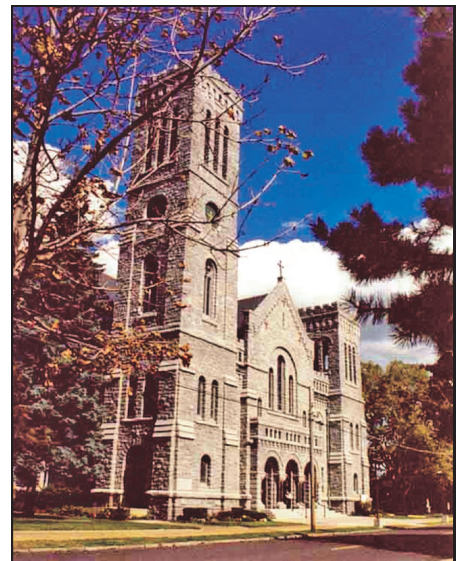


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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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 thirty third and final Sunday of the church year. Next Sunday is always the Feast of Christ the King and the following Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and we begin a new church year. Today is the last time we will read from Mark's gospel for two more years. Next year we read from Luke, my favorite gospel of all. Luke is the great story teller, he paints us pictures like none of the other authors and Luke's Jesus is the total all-forgiving, all healing, all merciful Jesus - the one who fills me with hope.

Our first reading comes from the Old Testament prophet Daniel who writes during a period of religious persecution and attempts to comfort and strengthen his audience. As we end the liturgical year, the church's readings focus us on the sobering reality that time and human history will come to an end, thus inviting us to consider our mortality and our readiness to meet Christ both when our own life ends and when he returns in glory to judge us.

Our second reading is the seventh and final week we will read from Hebrews and it again focuses on Jesus as the high priest.

Our gospel today is what we call apocalyptic writing which uses dark and startling imagery, contrasted with a core message of consolation to announce the victory of hope over despair. Mark masterfully weaves both elements in this passage. Frightening images and dire warnings are abundant but it ends with hope - the Son of Man coming on the clouds.

Thursday of this week is Thanksgiving and the parish office will be closed both Thursday and Friday and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 26. I am here and will check the phone for emergencies or if there is an emergency you can contact me at home at 454-4032.

Mark your calendars for June 23, 2013. Bishop Persico will celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass that day and then rededicate the restored St. Patrick's Church. Following the Mass, we will have a brunch at the Bayfront Convention Center. People will probably arrive at the Convention Center by noon and we will have a half hour cash bar in the lobby overlooking the bay - the same place we were for our 175th banquet recently. Then we will go into the ballroom for a brunch buffet. The

Brunch will consist of eggs, bacon, potatoes, juice, rolls, etc. What we're going to do is limit the number again to 300 people. Cost of the brunch will be \$12 each thus making it possible for families to participate. I originally planned to have this at the Cathedral Center, but after the wonderful experience at the Convention Center for our 175th, decided to move it there. We are the parish of the bayfront, and why not be on the bayfront?

Several of you have asked about the Christmas schedule so that you can make plans. We will have a Christmas Eve 4:30 PM Mass at St. Hedwig's and 5 PM and a 9 PM Masses at St. Patrick's. On Christmas Day, we will have a 9 AM Mass at St. Hedwig's and a 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's. Remember that the Christmas Eve 5 PM Mass at St. Patrick's will be our first time back in the church, and will probably be packed to the rafters. We will have full choir, trumpets, kettle drums and pipe organ for that Mass as we return from our Babylonian Exile in the Cauley Center. At our Irish Festival this past September, we raffled a reserved pew for 8 for that Mass and that was won by the Michael O'Connor family.

The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 and the entire week between Christmas and New Year's. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd. We will celebrate Mass on Sunday, December 23rd in the Cauley for the last time and that afternoon the church can be decorated for Christmas and Grise Audio is going to come and move the sound system from the Cauley back into the church.

After the first of the year, we plan to start cleaning the marble altars and I'm hoping that there will be volunteers to help with that.

The scaffolding up under the dome and the entire scaffolding in the sanctuary will begin to come down on Monday. By clearing the sanctuary area, the company laying the new marble floor in the sanctuary can get started. It will take them almost 3 weeks to lay that floor. Then the side scaffolding comes down which will allow us to clean the Stations, put the side rows of pews back in and carpet the two side aisles. Once the center section of scaffolding comes down, we can return the rest of the pews and carpet the center aisle.

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

And then we should be ready to go. We are having 4 more pews made for the back of the church. We have had to put chairs in that area because of the size of the crowds we have been having, but we are now going to put matching pews back there.

I'm grateful to the Conrad Schmitt Studio for sending in an extra large crew to work on the church so that we can be finished in time. They tell me a normal crew is 5—7 people and they have had 13 working here. The painting is completed, scaffolding is coming down and it's like watching the unfolding of a masterful piece of art. You can also easily see how easy it would have been to make the gaudy. There is so much decorative detail that the artists took great care in not overdoing it. I know you're going to be thrilled when you see the finished product.

