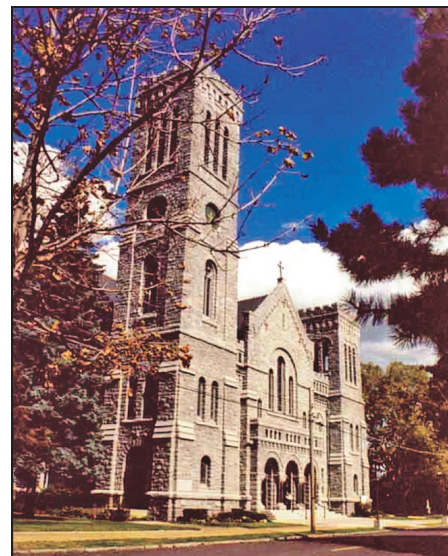
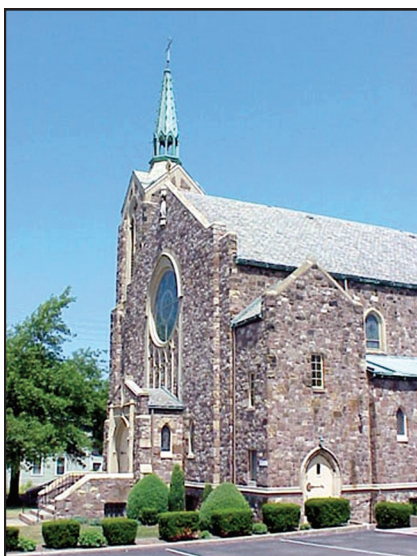


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

Sister parishes serving the East Bay Front of Erie

Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel

Pastor



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**



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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 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear from Jeremiah in our first reading. In the first part of the reading we learn that God knew Jeremiah even before he was in the womb and that he was called to be a

prophet. The reading then skips to a later section of dialogue between God and Jeremiah. What is omitted is Jeremiah's objection that he is too young and doesn't know how to speak. God dismisses his objection and tells him not to be afraid. God then touches his mouth and Jeremiah has two visions: first he sees the branch of an almond tree also known as a watching tree. This vision signifies that the Lord will be watching out for Jeremiah. The next vision is a boiling caldron appearing from the north, the direction from which an invasion of Judah will take place and the invaders will destroy the country because of her idolatry. The reading then picks up with God telling Jeremiah to be unwavering in his commitment to bring God's word to his people.

Then from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians we hear the beautiful chapters 12 and 13 on love. This beautiful passage is often read at weddings and capsulizes the meaning of love in a poetic and moving way. Listen carefully as it is proclaimed.

Finally, our gospel excerpt from Luke shows us that Jesus, like Jeremiah in the first reading, would face resistance and mainly from his hometown of Nazareth. The reading begins by repeating the final words of last Sunday's gospel. Initially the people are open to him, but then they begin to question him about his family, etc. As Jesus dialogues with them he warns them that he will bring God's mercy to others and not to them. He cites Old Testament incidents where the same thing happened. At this the crowd is filled with fury but the passage ends with hope in the promise that God's mercy will be given to believers and non-believers, whether his audience likes it or not.

We are just ten days away from Lent. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 8 AM and 12:05 PM at St. Patrick's and at 5:30 PM at St. Hedwig's. There is no Vigil Mass on Ash Wednesday. I will distribute ashes after all Masses, but I will also be in St. Patrick's from 11:35 on Ash Wednesday

to distribute ashes if people are on their lunch hour and can come to church. I will have to stop with the distribution a little after noon so that I can celebrate the Mass. I will again distribute ashes after the 12:05 Mass.

An interesting new study from the Pew Institute reveals that fewer young men in the US want to get married than ever before, while the desire for marriage is rising among women. The number of women 18-34 saying that having a successful marriage is one of the most important things in life rose from 28% to 37% since 1997. However, the number of young men saying the same thing dropped from 35% to 29% in the same time. The report notes that, for the first time in history, the number of women in the workforce outnumbers men and that more women than men are acquiring university degrees.

Commentators on the study say that this new phenomenon has changed the dance between men and women. With feminism pushing them out of their traditional role of breadwinner, protector and provider, and divorce laws increasingly creating a dangerously precarious financial prospect for the men cut loose from marriage, men are simply no longer finding benefit in it.

