

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

January  
12  
2020



Jesus came from Galilee  
to John at the Jordan  
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

## The Baptism of the Lord

**MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS** are available. Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You can win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available in our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and join the winners circle.

☞ **Reminder**—2019 Financial Statements will be available after January 27th. Please sign up if you wish to receive your 2019 Financial Statement.

*Thank you.*

## Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Rectory/Business Office

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### Saint Casimir Church

629 Hess Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

### Saint Ann Church

921 East Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

### Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

**PASTOR:** Father James T. O'Hara

**DEACON ASSISTANT:** Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

**ASSISTING:** Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).



**Keep us informed**...If you or a loved one is in or will be going into the hospital or nursing home please let us know. We rely on you to keep us updated. Many times we are unable to obtain this information from the hospital or nursing home. *Thank you.*



### VOTIVE CANDLES:

The beautiful Votive Candles are available for your special remembrances and prayers. The cost to light a candle is \$3.50 each (please place the money in the basket or money box located next to the candles). You may also send in your request and payment to the rectory office and we will be most happy to light the candle for you. You may include your special request which we will note in prayer when lighting your candle.

*Thank you.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 11th: Vigil Mass**

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) Victor Roman by Chris & Eva Misewski  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 12th: Baptism of the Lord**

8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp, Sr. by Eileen & Anne Marie Ropelewski  
 9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass*  
 John Campbell by Children and Grandchildren  
 11:00 am (SC) Ted Mazur by Mazur Family  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Monday, January 13th: St. Hilary**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) For an end to Abortion by Parishioners  
 12:05 pm (SA) Marlene Andrascik by Bev Vento

**Tuesday, January 14th: Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) John Rzomp by Stan Lesnieski  
 12:05 pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

**Wednesday, January 15th: Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Leo & Mary Osiecki by Family  
 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebauer by Skip & Sue Tenney

**Thursday, January 16th: Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Richard Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and Brother  
 12:05 pm (SA) Bertha Wernicki by Friends

**Friday, January 17th: St. Anthony**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Helen E. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and Brother  
 12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Priscaro Family

**Saturday, January 18th: Vigil Mass**

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) Deceased Members of the Osiecki and Bolla Families by Diane Zielinski  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 19th: Second Ordinary Sunday**

8:00 am (SC) Benedict Sundy by Children  
 9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass*  
 Living & Deceased of The Slovak National Club  
 11:00 am (SC) Sister Audrey Berdis OSB, Anniversary by Sister Kevin Berdis OSF  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

1) John Campbell by Latin Mass Community  
 2) Agnes Priscaro by Neighbors and Friends  
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

1) Agnes Priscaro by Parishioners  
 2) Agnes Priscaro by Family and Friends

**St. Casimir's**

1) Leo & Mary Osiecki by sister Caroline  
 2) Fr. Joseph Kacprowicz by Parishioners

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,  
 Friends & Benefactors  
*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.  
 May they rest in peace.*

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-  
 January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month:**

Trafficking of youth is a form of modern slavery. It includes both sex trafficking and forced labor. Any child under age 18 engaged in commercial sex is a victim of sex trafficking, even if the youth's participation is not forced or coerced. Be aware of recruiting tactics. Traffickers target victims through social media sites, telephone chat lines, afterschool programs, at shopping malls, bus depots, clubs/bars or through friends and acquaintances. To help protect your child, ask questions about your child's friends, monitor their computer use and know where he/she hangs out.

For more information on protecting our youth from human trafficking or to report suspected trafficking visit: [https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking\\_ts\\_2019.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/trafficking_ts_2019.pdf)  
 Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday (1/12) Baptism of the Lord.** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Monday (1/13)** Rectory office open 10AM-Noon.

**Tuesday (1/14)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Wednesday (1/15)** Rectory office is closed.

**Thursday (1/16)** Rectory office is closed.

**Friday (1/17)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Saturday (1/18)** 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Sunday (1/19)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Saturday Vigil Mass—January 11th**

Lector: Paul Roman  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink  
 Altar Servers: Loretta Baran

**Sunday Masses—January 12th**

**8AM Mass**

Lector: Christopher Krill  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors  
 Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

**11AM Mass**

Lector: Karen Mazur  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet Schroeder  
 Altar Servers: Cameron Schroeder



