he goes forward in life differently now, a grateful and saved foreigner who speaks of new life.

As the diocese begins a study of future planning, one of the areas that has to be carefully explored is our Catholic schools. Since 2000, baptismal rates in the diocese have dropped 36%, and the birth rate in northwest Pennsylvania has dropped. This raises the inevitable question—who will be sitting in our elementary schools in five to seven years; and then the even more ominous question—who will be sitting in our Catholic high schools in eight to ten years. Enrollment in both our elementary and secondary schools has declined dramatically largely because of a lack of bodies to fill the seats as well as the financial struggle entailed in providing a child with a Catholic education. Some very hard and difficult decisions will have to be made; some of which may not be popular, but we have to be practical and know our limitations.

Another growing area of concern is the rather dramatic drop in funerals and burials in our Catholic cemeteries. The cremation rate in the city of Erie is now at about 43%, and many of those who are cremated are not being buried. You will also notice a growing number of families who do not have a funeral Mass when a parent dies.

Congratulations to Penelope Lee Lyte, daughter of Darryl and Hillary Bixby Lyte who will be baptized following today's 10:30 AM Mass.

"I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to first heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else." *Pope Francis*

We are already planning for the 2014 Irish Festival and there seems to be widespread consensus among the various committee chairs to the idea to move the festival from Rainbow Gardens and bring it back into the neighborhood of St. Patrick's Church. We're looking at a variety of places where we could perhaps block off a street, tent it with heated tents and move everything down here. The city will allow us to close a street, erect their stage and sound equipment for as little as \$700. The \$7,000 we now spend renting

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

Rainbow Gardens we feel would more than cover the costs of tents, tables, chairs, freezers, port-a-potties, etc. We would not have to rent an RV for the people to count money; they could do it in the safety of the rectory. There is more than adequate parking in the area, and it would bring lots of people downtown. We could also open the church and showcase it for people who have not seen it. There are a huge number of logistics to be worked out; but we're trying to see if we can pull it off.

We're all going to have to take a vow of patience if we attempt to do this as we'll make some mistakes, some feelings will get hurt, there will be some bumps in the road, etc. I personally think the whole idea is exciting. The festival belongs in our neighborhood, and here's hoping we can pull it off.

Dennis Michalski has taken over the program for the past two years and almost doubled the profit from it, and certainly produces a much nicer program than we ever had before. He has agreed to do this again next year, but would like someone to step forward who can work with him next year, learn the ropes and take it over in 2015. Is anyone interested? You can work out of the rectory; it's calling present advertisers to do so again.

Erie Insurance has once again proven what great neighbors they are with the planting of Cauley Memorial Park at the sight of the former Cauley Memorial Auditorium. Stop sometime and take a look at it. You will see they have carefully saved the granite stones which were above the entrance into the auditorium and placed those in the park.

Some one-liners from Maxine. "A man without a woman is a bachelor. A woman without a man is a genius." "Sure, marriage can be fun some of the time. Trouble is, you're married all of the time." "Most stress is caused by three things: money, family and family with no money." "Only on a cruise ship can you pay hundreds of dollars a day to sleep in a closet." "Even doctors make mistakes. Mine asked me to undress!" "The only way I'll drop ten pounds is if I go shopping in England."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Ted Mielnik** requested by Irene and family, and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Robert T. Niedzwiecki** requested by his Mom. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,386.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### Rosary Society Bake Sale

Reminder: Election Day is November 5th. We are asking the ladies and men of the parish, who are able, to donate their special baked items so the sale can be a success as usual. Tickets for the 2 large boxes of bakery items will be sold the weekends of October 26/27 and November 2/3 for \$1.00 each in the vestibule of the church before and after Mass.

### All Souls Remembrance

The envelopes in your packet for All Souls include space for you to list the names of loved ones to be remembered on the Feast Day and throughout the month of November. Please try to have those envelopes to the office by October 21st.

### October "Polish American Heritage Month"

A national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride! Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, VA, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture. In 2013, Polish Americans will mark the 32nd anniversary of the founding of Polish American Heritage Month.