The study also reveals that since 1960 the number of married adults in the US has decreased from 72% to 51% today and the number of new marriages in the US declined by five percent between 2009 and 2010. Moreover, the median age at first marriage continues to rise with women getting married the first time at 26.5 years and men at 28.7. In 1960, 59 percent of couples ages 18 to 29 were married. Today, only 20 percent are.

Did you know that the largest Catholic parish in the world has over 300,000 parishioners and a staff of 10 priests. It is located, in of all places, Islamic Dubai. Catholics in that country operate under restrictions as found in most Islamic countries. The church was allowed space to build a church and a school in 1965 for its foreign national population. Since then the population of Dubai grew sharply, going from 280,000 people to 2.1 million. The Catholic population grew to 300,000 largely due to the influx of Filipino and Indian expatriots but they cannot build another church. Masses are celebrated in French, English, Indian, Lebanese, Syrian, Filipino, etc.

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

There is so much lay involvement by professional people that the parish even has a large program to teach members how to start their own business.

Pledge payments on our Restoration Campaign continue to come in on a very regular basis. To date, we have pledges of \$1,078,000 and payments of \$605,597. Thank you for your continued support of the project. As you know, we have borrowed money from the diocese and are going to start this month repaying at the rate of \$10,000 plus interest each month. In addition, we will make a once a year \$50,000 payment to the diocese out of our festival until we're completely paid down.

I'm thrilled to tell you that a couple at St. Patrick's stepped forward last Saturday nite after reading the bulletin and are going to underwrite the entire cost of installing a new carillon in the bell tower. We have been without bells for about 6 months and it's going to be great to have them again.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 23. Bishop Persico will be here to celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick's and rededicate the church at that time. Following the Mass, we will host a brunch at the Bayfront Convention Center. Invitations will be mailed out in early May. Cost of the brunch will be \$12 per person and we will have a one half hour cash bar prior to brunch. I hope you can join us as we conclude our 175th celebration.

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. They find themselves outside the pearly gates and they ask St. Peter if they can get married in heaven. Peter says he doesn't know because this is the first time anyone has ever asked, but assures them he will check on it. The couple wait, a month passes, then two and finally three months before St. Peter returns; but he assures them they can be married in heaven. "Great," said the couple, "but what if things don't work out? Can we also get a divorce in heaven?" St. Peter pounds his hand on the table, his face red with anger and the couple ask him what is wrong. "Give me a break," says St. Peter. "It took me 3 months to find a priest up here. Do you have any idea how long it will take to find a lawyer?"

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm 71:1-17

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



As close as we are to family and friends we grow up with, we all move out in different directions as we go through our lives; and the way we think about things starts to shift. Sometimes those around us encourage us, but sometimes people question what our changes mean...Jesus can relate. How do you struggle to figure out what is true in today's world? What kind of steps can you take to increase your faith-knowledge?

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS—ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND KIDS #2

Have open conversations with your children about the kinds of websites they are allowed to visit. Clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules for use should be posted on or near the computer monitor. Once you establish guidelines, check to make sure that your users stay within these agreed limits. Encourage them to turn off the monitor and tell you immediately if something on line makes them scared, uncomfortable or confused. To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to keep children and youth safe, check out : <http://www.eriarec.org/protectyouth.htm>

LENTEN FISH AND PIEROGI DINNERS

St. Stanislaus Parish is hosting their Annual Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinners on Fridays, February 15, March 1 & 15 in the Parish Hall from 4:00—7:00PM. Adults \$10.00, Children ages 6-12 \$5.00, children five and under—free. Take outs are \$10.25. Come and enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner.

PUB NIGHT AT MOLLY BRANNIGAN'S

Come join the fun as the Rince Na Tiarna Dancers host "Pub Night" at Molly Brannigans on February 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Celebrity bartenders will be available to take your order and the dancers will perform throughout the evening. A hand made quilt will be raffled. The quilt is on display at Tipperary West if you would like to see it and purchase your tickets before Pub Night. Gift cards to Molly Brannigans are also on sale. All profits to benefit the Rince Na Tiarna dancers. For more information call Monica at 881-2546 or Carolyn Power at 566-9458.





Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for **Poor Souls**, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Chet Loncki** requested by Dolores Dombkowski and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Sigmund Prochowski** requested by John & Cynthia Weber. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$1,068.00** plus **\$222.00** for Faith Communications Collection. Thank you and God bless.

Please Join Us

The Holy Name Society members will be reciting the rosary before the 9am Mass on Sunday, February 10 starting at 8:30am. We continue to look for new members. For more information call Tom Kurpiewski at 455-3467.

