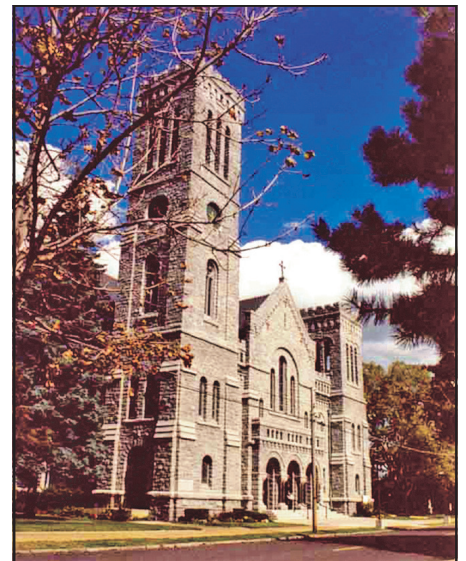
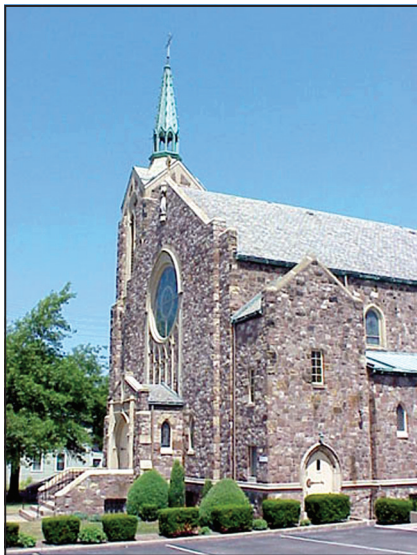


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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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.***

In today's Gospel, a young man walks sadly away from Jesus because he has not learned the lesson of this first text from the book of Wisdom: none of the world's treasures, fame, etc. approach the value of prudence and wisdom.

Our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews which addressed people who had grown weary in their faith. The brief reading is both a song of praise and a word of warning.

The familiar gospel story of the young man who walks away from Jesus begins with him calling Jesus "good teacher," a title which Jesus then rejects. It is obvious that the young man has been faithful but he seeks perfection so Jesus tells him what more is needed. The standard is not necessarily meant for everyone, but it is meant for the young man. In addition, we hear the lament from Jesus as to how hard it is for the rich to get into heaven. The teaching reverses the popular belief of the day that wealth was a sign of God's favor.

The Archdiocese of Liverpool has become the first diocese in England and Wales to commission lay people to preside at funerals. Lay ministers already preside at funerals in several parts of the world. At the ceremony, the archbishop announced that a "Mass may be celebrated for the deceased at the earliest convenient time." The move has elicited an incredible backlash from the laity who say that they have the right to a funeral Mass and who are angrily denouncing the denial of the sacraments to people who have a right to them.

Speaking of funerals, it is interesting how times are changing. Erie, for example, is seeing a sharp rise in cremations (which are permitted by the church). In many cases this is resulting in a sharp decrease in burials in our Catholic cemeteries because families are not burying the urn. I notice another practice growing and that is that families are not having a funeral Mass, but opt instead for a service at the funeral home. I often wonder if what happens in California doesn't eventually spread to the rest of the country. In the ten years I was in California, I only had one funeral Mass. All of the others were a service at the mortuary (viewing a body is very, very rare) or a service at the gravesite. And we're seeing more and more of that here.

I met this past week with the foreman from the Conrad Schmitt Studio who is overseeing the painting in the church as well as with the foreman from Safway, the scaffolding company. The both assure me that we are right on schedule with everything and that our target date of returning to the church on Christmas Eve can be met. They told me that Safway will start dismantling the scaffolding on November 19 beginning in the sanctuary. Then they will dismantle the scaffolding along the east and west walls of the church. This will enable the company who is putting in the new sanctuary floor to get started shortly after Thanksgiving.

By then removing the scaffolding along the east and west walls, we can then uncover the Stations of the Cross and begin cleaning them. Though they are tightly wrapped in plastic, I'm sure that plaster dust has worked its way in. Jeff Rouse has agreed to come up from Greensburg to clean them and to work with some volunteers who will help him.

Once the scaffolding comes down in the center nave, the pews can be returned. Sister Marie and Mary Pat Schlaudecker went to Schutte Woodworks this past week to see the progress and they both came back ecstatic over how nice they look. They said that the refinishing just makes them shine and then the new cushions are the final touch.

At that point, the only thing left to do is the carpeting, and that won't take long at all. The much larger flooring work is in the sanctuary. While we're going to do the entire sanctuary, we are going to carpet at each far side—east and west—because people are coming in from outside and the marble flooring could be slippery.

The Gift Shop has been completely redone and it looks beautiful. The walls and ceilings were a mess. There were large cracks, etc., but now it is beautiful. That work was not done by Conrad Schmitt but by our own custodian, Tony D'Aurora with some help from David Durney. Tony is now going to start on the vestibule. It would have cost us an additional \$28,000 to have Conrad Schmitt do the vestibule, and we can get it done ourselves.

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

One day last week, I signed a \$33,000 check to the tile company, a \$92,000 check to the scaffolding company and a \$180,000 check to the Conrad Schmitt Studio.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released some interesting new statistics on the church in America which reveal that there are presently 40,203 priests in the US. That number is down from 58,000 in 1970! Of those priests, 27,125 are diocesan and 12,593 are religious orders (Jesuits, Benedictines, etc.) They also reported that 485 priests were ordained in 2011 and that there are 5,015 seminarians in the USA. Again, the number of seminarians is down from 65,000 in 1970.

