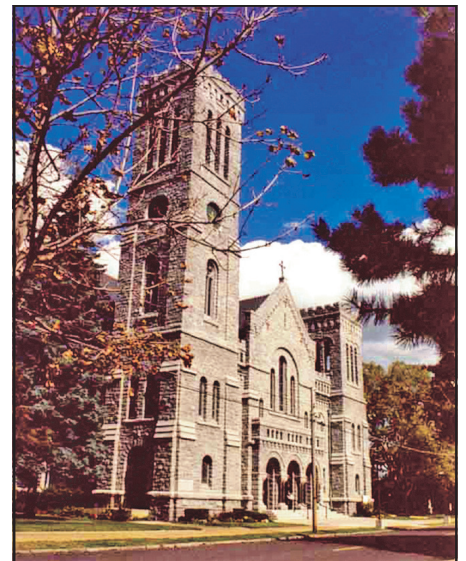
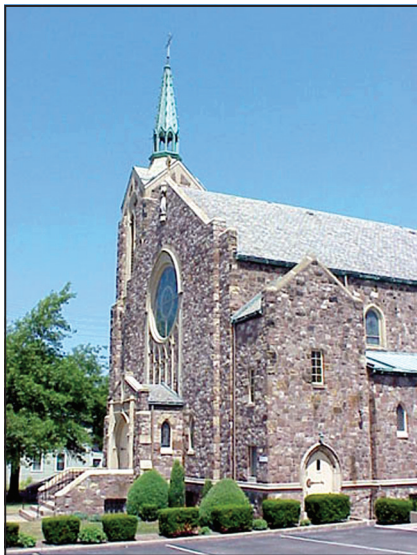


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-6232

[www.sainthedwigparisherie.org](http://www.sainthedwigparisherie.org)

## *Saint Patrick Parish*

Established 1837

130 East 4th Street

Erie, PA 16507

(814) 454-8085

[www.saintpatrickparisherie.org](http://www.saintpatrickparisherie.org)



***For information on Baptism, Religious Education, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation,  
Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***

Today is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading comes again from Isaiah. This brief text is taken from the fourth of Isaiah's Songs of the Suffering Servant. It describes God's innocent servant who voluntarily takes on the suffering and punishment merited by the sins of his people. Although written long before Christ, only his life perfectly fulfills this ancient oracle. Recall that our first reading and Gospel are always connected and in today's Gospel we will hear Christ express the same selflessness that animated this prophecy.

Our second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews, a book whose author is unknown. It is presumed to have been written in the late 70s and is a rather complex theological piece. A priest is an intermediary between God and God's people. However well human priests might serve, their service is always limited by their imperfections, even sinfulness. But today we are told we have a "great high priest" who transcends the limits of all other intermediaries and that person is none other than Jesus.

Our reading today from Mark's Gospel is the familiar story of James and John asking to sit at Christ's side in eternity to which Jesus replies that they do not know what they are asking. In response they say they are willing to suffer for the honor, but Jesus only promises them suffering and the title "servant." Jesus then begins to very patiently teach the disciples that they will pay with their lives for the privilege of being his disciples. They were all familiar with the privileges that come with power, and Jesus is telling them that it must not be that way with them.

The work is really moving along inside the church. You can now look up through the scaffolding and see the painted ceiling and the glaze work that is being done. I must tell you it looks absolutely gorgeous and you can only get little glimpses of it. There is a complete floor built under the dome. After they did all of the plaster repair, everything has been covered with a very thin sheet of fiberglass - a fraction of the thickness of saran wrap - and the primer and the final painting is being done over that. Almost the entire interior of the building has now been covered with fiberglass. In addition, the new molds for some of the capitals of the columns which had badly deteriorated have now been made and are

in place. There are 12 artists from the Conrad Schmitt Studio doing plastering, painting, gilding, etc. In addition, Church Electric has a crew doing the electrical wiring for the new lighting system.

The work on the exterior of the building should be wrapped up by now, but now we're facing some major work on the roof. It simply has to be done. We also had to have the floor in the west tower room shored up as it was beginning to sag. The building is a lot like the pastor — not aging as well as we had hoped!!!

If you think our project is awesome, google St. Patrick Cathedral NYC Restoration and watch a brief video on the \$177 million restoration underway at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. All 3,000 panels of glass are being cleaned, the exterior pointed, the altars re-gilded and the interior restored. The project is to be completed by the end of 2014. That's an enormous undertaking and great expense.

