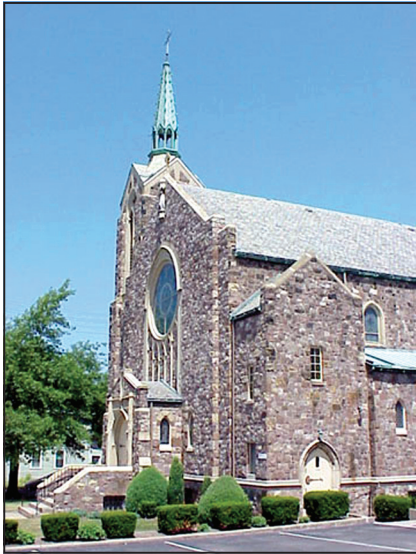


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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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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Adult Initiation, Marriage, Prayer or Study Groups, please call either parish office.***

Today is the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are fast approaching the end of our church year. Advent will begin on December 2nd. Our first reading today is from Deuteronomy and it is one of Israel's most important statements. Certain words can define a relationship, a movement or even a nation. Whether it's the first "I love you," or "We hold these truths to be self-evident," significant words find a place deep within us and take root. The ability to carry tremendous power is in the very nature of words, so we put them in books, inscribe them on buildings, etc. The passage we read today contains such a text and it is known as *Sh'ma* (Hebrew for "listen") - "Hear, O Israel. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone." These words express the basic tenet of Judaism: fervent faith in one God and love of God with one's whole heart, soul and strength. These words were so important that they were posted at the door of every home, and often worn on people's wrists.

We continue our second reading from Hebrews. Priests played a significant role in Judaism and the high priest served the special role of making sin offerings in the Temple and each year entering the Holy of Holies to offer atoning sacrifice for sin. For several weeks now, the author of Hebrews has been contrasting the Jewish priesthood and the High Priesthood of Christ. Not only has Jesus' sacrificial death made Jewish ritual sacrifice unnecessary, but Jesus has rendered the priesthood meaningless because he himself has become the one and only priest of the new covenant.

Our gospel reading from Mark stands in contrast to the same story in Matthew where the scribe is much more sympathetic. Jesus' response to his question is the *Sh'ma* from our first reading. The excerpt outlines the totality of the law—love of God and love of neighbor are far superior to any burnt offering.

November begins with the Feast of All Saints, immediately followed by the Feast of All Souls and throughout the entire month, we particularly remember in prayer those who have died and gone before us to the grave. A listing of all of the names of deceased family and friends whom you wish remembered are on the altar throughout the entire month as they are remembered in every Mass that is celebrated.

I know you join me in welcoming Father Dennis Martin, chaplain at St. Vincent Health Center, for our Saturday evening Mass and Father Thomas Fialkowski, retired pastor of Mount Carmel for our Sunday morning Masses.

A new study by the Pew Institute reveals that the number of Americans claiming no religious affiliation has grown, in just the past five years, from 15% to slightly less than 20%. That means that almost one in five Americans has no religious affiliation. According to the report, that number include 13 million self-described atheists and agnostics, or almost 6% of the American population. The study also shows that only 48% of Americans say they are Protestant, the first time that the Protestant share of the population has fallen below 50%. Five years ago, Protestants made up 53% of the population.

The researchers noted that lack of affiliation doesn't necessarily mean a lack of religion or spirituality. According to the study, "many of the country's 46 million unaffiliated adults are religious or spiritual in some way. Two-thirds of them say they believe in God and more than a third classify themselves as spiritual but not religious." Further, 21% of them say they pray every day and most are not hostile toward organized religion and "think that churches...benefit society by strengthening community bonds and aiding the poor."

The percentage of Catholics in the nation remains stable at 23% but only because of the huge influx of Latin American immigrants. And we have to remember that the United States remains far more religious than other countries. For instance, only 17% of people in Great Britain see religion as important; 13% of the French feel the same way, 21% of the Germans and 22% of the Spanish feel that way.

