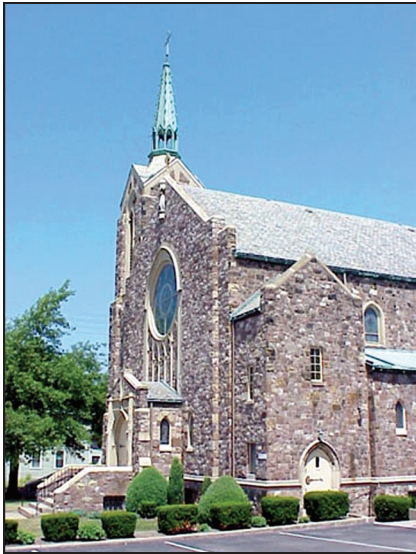


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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

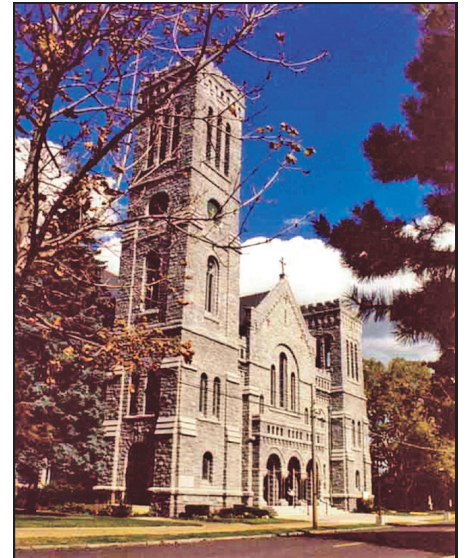
Holy Day

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.

Today is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and our first reading is from the first Book of Kings. Elijah is one of the most significant figures in Israelite history. His request of this poor widow seems bold and arrogant, but in the very verse prior to our reading today, Elijah is told by God to go to her and she will provide for him, and so Elijah is simply following orders. Once she tells him of her desperate situation, Elijah utters one of scriptures most consistent admonitions, "Do not be afraid." How many times do we hear this and yet, when we face some of the challenges of life, we never seem to take it as God's promise. And today's widow trusts the prophet and shares what little she has. Because she trusted before she saw, the widow models the kind of faith Jesus extols in today's gospel where another widow's pennies are worth more than a treasury of contributions.

We continue to read from the difficult Letter to the Hebrews. Once a year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, the sacred sanctuary of the temple, to offer sacrifice for the people's sins. This chamber was believed to be the dwelling place of God on earth but as the author of Hebrews reminds us, it was but a "sanctuary made with hands," a mere "copy of the true one." Now that Christ has assumed the role of eternal high priest, he has access to heaven itself, not its earthly shadow.

In our gospel, Jesus chastises the scribes who go about as hypocrites imposing burdens upon the people. They have not surrendered their hearts to God, but instead serve their own egos. Jesus is clearly warning of the dangers inherent in the privilege and position that comes with religious leadership. To clarify his teaching, Jesus points to the poor widow. In contrast to the self-serving scribes, she demonstrates the spirituality of the anawim, the very poor who recognize their total dependence on God and remain detached from the things of the world.

CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) has released a study on American priesthood and some of the findings raise concerns. The median age of American workers is 41.8 but the median age of American Catholic priests is 64. The study also states that over half of the priests in active ministry today will retire by 2019. On an average, dioceses now have one retired

priest for every two active priests and half of all priests currently in ministry are over the age of 60!. While the average age of diocesan priests is now 64, it was only 34 as recently as 1970. That dramatic increase in median age is frightening. Who is going to be standing at the altars in 20 more years? The study also pointed out that in 1908, there were 20,000 Catholic priests in the United States. By 1969, there were 60,000 priests and today there are 26,000 diocesan priests with 22% of them either retired, sick or absent from their diocese.

I looked up the figures for the Diocese of Erie and we currently have 128 active priests and 56 retired priests and an additional 6 priests on sick leave, so we are right on line with the national figures of 2 active priests for every retired priest.

