

# *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**

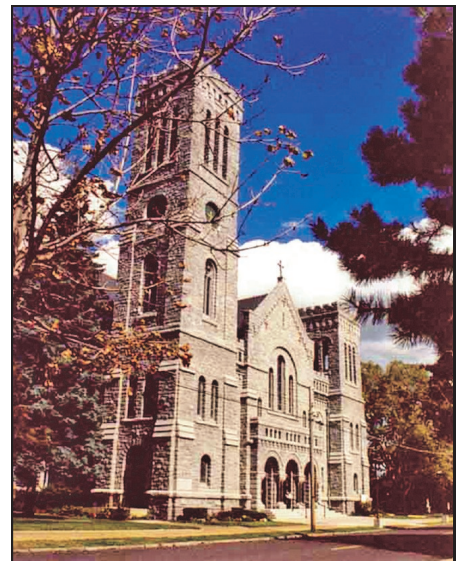
**Holy Day**

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



Today is the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In just a few more weeks we will conclude the church year and start a new year with the First Sunday of Advent. Today we hear first from the Book of Exodus and our text

comes from a section of Isaiah comprised of laws that deal with social conduct. Here he is speaking directly about the treatment of orphans, widows and aliens or immigrants who have made their way to a new land. The strong language is not that of a vengeful God but of a God who is solicitous for the weakest and most defenseless. If the poor seem easy prey, God warns, know what they are not unprotected and their cries do not go unheard. Remember that the God who says "I am compassionate," also calls us to compassion. We see some of the stark reality of this in the numbers of undocumented children coming to our borders fleeing violence and possible death in their own villages. Why the violence? Because of America's appetite for drugs. We point a finger at these innocent children who are running for their lives, when perhaps we should be pointing the finger at ourselves and asking how we stop this hunger for drugs.

In our second reading, Paul again points to himself and his example and asks his readers to imitate him. This theme of imitation is no sign of arrogance on his part but reminds us that Christianity is all about invitation. We value role models and even name them "saints" because they provide invaluable examples for those of us who are less advanced in the spiritual life. Paul reminds us that what he offers he received from God and what he writes is an indication of gratitude, not pride. He praises the Thessalonians for the marvelous way they live their faith and become an inspiration to others.

In the gospel, Jesus reduces the Law to two commandments that, in fact, embody the entirety of the law. All that is commanded by Moses and the prophets is contained in these two injunctions and are more difficult to keep than any dietary laws or regulations about burnt offerings. Having silenced the Sadducees, Jesus has gained the ire of the Pharisees, who have come to test him. Jesus once again cleverly sidesteps their question and won't give them the prioritized list they are looking for. This same passage in Mark is

much more nuanced and richer. It contains the scholar who compliments Jesus' response. Jesus calls us to a love that embodies the assent of the whole person. We can hold nothing back in our relationship with God.

There is a rather frightening new study out on how our world is changing before our eyes. It notes that for a culture to sustain itself for 25 years, parents must produce an average of 2.11 children. If that average drops below 1.9 children, the culture cannot sustain itself and will be gone in 25-35 years. At the present rate, France is producing 1.8 children per couple; England 1.6; Germany 1.3; and Italy 1.2. Of the 31 countries comprising Europe, the average is 1.38. At the same time, the Muslim population of Europe is producing 8.1 children per couple. According to the report, Germany will be a Muslim state by the year 2050. France will be an Islamic Republic in 39 years. In the Netherlands, 50% of all births are now Muslims. Forty per cent of the Russian army are Muslim. The study estimates that by the year 2025, 1/3 of all births in Europe will be Muslim. In Canada, the birth rate is 1.6 and Islam is the fastest growing religion. In America, the birth rate is 1.6 but with the Latino immigration it rises to 2.11 which is what is needed to sustain the culture. While many people complain about the Latino immigrants, without them our culture would be headed for destruction. In 1970, there were 100,000 Muslims in the USA; today there are 9 million. Don't for a minute think that our world is going to continue as it has been.

Next Sunday's bulletin will contain an insert listing the names of people whom you wish remembered in Masses during the month of November. Next Sunday is also the feast of All Souls and we will pause after Communion at St. Patrick's to read the names of those who have died during the past year and were buried from St. Patrick's.

Bishop Persico has directed pastors to make public the new decree on the Sign of Peace which says that the priest is not permitted to leave the altar to give the sign of peace to the faithful and that the faithful should not leave their places to offer the sign of peace to others.

To date on pledges of \$1,124,926, we have had payments of \$967,248. A total of \$157,000 remains to be paid. In less than two years time we

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

have been able to reduce our debt on the restoration from \$760,000 to \$380,000. With what remains to come in pledge payments, we will have \$223,000 to pay out of DSA and our festival. I am getting ready to make a payment of \$40,000 from this year's DSA which will take our debt down even further. We'll have this paid off in 3-4 years.

A reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins next Saturday night when we turn clocks back one hour.

Several people have asked me to list in a bulletin the various levels of our faith and let me do so. At the top is DOCTRINE—everything that is in the Creed plus that Mary was immaculately conceived and that she was bodily assumed into heaven. Next are the TEACHINGS—the whole of our sexual ethic, what we teach about capital punishment, etc. Then are the DISCIPLINES—such as clerical celibacy, laws of fast and abstinence, etc. And, finally, the PRACTICES—the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Novenas, etc. Our problem is that we were taught that they are all equal and we have to be able to differentiate them so that, for example we would never equate something like a Novena with the doctrine that Christ died for our sins. I think a fuller understanding of these various levels would help people better understand their faith.

Today's bulletin contains a letter from Bishop Persico that was read at St. Hedwig's Parish last weekend. A similar letter was read in all of the eastside parishes with the exception of St. Patrick's. The bishop met in late August with pastors and parish council presidents and told us that each parish has to eliminate one weekend Mass. The Saturday Vigil Mass is the better attended Mass at St. Hedwig's and that Mass will be retained, but the Sunday 9 AM Mass will end after today.

A second grader was ordered to the back of the line for rowdiness while waiting to enter the school lunchroom. A minute later, he resumed his old place. "What are you trying to do?" asked the teacher monitoring the lunch line. "I sent you to the back of the line." "I went, but there's already somebody back there."

## Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week **In Thanksgiving**,

Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns In Memory of **Jeanette Borowy** requested by Gloria Sullivan.

St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns In Memory of **Amanda Juchno** requested by Charlotte Mabie.

Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care, the military and the home-bound.

Our weekly offertory for last week was **\$744.00**. The offertory for **Mission Sunday** was **\$160.00**. Thank you and God bless.

### Masses celebrated at Priest Retirement Home

Sigmund Prochowski (Joe & Irene Prochowski), Boleslaw Tyczkowski (Family), Frances "Pat" Trojanowski (St. Hedwig Rosary Society), Raymond Borowy (Gary & Laura Borowy), Chet Loncki (Nancy & Frank Hodas), Mary Elizabeth Fuller (Nick & Joan Konzel), Peter Joseph Dubowski (Dan Sullivan).

### Election Day Bake Sale

Sponsored by St. Hedwig 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. 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 this weekend and the weekend of Nov 1/2. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm.

### Kitchen Open - 3rd Street Polish Falcons

The kitchen will be open Election Day November 4th from 11am—5pm serving pierogis, czarnina, chicken soup and more....

Sins Against Truth: *What is Lying? Lying is saying, for the purpose of deceiving others, what we know or suspect to be untrue. Lying is a sin even when it may be the means of effecting much good. The end does not justify the means, and we must not commit evil in order to obtain good.*

### St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>Nov 1</u>	<u>Nov 2</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Jim Gorski	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	
	Richard Mielnik	Peter Pentz
Altar	Nowosielski Family	Charlotte Mabie

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY







# Saint Patrick News



## Stewardship

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,275.10
Online Giving	792.00
Total Income	\$ 7,067.10
World Mission Collection	\$ 738.00



Let us *Welcome*  
*Euan Robert Prindle* son of  
 Robert and Jeannine (Powers) Prindle  
 who will be baptized after  
 10:30 Mass today

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 Restoration Fund** in memory of **Dwayne Trautman** from Jill & Timothy Mannino, Mary Jean Fitzsimmons and T. E. & Sarajane Lorenzen.

The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Michael Belotti** from Francis Silay.

Donations to the Food Pantry:

In memory of **Albert & Virginia D'Alessandro** from Mary Beth & Tom Galla.

In memory of **The Sisters of St. Joseph** from Patty MacArthur.

Also donations from Mary & Bill Flanagan, Joel & Jill Blaga-Waltz, Kimberly & Joseph Bohrer, Alice & Kenneth Daub and Patricia & Ray Fiorelli.

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Kathy Sertz, Kay Mannino, Jay Habas

**CUP:** Shirley Winschel, Carol Habas

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Gemma & Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Mary Kearney

Eucharistic Ministers:

**HOST:** Mary Williams, Mike Vehec, Kathleen Pae

**CUP:** Charla Leemhuis, Dario Cipriani

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox,

John Purvis, Luke Purvis

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

# WELCOME

## ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS

Martin and Ann Kaverman, Matthew and Melissa Zinna, Danielle Ford, Joanne Homicz, Barbara Reef, Rob Mahrt and Rebecca Styn, Mary Anne Ashworth, Sean Becker, Tracy Hess, Jim and Lore Schaffner, Brian and Kathryn Rotella, Kevin and Ashley Stack, Richard Guzar, Eileen McLaughlin, Jeremy and Tammy Toman.