There are also 17,816 permanent deacons in the United States and 55,045 Women Religious (again the number of Women Religious is dramatically down from a high of 172,000 in 1970). Of the men ordained to priesthood in 2011, 30% of them were born outside of the United States with the largest number coming from Vietnam, Columbia, Mexico, Poland and the Philippines.

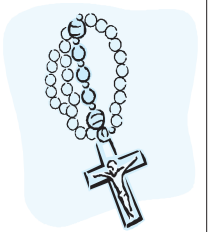
Another interesting fact is that the average Social Security payment to a Woman Religious is \$4,779 while the average for an American is \$13,968.11. The study notes that by 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one! In 2011, American Catholics contributed \$26.7 million to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Approximately 39% of US Catholics are Hispanic. Since 1970, 71% of the US Catholic population growth has been Hispanic. There are also 2.5 million African American Catholics including 16 African American bishops. While there are 4.1 million Americans who identify themselves as Native American, 493,615 are Catholic. Presently there is just one Native American bishop in the US, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

In the area of church finances, the total operating revenue of the average American Catholic parish is \$696,000 while the average expenses are \$626,000. 30% of the parishes said their expenses exceed their income.

18th Annual Erie Diocesan Rosary March:

Please join us for the 18th Annual Rosary March, Sunday, October 14. There will be Rosary Procession starting at St. Peter Cathedral extending through the downtown area and returning to St. Peter. For those unable to participate in the March, a Rosary will be recited in the Church.



Those participating in the Rosary March should report to the north, outer-side of St. Peter Cathedral no later than 2 p.m. for formation of the March. Groups participating in the procession may bring their flags or banners. In case of inclement weather, the entire ceremony will be held inside the church. For information, call John Walsh, Erie Diocesan March Coordinator at (814) 868-1100.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring 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.eriercd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/policyabuse.pdf> For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Streett, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1222.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11

Reading II: Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

He was a good man, had a good life, observed the law—but he was searching for something more. Jesus tells him that he must follow Jesus; it is the one thing he is lacking. But his THINGS get in the way. Grasping his possessions, his achievements, he cannot let them go, and let himself be grasped, held, possessed by God. How different are we today in a world where so many of us have so many things, so much stuff? The one possession that counts is that we are possessed by God. How are your possessions a blessing? How are they a burden? How satisfied with your life are you? What are you still seeking?







September 14 -16, 2012 | Rainbow Gardens





Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Raymond Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Stefania Tyczkowski** requested by D. Dombkowski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte. Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for the week of September 30th was **\$919.00** and for last week, October 7th, it was **\$1,148.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Diocesan Cemetery Winter Guidelines

All potted plants, empty pots and containers must be removed from Trinity, Calvary, Gate of Heaven and Mary, Queen of Peace cemeteries by October 31. Winter decorations and holiday wreaths are permitted after November 1. Your assistance and kindness will help keep the cemetery grounds clean, safe and beautiful during the winter months.

All Souls Day 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.

Feast of St. Hedwig...October 16

All powerful God, may the prayer of St. Hedwig bring us your help and may her life of remarkable humility be an example to us all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

Ministry Schedule

	October 20	October 21
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Sharon Zielinski
Reader	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
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 **\$5,266.81**, with **\$464.00** from on-line-giving. 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 homebound.

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 does not have a sponsor this week; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Gerry Calabrese** from Renee Calabrese.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 20, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Dailey, Yvonne Gersims, Kit Jaskiewicz

Greeters: Kit Jaskiewicz, Mary Beth Graml

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, 21, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Welch, Mary Daly, Gerri Valahovic

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Marlene Golab

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Kiely Kearney

Ushers: David Taccone, David Wilcox,

Randy Pristello, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin

The November Minister schedule is being prepared. Please call the office at 454-8085, ext.1 or email stpats@neo.rr.com with your availability. It is not too early to start thinking about the Christmas schedule...

A Family Perspective



Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Oct. 13 Saturday, Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:00 PM BERTHA MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

Oct. 14 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM TED WIDOMSKI (RICK & RON BOLLA) - ST.H

10:30 AM JAMES KONTUR (WIFE, ANGIE) - ST.P

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

8:00 AM THERESA SHREVE (MARY SHCHOUCHKOFF)

Oct. 16 Tuesday, St. Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00 AM TRISH HARDNER, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(PAM BEAMISH)

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

8:00 AM FREDERICK ALOIZ
(CAROLYN & KAREN RASTETTER)

Oct. 18 Thursday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:00 AM ED SLIVINSKI FAMILY (ED SLIVINSKI)

Oct. 19 Friday, Saints John and Brebeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM ATTILIO CHIMENTI, ANNIV. (FAMILY)

Oct. 20 Saturday, Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM ROBERT (BOBBY) STEPHENSON) - ST.H
(TONY & MILLIE KRAINSKI)

5:00 PM MARION BORKOWSKI - ST.P
(DAUGHTER, PATRICIA ANTONOPLOS)

Oct. 21 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM EDWARD J. MILLER - ST.H
(LOU ANN NOWOSIELSKI)

10:30 AM GENEVIEVE TACCONE (ANNIV. 10-22) - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. RON DOMBROWSKI)

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

10/13 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/14 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

11:30 AM Ave Maria Care & Concern Mtg.—R

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary

10/16 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

10/17 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

10/20 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/21 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

**REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES participating in the
Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry** – Family
Saint projects are to be in the *Faith Formation Office* **no later
than October 31st**. Some families have already brought
theirs to the office. The sooner the better! Thank you.

IF YOU HAVEN'T "visited" the new website for our east
side parishes, please do:

www.eastsidecatholicffm.org.

You will find a few interesting things there as well.

OCTOBER 21st – The Church will declare Kateri Te-
kawitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," a Saint. She is the first Na-
tive American to be canonized. Visit

americancatholic.org

to read and learn more about her.

HAPPY 175TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH

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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