

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

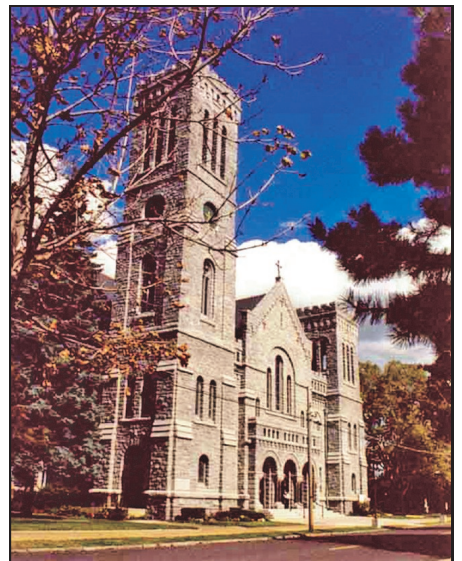
Holy Day

Saint Patrick 12:05 PM

CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before each Saturday

Evening Mass or by appointment



Saint Hedwig Parish

Established 1910

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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 last Sunday of the church year and it is always celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King. We read first from Second Samuel with a gathering of the Israelites at Hebron to recall that the Lord appointed David as their king. For some reason the church doesn't include the full reading where we hear the Lord promise to raise up an heir to David when he rests with his ancestors. In that section the prophet Nathan says that the Lord will be like a father to this heir and he will be like a son to him. Christians see Jesus as the fulfillment of this messianic prophecy.

Our second reading is the *Christ Hymn*, perhaps the best known passage in Colossians. This same reading was proclaimed on the fifteenth Sunday of the year. This ancient liturgical hymn has two sections. The first describes Christ's role in creation. He is the firstborn of creation on the basis of his Resurrection from the dead. Everything in heaven and on earth was created in him. The second part of the hymn details Christ's redemptive role. Phrases from the first part are repeated in order to emphasize Christ's relationship to the created world. There is also a statement of Christ's relationship to the Church which, for the first time in the New Testament, identifies him as the head of the church

"The people stood by and watched." This Lucan observation occurs in the first half of verse 35 but it is omitted today. Its importance lies in the fact that it contrasts the people's reaction to that of the rulers, soldiers, etc. who mock Jesus. The people have yet to voice a judgment about Jesus' identity while the negative statements of those who jeer at Jesus all contain a Christological confession. Jesus is the "Christ of God," "the King of the Jews." Yet it is one of the criminals, the one referred to as the "good thief," who offers the gospel's final confession when he calls Jesus by name. The scene with the good thief is unique to Luke and consistent with his emphasis on Jesus as the forgiving Savior who reaches out to embrace sinners. Our gospel passage closes with Jesus responding to the good thief and telling him that "today" he is in paradise. For Luke, paradise is neither a reality apart from Jesus nor completely something that occurs in the future. In Paradise we will live forever with Jesus; our paradise begins today.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of our new church year. As we begin Advent, we will meet John the Baptist whose parents were Elizabeth (cousin to Mary) and Zechariah, who was one of about 18,000 Jewish priests in Palestine at the time of Jesus. They were divided into 24 groups of 750 each. Twice a year, each group came to the temple in Jerusalem to serve for a week. Their roles were chosen by lot. Each morning, four lots were cast to decide who would carry out the four tasks at the altar. In the afternoon, a fifth lot was cast to determine who would enter the Holy Place to offer evening incense. This privilege usually came only once in a lifetime. This was how Zechariah was chosen and it was at this moment that the angel appeared to him to announce the birth of John.

The name "Elizabeth" was not a common name in Jewish culture. The only person known by that name was the wife of Aaron. The Hebrew word "El" means "God;" the name Elizabeth means "God is the fullness." As a descendent of Aaron, Elizabeth was of the priestly class. This means that any of her sons would be eligible to serve as a priest in the temple.