**The Upper Room** is a day time shelter for the homeless in our community. It serves as a sanctuary where the clients can get sandwiches and coffee, they can get warm in the winter and make phone calls, etc. Running the Upper Room is a difficult ministry and we applaud all the volunteers for their unceasing dedication. More women have been coming to the shelter and there is a need for women's boots and winter coats. They also need these items for the men but having so many women at the shelter is new to them. The Upper Room serves between 70,000 to 80,000 cups of coffee each year. They always need coffee, dry creamer and 5 lb. bags of sugar. Other needs include socks, sweat pants, hooded sweat shirts, men's and women's winter coats and sweaters, disposable razors, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfectant spray and Pine-Sol, Fabuloso or Mr. Clean. Any donations that you would care to make may be brought to the rectory porch and we will get them to the Upper Room. Please indicate on your bag or box that they are intended for the Upper Room.



**AN IRISH BLESSING:** May your troubles be less  
 and your blessings be more  
 And nothing but happiness come through your door.



October 15, 2014

Dear Parishioners of Saint Hedwig:

On August 12, I met with the pastors and parish leadership of the 17 churches on the East side of Erie. At the meeting I shared with the priests and lay leadership the difficulty in staffing parishes and having extra priests to assist pastors.

The most recent appointment of pastors in June was very difficult. There were six vacant parishes that needed pastors. With fewer priests available for assignments, it also means that there are fewer priests to assist pastors or help in case of emergency. The luxury of having an available pool of retired priests to assist with weekend Masses is declining due to health issues and death.

Currently on the East side of Erie the seventeen churches have 51 Masses for approximately 20,260 individual Catholics registered in the parishes. Not all of these individuals attend Mass. Many of the Masses are poorly attended because of declining population. Most of the churches on the East side have the same number of Masses they had when their population was larger.

I asked the pastors to reduce the number of Masses they currently have if they are able. Our pastors need to be able to work with neighboring priests within realistic limitations to be able, on a weekly basis, to meet the demands of parish weekend Mass schedules.

The new Weekend Mass Schedule takes into consideration many factors and realities that we face as a Diocese, including the distance between neighboring parishes, Mass schedules of neighboring parishes, the availability of priests, October count totals and trends, and the possibility of the priests assisting at neighboring parishes.

As in any family, community, group or organization, the unnecessary duplication of ministries and services, and the unwise use of resources must be avoided to ensure that we can steward well the gifts and ministries of the priests God has provided.



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I am aware that many have become comfortable with the current Mass schedule in place, but we must be willing to move from that comfort zone and prayerfully reflect upon the value of the Sunday Eucharist in our lives as Catholics and the need to have realistic expectations of our priests, who so faithfully serve in sacramental, pastoral and spiritual roles.

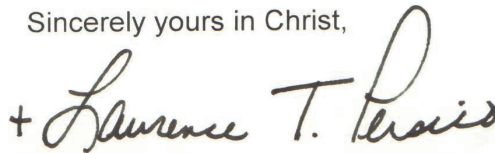
Effective the weekend of November 1-2 your Mass times are:

**Saturday anticipated: 4:00 PM**

I am grateful to your pastor and parish leaders for their work. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Erie.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

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**LITURGY INTENTIONS****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)**Oct. 27** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

**Oct. 28** *Tuesday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*8:00 AM CAROL DONNELLY, ANNIV. OF BIRTH  
(GREG & BARB FISCHER)**Oct. 29** *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION (TONY &amp; KAY)

**Oct. 30** *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM GERTRUDE SHORTS (FAMILY)

**Oct. 31** *Friday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HAROLD WAYLAND (DONNA &amp; DON)

**Nov. 1** *Saturday, Vigil: All Saints Day*

4:30 PM JOSEPH &amp; JOSEPHINE GORSKI (FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM SALLY GENCK (- ST.P)

**Nov. 2** *The Commemoration of All the Faithfully  
Departed (All Souls' Day)*

8:00 PM JAMES L. MCCARTHY (WIFE, MARY) - ST.P

10:30 AM AVE MARIA CARE & CONCERN MEMBERS  
LIVING & DECEASED - ST.P

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** will celebrate World Community Day with a prayer service on Sunday, November 2 in St. Patrick's Church. For more information call Gail Smith at 833-9484.

**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

**10/25** 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

**10/28** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**10/29** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/01** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



Jews followed 613 laws, some of which we hear in today's first reading from Exodus. In the first century A.D. we hear those laws in short statements: "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind" and Jesus adds: "and your neighbor as yourself." How do we do both love of God and love of neighbor in this day and age? How fully do you live by the spirit of the law, not just the letter of the law?

**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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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