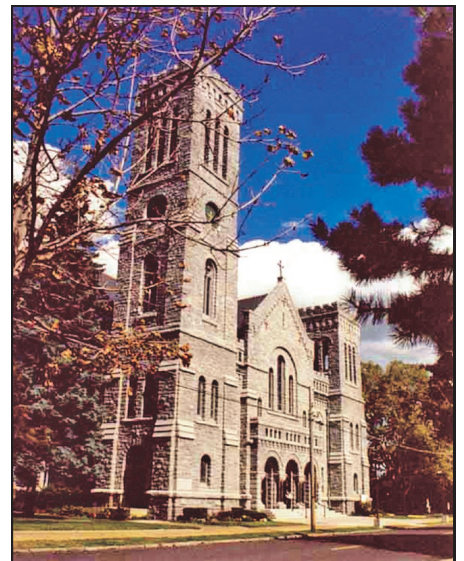


# *Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick*

*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 & 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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***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 the Holy Family and we hear first from the Book of Sirach, written about 150 years before the birth of Christ and then translated into Greek some fifty years later by the grandson of the original author.

The author, known as Jesus, son of Sirach, connects respect for parents with caring for them in their dotage. In today's world, elderly parents are often better cared for in facilities designed for that purpose; but in the ancient world, those elderly were part of the extended family structure. The author tells us that the deeper the relationship with parents, the deeper the relationship with God for God hears, forgives and blesses those who honor their parents.

In our excerpt from Paul's letter to the Colossians, we are reminded that the early church began in the homes of believers; therefore, the governance of the home was important not only for family peace but also for the welfare of the Christian community. The community at Colossae had been disrupted by teachings regarding the importance of angels, dietary regulations and other practices. These disruptions so threatened the community that they sought advice from the imprisoned Paul. His advice is not only clear but inspiring: nothing must compete with Christ as the source of our salvation. The life of a true Christian lies not in dietary disciplines but in uprooting the weeds of sin in our hearts. Paul urges us to put on virtues in the way we might put on our finest clothing. Paul offers three keys to unlock the treasure of a devout Christian life: love that bonds all the other virtues and perfects them; God's word, which we must take in like the rich food of a lavish banquet so it can nourish us; and community which teaches us and admonishes us.

The Feast of the Holy Family was instituted by Pope Leo XIII and became part of the church calendar in 1921 and is intended to remind families to imitate the family of Nazareth. In patterning family life on the family of Nazareth, each family becomes a domestic church consecrated to God. Being this is not about rituals or rules, but about doing what Joseph does in this gospel: making Jesus the center of family life. In Matthew's gospel we will frequently read of dreams, and dreams were intended to be God speaking to an individual. Matthew's allusions remind us

that God is only offering divine guidance that safeguards the Holy Family, but is also fulfilling Old Testament prophecy that the Messiah would come out of Egypt and be called a Nazorean.

The parish office is closed between Christmas and New Year's. We will reopen on Friday, January 3rd. This is always the slowest time of the year, and it gives the staff a break. I'm here the entire time, so if there is an emergency, you can call the office or call my private number at 454-4032.

New Year's Day is a holyday of obligation and our Masses will be a 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on December 31st at St. Hedwig's and a 9 AM Mass on New Year's Day at St. Patrick's. There will not be a 12:05 PM Mass on New Year's.

During the month of October, the St. Patrick's Food Pantry distributed 25,066 pounds of food to 968 families. Our usual distribution is to about 700-800 families, and you can see the sharp increase of people in need of help. Why? Because the government has cut back on food stamps for the needy. Why do the most vulnerable have to be the first to suffer? Total cost to the parish was \$1,134.01.

Someone asked me recently if a priest friend of theirs could preside at their wedding, and I hope all of you know that any priest is welcome here. If you have a particular priest you would like to perform your wedding, a family funeral, etc., please don't hesitate to schedule it that way. If a priest is coming from outside the diocese, they need a letter from their bishop to the bishop of Erie assuring that the particular priest has faculties to perform a sacrament. A priest of our own diocese does not need anything like that.