Next June, I want to take a Wed., 5-7 PM, as an Open House for all of the priests of the diocese to come and see the church and then come into the rectory for a light supper and drinks. The following Wednesday we're going to do the same thing and invite the Sisters of St. Joseph as our guests.

Next June, July and August, I am going to add an 8 AM Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's and see what the response is to that. Many people tell me they would prefer an earlier Mass in the summer so that they can enjoy the day, so we'll give it a try. It will be a Mass without any music because my time is limited. I then have to be at St. Hedwig's for a 9 AM Mass and then back to St. Patrick's for the 10:30 Mass.

It was Palm Sunday but because of a bad cold, four year old Jeremy stayed home from church with a baby sitter. When the family returned from Mass, they were carrying palm fronds. Jeremy asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know," said Jeremy, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

A few bulletin bloopers. "The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement today." "The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir." The sign on the Southern Heights Baptist Church read "Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!"

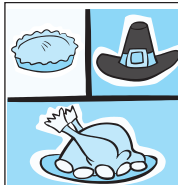
CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR

PARENTS & KIDS #8: Online Safety Tips for Parents & Kids #8: CyberTipline Fights Internet Crimes against Children - The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other government agencies all work together to fight Internet crimes against children. They've established a "CyberTipline," a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. Reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week - online at www.cybertipline.com or by calling (800) 843-5678. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out <http://www.eriercd.org/protectyouth>.



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 Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,171.63 and \$1,434.00 for the victims of Hurricane Sandy**. 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Maria Alfaya, wife, mother, grandmother** from Bill and Betty Filipkowski; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Donald Pastore** from Mr. & Mrs. Donald Pastore.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, 24, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Jay Habas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Carol Habas,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Patty Abbato, Stella Abbato

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, 25, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Mary McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Golab, Mike Vehec,
Arlene Barlekoff

Greeters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Leah Taccone, Andrew Wilcox

Ushers: Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan,

Randy Pristello, Tom Welch

Offertory Counters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner,
Mary Duncan

CHRISTMAS AT THE FOOD

PANTRY: 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. Thanks for your help!



THE SR. MARY PASCAL GRAY FOOD PANTRY

recently received a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections thanking them for partnering with them to ensure that truly indigent individuals at the Corrections Center do not go for days without eating. The Correction Center houses men who are returning to the community from correctional facilities and they have little or no money to buy food. The St. Patrick's food pantry has helped to provide them with the basics: peanut butter & jelly, cans of ravioli & beef stew, juice, macaroni and cheese. In return the men volunteer at the food pantry and have proven to be an enormous help.

Emergycare 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.



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.



A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Daniel 12:1-3

Reading II: Psalm 16:5-11
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32



Being able to figure it out is highly valued in our culture. We want to manage everything. Many have even tried to determine when the end times were coming. This year the Mayan calendar predicts the end will come on 12/12/12. But Jesus' focus in today's Gospel passage is very different. He says that it's not important to know when or how. He points to a FIG tree, and says "Learn a Lesson". The budding fig tree is a sign of spring. Reading the signs of the times—of the seasons—is what is important. It's about hopeful watching, not about figuring out when or how. How attentive are you to God's movements in your daily life? Where do you find hope that God is working through you?



Saint Hedwig News



Happy Thanksgiving

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **All Souls**, Our Lady's Shrine burns for **Harry Niewolak** requested by his wife Charlotte and St. Joseph Shrine burns in loving memory of **Richard Dombkowski** requested by Charlotte Niewolak. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$887.00** and **\$410.00** for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Thank you and God bless.

Additional All Souls Memorials

In memory of deceased loved ones:

John J. & Gert Balcerzak, John F. & Alois Balcerzak, Robert A. Belczyk, Dorothy Witkowski requested by Mrs. Evelyn Belczyk....**Robert A. Belczyk (Dad), Peter Nyari (Friend)** requested by Sandra Belczyk....**Mielnik families, Pawlak families** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mielnik....**Deceased Parents and Relatives, Deceased friends** requested by Theresa Paluh....**M. & M.E. Respecki, "Red" Respecki, Gert Crynock, Mary M. Walczak** requested by Delphine Trambly.... **Deceased family members** requested by Anthony Wernicki.

Rosary Society Bake Sale Update

The Rosary Society would like to thank all the ladies and men of the parish who baked, worked, donated or provided in any way to the Election Day bake sale. They made an amazing **\$1,602.00**. We appreciate all your hard work.

Winners of the bake raffle were Gemma Nowosielski and John Gorski.