These statistics are genuinely frightening because there simply are not going to be priests to staff parishes in a very short time. What we're doing basically is starting to deny people the sacraments that they have a basic right to. Perhaps there needs to be some exploration of different lifestyles for priests, etc.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie has resettled a large number of refugees, many of them living in the neighborhood surrounding St. Hedwig's Church. Most are refugees from Nepal, and they are the most peaceful people you could ever meet. The government requires that every family resettled must have certain basics, among them a chest of drawers for their clothes. While people often donate clothing or other furniture items, the chest of drawers is something that is not often donated. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, Catholic Charities will pick it up and see that a refugee family is given it.

Have you ever considered naming your parish in your will? What a fitting legacy to leave something to help maintain your parish church. You can designate a particular need for which you want any bequest used. At St. Patrick's, for example, several people have named the parish in their will but the stipulation is that the money is not to be used for operating expenses, but only to be used for the maintenance and ongoing care of St. Patrick's Church. You can also help your parish by naming your parish as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

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

Things are really progressing in the church, and plans call for the scaffolding in the sanctuary to start coming down November 10. That will allow enough time to lay the new marble floor in the sanctuary.

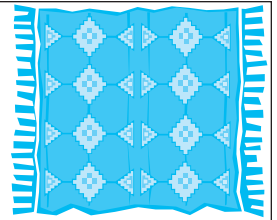
Michael DeSanctis of Gannon University is faux painting the radiator covers in the vestibule and in the back of church to match the marble on the walls. The dark brown color of those radiators stands out like a sore thumb and this way they will blend in with the rest of the building. It was necessary to do some major work in the southwest tower room. The floor was sagging almost two inches and that had to be shored up from underneath. Because of settling, there were large cracks in the marble and the area surrounding the window in that room was badly damaged. We replaced large sections of the marble but with a marble that does not match what is in there, and Michael DeSanctis is also faux painting those areas to match the rest.

Lynn Howard, our lighting consultant from Milwaukee, will be here this week to meet with Tom Church of Church Electric to assure that all of the proper electrical work is being done. We will now have a new box in the sacristy that, with the switch of one dial, we can turn on all of the lights in church. When the electrical work is done, the entire building will now have new up to date wiring everywhere. Some of the wiring that was in there was a fire waiting to happen.

A man walking on the beach was deep in prayer and finally God spoke to him and said because he had been faithful he would grant him a wish. The man asked for a bridge to Hawaii so he could drive there. God said his wish was too materialistic and would take too many natural resources. So the man asked that he be able to understand his wife, know her feelings, what she wants, and why she gives him the silent treatment while she says that nothing is wrong. God answered him by saying, "Do you want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?"

The church sign on the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem read, "You may party in hell, but you will be the barbeque!" Another read, "Every day above ground is a good one."

THE UPPER ROOM *An Oasis for the Homeless* is once again holding its annual "Blizzard of Blankets" on November 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Perry Square Gazebo. Donations are always accepted at the shelter at

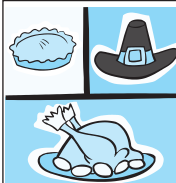


St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 1024 Peach Street 9-4 Monday thru Friday.. We ask for used blankets in clean, usable condition. ***Please no bedspreads, pillows, mattress pads, sheets, or crocheted items.***

We will also gladly accept cash donations toward the Upper Room's heating costs, or warm winter coats in good clean condition. Items received will be distributed free to needy individuals and cooperating ministries. Parking around the gazebo will be free courtesy of the City of Erie. New volunteers are always welcome. For those who may not be familiar with the background of the *THE UPPER ROOM*, it is a daytime shelter sponsored jointly by St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Paul UCC Church. We are staffed completely by volunteers and aim to provide service 7 days a week. We have been on the job since 1995 and have welcomed tens of thousands of visitors since our beginning. The Upper Room is located on the 2nd floor of St. Pauls' United Church of Christ at 1024 Peach Street.

