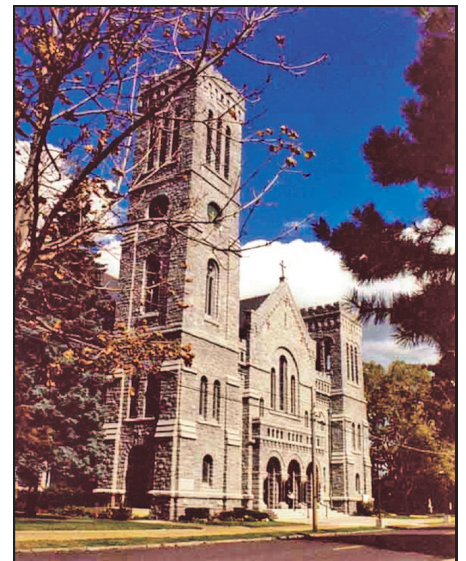


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 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

521 E. 3rd Street

Erie, PA 16507

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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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from the Book of Malachi. It was a moment when people became pessimistic because those who did evil seemed to prosper, and the people following God's law felt that the world was somehow

turned upside down. The prophet is speaking God's word of encouragement to them. He also warns the evildoers that no matter how successful they appear to be, the fire will scorch their roots and branches. A different destiny awaits those who remain faithful to God. The "sun of justice" will heal the oppression they have experienced. Christians might well see this phrase in relation to Jesus, through whom redemption's healing comes.

The obvious theme of our second reading is our imitation of Paul and his colleagues who have worked tirelessly to preach the gospel to the Thessalonians. Through their own labor, Paul and his coworkers supported themselves, not even eating free food. Paul's statement that he and his disciples did not act in a disorderly way contrasts their behavior with that of others in the community who were acting disorderly. Paul is particularly addressing those who were preaching that the second coming of Jesus was imminent, and Paul is trying to help the community get back on the right track. His letter concludes with a rebuke to the busybodies who are always judging others.

Today's gospel reading is part of what scholars call the eschatological discourse in Luke's gospel. The passage begins with Jesus' rumination on the destruction of Jerusalem. Remember that Luke writes in the late 80s and Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70. The disciples are asking for a sign as to when the temple will be destroyed and Jesus lists many. From wars to insurrections to nations and kingdoms turning against each other to cosmic disasters, awesome sights and mighty signs that will come from the sky. The final prelude, Jesus tells them, will be their own persecution, imprisonment and trial before kings and governors. The final paragraph describes the extent of the persecution: even immediate family members will participate, even to the point of putting disciples to death. The fate of the disciples now is forecast to be the same as the fate of Jesus himself.

Jesus concludes this dire prediction by assuring them that they will not be harmed, a clear reference to the life that awaits them in the resurrection of the dead.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, always celebrated as the last Sunday of the church year. We will then begin Advent the following Sunday. Where has the year gone?

Congratulations to Emmett Raymond Williams, son of Raymond and Susan Gadd Williams who will be baptized following the 10:30 AM Mass today.

"I think of the priest who has the task of preaching. How can he preach if he has not first opened his heart, not listened in silence to the Word of God? Away with these never ending, boring homilies that no one understands. I think of fathers and mothers who are the primary educators of their children: how can they educate them if their consciences have not been enlightened by the Word of God? If their way of thinking and acting is not guided by the Word, what sort of example can they possibly give to their children? This is important, because then mothers and fathers complain, "Oh, this child...." But you, what witness have you given the child? How have you spoken to him? Have you talked with him about the Word of God or about the TV news?" *Pope Francis, October 4, 2013*

Parents wishing to have a baby baptized at St. Patrick's are asked to attend a one hour class on the sacrament and the responsibility they are taking on in initiating their child in the faith. Sister Marie does these and does them individually for each couple in the rectory. The diocese requires a class before the sacrament is administered. Mary Pat Ringhand makes a bib for each baby who is baptized. The white bib is embroidered with the baby's name and the date of the baptism. We give each baby one of these to keep. Another parishioner is making a Christmas tree ornament which will be the small round window of angels above the baptismal font. A card has been printed saying that this is given to the baby as a special reminder of his or her baptism at St. Patrick's. We will also start this year giving one of these to each of the bridal couples. The parishioner has not only designed these but has donated them.

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

I'm happily settled into my new quarters in St. Patrick's rectory. We still have a number of small things to be done and once those are complete, we'll have an open house if anyone wants to go up and see it. The rooms are particularly beautiful at night because the church is lit and the effect is incredible. I can also look out one of the windows in the living room and see the Perry Monument lit at night. While I had some early strange things occurring at night, all has been nice and quiet since that one particular night. At least, we have a friendly ghost in the house.

A special thanks to the ancient Order of Hibernians who recently presented me with a check for \$1,000 to be used toward the debt on the recent restoration of the church. The Order recently held a raffle and made the donation out of the proceeds of the raffle. I'm grateful for their generosity and support of the parish.

