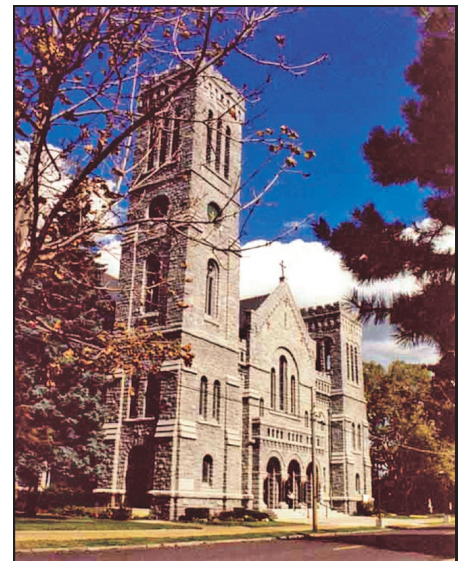


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 8:30 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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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***



Today is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Sirach, one of the most beautiful and poetic books of the Old Testament. It is a book belonging to the collection of books known as Wisdom literature.

The opening sentence today reminds us that God hears the cry of the oppressed and the wail of the orphan. This God listens to the complaining widow unlike the dishonest judge from last Sunday's first reading who only responded so she would no longer bother him. Note in the second section of the reading that instead of the Lord being the subject of the sentence, it is the person who serves God. The first verses examine God's point of view; the second focuses on the petitioner. The reading concludes with the promise of God's response to prayer: it will be just, right and timely. Our God does not delay in hearing our prayers.

Our second reading continues from Paul's Letter to Timothy with today's section coming from the fourth and final chapter of the letter. We first hear Paul announce that his martyrdom is close at hand. He uses athletic imagery to express his perseverance in living a life of faith in Christ. In the face of persecution, he has stayed the course of an apostle. Just as athletes receive a laurel wreath in victory; Paul will receive a crown of righteousness.

Today's gospel examines two attitudes of prayer: humility and righteousness. We are invited to ponder whether we resemble the tax collector or the Pharisee. The righteousness of the Pharisee, which is self-righteousness, not the righteousness of God, is not the attitude that belongs to a follower of Jesus. The outward signs he uses of fasting and paying tithes he thinks sets him apart from others; it is in fact only a sign of his arrogance. The tax collector, on the other hand, knows he is a sinner and in humility asks for God's mercy. Like the widow of last Sunday's gospel, who taught us that prayer requires a certain resolve, the tax collector shows us that humility must mark our prayer's determination. As Pope Francis said recently, "I am a sinner; and the only one who can save me is Jesus Christ. I am incapable of saving myself, and I throw myself to his unquenching mercy knowing that he will hear me and save me."

Friday of this week, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints and a holyday of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St. Hedwig's Church on Thursday evening at 5:30 and a Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church on Friday at 12:05 PM.

Saturday of this coming week is the Feast of All Souls, the day when we particularly remember the dead. The entire month of November is always marked as a time to pray for the dead. All parishioners have received a letter noting that next Sunday's bulletin will include an insert listing the names of any deceased family or friends whom you want remembers in Masses during the month of November. Those lists will remain on the altars for all Masses this month as a particular way to remember those who have died.

Customs surrounding death have changed dramatically over the years. It was not until the Civil War, for example, that embalming was introduced. Embalming is not required by law anywhere in the United States. Another changing custom has been cremation. Cremation was practiced among the Native American Indians and is widely accepted in Europe. It is the preferred method in India and China. In 1985, there were 277,000 cremations in the USA or about 13.5% of deaths. It is now estimated that 40% of all burials are cremation. The Catholic Church expects us to bury the urn whereas some traditions keep the urn for veneration.

In Victorian America, curtains would be drawn and clocks stopped at the time of death. Mirrors were covered with crape or veiling to prevent the deceased's spirit from getting trapped in the looking glass. A wreath of laurel tied with black ribbons hung on the front door to alert people that a death had occurred. The body was watched every minute until burial, hence the custom of "waking." The wake also served as a safeguard from burying someone who was not dead but in a coma. Most wakes lasted 3-4 days to allow family to come from near and far. The use of flowers and candles helped to mask unpleasant odors in the room before embalming was introduced. In 19th century Europe and America, the dead were carried out of the house feet first, in order to prevent the spirit from looking back into the house and beckoning another member of the family to follow him. Family photographs were also turned

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

down to prevent any of the close relatives and friends of the deceased from being possessed by the spirit of the dead.