Alone during the Holidays?

Not everyone looks forward to the upcoming holiday season. If you are widowed, divorced or separated, and find it difficult adjusting to single life, you are cordially invited to attend a special event, "Coping With Life Alone during the Holidays", hosted by Catholic Charities' Transitions Ministry. Please join us on Sunday, November 18th at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie from 2pm - 5pm. A brief program, discussion and short prayer service will be offered, followed by light refreshments. Please RSVP by Tuesday November 14th by calling (814) 824-1265, or by email at: familylife@erieRCD.org. There is no cost for this program; a goodwill offering will be accepted.



The Sisters of St. Joseph and Gannon University are once again hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner to be served at the Waldron Center (W. 7th St. & Peach St.) on Thursday, November 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary. Dinner is free of charge. Home deliveries are available for homebound persons. Requests for delivery will ONLY be taken on Tuesday, November 20th. Call 836-4100 between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Orders will NOT be accepted at any other time.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Robert Niedzwiecki** requested by his children & grandchildren, Our Lady's Shrine burns in loving memory of **Boleslaw Tyczkowski** requested by his family, and St. Joseph Shrine burns in loving memory of **Sigmond Prochowski** requested by **John & Cynthia Weber**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the home-bound.

Our offertory for the week of 10/27—10/28 was **\$905.00** and for 11/03—11/04 it was **\$1,383.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Memorial

A donation in memory of **Sandra E. Krol** was made to St. Hedwig Church from Knox Western.

Election Day Bake Sale

Heartfelt thanks to each and every person who helped make our Bake Sale a success: those who baked or purchased baked goods, who bought a raffle ticket, donated or worked during the day.

St. Hedwig Rosary Society

Additional All Souls Day Memorials

In loving memory of deceased loved ones:

Juchno family, Kantorowski family requested by Theresa Juchno....**The Juchno family, the Hermann family, Anna Simanowski, the Showers family** requested by Ms. Amanda Juchno.... **The Juchno family, the Kantorowski family, the Showers family, Anna Simanowski** requested by Ms. Barbara Juchno....**Norberto Jagorin, Mary Ciecierski, Norlie Jagorin** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Nowosielski....**Sophie & Joseph Kowalewski, Annabel & Howard Henderson, Szewczyk family, Kowalewski family, Joyce Henderson, Theresa Shreve** requested by Roland & Jeanne Henderson....**Joseph & Sophie Wernicki, Peter Wernicki, Paul Wernicki** requested by Ms. Patricia Wernicki,....**Mielnik family** requested Ms. Dorothy Mielnik....

*Pray the Rosary
Daily*



Christmas Gift Card Wreath

St. Hedwig Rosary Society will be selling tickets at the weekend Masses for our Special Raffle which is a wreath of gift cards totaling \$355: Olive Garden (\$25.00), Walmart (\$50.00), Applebee's (\$25.00), Panera (\$15.00), Tinseltown (\$20.00), Macy's (\$25.00), Stefanelli's (15.00), Walmart (\$25.00), Giant Eagle (\$50.00), Red Lobster (\$25.00), Panera (\$10.00), Citgo-gas card (\$30.00), Ross Department Store (\$20.00), Christmas Tree Shop (\$20.00). Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. It will be raffled at the Rosary Society Christmas Party in December.

Today...Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 11th at Our Lady of Peace Cafeteria from 12:00 until 6pm. Dinner includes salad, homemade sauce and meatballs, bread and dessert. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, Children & Seniors \$5.00 (12 and under or 65 and older), under age 3 free. Also a huge selection of theme baskets and a bake sale.

Ministry Schedule

	November 17 Saturday 4:30pm	November 18 Sunday 9:00am
Eucharist	Jim Gorski	Sharon Zielinski
Reader	Jim Gorski	Frederic Olds
Altar servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Usher needed Richard Mielnik	Dan Jarzomski Don Moehler

A Family Prayer For the Year of Faith

O God our Father, In Jesus You call all Christian families and homes to be signs of living faith, By the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith, and by that gift may we grow in our relationship with Jesus, Your Son, and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Upcoming Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (Porta fidei 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion—to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him.