It is only Luke who tells us about Elizabeth and Zechariah. The other three gospels do not mention them. Most scholars feel Luke either knew Mary or knew someone who had known her because it is only from Luke that we get all of these stories about Mary and her family.

Congratulations to Kate Charlotte Musone, daughter of Michael and Sara Lindgren Musone who will be baptized following the 10:30 AM Mass today.

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please note that there is no 8 AM Mass either day.

Our neighbors at the Russian Church have a Social Center which they are going to open from Dec. 18-Jan. 2 and Feb. 12-23 for homeless people to have shelter during the cold winter nites. Volunteers are needed to make/serve meals each nite for about 40 people and to take shifts overseeing the shelter from 7-11 PM, 11- 3 AM and 3-7 AM each nite. They have asked me if we would like to join with them in helping provide

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

volunteers for any of this. They will host a training session before the times involved. Bishop Persico has written pastors asking if we have a facility we can open to help people, and we do not, but here is an excellent opportunity to serve the most vulnerable of God's people. If at all interested, contact Daria Devlin at 460-5387 or daria@churchofthenativity.net.

"In ideologies there is not Jesus and when a Christian becomes a disciple of ideology, he has lost the faith: he is no longer a disciple of Jesus, he is a disciple of this attitude of thought. We cannot interpret the Church's teachings as a way of life that is a moralistic, caustic ideology. Those who do so have a serious illness. Those who use such word games attempt to negate greater truths or exclude anyone from the light of the Church." *Pope Francis homily at Mass 10.17/13*

If you are planning on college, think of Gannon University. Diocesan high school grants are available in the amount of \$1,500 for anyone who graduates from one of our Catholic high schools. In addition, there are educational grants for new full-time undergraduate adults and/or transfer students who are active members of a parish in the Diocese of Erie.

We are starting a new ministry to bring some meals in for new parents once they come home from the hospital. It would involve fixing and delivering a simple dinner. We would do this for the first few nights to give them a break. If interested, contact Abby Lechner at 456-6287 or e-mail her at Abigail.Lechner@gmail.com

Seven year old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in religion class that day. "Well, mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcement. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" she asked. "Well, no, mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it."

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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Alyce Bortz** requested by Helen Domrowski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Peter Joseph Dubowski** requested by the Dubowski family and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Wanda Donikowski** requested by St. Hedwig Rosary Society. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$946.00**. Thank you and God bless.

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. Admission is only \$7.00 and includes a delicious buffet. We must have reservations by November 25. Tickets will be sold this weekend November 23/24. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more info call Dolly Bargielski at 825-3856.

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.



Value of gift cards:

Giant Eagle (\$100.00), Longhorn Steakhouse (\$50.00), Walmart (\$50.00), Citgo gas/Country Fair (\$30.00), Christmas Tree Shop (\$25.00), Olive Garden (\$25.00), Red Lobster (\$25.00), Bob Evans (25.00), Wegman's (25.00), Peebles (\$20.00), Little Caesar's (15.00), Cracker Barrel (\$15.00), Starbucks (\$15.00), PA Wine & Spirits (\$10.00), Tim Horton's (\$10.00), Chick -Fil-A (\$10.00).

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>November 30</u>	<u>December 1</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Peter Pentz
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Art Blum
(December)	Michele Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie



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Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,231.16** and **\$678.00** for online giving for a total of **\$6,909.16**; and **\$151.00** for Human Development. 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Josephine Alecci** from Sandy & Jeff Corchade; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson, Bud Johnson** from Becky & Gary Johnson; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Rose & Paul Kulich** from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske, in memory of **Clarence & Lucille Peterson** from Dr. & Mrs. Leo Fitzgibbon, in memory of **Deceased Members of the Biebel Family** from Mildred & Robert Biebel, in memory of **Susan Mae Gerard** from Barbara Gingenbach, in memory of **Rosemary Cambell** from Jill & Joe Blaga -Waltz also donations from Barbara & John Retinger, Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Kathleen & Eugene Polaski and Dr. & Mrs. William Brereton.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Carolyn Power, Lynne Long, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