I'm thrilled to tell you that in the past our Irish Festival has earned between \$35,000 and \$38,000 for the parish. This year's earned over \$60,000!! A special thanks to Cal Pifer who chaired the event and has agreed to chair it again next year as well as to all of you who worked so hard. Dennis Michalski did an incredible job selling ads for the program and putting that component of the festival together. Everything was very successful this year.

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

The Festival Committee met recently to review the event and start planning for next year, and I must tell you the plan put forth by Cal Pifer for next year is rather exciting and seemed to meet with the approval of the committee. He recommends that we eliminate Sunday as a festival day and just have the festival Friday evening and Saturday. On Sunday morning, we would host a huge Irish Breakfast after the 9 and 10:30 AM Masses at Rainbow Gardens. If you've ever been to Ireland, you know how huge their breakfasts are. In addition, Cal is hoping to have someone at the breakfast shearing sheep so people can see how that is done. His creativity is wonderful and hopefully we can implement some of this for next year. I'm especially grateful that he has agreed to chair the event again next year.

A wonderful 7 minute video on St. Patrick's was part of our 175th banquet. Erin Fessler put an enormous amount of time into it. I'm exploring how we can set up a screen in the Cauley Auditorium for people who were not at the banquet to see it. She managed to capture St. Patrick's Parish in a wonderful way, and I hope more of you can see it. It is on our web page.

A Sept. 2013 trip is planned for 2 days in London followed by a 8 nite Princess cruise of the British Isles. Details by calling the parish office.

A priest and a rabbi are in a bad car crash. Both cars are demolished but amazingly neither one is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "You're a priest. I'm a rabbi. And we're both unhurt. It must be a sign from God that we are to be friends." The priest agrees that it is a miracle and the rabbi says, "And here's another miracle. My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine is perfect. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune. The priest agrees, opens the wine, drinks half the bottle and hands it to the rabbi who puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest. "Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report.".... From a church bulletin: "The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. & Mrs. Julius Belzer." "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."



Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory **Chet Loncki** requested by his family, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Victor Pazdziesz** requested by Jennie Pazdziesz, and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jean Widomski** requested by Ted Widomski & family. Remember in your prayers our parishioners who are in the hospital, nursing care and the homebound.

Our Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 27/28 will be in next week's bulletin. Catholic Education Collection \$149.00 and Mission Sunday Collection \$187.00. Thank you and God Bless.

Election Day Bake Sale

The Bake Sale sponsored by the Rosary Society will be held this week Tuesday, November 6th from 7am until 5pm. We are asking the ladies and men of the parish who are able to donate their special goodies so our sale can be a success as usual. Since this is a Presidential Election, we will need more items. Please bring the baked goods early Tuesday morning. We will also raffle two boxes of baked goods. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 which will be sold before and after mass this weekend and at the Bake Sale. To vote and/or purchase bakery items, use the entrance next to the apartments. The polls will be open from 7am until 8pm.

Kitchen Open - 3rd Street Polish Falcons

Remember to stop by the Polish Falcons on Tuesday, Election Day from 11am until 5pm. They will be serving the usual delicious pierogi's, czarnina, chicken soup and more.....

Believe Me: Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me. (Mt 25:40)

Pray the Rosary

Saint Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	November 10	November 11
	Saturday	Sunday
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Lector	Dave Widomski	Barb Juchno
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Usher needed Richard Mielnik	Dan Jarzomski Don Moehler
Altar Server	Charlotte Mabie	Nick Hayes

175th Anniversary Banquet

October 20, 2012 | Bayfront Convention Center



Dinner, an Irish Sing-a-long & Great Memories with Saint Patrick's Parish.



Photography by: Judith Emling
See more photos at our gallery online!



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for 10/27 & 10/28 will be published next week.