## Pray the Rosary



### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	October 19	October 20
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne	
	Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie





# Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$7,272.50**, and **\$1271.00** from online giving for a total of **\$8,543.50**. 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson & Bud Johnson** from Gary & Becky Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Helen Starnier Larocca** from Re/Max Real Estate Group, Dan Meola, Carol Abbott, Mickey & Mary Ellen Straub, Rita Brown, B.J. & Barbara Lechner, Nedra Lehrian & Loretta Schaal.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: *Angie Kontur*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Ray Fiorelli, Chris Sanner, Lynne Long*

CUP: *Michele Wheaton*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Alex Wheaton*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers*

**Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 10:30 am**

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Mary Kearney, Forrest Mischler,  
Dario Cipriani*

CUP: *Mary Williams, Mike Vehec*

Greeters: *Noranne Brugger, Charla Leemhuis*

Altar Servers: *Emilio Filippi, Andrew Wilcox*

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

Offertory Counters: *Mary McCarthy, Mary Kearney,  
Mary Pat Schlaudecker*



Let us **WELCOME** Penelope Lee Lyte, daughter of Darryl and Hilary Bixby Lyte who will be baptized today after the 10:30 Mass.

**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. We will need them by October 28th to meet the bulletin deadline.

The offertory counters are requesting that you write separate checks for the weekly offertory and your payments to Restoration. 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.

Congratulations to **Charlie Shaffer** who won the Ave Maria Care and Concern Basket of Cheer at the Erie Irish Festival.

**Cancer Awareness Mass** at St. Paul Church, 1617 Walnut Street, on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm. Celebrants will be Father Alex Amico and Deacon Anthony Alleruzzo. There will be a special litany to Saint Peregrine, Patron Saint of Cancer and Saint Agatha, Patron Saint of Breast Cancer. Whether this disease is with you, a loved one, neighbor, or someone you know, we welcome you to be part of this special Mass.

## A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



This week we reflect on the place of trust and gratitude in our lives before God. How often God's grace comes to us in unexpected ways, especially through the words and actions of others. In this week's readings, the lepers Naaman and the Samaritan were not just lepers, who were considered outsiders-not part of the community-they were really outsiders-they were foreigners. They were both seeking a cure - they spoke with trust that their request would be granted. Their requirements for a cure were very ordinary, but they both responded with trust and gratitude. Sometimes in our own faith journey we seek the extraordinary, the miracle, when in reality, what God asks of us is trust in the grace of the ordinary. God is at work there. And our gratitude is the proper response for his abiding presence.

## 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.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**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)

**Oct. 14** *Monday, Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 15** *Tuesday, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM ALBERT "MICKEY" MABIE, ANNIV.  
(FAMILY)

**Oct. 16** *Wednesday, Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

8:00 AM ELIZABETH WARD (FAMILY)

**Oct. 17** *Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY AND FRIENDS)

**Oct. 18** *Friday, Saint Luke, Evangelist*

8:00 AM DOROTHY GLEBOCKI  
(JUDY & PETER PENTZ)

**Oct. 19** *Saturday, Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM ANNA SCHWARTZ, ANNIV. - ST.H  
(CHARLOTTE & DAN ANDERSEN)

5:00 PM GERTRUDE MUNCH (ANGIE HAYES) - ST.P

**Oct. 20** *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM DEBORAH STEINER (JANET GILBERT) - ST. P

9:00 AM MARY L. ZIELINSKI - ST. H  
(REV. MSGR. JOSEPH WARDANSKI)

10:30 AM KATHERYN ANGELOTTI, 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

**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

**10/13** 11:30 AM Ave Meeting - Chapel

**10/15** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**10/16** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

**10/19** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**10/20** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Grade 7-10 - Field Trip to St. Patrick Church

**CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE**

**ENVIRONMENTS:** 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 on-going screening and training of paid or volunteer persons who have regular contact with our children and youth under age 18. It is also committed to the yearly in-servicing 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.eriercd.org/protectyouth.htm>

**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**