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for the weekend of 10/27—10/28 was **\$4,056.50**, and for the weekend of 11/03—11/04 it was **\$4,970.25**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 by **Kathy Alessi** in memory of **Deceased Family Members**. The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Richard & Jerry McMahon** from Rosemarie McMahon.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur

Eucharistic Ministers: Ray Fiorelli, Kay Mannino,
Judy Emling

Greeters: Kathleen Horan

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, November 18, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Ed Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: Dario Cipriani,
Forrest Mischler, Charla Leemhuis

Greeters: Charla Leemhuis, Gail Arneman

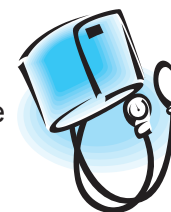
Altar Servers: Juliette Morales

Ushers: Randy Pristello, David Wilcox,
David Taccone, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Dario Cipriani, Donna Cipriani,
Gail Smith

Emergency care will be at the
**Sr. Mary Pascal Gray
Food Pantry**

on Tuesday, November 30th to take the blood pressure of anyone who would like to take advantage of this free service.



Other news from the Food Pantry. We are in need of any "trimmings" for a Thanksgiving meal.....anything suitable as a side dish such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, etc. Items can be dropped off at the rectory on the back porch. As always, we thank you for your generosity. Whenever there is a need, your response is very gratifying. We couldn't do this without your support.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FOOD PAN-

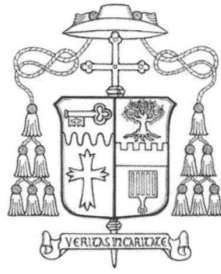
TRY: Even though it is only October the volunteers at the Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry are getting ready for Christmas for their clients. Each year gifts are given to the children who are clients at the Food Pantry. This year there is a need of gifts for children of all ages, but especially the 10-12 year age group. If you would like to donate gifts, please bring them to the Cauley Center when you come for Mass. There will be a box for collection. The gifts need not be wrapped. The volunteers will wrap the gifts after they assemble them for each client.



Additional All Souls Day Memorials In Memory Of

Received from:

John D. Watson.....	John F. Watson, Fred Lichtenwatter, James Mahoney
Esther Pietrasiewicz.....	Casimir Pietrasiewicz, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Pietrasiewicz,
.....	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Marschak, Richard Nowak
Virginia Young.....	John & Crescentia Bauman
Richard Young.....	Louise Hahn, Cynthia Edwards
Tom & Sue Elliott.....	Alice & Bill Elliott, Charles Hiegel
Mary McCarthy.....	James L. McCarthy, Angelina Fabrizio, Ph.D., Dan & Barb McCarthy
Jean Wroblewski.....	Mary Ann & Frank Wroblewski, Frances Dolores Gress, Veterans,
.....	Loved Ones, Katherine & John Weber, Therese Kaval, Carol Gustafson
Gerry Valhahovic.....	Mikrut, Vickey & Valahovic Families, Sophia Foley, Heneretta Snider
Renee Calabrese.....	Rita & Harry Caldwell, Martina Fasenmyer, James Fasenmyer,
.....	Eric Hartwell, Dave Crupeck, Doris Fry
Ken & Jan Gervasi.....	Pritchard and Gervasi Families
Yvonne Gersims.....	Kathryn Graham Miller, Howard J. Gersims, Sandra Lee Gersims,
.....	Kathryn Rosinski, John Purcell, Audrey Laposky
Randy & Cyndi Pristello.....	Jim & Eleanor Boris, Fred & Carmella Pristello, all deceased relatives
.....	And friends
Tom & Colleen Welch.....	Anthony & Louise Spenik, Catherine T. Welch, Thomas L. Welch,
.....	McMemamin, & Mainzer Families, James Becker, James McKeown
Phyllis Zack.....	Mr. & Mrs. John Jacques, George Zack
Rosemarie McMahon.....	Paul & Dorothy McMahon, Jerry & Rick McMahon, Matthew Lyons,
.....	Irene Loudon, Anna Page, Jack & Cora Parris



October 25, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The weekend of **November 18th** a second collection will be taken up for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** in our parishes of the diocese. This is a very important collection because it helps to support the poor in our midst by assisting those organizations whose primary mission it is to help those living in poverty. For over forty years the CCHD has come to the aid of organizations nationwide in an effort to eradicate poverty in America.