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Baptism of the Lord! † We pray that all of you had a great and glorious Christmas Day and Christmas Week! Happy New Year Everyone! Thank you for remembering all of us at the parish! Thank you for all of the cards, gifts, greetings, good thoughts, smiles, good wishes, prayers, Masses, and everything. Thank you for all of your prayers, hard work in preparing the churches and all of our buildings for the festivities. † Our deepest sympathy to **Father Jerry Priscaro** and his family on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Agnes Rusa Priscaro** who passed away on the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. **Agnes** was the organist and Choir Director at St. Ann's for many years. Keep **Agnes** and her family in your thoughts and prayers. May she rest in peace. † Thank you for your help with the food baskets at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. By using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packets we may purchase \$16.00 worth of food for just \$1.00 for the poor and needy of our area. Thank you for your generosity! Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Merry Little Christmas Everybody! † The annual Pro-Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 11th at the Bayfront Convention Center at 9AM. Call People for Life office for more information at 882-1333. † The Erie March for Life takes place on Saturday, January 18th, at 10:45AM. Call People for life for more information at 882-1333. † The National March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 24th. Buses will leave Erie on January 23rd and return on the 25th. Again please call People for Life for complete information and to make your reservations.. Pray for more respect for human life. † Young people interested in the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation should consult with **Deacon Jerry Sobrowski** as soon as possible. Classes are now in progress but you may be able to join them. † This week the overnight shelter for the homeless moves to the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant until January 15th. Supper and Breakfast the following morning is also served. Spread the word! Just show up! † Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **Mrs. Agnes Priscaro** and **Mrs. Betty Wasielewski** and all who died in the last few weeks. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. † Wishing all of you the love Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had on that first Christmas night. May you and your loved ones share the peace and joy of that love with one another. You and your family will share in all of my Masses over the holidays and holy days. Thanks again for all of your cards, letters, good wishes, blessings, and help! God bless you all!

### FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

**Reborn to New Life through Baptism...**How many of us remember our Baptism? How many know exactly what day it was on? It is highly unlikely most of us remember much, if anything about the day unless we were baptized later in life or as an adult. Baptism is sometimes remembered as or thought of as something that happened a long time ago that was very private and made us Catholic. But it is much more than that – it was the beginning of a life-long journey where we began to grow in the Body of Christ as a member. I remember reading about a Pope who was interviewed shortly after he was enthroned. He was asked ‘I suppose that was the most important day of your whole life?’ ‘Oh no,’ said the Pope, ‘the most important day of my life was the day of my Baptism.’ Baptism is not just a ceremony that lasts a few minutes, it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the precious gift where each of us was born again to new life in Christ. When Jesus stepped in the River Jordan and was washed by John, he emerged from the water commissioned by the Father to do his work. That means baptism is more than a christening – it is also a commissioning. Through the waters of Baptism we are called to do the work of Jesus, called to discipleship and ministry. The baptism call is often difficult with many responsibilities, but the rewards and the gifts from God are greater. While our parents may have spoke for us as infants it is now up to each of us as adults to live out our baptismal promises through prayer and example. Today let us take a moment to reflect on our baptismal call to discipleship and life in Christ. Let us pause to hear Jesus speak to us as he says, “You are my beloved with whom I am well pleased – I love you very much. Follow me.”

**This week's Spiritual Exercise:** Spend some time meditating on what our Baptism means to us. Talk to Jesus and thank him for this gift!



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

4:00 PM Mass \$667.00

8:00 AM Mass \$823.00

Latin Mass \$1,058.21

11:00AM Mass \$1,190.75

Candles \$48.50

**TOTAL \$3,787.46**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

We had a slight increase to report...Thank you!

Just a reminder, if you have not done so, it is time to make your final payment on your 2019 CSA pledge.

Our heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you who helped us reach our goal for the 2019 CSA. Your continued love and support is a true blessing from God.

**CSA 2019 as of December 16, 2019**

**Pledged: \$20,190.00 Paid: \$19,290.00**

**Remember your parish in your will.**

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity. As you consider your year end donations/gifts don't forget to include your beloved parish.

*Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!*

2019 Year End Contribution Statements will be available on or after Jan. 27th. Please sign up to receive your statement.

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM**

*You may also use this form to update your telephone numbers, address, name, etc.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

New Registration  Want Envelopes

Change of Name

Change of Address  Change in Phone Numbers

*Please drop this information into the Collection Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Jennifer Galla, Diane Pavlik, Linda Krause, Douglas B. (father) and Douglas B. (son), Elizabeth Sliska, Gregory Wright, Tom Duska, II, Frances Birchard, Mary Ann Palkovic, Thomas Sisca, Fritz Gingenbach, Marlene Lucas, Mary Lou Wiczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Fr. John Murray C.Ss.R., The Wienczkowski Family, Eileen Fulton, Jane Singleton, Eloise Conley, Lorraine Oster, Al Klugiewicz, The Clara Jong Family, Thomas Lucas, Rose Kowalski, Rosemarie Dzialo, Mark McMahon, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, Dannielle Bizzarro, Ed Hart, Hank and Dorothy Oldach, Sister Grace Cermak, and all others in need of our prayers. Pray for all of them!

*Please call in with names that should be added or removed from this list. Remember you are our only source of information, hospital, nursing homes, etc. do not provide us with any information. Thank you.*

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), Sterling and Connor Vahey, Nicole and Jamie Keller (in Iraq), David Hawkins, Nick Torres (in Afghanistan), Bryan Spadaccio, Jennifer Smolinsky, Gregory Merski, Thomas Kaiser, Daniel Kidd (in Hawaii), and David Kraut  
*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location. Thank you for your service to our country.*