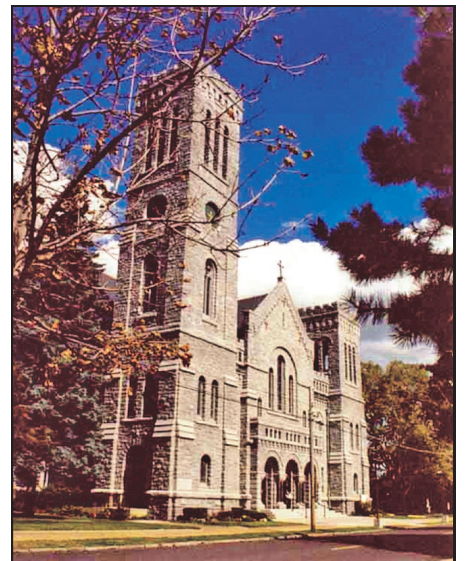


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 Feast of Christ the King which is always celebrated on the last Sunday of the church year. Next Sunday, the priest will be dressed in violet as we begin our four weeks of Advent in anticipation of Christmas.

Our first reading today is from Daniel and recounts a vision he has in his sleep which deeply frightens him. He sees four beasts symbolizing this world who are opposed to God but he also sees a "Son of Man" coming to save us. That term will later be used to describe the earthly Jesus. Unfortunately, we come into this story in the middle of it and we've not heard the rest of Daniel's vision.

Our second reading is from the Book of Revelation, a very complex book written by John in a cave on one of the Greek islands. Yet today we can visit the monastery there and go into the actual cave where he wrote this book. Like the Book of Daniel, Revelations is written by a visionary to bring comfort to believers during a time of persecution. These opening verses exalt Christ as one who has formed us into his people and whom he will sustain with his love.

Our Gospel comes from John and is an excerpt from the Passion narrative of John where Christ and Pilate are sparring. John is the most detailed of the gospel authors about this exchange. What is important to grasp is that Jesus is describing his kingdom in other worldly terms and that Jesus, not Pilate, attests to the truth. Pilate wants Jesus to make a definitive statement one way or the other so that he can convict or exonerate him, but Jesus fails to cooperate. He knows his fate and is not trying to avoid it. When Pilate asks him if he is a king, Jesus replies by saying, "You say that I am a king."

It is just four more weeks until we return to St. Patrick's Church. The scaffolding is starting to come down in the sanctuary which will allow the people from South One Supply to start laying the new marble floor in the sanctuary. Then the scaffolding along the east and west walls will come down and, some volunteers, under the direction of Jeff Rouse, can begin cleaning the Stations.. Though they are tightly wrapped, I'm sure the plaster dust has seeped in — it seems to have gone everywhere in the building. It's now possible to see more and more of the finished product,

You are going to be thrilled when you see it. I stand in there sometimes and get teary because it is simply so beautiful and elegant. Just imagine what your generosity has done to preserve this beautiful building for future generations. St. Patrick's belongs not just to us, but to the entire city as it is one of the city's most noteworthy landmarks, and we have now secured it for future generations.

Since we are a bit ahead of schedule with the work in the church, we are hoping against hope that we might be able to move into the church on Friday, December 21 and celebrate our weekend Masses of Dec. 22 & 23 in the church. If we can do this, it's going to make the transition much easier. The sound system that we are using in the Cauley has to be reinstalled in church, etc. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope that we can do this.

The new marble flooring for the sanctuary is now being laid and will take a little more than 2 weeks. Most of the pews have been restored and the new cushions added, and the chairs for the sanctuary are being reupholstered to match the cushions on the pews. Those pews will start to be reinstalled in the church within the next week. And, finally, the carpeting for the aisles will be laid, and we should be ready to go.

I think what amazes me the most with the building is the new lighting. It is just incredible. In the past, the lighting was here and there. It was low in one spot, and bright in another and now it is so evenly distributed that it really highlights the architectural beauty of the building.

The roof replacement on the side gables should be almost finished by now. I was surprised how badly deteriorated those areas where. They have been patched for years and years, and it's obvious that they needed to be completely replaced. No sense in doing the interior and not getting the exterior right.

The new lighting for the Stations of the Cross will really highlight them for the very first time. Good lighting couldn't get close to them because of the heat of the lights and the potential damage it could do to the statues. But now, the LED lighting there is no heat and so concentrated lighting can

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

The St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed 18,922 pounds of food during the month of September at a cost to the parish of \$812.61. A total of 767 families received food that month. A special thank you to those of you who donate to help us make this project possible.

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in all churches the weekend of December 8 & 9. These women have served our parishes and our schools for over a hundred years with no compensation and now face old age with no Social Security and little money to care for them. Last year, the faithful of our diocese contributed \$167,1122 to the collection and when the national funds were distributed, our women religious received a combined total of \$194,190. Contributions to the 2011 appeal totaled \$27.4 million, with \$26 million of that being distributed to religious communities.