St. Hedwig Christmas Party

St. Hedwig Rosary Society will hold their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2 at the Polish Falcons Club from 1 until 5pm. All Rosary members have already received information concerning the party and we would like to extend the invitation to all our parishioners and friends from St. Hedwig and St. Patrick to join us for this fun-filled afternoon. It is sure to set the mood for a wonderful Christmas season beginning with a lot of great prizes, Christmas spirit, delicious food and pleasant company. Admission is only \$7.00 and includes a delicious buffet. We must have reservations by **November 26** so enough food can be prepared. Call Dolly Bargielski at 825-3856 for more information. Tickets will be sold before and after Mass this weekend November 17/18 and the weekend of November 24/25. **No tickets** will be sold at the door. We will also accept member dues and raffle ticket returns.

We will also be selling tickets for our Special Raffle which is a **Wreath of Gift Cards** totaling \$355.00: 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 Bread (\$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 on December 2.

Reflection

As a man lives, so he dies. Holy Scripture says: "As the tree falls, so shall it lie" (Eccl. 11:3). We should often recall the thought of death and eternity so that we may avoid sin. "In all thy works remember thy last end, and thou shalt never sin" (Ecclus. 7:40). Those who put off reforming their lives in the hope of a death-bed repentance are like a traveler who starts packing when the train whistles for departure.

Pray the Rosary Daily



Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>November 24</u>	<u>November 25</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Ron Helminski	Art Blum
Eucharist	Ron Helminski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Usher needed	Dan Jarzomski
	Richard Mielnik	Don Moehler
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

The market will be held on Friday, Dec. 21 from 4-7 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 22 from 3-6 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Social Center, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA. Supplies will be limited during the market. Order in advance to ensure you get all your Christmas favorites. We will be accepting pre-orders on Thurs., Nov. 8 through Mon., Dec. 3. Items include: cookies, chrusciki, nutroll, oplatki (blessed), sweet bread and pierogies. Order forms can be found at www.holytrinityrc.org. Fax your order to (814) 461-1150, call your order in at (814) 456-0671 or mail your order to Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA 16503.

PALS Support Group

PALS Support Group (People After Loss from Suicide) is a grief support group that offers encouragement and education to all who suffer from the loss of a loved one by suicide. PALS meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday from 7 pm to 9 pm at St. Marks Catholic Center, 429 East Grandview Blvd. in Erie in the Bishop Michael J. Murphy Conference Room (entrance located in the back of the building on the west side. For more information contact the Catholic Charities Office at 814/824-1250. Our next session is Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

Women's Retreat

Lord, I do have faith; help the little faith I have! Mark 9:24

Retreat will be held at St. Columban Center, Derby, NY from Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, Feb. 24 at noon. Cost is \$120 which includes meals and private room. Mass will be said on Saturday and Sunday, adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Personal Reflection/Prayer and Spiritual Direction are part of this special retreat. Car pooling is available. Deposit of \$25 due with registration. This retreat is a unique opportunity during this Lenten Season to receive inspiration, strength and courage for your spiritual journey. Send registration to : Sr. Josephine Vuodi, FSO, 5145 Peach St., Erie, PA 16509, email sr.josephine@stgeorgeerie.org or call (814) 864-0622.



LITURGY INTENTIONS**Nov. 17 Saturday, Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**4:30 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

Nov. 19 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM HEDWIG LYNCH (TOY FAMILY)

Nov. 20 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Nov. 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary8:00 AM ELEANOR CHIMENTI, ANNIV.
(CARL & ALICE CARLOTTI)**Nov. 22 Thursday, St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**8:00 AM **THANKSGIVING DAY - NO MASS****Nov. 23 Friday, St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;**
*St. Columban, Abbot;**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr*8:00 AM **NO MASS****Nov. 24 Saturday, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe**4:30 PM FRANK OLSZEWSKI - ST.H
(POLISH FALCONS NEST 610)5:00 PM CECILIA J. MESSINA & PAUL A. MESSINA,
ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P**Nov. 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

9:00 AM HELEN RYCHEL (MARIE TROMBETTA) - ST.H

10:30 AM CHRISTOPHER GENCK - ST.P
(MR. & MRS. DAVE JONES)**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**11/17** 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

11/20 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**11/21** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR**11/22 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed****11/23 Office Closed****11/24** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BISHOP LAWRENCE PERSICO for attending the *Family Faith Fair* Saturday, November 3rd! Bishop Persico met and talked with families from our East side parishes Saturday and enjoyed over 40 exhibits submitted by our families. Each family was asked to chose a Saint to display and how they could model their lives on during this **Year of Faith**. Light refreshments were served and everyone was grateful to personally meet our new bishop. Pictures of this event can be found on the facebook page of www.eastsidecatholicffm.org.

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS IN NOVEMBER are as follows: **Kdg – Gr 6: Nov. 18th; Jr & Sr High, Confirmation: Nov 18th**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING**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

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