This weekend is our Saturday evening 175th anniversary dinner at the Bayfront Convention Center. I'm particularly thrilled that Bishop Persico is with us for the celebration as it gives many of you an opportunity to meet him. Grateful also to Erin Doolin Fessler for the hours of work she put into a video which is going to be shown. Other parts of the evening include a brief presentation by Jeff Rouse on our Stations of the Cross. Jeff restored them when they were done and comes regularly to clean them. And then the evening concludes with a brief Irish sing-a-long.

The dioceses in England have announced that they are putting Confirmation before First Communion. This is happening in a number of places in the world and is a return to the ancient way of offering the Sacraments of Initiation. While the Latin church stopped the practice, the Eastern Rite Catholics have never changed. Eastern Rite Catholics, the Orthodox and the Coptics baptize, confirm and give Communion in the one ceremony and this was the original practice. (Remember that infant baptism was very slow developing in the church. People were baptized as adults, and one of the reasons given by so many for the existence of female deacons is that you were baptized nude and it is felt that women deacons would have baptized adult female converts).

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

The Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria, one of the world's largest, has announced that it is downsizing parishes from the present 660 parishes to 150! The reasons cited by Cardinal Schonborn are the increasing shortage of priests and the steady decline in the number of Catholics, especially those who regularly attend Mass. As part of the plan, smaller parishes will be amalgamated into one large central parish with three to five priests to minister to the new parish. Catholics would have to travel to one of the large central parishes to celebrate Eucharist, but Services of the Word would be celebrated by laypeople in the small local parishes. This strikes me as a backward way to deal with a crisis. Imagine if a decree came from the diocese that all Erie parishes north of 38th Street would now be centered in the cathedral only and parishioners from all of the smaller parishes could only attend Mass and receive the sacraments at the cathedral. It would totally destroy parish life and large numbers of people would simply stop attending Mass. Why don't we just stop, pull back and study in the deepest way we can WHY there is a priest shortage and WHY growing numbers of Catholics have stopped going to Mass. And when we answer those questions, act on those conclusions rather than coming up with these silly plans which ultimately deny people the sacraments as well as the vibrancy of parish life.

Upcoming trips: Sept. 2013, 3 days in London and a 7 nite Princess cruise of the British Isles, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. May 2014, 2 days in Amsterdam and an 8 nite river cruise on the Rhine to Basel, Switzerland. Reservations for this trip will have to be made by Nov. 30, 2012 as the cabins will disappear fast. Call office for info.

Thank God for some bulletin blunders that are worse than mine! "Miss Charlene Mason sang / *will not walk this way again*, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation." "Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days." "Weight Watchers will meet at 8 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance." And on the sign board of the Salem Lutheran Church: "Where will you spend Eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?"



## Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$4,703.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

We offer our condolences to the family of **Rita Caldwell**, who passed away on October 3rd and to the family of **Warren Grucza**, who passed away on October 9th. Both were long time members of St. Patrick's. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 **Rita Caldwell** from the volunteers of the Food Pantry; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Bud and Jo Johnson** from Becky and Gary Johnson.

### Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Stan Malinowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Mary Marnella,  
Kathy Sertz

Greeters: Stella Abbato, Patty Abbato

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

**Sunday, October 28, 2012 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Duncan

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Scully, Mike Vehec,  
Tom Golab

Greeters: The Tom Brunner Family

Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: John Purvis, Luke Purvis, Paul Balczun,  
Jim Wehan

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,  
Mary Duncan

### A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11

Reading II: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20-22  
Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: 10: 35-45



Our culture and our times value control and power. As we approach this November's elections, we are keenly aware of the impact the outcome will have on economy, peace, education, environment, the justice system—every aspect of our lives. Just as we have expectations of our elected officials, the Jewish people anticipated a warrior king Messiah who would free them from bondage. Jesus did not fit that role. He called for "dying to self" - sacrifice for the greater good. God loves us not because of what we do or accomplish, but because God has created and redeemed us in love. What keeps you from being more of a servant for the greater good?





# Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Maryann Nemergut** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Judy & Peter Pentz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Stan & Carol Dombkowski. Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, long term nursing care and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 13/14 was **\$919.00**. Thank you and God Bless.