Have you ever considered including your parish in your estate planning? You can bequeath funds for a particular purpose or for the general use of the parish. At St. Patrick's, for example, we have the St. Patrick Foundation which exists solely for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. None of that money can be used for general operating expenses. You are well aware of the constant struggle—and expense—which is involved in keeping that church as well as St. Hedwig's in first class condition. Once you let them go, it's an even larger battle. You can also name your parish as the beneficiary in an insurance policy.

A first grade teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A little girl broke the silence and said, "I think I'd throw up.".....The same teacher asked one of her students, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he with just two worms.".....The same teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mother looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

ANXIOUS ABOUT THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS?

Learning to live life as a single person can be very difficult for anyone who has suffered the end of their marriage due to divorce, separation or death. Knowing that the holidays can be especially complicated for many, Catholic Charities' Transitions Ministry invites you to attend a special program entitled "Coping With Life Alone during the Holidays". This afternoon event will be held on Sunday, November 24th at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie from 2pm until 4pm. A brief program with discussion and a short prayer service will be offered, followed by light refreshments. Please RSVP by November 20th 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.



CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HOLY TRINITY:

The Christmas Market will be held on Friday, December 20 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, December 21 from 3-6 p.m. Join us at the Holy Trinity Social Center (The Gathering Place), 2220 Reed Street in Erie, to buy your Christmas favorites: cookies, chrusciki, nutroll, (blessed) oplatki, sweet bread and pierogies. (Supplies will be limited during the market.) Or buy in advance! Pre-orders will be accepted from Thursday, November 7 through Monday, December 2. To place an order, please go to www.holytrinityrc.org beginning November 7. Fill out the form and fax it to (814) 461-1150, mail it to Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA 16503 or call your order in to (814) 456-0671. The market is sponsored by the Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Education Program.



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the health of **Daniel Jarzomski** requested by Lou Ann Nowosielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Harry Niewolak** requested by his wife Charlotte, St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns for a **Special Intention**. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$812.00**. Thank you and God bless.

Additional All Souls Intentions In Loving Memory of:

John J. & Bert Balcerzak, John F. & Alois Balcerzak, Robert A. Belczyk, Patty Pellegrino requested by Mrs. Evelyn Belczyk....

Robert F. Belczyk (Dad), Gertrude Balcerzak (Gramma) requested by Sandra Belczyk....

Helen & Stanley Kurpiewski, Delores Blum requested by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Blum....

John Gorski, Tim Kujan, Mielnik family, Gorski family requested by Genevieve Gorski....

John Gorski, Tim Kujan, Gorski families, Mielnik families requested by James Gorski....

John Moehler, Martha Moehler, Chester Moehler, Rita Clacher requested by Donald Moehler....

Loved ones requested by Dino & Emily Sorbara....

Joseph Wernicki, Sophie Wernicki, Peter Wernicki, Paul Wernicki requested by Anthony Wernicki....

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>November 23</u>	<u>November 24</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Judy Pentz
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Dan Jarzomski
	Richard Mielnik	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

Rosary Society Bake Sale

The St. Hedwig Rosary Society would like to thank each and every person who helped make our Bake Sale a huge success: To those who baked or purchased baked goods, bought a raffle ticket or worked during the day, we simply could not have done it without you. Income came to **\$1,356.00** and all proceeds benefit St. Hedwig Parish. The winners of the baked goods raffle were **Jeanne Henderson** and **Janice Moskel**.

St. Hedwig Rosary Society Christmas Party

The Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons from 1 until 5pm. All Rosary members have received information about the party and we would also like to extend the invitation to all ladies and friends from St. Hedwig and St. Patrick. You don't have to be a member to join us. It's always a great time with many prizes and a delicious buffet. Admission is only \$7.00. We must have reservations by November 25. Tickets will be sold before and after Mass this weekend November 16/17. We will also accept member dues and raffle ticket returns at this time. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** For more information call Dolly Bargielski at 825-3856. Please bring Chinese Auction donations before or after Mass as soon as you can.

Special Christmas Raffle

Tickets will also be sold this weekend for a **Christmas Wreath of Gift Cards totaling \$450.00.**

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The wreath will be raffled at the Rosary Society Christmas Party. Below are the merchants and the value of gift cards that they have donated:

Giant Eagle	\$100.00
Longhorn Steak House	50.00
WalMart	50.00
Citgo Gas/Country Fair	30.00
Christmas Tree Shops	25.00
Olive Garden.....	25.00
Red Lobster	25.00
Bob Evans	25.00
Wegman's.....	25.00
Peeble's	20.00
Little Caesar's	15.00
Cracker Barrel.....	15.00
Starbucks.....	15.00
PA Wine and Spirits	10.00
Tim Horton's	10.00
Chick Fil A.....	10.00



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,479.28**, and **\$788.00** for online giving for a total of **\$6,267.28**. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make a special effort to remember in your daily prayers the members of our parish who are hospitalized, in Long Term Nursing Care, or home-bound.

