

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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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is again from Isaiah. Cyrus the Great, founder of the Persian Empire, without his even knowing it, becomes God's instrument for rebuilding Israel and its temple and ending Israel's decades-long exile in Babylon. Without violating Cyrus's free will, and despite the fact that Cyrus knows him not, God uses Cyrus and guides his actions to bring about the divine plan for Israel. God even calls this pagan "his anointed." In Hebrew this exalted title is the root of the word Messiah, a title typically reserved to Israel's kings but here conferred on Cyrus because he is God's special instrument. God speaks in thunder to this mighty king, letting him know there is a throne above his; and upon it God sits alone. This text reminds Israel that God is free to do whatever he chooses and use whomever he wants to accomplish his will.

Paul sowed the seeds of faith among the Thessalonians. Because of this, Paul knows them, and they know him and his co-workers, Silvanus and Timothy (who has just returned to Paul with a report on the life of the church in Thessalonica.) After greeting them, Paul gives thanks for the way they live out the virtues of faith, love and hope. Note the ordering of the virtues. By placing hope last, Paul is expressing the hope and longing for Christ's second coming. Remember, at this point, everyone thought that coming was imminent, an issue that would cause grave problems for the church when it did not materialize.

The fact that the introduction to this story uses the words "plotted" and "entrap" tells us Jesus was no easy target. He earned a reputation for cleverness and this episode is one reason why the Pharisees (who opposed) and the Herodians (who were in favor) opposed each other regarding the question of paying taxes to Rome. By telling them to "render to Caesar" what is rightfully his, Jesus avoids answering their real question. He clearly limits to Caesar only that authority that is legitimately his. He makes it clear that there are things that belong to God and not to the state. If the state intrudes into this sacred territory, then the person of faith is no longer obliged to render to Caesar. The Pharisees are clever and don't overplay their part; Jesus is to be flattered and tricked into self-incriminating

response since too overt a trap might spook the prey. So they speak calmly and, once the way has been greased with praise, they pose their question matter-of-factly. Matthew betrays his bias against the Pharisees with the line "knowing their malice." Bluntly, Jesus calls them hypocrites and his follow-up questions are crisp and challenging. He is ultimately telling them, yes give to Caesar what belongs to him. But beware that you don't surrender to Caesar what rightfully belongs to God.

Saint Patrick's Parish does an enormous amount of good with our weekly Food Pantry feeding almost 900 families a week, but we think we can do even more outreach in the area. I have a meeting with the people at Saint Martin's Center to see the various outreach programs they have to help the poor. For example, if someone is buying a home, they help them get a mortgage, give them budgeting advice, etc.

Our thinking is that we have a number of professional people in the parish who would be willing to use their expertise to help people who are in a bind. For example, if someone has lost a job, we might connect them with some job training so that they can hone a skill which will enable them to get another job. We could give people financial advice, household maintenance, legal advice, mentoring and guidance. Once I meet with the people at Saint Martin's Center to make sure we are not duplicating what they are doing, we'll have a meeting to see if any of you are interested in sharing your expertise with those who do not have it.

People have been asking me if we are now going to keep St. Patrick's Church locked because of a recent incident in the church. No, it will continue to be open daily from 7:30 AM—3 PM except on Friday when it closes at noon. You would be amazed at the number of people who stop in for a quiet moment of prayer, and I don't want to deprive people of that. We have, however, installed an additional security camera which now gives us complete coverage of the interior of the church.

Beginning November 2nd, we are completely reformatting our Sunday bulletin. The front cover each week will be a full page photo of something from either St. Patrick's or St. Hedwig's church.

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

We have two such beautiful churches that we want to display some of their beauty. We are also changing a great deal of the format of the inside of the bulletin. Hopefully, it will be more readable.

I continue to be struck by the overwhelming generosity of parishioners at St. Patrick's. I mentioned a few weeks ago that we bought a set of kettle drums and immediately someone came forward and offered to pay for them. I recently mentioned that I would like us to send Emmaus Soup Kitchen \$100 a month. A couple came into Mass the following weekend and said they would like to take care of that for a year. That is incredible. The same is true with the weekly offertory. When I came here five years ago that collection averaged \$1,500 a week. I've never had to once ask for money. You simply respond. I hope you know my gratitude.

The work on the exterior of St. Patrick's Rectory is now completed. It took the entire summer to repair, paint, replace mortar between the bricks, etc.

We have a very bad leak in the vestibule of St. Hedwig's Church. It appears that the roof over the entry has to be completely replaced. I am in the process of getting bids and then we will go ahead with it. The water damage is spreading and plaster is now starting to come down. Once again, it is constant maintenance on these hundred year old buildings. I am sure you agree with me that we would rather spend the necessary money and keep them in repair.

Late at night a drunk was on his knees beneath a street-light, evidently looking for something. A passer-by, being a good Samaritan, offered to help. "What is it you have lost?" he asked. "My watch," replied the drunk. "It fell off when I tripped over the pavement." The passer-by joined in the search but after a quarter of an hour, there was still no sign of the watch. "Where exactly did you trip?" he asked. "About half a block up the street," replied the drunk. "Then why are you looking for your watch here if you lost it half a block up the street?" The drunk replied, "Because the light's a lot better here."