## Election Day Bake Sale

The Bake Sale sponsored by the ladies Rosary Society is coming up quick. 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. Since this is a Presidential Election, we will need more items. The Bake Sale will be held on Tuesday, November 6 from 7am until 5pm. Please bring the baked goods early Tuesday morning. We will also raffle two boxes of baked goods. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 which will be sold before and after Mass the weekends of October 27/28 and November 3/4 and at the sale. To vote and/or purchase goodies, use the entrance next to the apartments. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm.

## Kitchen Open - 3rd Street Polish Falcons

Remember to stop by the Polish Falcons on Election Day from 11am until 5pm. They will be serving the usual delicious pierogi's, czarnina, chicken soup and more.....

## Ministry Schedule

	<b>October 27</b>	<b>October 28</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
Eucharist	Dolly Bargieski	Peter Pentz
Reader	Dolly Bargielski	Don Moehler
Ushers	Roland Henderson	Tom Kurpiewski
	Ray Nowosielski	Tony Wernicki
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

Pray the Rosary



## Polish Heritage Month

### The First Polish Immigrants

By the time the Mayflower landed, in 1620 at Plymouth, Massachusetts, a group of Polish artisans had been hard at work in Jamestown, Virginia for more than 12 years. A full year before the Puritans' arrival, the Poles had helped to establish the democratic process in the New World by staging America's first strike.

Captain John Smith, the colony's leader, saw early on that in order to survive, Jamestown had to do more than just feed itself. It needed to produce goods that could be exported and sold at a profit.

The new land had an abundance of pine trees whose sap could be tapped to produce valuable pitch, tar, resin and turpentine. Smith knew exactly where to find men skilled in the manufacture of the commodities. The captain had spent some time in Poland and was familiar with the flourishing pitch, tar and glass industries there. So it was to Poland that he sent his request for artisans.

The first Polish immigrants arrived in 1608. They were probably indentured servants, which meant that in return for their passage to America, the men had agreed to work for the colony for a certain number of years.

Smith praised the Poles as hard workers and took note of the fact that two of them had saved his life when he was attacked by Indians. The captain was probably thoroughly surprised, then, when the Poles went on strike.

In 1619, the new governor announces that only men and women of English origin would be allowed to vote. The Poles responded to this announcement by laying down their tools. If they couldn't vote, they said, they wouldn't work. This refusal to work was the first such action in the English colonies and a bona fide American milestone. Their startling demand was quickly met and a democratic precedent was set. The court record of the Virginia company for July 21, 1619, put it best: "Upon some dispute of the Poles in Virginia, it was now agreed...they shall be enfranchised and made as free as any inhabitant there whatsoever."

Article was published in the Long Frontier Newspaper

### LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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)

**Oct. 22 Monday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ROSE HILLMAN BUSH (FAMILY)

**Oct. 23 Tuesday, St. John of Capistrano, Priest**

8:00 AM JIMMY HAYES, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)

**Oct. 24 Wednesday, St. Anthony Many Claret, Bishop**

8:00 AM SIGMUND GORSKI (JIM GORSKI)

**Oct. 25 Thursday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI (HELEN ZIELINSKI)

**Oct. 26 Friday, Weekday**

8:00 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, ANNIV.  
(SISTER, ANN)

**Oct. 27 Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM "BOB" OSMER, 5 YEAR ANNIV.- ST.H  
(WIFE, PAULINE)

5:00 PM MARLENE PACINELLI - ST.P  
(LEONARD AND NANCY VESHECCO)

**Oct. 28 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI - ST.H  
(CONNIE ROWINSKI)

10:30 AM DON LAIRD, ANNIV. 12-17- ST.P  
(FATHER, DON LAIRD)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary  
CP=Chapel,, PF=Polish Falcons  
PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry, CV=Convent

**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

**10/23** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

**10/24** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

**10/27** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**10/28** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

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

1:00 PM Confirmation Session - 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, YOU ARE MISSING A LOT! Go to [www.eastsidecatholicffm.org](http://www.eastsidecatholicffm.org). Be sure to "click on" all the tabs to see what is new and exciting.

**CALENDARS, DATES, EVENTS** – regarding the *East-side Catholic Faith Formation Ministry* can be found on the NEW website. In an effort to save a tree, a few dollars on postage and to be part in the technological mainstream in this 21st century, we have launched this new website for the benefit of all.

## 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**