Holy Trinity Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

Beginning Saturday, February 9th...5pm until 10pm at our Parish Social Center (23rd & Reed Sts.) Cost is free. Live music with Erie's own Dixie Doodlers, the food menu includes Jambalaya, pulled pork sandwiches, Cajun sausage sandwiches, Cajun chicken wings and more. We will also offer a Dessert Bar. Small games of chance, theme baskets and a Grand Prize Raffle. For more info call the office 456-0671.

The ABC'S of Mercy

The message of mercy can be called to mind simply by remembering A.B.C. **Ask** for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly. **BE** Merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. **Completely** trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust.



Pray the Rosary

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	February 9	February 10
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Patricia Mielnik	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Ron Helminski	Tom Kurpiewski
	Richard Mielnik	Tony Wernicki
Altar Servers	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

Saint Patrick News



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 THRU 9 will begin on Sunday, February 3rd.

Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$5,514.26.** 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 **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in memory of **Marlene Pacinelli** requested by her family: The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by Gary & Becky Johnson in memory of **Joe Kohler, Jo Johnson and Bud Johnson**; The **Food Pantry** in honor of the 28 lives lost in Newtown, CT on 12/14/2012.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Bill Power*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Carolyn Power, Kay Mannino, Shirley Winschel*

Greeters: *Judy Kelly*

Altar Servers: *Caroline Power*

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

Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Gail Smith*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Arlene Barlekoff, Cyndi Pristello, Colleen Welch*

Greeters: *Gail Arneman, Mary Alice Hartwell*

Altar Servers: *Anna Pristello, Sarah Pristello*

Ushers: *Paul Balczun, Jim Wehan, Tom Welch, Randy Pristello*

Offertory Counters: *Bill Welsh, Cindy Welsh, Tim Donlin*

The schedule for February has been emailed to those who provided an email address and the others were sent via post. Extra copies are available in the Trinity Gift Shop.

SAINT PATRICK'S WELCOMES THESE NEW PARISHIONERS:

Andy and Linda Hagge, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reske, Leo and Jane Fitzgibbon, and Mary Williams.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Feb. 02 Saturday, Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:30 PM MIEDY PLIZGA, ANNIV. (FAMILY) - ST.H
 5:00 PM ISSY MALONEY (RAY & PATTY FIORELLI) - ST.P
- Feb. 03 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM ALBERT, SOPHIE, ALEX ZALEWSKI & THOMAS ZALEWSKI (ALICE & RAY ZALEWSKI) - ST.H
 10:30 AM ARTHUR DONAHUE (JIM & KRIS LACEY) - ST.P
- Feb. 04 Monday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM EDITH CICHETTI, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (ALICE & CARL CARLOTTI)
- Feb. 05 Tuesday, St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
 8:00 AM PARISHIONERS & BENEFACTORS
- Feb. 06 Weds, St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
 8:00 AM JOHN KRAUCHEN, ANNIV. OF BIRTH (BILL & BARBARA KRAUCHEN THOMPSON)
- Feb. 07 Thursday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM RITA CLACHER (JUDY & PETER PENTZ)
- Feb. 08 Friday, St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**
 8:00 AM WALTER SCHWARTZ, ANNIV. (DAN & CHARLOTTE ANDERSEN)
- Feb. 09 Saturday, Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:30 PM JOSEPH WITKOWSKI (DOROTHY MIELNIK)- ST.H
 5:00 PM JOSEPH KOHLER (JUDY EMLING) - ST.P
- Feb. 10 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM HELEN RYCHEL (MARIE TROMBETTA) - ST.H
 10:30 AM WILLIAM SCHRIEFER (REFOCCUS GROUP) - ST.P

DATES TO REMEMBER

- St.H=St. Hedwig, St.P=St. Patrick, HR=Holy Rosary
 CP=Chapel., PF=Polish Falcons
 PR=Pascal Room, R=Rectorry, CV=Convent
- 02/02** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/05** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 02/06** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
- 02/09** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 02/10** 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

FIFTH ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PANCAKE BREAKFAST –

Superbowl Sunday, February 3rd from 8:30 am to 12:30

pm in Hastings Hall on the Holy Rosary campus. The Knights of Columbus host this breakfast on behalf of the Eastside Catholic Faith Formation Ministry. The proceeds are used to purchase **Catholic Youth Bibles** for the children and youth of our Eastside parishes. **Support our Knights who support us in our ministry to the children, youth and their families!**



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH

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