Saint Hedwig News



Sanctuary Lamp burns this week In Memory of **William Hayes** from Sr. Mary Anthonille.

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns In Memory of **Jeanette Borowy** from Gary M. & Laura A. Borowy

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns In Memory of **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$934.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Richard Dombkowski (Edward Furgal), Walter Schwartz (Bob & Louise Borgia), Mercedes Kalata (Patricia & Richard Dunford), Chet Loncki (John & Jean Gorski), Stanley Dombrowski (D. Dombkowski), Harriet Michalski (Beth Dzikowski), Peter Zielinski (Deborah Olszewski).

Election Day Bake Sale

The Bake Sale sponsored by the Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. We are asking the ladies and men of the parish, who are able, to donate their special goodies so our sale can be profitable as usual. We will also raffle two boxes of baked goods. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be sold before and after Mass the weekends of Oct 26/ Nov 2. **The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm.**

Kitchen Open - 3rd Street Polish Falcons

Election Day from 11am-5pm serving pierogis, czarnina, chicken soup and more....

There is still time to get tickets for the Polonaise Ball on November 1st at the Polish Falcons beginning with a cash bar, buffet dinner, crowning of Miss Polonaise and music. For more info call Cindy 868-7924.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

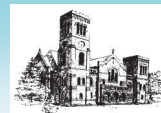


St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>October 25</u>	<u>October 26</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Ron Helminski	Frederic Olds
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Sharon Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Charlotte Mabie



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Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 7,118.71
Online Giving	<u>962.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 8,080.71

Thank you for your generosity!

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for the **Birthdays of Neil & Rita McLaughlin** from Kathie McLaughlin.

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**.

The **Food Pantry** is sponsored
In memory of **Ab Logan** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski.

In memory of a **Deceased Ave Member** from Yvonne Gersims

In memory of **Geraldine Ciacchini & Dr. Quentin Orlando** from Nancy & Q. Gregory Orlando.

Donations from Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Dotty & Michael Schloss, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi and Leonard Andrejewski.

The 2015 Lector Books have arrived and are available in the Trinity Gift Shop.!

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Beth Pinto

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Jay Habas, Ray Fiorelli, Patty Daily

CUP: Carol Habas, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Angie Kontur

Altar Servers: NEEDED

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary Williams

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Tim Scully, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Audrey Reigel, Colleen Welch

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch,

Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

AND THE WINNER IS.....

We forgot to announce the winner of the trip to Ireland! If you didn't get a phone call then you know it wasn't you, but we'll bet you are curious to know. The winner was Bryan Toy of Northeast, PA. He was shocked as we all would be if we had won. Congratulations to Bryan!



Now that the Festival activities are over, the committee members had a meeting to discuss the event and what changes need to be made for next year. It really went very well considering that having the festival on the church grounds was a first! There are several changes coming for next year that will make things run more smoothly and improve the flow of people through the tents and food lines. We have heard only positive comments about the festival moving to the parish grounds. The bills are not all paid yet, but we'll let you know the financial outcome when they are all paid. Thank you for all your support and hard work!

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Chuck Burger**, who passed away on October 9th. Chuck was a very active volunteer at the Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry. He was a most delightful man who was always more interested in the people he was talking to rather than himself. He will be greatly missed and remembered fondly by all who knew him.

If you are disabled and cannot walk to receive communion, please help the Eucharistic Ministers by putting a white stole on the end of the pew. (The stoles are available in the vestibule on the bookshelf.) And, please sit at the end of the pew so you are more visible to the ministers.

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.

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. 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
Oct. 20 *Monday, Saint Paul of the Cross*
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Oct. 21 *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM DIANE WERNICKI (BARBER CENTER FRIENDS)
Oct. 22 *Wednesday, Bl. John Paul II Pope*
 8:00 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV.
 (SISTER, ANN)
Oct. 23 *Thursday, Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*
 8:00 AM JIMMY HAYES, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
 (FAMILY)
Oct. 24 *Friday, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*
 8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS
Oct. 25 *Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM ROSE M. RUFFLE - ST.H
 (WANDA BOCIANOWSKI)
 5:00 PM DOLORES BINDSEIL - ST.P
 (TOM & LAURENN DEMAY)
Oct. 26 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 PM SEAMUS KEARNS (MASI FAMILY) - ST.P
 9:00 AM ROBERT "BOB" OSMER, ANNIV. - ST.H
 (WIFE PAULINE)
 10:30 AM DR. & MRS. ANTHONY MERSKI - ST.P
 (NORBERT KRAUS)

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
- 10/18** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
10/19 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Kdg.- Gr 6 - Holy Rosary
10/21 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
10/22 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
10/25 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
10/26 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

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

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21



In today's Gospel, it seems that Jesus is calling for a separation of church and state. Everything seems black and white. It sounds easy, but is it? What do we do to assure that our legislators pass laws that are morally just? How do we balance good citizenship with our Christianity? Being a good citizen in the kingdom of God means creating a better world for all. How do you balance good citizenship with being a good Christian? Who has the greater sway in your life, Caesar or God?

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