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 Maggie Glance, Rita Fromknecht and Danny Mellow: The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Gary King, II** from Brian & Annie Candela Family: The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Lavern & Elaine Stewart** from Pam & John Nick, in memory of **AJO** from Laura Reitingner in memory of **Mary L. Duncan & James Duncan** from Mary Duncan, in memory of **Rose Brown** from Rosemarie McMahon, in memory of **Amanda Marie Juchno** from Yvonne Gersims, also donations from Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Dr. & Mrs Forrest Mischler, Alice & Kenneth Daub, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Ward and Carol & Jay Habas.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Kathy Sertz, Shirley Winschel, Carol Habas

CUP: Jay Habas, Kay Mannino

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: Gail Smith

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: Charla Leemhuis, Forrest Mischler,
Dario Cipriani

CUP: Colleen Welch, Cyndi Pristello

Greeters: Tim Donlin, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello

Ushers: Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis,
Luke Purvis

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

The Lector Books are available in the Trinity Gift Shop. We are preparing the December schedule. Please let us know your availability for Christmas!



Let us **WELCOME** Emmett Raymond Williams son of Raymond and Susan Williams who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.



ST.PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

John and Pam Nick, Gregory and Carmella Tellers, Kristen Bennetti, Karen Bukowski, Keith and Kelly Kennedy, Betsy Frank.



The **Upper Room** will hold its 18th annual "Blizzard of Blankets" collection at the Perry Square Gazebo on November 23rd during National Homeless Awareness week, from 9:00 - 3:00. They are asking for used blankets in clean, usable condition.

Please, no bedspreads, pillows, mattress pads, sheets, or crocheted items. They will also gladly accept cash donations towards their heating costs, or warm winter clothing. Items received will be distributed free to needy individuals and cooperating ministries. If you wish to make a donation, you may take them directly to the gazebo. Parking around the gazebo will be free, courtesy of the City of Erie.

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Joseph Higgins** who passed away November 6th. Joe was the son of Dolly Higgins and the late Joseph Higgins. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Additional All Souls Intentions

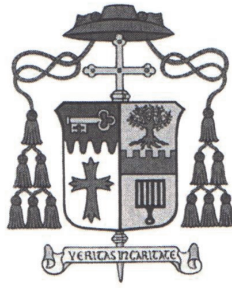
In Loving Memory of:

John and Barb Jacquel, George Zack, Gary King
Requested by Phyllis Zack

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.





November 8, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of November 24th a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). 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.

This collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection proceeds have provided access to invaluable resources for those who struggle in poverty. Through the CCHD, the Catholic Church is working to continue its tradition of care for the poor. The theme for the appeal this year is: "Defend Human Dignity – Take Poverty Off The Map".

Half of the money collected each year remains here in the Diocese of Erie to fund local anti-poverty projects. In 2012 we were able to use our diocesan share from this collection to provide children and adults all over Northwestern Pennsylvania with food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance and counseling. Thank you for your contribution to this effort.

Please know of my gratitude for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

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LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 16** *Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*4:30 PM ROBERT NIEDZWIECKI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.H
(WIFE & CHILDREN)5:00 PM WILLIAM J. & JANE M. WARD CARNEY - ST.P
(FAMILY)**Nov. 17** *Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM GARY A. KING, II - ST.P
(MARY ELLEN & ED BROWN)

9:00 AM THERESA SHREVE (ROSARY SOCIETY) - ST.H

10:30 AM CATHERINE FITZGERALD, ANNIV. OF BIRTH
(JOE, KAREN & COREY ABATE) - ST.P**Nov. 18** *Monday, Weekday*

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Nov. 19 *Tuesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (JANET & ED GRUNZEL)

Nov. 20 *Wednesday, Weekday*

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS)

Nov. 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*8:00 AM ELEANOR CHIMENTI, ANNIV.
(CARL & ALICE CARLOTTI)**Nov. 22** *Friday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*8:00 AM CECILIA MESSINA & PAUL MESSINA, ANNIV.
(FAMILY)**Nov. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (JIM & NANCY GRIFFEY) - ST.H

5:00 PM GERTRUDE MUNCH (CLOYD & RITA ROSE)-ST.P

Nov. 24 *Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*8:00 AM FRANCES MANGO THOMPSON - ST.P
(PATTI & DENNIS O'BRIEN)

9:00 AM CAROL KURPIEWSKI (REGINA LONCKI) - ST.H

10:30 AM MAX AZICRI, ANNIV. - ST. P

(WIFE, NICKI & FAMILY)

DECEASED MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS & LADIES
OF ST. PATRICK'S**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

11/16 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H

4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P

11/17 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Grades Kdg.-6th - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

11/19 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/20** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H

4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P

11/24 NO K-GRADE 6 REL. ED

1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



In our age of immediate gratification, perseverance sounds like a word from a bygone era. If you don't like the clothes you own, discard them. If the life situation you are in doesn't suit you, just move on. When life challenges us as the present economic, religious, political, ecological turbulence does, perseverance is the called-for virtue for people of faith. But it has never been an easy virtue. What does perseverance look like today? It may be faithfulness to a deeply held truth that prompts us to speak out for the Right to Life or gun control or other life issues. It may be expresses in the compassion we show to an aging parent, or dying friend, or troubled co-worker. We must be alert to this day's invitation to be part of building up God's Kingdom.

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