We have a confusing weekend coming up on December 8 & 9. Usually when a holyday falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed, but the American bishops voted to keep the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 8, as a holyday. Thus, we will have a Mass at St. Hedwig's on Friday evening at 5:30 and a Mass at St. Patrick's on Saturday at 12:05 PM.

Next week we begin the season of Advent as our four weeks of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Church bulletin bloopers: "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community." "This afternoon services will be held at the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends."

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who just passed away. At the end, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!!!"



Saint Patrick News

Parish Stewardship: We had an early deadline for the bulletin because of Thanksgiving so we will report the offertory for the week-end of 11/24 - 11/25 in next week's bulletin.

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** does not have a sponsor this week. The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Henry Ratajczak** from Annette Ratajczak.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Mary Pat Schlaudecker

Eucharistic Ministers: Jay Habas, Carol Habas,
Kay Mannino

Greeters: Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: **NEEDED**

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: Dario Cipriani

Eucharistic Ministers: Forrest Mischler,
Charla Leemhuis, Audrey Reigel

Greeters: Chalra Leemhuis, Mary Alice Hartwell

Altar Servers: Brendan Jubulis, Ryan Jubulis

Ushers: John Maloney, John Purvis, Luke Purvis,
David Taccone

Offertory Counters: Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh,
Tim Donlin

The Lector books are available at the rectory.



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!



Saint Hedwig News



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Joseph Prochowski** requested by Irene & Ed Bukowski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Theodore Grabinski** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Joseph Borgia** on his birthday requested by Rose Niedzwiecki. Also remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing facilities and the homebound.

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Masses Requested for Rita Donikowski Clacher
Peter & Judy Pentz, Dr. Bernard Panek, Kathleen Mahoney, Damian & Laura Panek.

St. Hedwig Christmas Party sponsored by St. Hedwig Rosary Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party next Sunday, December 2 at the 3rd Street Polish Falcons from 1 until 5pm. 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. The Christmas Party would be a perfect time to join the Rosary Society. You do not have to be a member of St. Hedwig to join. Admission is only \$7.00 and includes a 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 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.

Wreath of Gift Cards Raffle

The gift cards total \$355.00.....

Olive Garden (\$25.00), Walmart (\$50.00), Applebee's (\$25.00), Panera Bread (\$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 2nd.



Oplatki - Christmas Wafers

Oplatki will be available before and after Mass during the month of December. Please contact Patti Mielnik at 456-6814 for more information.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Please return Christmas Flowers envelopes by Sunday, December 16th. This is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones during this Holy Season. The list of memorials will be published in our Christmas bulletin.

Heating Envelopes

You will notice that your envelopes for the offering to help defray heating costs are in the packet you receive. Thank you for your generosity.



Is it possible for me to see Jesus' Kingship at work in my life and personal experience?

Yes! By Jesus' obedience unto death (Cf. Philippians 2:8-9), He gave to you the **gift of royal freedom!** A clear sign of the Kingship of Christ and His rule in us is the experience of setting aside or denying ourselves any disordered (i.e., things not pleasing to

God) desires, urges, wishes, or drives by a deliberate desire on our part to possess Him, love Him, and serve Him. The clearest sign of His rule and the exercise of His Kingship in your personal life and experience is when you overcome the reign of sin within yourself. (CCC, no. 908; Lumen Gentium, no. 36).

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 2</u>
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Dolly Bargielski	Don Moehler
Eucharist	Dolly Bargielski	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Nancy Widomski	Art Blum
	Michelle Moskel	Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne	Charlotte Mabie
	Nowosielski	Amanda Juchno

Pray the Rosary

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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)

Nov. 26 Monday, Weekday

8:00 AM MARY LOU SPEICHER (JIM & KRIS LACEY)

Nov. 27 Tuesday, Weekday

8:00 AM WANDA DAMICO (THERESA JUCHNO)

Nov. 28 Wednesday, Weekday

8:00 AM HAROLD WEINZIERL (JOAN HAIR)

Nov. 29 Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS

Nov. 30 Friday, St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Dec. 01 Saturday, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM ANNA BUSZEK (J. & ANN YADESKI) - ST.H

5:00 PM SYLVESTER CARLOW, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
THE CARLOW FAMILY

Dec. 02 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM FRANK CHESNY (TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.H

10:30 AM JEANNE J. TUZNIK, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(HATTIE LYNCH)

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

11/24 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

11/27 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

11/28 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

7:00 PM RCIA - R

12/01 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

12/02 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

1:00 PM Rel. Ed. Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10 - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14

Reading II: Psalm 93:1-5
Revelation 1:5-8



Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Gravity is an influential force in the universe. It curves light and space; it holds and sustains the motion of planetary and stellar bodies in their orbital paths revolving around a common center. The reign of God is like gravity, but it is an even more influential force. It cannot be calculated by a mathematical formula, but it provides a celestial momentum all its own. It shapes the universe by pouring God's love in creation for redemption; it holds and sustains the many paths of people and races in the multiplicity of our complex lives. This is why Jesus says his kingdom is not of this world. It is an everlasting dominion; God's reign connects us to one another in the tides of charity and justice. Where do you see God's reign emerging in your family, parish, world?

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

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