It is the tradition of CCHD to love the poor by helping to end the cycle of poverty. This is especially important in our own nation because right now the federal government considers 44 million people in the United States as living in poverty. CCHD loves and serves the poor by remaining faithful to the principles of Catholic social teaching and effectively putting them into practice. Most notably the principles of Catholic social teaching that are closest to the heart of CCHD are the fundamental option for the poor, solidarity with the poor and suffering, and subsidiarity. CCHD defends human life and dignity every day, in countless ways, all across the United States.

It has been a concern in the past that some of the moneys collected in this fund are given to organizations that do not fully support the Church's teaching on some key issues. Please be assured that the Diocese of Erie is very careful in vetting the organizations that these funds are directed to, making sure that they are in line with Church teaching and that they will use the money in line with the principles of Catholic social teaching. In fact, about half of this collection each year remains here in the Diocese of Erie to fund local anti-poverty projects. In 2011 we were able to use our diocesan share from this collection to help provide children and adults all over Northwestern Pennsylvania with food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance, and counseling.

Paragraph number 2444 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The Church's love for the poor is a part of her constant tradition." In this Year of Faith we can all show our great faith in God's generous love and mercy in works of charity towards our brothers and sisters in the faith, especially those most in need. Please join me in your prayerful support and generous contribution for this important collection in our diocese and our Church throughout the United States.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

Original with the Bishop's signature is on file in the Chancery office.



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LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 10 Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 PM CASIMIR & HELEN BARGIELSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(LARRY & DOLLY BARGIELSKI)

5:00 PM LOUIE & JOHN ABBATO (FAMILY)- ST.P

Nov. 11 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time9:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
(LOU ANN & FAMILY)

10:30 AM MILDRED & THOMAS HEUBEL (FAMILY) - ST.P

Nov. 12 Monday, St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr8:00 AM JOSEPHINE KUZMA, ANNIV. 11/05
(KAY MANNINO)**Nov. 13 Tuesday, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

8:00 AM CHESTER LONCKI (MRS. REGINA LONCKI)

Nov. 14 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM DON BUSECK (WIFE, FRAN)

**Nov. 15 Thursday, St. Albert the Great, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**8:00 AM STANLEY PURZYCKI, ANNIV.
(SISTER, HARRIET)**Nov. 16 Friday, St. Margaret of Scotland;
St. Gertrude, Virgin**

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Nov. 17 Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)5:00 PM JOHN A. KRAUCHEN - ST.P
(ST. BENEDICT'S CLASS OF 1953)**Nov. 18 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00 AM MARGARET KLAN—ST.H
(MR. & MRS. EDWIN KLAN)

10:30 AM RICHARD JOHN ECCHER (FAMILY) - 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=Rector, CV=Convent

11/10 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/11 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary**11/13** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/14** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

11/17 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/18 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

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Reading II: Psalm 146:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



Two women, two broken hearts, two desolate situations. Are they desolate or fruitful? The two widows regarded with profound respect and a sense of wonder. We meet them in the events of ordinary life: baking the usual meager meal, bringing a meager offering. But this time the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Are you not surprised by their actions? Would you have done the same? In life we encounter many kinds of poverty: material, intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual. Poverty can present itself like a scourge, but it can become a fertile poverty when embraced with faith and hope in God. How has emptiness in your life opened you to God? What kind of poverty concerns you most? Why? What is your reaction when you encounter those in need?

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM☐ Saint Hedwig☐ Saint Patrick

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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