We have just renewed our contract with Vineyard Oil & Gas Company for our gas for St. Patrick's Church and rectory. I'm happy to tell you that our overall consumption continues to drop rather than rise. In 2007, for example, we consumed 2,270 burnertip Mcf. This past year we consumed only 1,984. You can imagine the costs of heating that enormous church as well as the rectory, but by keeping the thermostat at 55 degrees in the church during the week and using the weekday chapel for daily Mass, we save a great deal. The

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

consumption that I noted in 2007 would not have included the Cauley Auditorium as that would have come under a completely different billing. Along with the decrease in consumption, our base cost has also decreased from \$0.60 per dth to \$0.55 per dth.

Speaking of the Cauley Auditorium, I hope you have noticed the beautiful little park that Erie Insurance replaced it with. One of the 18,000 reasons why I'm looking forward to spring is to see that park in full bloom. Once again, we benefit from the presence of Erie Insurance in our neighborhood. You may have noticed that they are doing a great deal of work in the former Armory at East 6th and Parade. They have torn down an old motel next to it and have demolished a squalid house on the northeast corner of that intersection. They hope to construct upscale brick town houses on that corner.

"A threat takes place in the church in which all appears to proceed normally, while in reality faith is wearing down and degenerating into small-mindedness. A tomb psychology develops and slowly transforms Christians into mummies living in a museum." *Pope Francis in his new encyclical The Joy of the Gospel.*

The Indians asked their Chief in autumn if the winter was going to be cold or not. Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold with lots of snow and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared. He then went off alone and using his cell phone called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter going to be cold?" The man on the phone replied, "It's going to be very cold indeed." So the chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a cold winter?" "Yes," the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter. So the chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find. Two weeks later, he calls the National Weather Service again: "Are you absolutely sure it's going to be a very cold winter?" he asks. "Absolutely," the man replied, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy."

## Saint Hedwig News



*As we stand on the cusp of this new year of grace, we can be certain that just as the Lord has accompanied us in the old year, so also His love and goodness will be with us as we journey through the new one.*

*Zyczmyi Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!  
Happy New Year!*



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of his loving father **Robbie Robison** requested by Russell Robison Jr., Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Walter & Anna Schwartz** requested by Dan & Charlotte Andersen and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Albert "Micky" Mabie** requested by his wife Charlotte and family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Because of early deadlines for the bulletins, our offertory for the weekend of December 21/22 and December 28/29 and January 4/5 will be listed in the bulletin of January 12th. Thank you and God bless.

### Ministry Schedule

#### **December 31 - 5:30pm**

##### **New Year's Eve**

Reader	Dave Widomski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski
Altar Servers	Portia & Yvonne Nowosielski

#### **Jan. 4 4:30pm**

Reader	Ron Rossi
Eucharist	Charlotte Mabie
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski

#### **Jan. 5 9:00am**

Barb Juchno
Tom Zielinski
Nick Hayes
Tom Zielinski
Sharon Zielinski

### **Prayer & Praise 4 Life**

Get spiritually fired-up for the Erie March for Life - January 11, 2014 at 9:30am, Gannon's Mary Seat of Wisdom Chapel, 512 Peach Street, Erie. This powerful morning will include Praise & Worship, Eucharistic Adoration, a Culture of Life challenge by Fr. Michael Kesicki. Afterward, enjoy hot cocoa and donuts before braving the cold for the Erie March for Life which will begin at 11am in Perry Square (a short walk from the Chapel).

*Pray the Rosary Daily*





# Saint Patrick News



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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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Bill & Margaret Scully and Neil Torrance** from Jeanne Scully Torrance; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care & Concern Society** The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **John & Barb Jacquell, George Zack, & Gary King** from Mrs. Phyllis Zack; in memory of **Deceased Family Members** from Roberta & Robert Vitron; in memory of **Audrey Welther Twiss** from Mrs. Yvonne Gersims; in memory of **James Pace, Sr.** from Carolyn & William Power; in memory of **Trish** from Jeff Hardner; in memory of **Matthew Niebauer** from Alice & Kenneth Daub also donations from Lynda & Thomas J. Cook, Deborah & Eric Enzbrenner, Roselle & Stan Walkiewski, Margo & James Kuhn, Barbara & Mark Sargent, Dr. Carla Orlando & Laith Wardi, Rev. Leon Muroski and Dr. & Mrs. Forrest Mischler.

