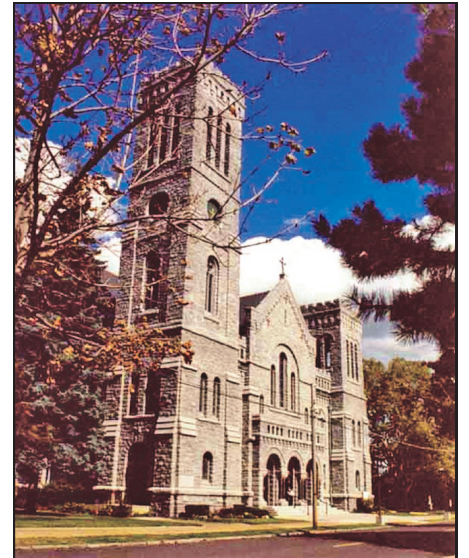
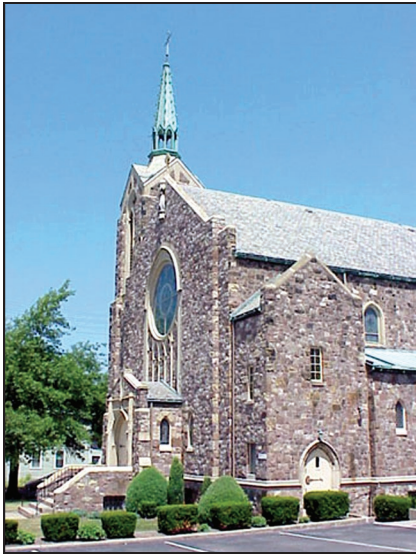


Saint Hedwig Saint Patrick

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 Patrick 8:00 AM

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time and we hear first from Genesis, and we will hear from that same book next week. The two stories, that of the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah, and Abraham asking God to spare Sodom, are part of a single

story. Today's reading has traditionally been seen as a story about hospitality. Notice that it is Abraham who seeks out the visitors and is clearly eager to serve them, but he yet does not see God in them. When they inquire as to the whereabouts of Sarah, and Abraham answers them, note that only one of the three responds with the promise of a son to be born in a year. We, like Sarah in her old age, might initially laugh at this promise, but eventually she comes to realize that it is God himself making the promise and she trusts in him.

In Colossians today, we have to remember that Paul did not found the church here nor did he ever visit, so he begins by a brief presentation of his apostleship to legitimize his authority. His words might suggest that something is missing in Christ's suffering, but that is not the case. The awkward phrase indicates that the proclamation of the gospel is not yet finished. It continues through Paul and in the holy ones in whom Christ now lives. He tells them that Christ now lives in them, not in just some believers, but in everyone and note that he uses that word three times in the closing sentence.

Today's gospel follows last Sunday's parable of the Good Samaritan. Recall that the scholar last week was asking what he needed to do to obtain eternal life. In today's gospel, Martha is so much about "doing" that Luke describes her as "burdened" by all the service she performs. After Martha expresses her anxiety about Mary not helping, Jesus acknowledges her anxiety. In the next sentence, however, he seems to create a hierarchy in which Mary's way of being is preferred to Martha's frenzied service. One might wonder whether Martha, in her anxious state, is able to hear what the Lord has been saying to her.

It's getting time to start thinking about our Irish Festival on September 13, 14 and 15. I mention this in the hope that you might consider volunteering to help this year. As you recall, we are

making some major changes this year by having the Festival only run Friday evening and all day Saturday. Sunday, instead of the festival, we will host an Irish Breakfast from 8 AM until noon. We have contracted again with Calamari's to prepare the food for the festival and for the breakfast. We are in the hope that people attending early Masses in the city might consider them coming to Rainbow Gardens for breakfast.

I feel blessed again that Cal Pifer is again chairing the festival this year. Cal is the Executive Director of the Erie County Historical Society and generously gives his time and talent to directing the Festival. Two years ago, our festival profit was \$37,000; last year, under Cal's leadership, the profit for the parish was \$62,000!!! That's what I call a good Catholic!!!

Ticket sales last year show that 14,915 people attended the Irish festival. That's an incredible number of people.

St. Patrick's Church will be the site for a Memorial Service for all of the war dead of Erie County on Thursday, September 5, at 2 PM. The inter-faith service will include members of the military as well as a cross section of local clergy.

Have you ever considered including your parish in your will? A bequest can be made for a specific purpose or for the general use of the parish. With the old buildings that we have at both of our parishes, there is always a need for maintenance, much of which is very expensive. We have established the St. Patrick Endowment Fund which exists only for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. You could establish a living memorial by including that in your will.