The fear of one being buried alive inspired coffin makers to make warning systems such as a bell on the grave which was connected by a chain to the inside of the coffin in case of premature burial, thus the expression, "Saved by the bell." In most old cemeteries, the graves were oriented in such a way that the bodies lie with their heads to the West and their feet to the East. This very old custom appears to originate with the Pagan sun worshippers, but it is primarily attributed to Christians who believed that the final summons to judgment will come from the East.

There were a multitude of superstitions surrounding death. For example, if several deaths occur in the same family, they tied a black ribbon to everything that went into the house, even dogs and chickens. This was believed to prevent deaths spreading further. They believed you should cover your mouth when yawning so your spirit doesn't leave you and the devil enters your body.

The Irish believed that you wore black so as to appear as a shadow rather than the body so the dead person's spirits won't enter your body. If a funeral procession was to pass by, the Irish would close all the drapes so the spirit of the deceased wouldn't enter the home. They also believed (rightly so) that you never left a drink half finished because, if you did, it would invite the spirits of the dead into the house!!

Verbatim exchanges between attorneys and witnesses during trials. Attorney: "How was your first marriage terminated?" Witness: "By death." Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?" Witness: "Take a guess.".....Attorney: "Can you describe the individual?" Witness: "He was about medium height and had a beard." Attorney: "Was this a male or a female?" Witness: "Unless the circus was in town, I'm going with male.".....Attorney: "Do you recall the time that you examined the body?" Witness: "The autopsy started around 8:30 PM." Attorney: "Was Mr. Denton dead at the time?" Witness: "If not, he was by the time I finished."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention** and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter Grabinski** requested by Jim Valahovic. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$995.00** for weekly offertory; **\$80.00** for All Souls Day and **\$177.00** for Mission Sunday, Propagation of the Faith. Thank you and God bless.

Rosary Society Bake Sale

Election Day is November 5th. We are asking the ladies and men of the parish, who are able, to bake and please bring their special items to the sacristy on

Tuesday morning (Nov 5). Tickets for 2 large boxes of bakery items will be sold the weekends of October 26/27 and November 2/3/ for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 before and after mass in the church vestibule. *To vote and/or buy baked goods, use the sacristy entrance next to the apartments. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm.*



Kitchen Open

Stop in at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons before or after you vote on Election Day from 11am until 5pm. They will be serving the usual delicious pierogis and more...

Salvation

Our salvation is much more important than a knowledge of physics, poetry, music or history. All our science and knowledge, with our wealth and honors, will be useless if we do not save our soul. The Lord Jesus Christ asks: "What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

All Saints Anticipated Mass - St. Hedwig's
5:30pm Thursday, October 31

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	November 2 Saturday 4:30 PM	November 3 Sunday 9:00 AM
Lector	Ron Helminski	Fredric Olds
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski Richard Mielnik	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Server	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,576.75 and \$657.00 for World Mission** and . Thank you for your generosity.

Barb Lechner, Linda Cook, Carolyn Kacprowicz and Cheryl Stephany are four ladies who call on our parishioners who are shut-ins or in nursing homes. Their visits are much appreciated by these parishioners. If you know someone who would like a visit and some pleasant conversation, call the office with their information. 454-8085

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 **Barbara Korn** from Dennis & Kathryn Clark, Jay & Barb Little, Pat May, Terrie Johnson, Lucille Murowski, Erie County Assessment Office and Jackie Swanson: **The Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **The Ave Maria Care & Concern Society**: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Madeline Gorgacz & Stanley Gorgacz** from Jo Ella & Lawrence Gorgacz also donations from William Hertel, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Susan & Mark Sullivan, Irene & John Nemergut and Zachary & Raymond Watson.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Kathleen Haslett

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Lynne Long, Carol Habas, Kay Mannino

CUP: Jay Habas, Chris Sanner

Greeters: Judy Kelly

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Mary Kearney, Mike Vehec, Forrest Mischler

CUP: Mary Williams, Dario Cipriani

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger

Altar Servers: Logan Kearney, Juliette Morales

Ushers: Dave Taccone, Tom Welch,

Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

AVE MARIA SOCIETY HEARTFELT FESTIVAL THANK YOU'S— This year's Irish Auction Co-chairs, Barb Jones (president) and Jeannie Confer (secretary) would like to take this opportunity to thank all who donated gifts or gave a monetary donation. Once again, *our parish family* came through for us with their generous donations, as well as giving of their time by working at our booth.