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: The **Peace Candle** burns this week for all the men and women serving in the military; The **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by the **Ave Maria Care and Concern Society**; The **Food Pantry** in memory of **Joe McClellan** from Marilyn McClellan.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Kay Mannino, Judy Emling,*

Greeters: Kathleen Horan, Judy Emling

Altar Servers: Brendan Humphrey

Ushers: Chris Lampe, Rob Oligeri

Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Rick Filippi*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Michele Wheaton, Tim Scully, Colleen Welch*

Greeters: Mary Alice Hartwell, Arlene Miller

Altar Servers: Emilio Filippi

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

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

If you cannot serve at date and time that you are scheduled, please find a sub. There have been many weeks recently where one or two Eucharistic Ministers have not shown up as scheduled. Thank you.

Emergency care 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.



Other news from the Food Pantry. We are in need of any "trimmings" for a Thanksgiving meal....anything suitable as a side dish such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, etc. Items can be dropped off at the rectory on the back porch. As always, we thank you for your generosity. Whenever there is a need, your response is very gratifying. We couldn't do this without your support.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FOOD PANTRY: Even though it is only October 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 RINCE NA TIARNA dancers will be hosting pub night at Molly Brannigan's in February. Leading up to that night they are selling tickets for a hand made quilt that will be raffled off at the event. The quilt is on display at Tipperary West. Tickets for the quilt are available at Tipperary West, or by calling Carolyn Power at 566-9458. The dancers are also selling \$25.00 gift cards to Molly Brannigan's.



Additional All Souls Day Memorials

Received from:

<i>Dorothy Shoff Rennie</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>Deceased Members of the Rennie & Shoff Families</i>
<i>Ray & Patty Fiorelli</i>		<i>Jocko & Issy Maloney, Ray & Rose Fiorelli,</i>
<i>.....</i>		<i>Dorothy & Jean Maloney, Mae Occhipinti</i>
<i>Karen Dubowski</i>		<i>Theresa</i>
<i>Tim Grode</i>		<i>Jean Grode, Beatrice Plumb</i>
<i>Mark & Annette Rennie</i>		<i>Nick Iavarone, William J. Rennie</i>

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Nov. 03 Saturday, Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:30 PM CHET LONCKI - ST.H
 (GRANDCHILDREN:BOBBY & BETHANY SULOCKI)
 5:00 PM MARY MESSINA (FAMILY) - ST.P
- Nov. 04 Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM WANDA D'AMICO, ANNIV. - ST.H
 (ANN MARIE JUCHNO)
 10:30 AM EDITH CICHETTI - ST.P
 (ALICE & CARL CARLOTTI)
- Nov. 05 Monday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 06 Tuesday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 07 Wednesday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 08 Thursday, Weekday**
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 09 Friday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Nov. 10 Saturday, Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:30 PM CASIMIR & HELEN BARGIELSKI, ANNIV.- ST.H
 (LARRY & DOLLY BARGIELSKI)
 5:00 PM LOUIE & JOHN ABBATO (FAMILY)- ST.P
- Nov. 11 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 AM DANIEL NOWOSIELSKI, ANNIV. - ST.H
 (LOU ANN & FAMILY)
 10:30 AM MILDRED & THOMAS HEUBEL (FAMILY) - 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=Rectory, CV=Convent

- 11/03** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 11/04** 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
- 11/06** 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR
- 11/07** 12:00 PM A.A. - PR
 7:00 PM RCIA - R
- 11/10** 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H
 4:30 PM Confessions - St.P
- 11/11** 9:00 AM Rel. Ed. K thru 6 - Holy Rosary

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Reading II: Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
 Hebrews 7:23-28



Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

To a contemporary culture that functions on powerpoints, bullet points, and text messages with few real words but many exclamation points, the streamlining of the Christian lifestyle presented in today's Gospel is particularly appealing...complete these two actions two times each day and you will not be far from the kingdom of God. So, are we there yet? To live the two greatest commandments, we need to ask ourselves: What gets in the way of our loving? What spiritual practices are re-energizing for you? What challenges do you face in loving your neighbor as yourself?

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