The leadership of Erie Insurance told me recently that when they demolish the Cauley Auditorium in the very near future, they are going to take the large granite plaque that hung over the entrance to the auditorium and mount it on a stone base. The area presently occupied by the Cauley is going to become a green space with that plaque, some trees, flowers, benches and the area will be called "Cauley Park." Once again, Erie Insurance proves to be an outstanding neighbor. I think you know that when H. O. Hirt had the vision to start Erie Insurance, no bank in Erie would lend him the money.

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

He then came to St. Patrick's to Father Peter Cauley who promptly gave him the money, so there is a strong link between St. Patrick's and Erie Insurance.

People ask me to keep them informed of upcoming trips that we have planned. Our May 2014 trip is 2 nights in Amsterdam and then an 8 night Viking River cruise on the Rhine to Basel, Switzerland. We already have 52 people going on that trip. The May 2015 trip will be to Italy. We will fly into Venice and spend 2 nights, then take the high speed train to Florence where we will spend 3 nights. One day in Florence will be a trip to the Verrazzano Winery. We will then take a coach to Rome where we will stay 5 nights. One day in Rome will be an optional trip to Assisi. This trip is limited to 44 people because of the size of the coach. It looks like our 2016 May trip will be to Berlin, Germany and then an 8 night Viking River cruise to Prague. It seems crazy to be planning this early, but we have to in order to reserve the needed space. If anyone is interested in additional information on these trips, call the parish office at and leave your e-mail and postal mailing address and we will send you the information as it becomes available.

A young man arrives at the Pearly Gates and waits while Peter leafs through the book to see if he's worthy of entry. Peter says to the guy, "I can't see that you did lots of good in your life, but you never really did anything bad. Tell you what, if you can tell me of one REALLY good deed that you did in your life, you're in." The guy responds, "Well, there was this one time when I was driving down the highway and I saw a Biker Gang assaulting this poor girl. There were about 50 of them. Infuriated I got out of my car, grabbed a tire iron from the trunk and walked straight up to the leader, a huge guy with a studded leather jacket and a chain running from his nose to his ear. The gang formed a circle around me as I ripped the chain out of his nose and smashed him over the head with the tire iron. Then I turned around and yelled to the rest of them, "Leave this poor girl alone, you slime. You're all a bunch of sick, deranged animals." St. Peter was very impressed and asked, "Wow, when did all of this happen?" "Oh, about 20 minutes ago," he responded.



Saint Hedwig News

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in loving memory of **Clara Waida** requested by Dolly & Larry Bargielski, Our Lady's Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Miedy & Rose Plizga** requested by Judy and Peter Pentz and St. Joseph Shrine Lamp burns in loving memory of **Jane Filipkowski** requested by the Carroll family. Please remember in your prayers those in the hospital, nursing care and the home-bound.

Our offertory for last week was **\$707.00**. Thank you and God bless.

The Summer Festival is still ongoing. The amount received so far is **\$945.00**. We thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to consider doing so.

During July and August, the Sunday 9AM Mass at St. Hedwig's will be celebrated at St. Patrick's.

Congratulations!

To Peter and Judy Pentz who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 27th. They were married here at St. Hedwig's. There was a wonderful tradition 50 years ago of the neighborhood ladies throwing petals in the brides path as she walked from her home to the church. Since Judy lived on 3rd street, she was able to experience this tradition. We wish you both many more years of your lives together.

God's Law; Conscience

If we always obey the dictates of our conscience, we shall never offend God. It is a guide that He expects us to follow. It arises from knowledge of the law, whether natural or revealed. Before any action, conscience speaks *either in favor or against*. After the action, according as we have followed or disregarded it, conscience fills us with peace or disquiet.

St. Hedwig Ministry Schedule

	<u>July 27</u> Saturday 4:30 PM	<u>July 28</u> Sunday 9:00 AM
Lectors	Dave Widomski	Tom Kurpiewski
Eucharist	Dave Widomski	Tom Zielinski
Ushers	Roland Henderson Ray Nowosielski	Dan Jarzomski Pete Pentz
Altar Servers	Nowosielski family	Charlotte Mabie



Saint Patrick News



Parish Stewardship: Our offertory for last weekend was **\$6,370.35**, and **678.00** from online giving for a total of **\$7,048.35**; and **\$635.00** for National Needs Collection. 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 **Food Pantry Truck** is sponsored this week by **Francis Silay & Ken Shaffer (Food Bank Volunteers)**; The **Food Pantry** is sponsored in memory of **Jack Rose, Lavern Stewart & Robert Nick** from Nick & Stephanie Scott; in memory of **Ed Wright** from Kathleen & Eugene Polaski; in memory of **John & Veronica Gersims** from Mrs. Yvonne Gersims; in memory of Fathers: **Joe Vitron & Bob Wenstran** from Roberta & Robert Vitron; in memory of **Al Sokolowski, John Black, and John Sokolowski** from Mrs. Frances Sokolowski; also donations from Ms. Nancy Yochim, Debra & James Murray, Mrs. Mary Ellen Demyanovich, Carolyn & Robert Schenker, Irene & John Nemergut, Joe & Jill Blaga-Walz and Joan & Alphonse Wedzik.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm

Lector: *Chris Sanner*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Yvonne Gersims, Judy Emling, Patty Daily*

CUP: *Kathy Sertz, Ray Fiorelli*

Greeters: NEEDED

Altar Servers: NONE

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

There is an 8:00 AM Mass but no Ministers are required.

Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 10:30 am

Lector: *Mary Duncan*

Eucharistic Ministers:

HOST: *Charla Leemhuis, Tim Scully, Mike Vehec*

CUP: *Michelle Tortorelli, Cyndi Pristello*

Greeters: *Tom & Linda Brunner*

Altar Servers: *Juliette Morales*

Ushers: *Randy Pristello, Dave Wilcox, John Purvis
Luke Purvis*

Offertory Counters: *Tom Brunner, Linda Brunner
Mary Duncan*



Let us **WELCOME** Emily Kait Perkins daughter of Jason and Brooke Perkins and Carter Brian DiLuzio son of Brian and Jackie Diluzio as they are baptized today.



NOTE FROM THE AVE MARIA CARE AND CONCERN—Ave Needs Your Help!

Once again our Irish Festival will be here before you know it. I know this is early but I am asking for donations for the Irish Auction. We will not be doing the baskets this year, but we are having the auction with single items. I am hoping that you could purchase a gift for the auction. We would like them to be at a value of at least \$15.00 and up. Also, if you are not a shopper and you would like to make a donation (check or cash) to the Ave Maria Society, we will do the shopping for you. Remember these donations are tax deductible. All gifts can be taken to the rectory and monies addressed to the Ave can be dropped in the collection basket. If anyone has any questions please call me, Barb Jones at 899-9358. Thank You.

Sr. Mary Pascal Gray Food Pantry is in need of two volunteers. The first position requires lifting and stocking The second position is for someone to label bags. Hours for both positions are from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Couples celebrating 25th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the Annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Sunday, August 4, 2013, at Sacred Heart, Erie or Sunday, August 18, 2013, at St. Mary Church, Crown. Both celebrations will be at 2 pm. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please contact your parish office or the Family Life Office at Catholic Charities (814) 824-1250 or (800) 374-3723 ext. 250; or online at www.eriercd.org



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Phone calls, emails, texts and tweets can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is intentional time – free from distractions.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

July 20 Saturday, Vigil: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM TED MIELNIK (BROTHER & SISTER) - ST.H

5:00 PM COLLEEN GRESSLEY - ST.P
(BARB & MIKE CROSS)

July 21 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM SCOTT HESS (DAVE & JOAN HEUBEL) - ST.P

9:00 AM ADAM NOWOSIELSKI (TORBIC FAMILY) - ST.P

10:30 AM ANTHONY KOLODZIEJCZAK, - ST.P
ANNIV. OF BIRTH (SISTER, ANN)

July 22 Monday, Saint Mary Magdalene

8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

July 23 Tuesday, Weekday-Saint Bridget, Religious

8:00 AM BETTY GRAHAM (HELEN ZIELINSKI)

July 24 Weds. Weekday, Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00 AM GRACE DIETZ (DEBBIE & LARRY NEUBAUER)

July 25 Thursday, Saint James, Apostle

8:00 AM SIGMUND PROCHOWSKI - ST.H
(PETER & HELEN ZIELINSKI)

July 26 Friday, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM ROSE PARISI (FAMILY & FRIENDS)

July 27 Saturday, Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM IN HONOR OF PETER & JUDY PENTZ ON THEIR
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY- ST.H

5:00 PM FRANK MARIELLA, ANNIV. OF BIRTH - ST.P
(FAMILY)

July 28 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM KRISTINA SPINKS NEWLIN, ANNIV.- ST.P
(FAMILY)

9:00 AM STANLEY DOMBROWSKI - ST.H
(HELEN DOMBROWSKI)

10:30 AM WELLIE YAPLE, II (LOVING 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

07/20 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

07/23 11:00 AM Food Pantry - PR

07/24 12:00 PM A.A. - PR

07/27 3:30 PM Confessions - St.H

4:30 PM Confessions - St.P

A Moment of Reflection

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10a

Reading II: Colossians 1. 24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



In today's Gospel, Jesus was not saying to Martha that nobody should make a meal, rather, He was saying that there was no reason to plan and make an elaborate one - one dish would do - that is the ONE THING that is needed. Jesus was saying the same thing as Henry David Thoreau: "Simplify, simplify, simplify..." We need to take stock and re-assess what is important and what our goals are...and to simplify our lives. What are your top worries? What are the unnecessary things that keep you from doing what is most important?



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