Also, Judy Galvin (Ave Member) extends her thanks to all those who gave wine or spirits to the Ave's "Basket of Cheer", and also supporting our fundraiser by purchasing tickets on the basket. This is the Ave's only fundraiser. Monies raised are used to purchase food for the Sr. Mary Pascal Food Bank, truck rental to deliver that food, donations to St. Patrick's Haven, The Upper Room, Relay for Life, SSJ's Thanksgiving Dinner, just to mention a few. Without this fundraiser the Ave would not be able to continue to support our parish ministries and our community at large.

Similarly, Gail Smith & Pam Bruno (Ave Members) want to thank everyone for all the wonderful jewelry donations. We were able to sell most of the bling, beads, baubles and things at clearance prices for our parish. And a special thank you to Tom Welch for helping the Jewelry Booth, the last 2 years, in constructing some very helpful display pieces.

Likewise, Arlene Barlekoff (Ave Member) would like to extend thanks to co-chair, Mary Beth Wachter and all those who donated and worked for the bake sale.

Over \$5,700 was raised for the parish at these three Ave volunteered Festival undertakings. Ave could not have done this without the generosity & backing of our parish family.

So, our sincere thanks to everyone!

—Barb Jones, Ave Maria Care and Concern Society
(founded in 1937—we are 76'years young!)

THE FOOD PANTRY is requesting donations of "gently used" children's books. These books are given to children of the food pantry. This is different from the Christmas book drive.

Boxes will be available on the rectory porch and in the vestibule of the church. If you cannot get them to us, call the rectory at 454-8085 and arrangements will be made for someone to pick them up. The "lending" library for the adult clients at the food pantry has been very successful. If you would like to donate to that library, you may leave your donations in the same boxes used for the children's books. As always, thank you for your generosity!



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. 26** *Saturday, Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:30 PM PATRICIA BUSZEK - ST.H
(EILEEN & ANN MARIE ROPEWSKI)5:00 PM PATRICK & LILLIAN WALSH - ST.P
(DON ROPEWSKI)**Oct. 27** *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM RITA SUSAN CATON (JANET GILBERT) - ST.P

9:00 AM ROBERT "BOB" OSMER - ST.H
(WIFE, PAULINE 6 YR ANNIV.)10:30 AM SOPHIE CRABB, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(SISTER, VIKI)**Oct. 28** *Monday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Oct. 29 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM CONNIE CONWAY (DIANE PENNY)

Oct. 30 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Oct. 31 *Thursday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HELEN CAULEY NEUBERT (LORRAINE DALY)

VIGIL: ALL SAINTS DAY5:30 PM ELIZABETH (BETTY) JARZOMSKI - ST.H
(HELEN ZIELINSKI)**Nov. 1** *Friday, All Saints*

8:00 AM NO MASS

12:05 PM RAY CICERO, ANNIV.
(JOHN & THERESA ONOFRIO)**Nov. 2** *Saturday, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:30 PM ROBERT T. NIEDZWIECKI - ST.H
(JEAN & JIM GORSKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM RONALD ANGELOTTI (NICKIE AZICRI) - ST.P

Nov. 3 *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM ANNE SENNETT SMITH - ST. P
(MARY PAT SCHLAUDECKER)9:00 AM RICHARD DOMBKOWSKI - ST.H
(JOE & DIANE ZIELINSKI)10:30 AM ROSEMARY MCCLOSKEY
(DAVID & LYNN LITTLE) - 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

10/26 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

10/27 1:00 PM Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary**10/29** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**10/30** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/02** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/03 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

NOVEMBER 3-9, 2013 – National Catholic Educational Association NCEA) is celebrating its first PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK November 3-9, 2013. Let us pray for the members of OUR parish faith community because in our baptism *each of us is called to be a catechist, an "echoer" of Christ*. Some of our parishioners have answered the call in a formal way, helping adults, youth and children to grow in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



This week's Gospel challenges us to confront the pride that sometimes distances us from God, and encourages us with the witness to humility that wins God's mercy. Pride leaves little room for repentance and the recognition of one's sins. The humble think quite differently, knowing that they are undeserving of God's grace and forgiveness. The humble know that only God is God. Who do you think you are? When have you tried to depend only on yourself? How did it work for you?

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BELOW:

New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

Want Envelopes