## Ministry Schedule

**Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 9:00 am**

Lector: Chris Sanner

Eucharistic Minister: Forrest Mischler

**Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm**

Lector: Bill Power

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Sertz, Carolyn Power  
Carol Habas

Greeters: Tom & Linda Brunner

Altar Servers: Caroline Power

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri, Phil Rewers

**Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Lector: Michele Wheaton

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Pae, Tim Scully,  
Michelle Tortorelli

Greeters: Arlene Miller, Tim Donlin

Altar Servers: Alex Wheaton

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

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



Let us **WELCOME**  
Michael Alan Bauman son of  
Doug and Anne Bauman who  
will be baptized after the  
10:30 AM Liturgy.

## Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

**In Memory of:** Stella Lubomski, Stanley Lubomski,  
Pearl Ras, Jerry Ras; **From:** Patricia Villella

**In Memory of:** Great Grandma Irene Delinski  
Spaulding; **From:** John, Jakob, Dakota, Leah, Kara,  
Eli, Omi, Ian, Kiersten & Kayla

Grandma Irene Delinski Spaulding; **From:**  
Michelle, Michael, Christine, Janet, Kevin, Matt,  
Annie, Jenny, Jason & Jesse

Mom: Irene Delinski Spaulding; **From:** Kathy,  
Jarja, Brenda, Jimmy

Wife & Friend: Irene Spaulding **From:** Ed & Peggy  
Spaulding

God Mother: Irene Delinski Spaulding **From:** Gail  
Smith

# WELCOME

## ST. PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Laura Chandley, James & Sandra Foster, Kathleen McCurdy, Christa Blose, Mary Styn, Phillip & Christina Katen, Lauren Rewers, Jenida Rollie, David & Lynn Little, Kathryn Wawrzyniak, Hannah Kirby, Thomas & Mary Lyons, Marc Marasco, Elaine Resler, Kevin & Margaret Cohick, Steven & Debra Emch, Jim & Bridget Stevenson.

*Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhíbh!*

Celtic - Happy New Year!

## 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.



**LITURGY INTENTIONS****Dec. 28** *Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph*

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (IRENE &amp; FAMILY) - ST.H

5:00 PM RICHARD ALLAN PURCELL - ST.P  
(JOHN PURCELL)**Dec. 29** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8:00 AM GARY A. KING (MARY SHCHOUCHKOFF) - ST.P

9:00 AM PETER JOSEPH DUBOWSKI - ST.H  
(JEANETTE BOROWY)

10:30 AM JOSEPH MESSINA, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.P

**Dec. 30** *Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Dec. 31** *Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

5:30 PM FRANCES PAT TROJANOWSKI - ST. HEDWIG  
ROSARY SOCIETY - ST. H**Jan. 1** *Wednesday, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord*

9:00 AM JOSEPH, ROSE, LEN, JO ALECCI (FAMILY) - ST. P

**Jan. 2** *Thursday, Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

8:00 AM NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

**Jan. 3** *Friday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY &amp; FRIENDS)

**Jan. 4** *Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:30 PM ST. HEDWIG ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS - ST.H

5:00 PM SANDRA & JOSEPH O'HARA - ST.P  
(FRANK & CAROL VONA)**Jan. 5** *The Epiphany of the Lord*8:00 AM JAMES L. MCCARTHY (ANNIV. OF DEATH) - ST.P  
(WIFE, MARY)

9:00 AM MARY ALICE MADONIA (JUCHNO FAMILY)-ST.H

10:30 AM RON ANGELOTTI, ANNIV. - ST.P  
(ANGELOTTI FAMILY)**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

**12/28** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**12/29** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**01/03** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR**01/04** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

**01/05** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed K-Grade 6 - Holy Rosary

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

**FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS WILL RESUME:****Sunday, January 5, 2014 for:**

Kdg - Grade 6 and Grades 7 - 10

**Sunday, January 12, 2014 for:** Confirmation  
Candidates***A Moment of Reflection***

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23



This week we consider the Family of Nazareth and we reflect on the challenges they and we face in family life. We tend to think of the Holy Family as the model family. But we have evidence from the Gospels that they faced difficulties and challenges. They began a journey to an unknown land, there to begin as a migrant family in search of employment, housing, security. Sound familiar? Life for the Holy Family was more difficult than for many a family history. Who or what holds your family together?

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**
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Saint Hedwig

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Saint Patrick

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Registration

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Want Envelopes

**PLEASE DROP THIS INFORMATION INTO Offertory Basket or mail to Rectory**