Ushers: *Chris Lampe, Rob Oliveri, Phil Rewers*

Sunday, December 1, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Kearney*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Michele Wheaton, Kathleen Pae, Tim Scully*

Greeters: *Charla Leemhuis, Norann Brugger*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales, Logan Kearney*

Ushers: *Dave Taccone, Tom Welch, Jim Wehan, Paul Balczun*

Offertory Counters: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Torrey, Susan Merski, Mary Frick*

The cup will not be offered during flu season.

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**

Kate Charlotte Musone daughter of Michael and Sara Musone who will be baptized after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

The Food Pantry Toy

Drive is underway. Becky Johnson and Irene Nemergut, who are acting as Santas Helpers, are requesting donations for boys and girls ages 1 year thru 9 years old. Price range \$5 to \$10 and no clothes, please. No need to wrap the gifts as they need to match them to the clients. There will be a box for collection near Mary's altar. Thank you for any donations you can give contribute.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—CODE OF CONDUCT:

The Diocese is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The privilege is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct, which can be accessed at <http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/codeofconduct.pdf>. The code is included in the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <http://www.eriercd.org/pdf/policyabuse.pdf>. For more information, contact Mrs. Karen Street, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1222,

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: 2 Sam 5:1-3

Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



Christ the King—On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are confronted with sharply contrasting images: Jesus as King, and Jesus hanging on the cross. In spite of his suffering, Jesus is still able to love. We see his integrity, how freedom, and his ultimate power expressed in an act of love and service. The gift of himself is what it is all about. He is Servant King. How do you keep your core values intact in the face of adversity?

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Nov. 23** *Saturday, Vigil: Feast of Christ the King*
 4:30 PM CHET LONCKI (JIM & NANCY GRIFFEY) - ST.H
 5:00 PM GERTRUDE MUNCH (CLOYD & RITA ROSE)-ST.P
- Nov. 24** *Feast of Christ the King*
 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
- Nov. 25** *Monday, Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*
 8:00 AM COMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 26** *Tuesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM RITA POL (RUTH NIEDZWIECKI)
- Nov. 27** *Wednesday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM BERTHA MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (FAMILY)
- Nov. 28** *Thursday, Thanksgiving Day*
 8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 29** *Friday, Weekday*
 8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 30** *Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent*
 4:30 PM SOPHIE KOWALEWSKI (EDDIE EBERT) - ST.H
 5:00 PM RICHARD JOHN ECCER (FAMILY) - ST.P
- Dec. 1** *First Sunday of Advent*
 8:00 AM AURELIA "IRISH" ARDERY - ST.P
 (JOHN & IRENE ABBATE)
 9:00 AM FRANK CHESNY (TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.H
 10:30 AM JAMES & NORMA MAHONEY -ST.P
 (PAUL & ANNE CAUSGROVE)

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
- 11/23** 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P
- 11/24** Knights & Ladies Mtg. after 10:30 Mass-
 Erie Maennerchor Club
- 11/24** NO K-GRADE 6 REL. ED
 1:00 PM Rel. Ed Grades 7-10 - Holy Rosary
 1:00 pm Confirmation Session - Holy Rosary
- 11/26** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 11/27** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 11/30** 3:30 PM Confessions - ST.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - ST.P
- 12/01** NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS in November are as follows:

NO sessions for K – Gr 6 because of the *Catechist Inservice* in the morning, **Nov. 24th.**

Students in Jr and Sr High will have their sessions from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Nov. 10, 17th AND 24th.**

For more information visit our web-site at:
<http://eastsidecatholicffm.org/>

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**
☐ Saint Hedwig

☐ Saint Patrick

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STREET: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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New Registration

Change of Address

Moving

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