

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

Do not be afraid;

**you are worth more than many
sparrows.**

Matthew 10:31



June 21, 2020 • Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

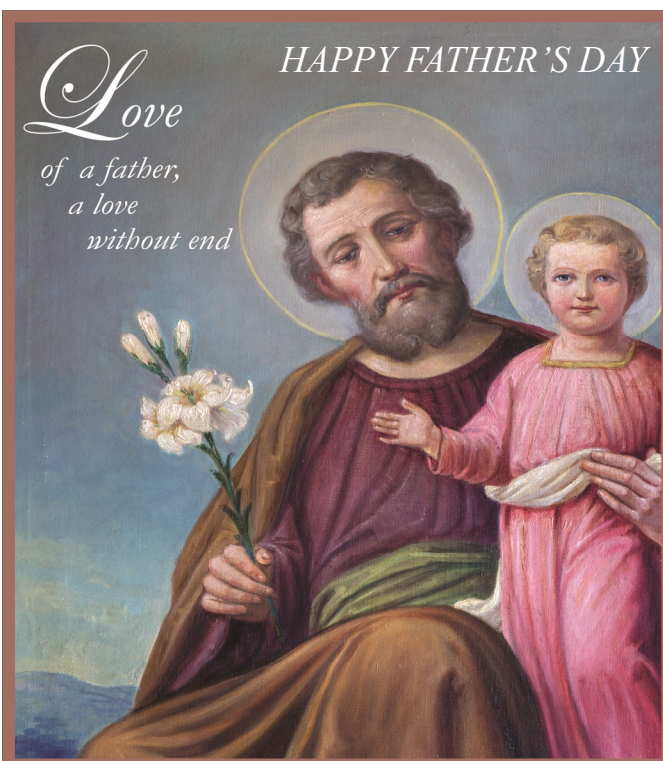
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OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has delayed re-opening our churches for public Masses at this time.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate.

You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

Saturday, June 20th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Stephen Ropelewski, Anniversary by Ropelewski Family
Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, June 21st: Twelfth Ordinary Sunday/ Father's Day

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All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 22nd: Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John

Fisher and Thomas More

(SC) All Father's Day Intentions

(SA) Joseph Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcom

Tuesday, June 23rd: Weekday

(SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families
by Paul & Lisa Galla

(SA) All Father's Day Intentions

Wednesday, June 24th: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

(SC) Helen E. Ropelewski, Anniversary by Daughters
and Son

(SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Thursday, June 25th: Weekday

(SC) Intentions of Farther John Paul Kuzma, OFM Cap. On his
5th Anniversary of Ordination

(SC) John & Josephine Hartman by Granddaughters

Friday, June 26th: Weekday

(SC) Anne Marie Ropelewski by Caroline Larson

(SA) Geraldine Tomczak by Neighbors

Saturday, June 27th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Julia Visosky, Anniversary by Christine and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 28th: Thirteenth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Al Ropelewski by Caroline Larson

(SC) Margaret Shanta by Vento Family

(SC) Fr. Donald Berdis and Deceased of The Berdis
Family by Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Father's Day Intentions

2) Father's Day Intentions

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Father's Day Intentions

2) Father's Day Intentions

St. Casimir's

1) Father's Day Intentions

2) Father's Day Intentions

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.*

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (Germany), Austin Agnello,
Stephany Agnello, 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.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

The rectory office remains closed until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for May 26, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$5,274.24

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of June 10, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$10,450.00

Paid Amount: \$8,005.00

Thank you!!! We have an increase to share with you! We
are now \$10,996.00 away from our goal and we still need
your help to reach it. Working together we will make it!
Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and
watch our numbers grow.

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

PARISH EXPENSES

Postage Stamps: \$275.00 (May 2020)

*Please remember during this time you may drop
your weekly offertory in the mail slot at the rectory
office or mail your offertory to the rectory office.*

The rectory office is located at
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued

Today is Father's Day! Happy Father's Day to all of our wonderful Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers and all who were like Fathers to us over the years! We hope you all have a wonderful day and we remember and pray for all of you. Let us pray for our Fathers: Saint Joseph, husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus, patron saint of all Fathers, you supported the Holy Family of Nazareth by the work of your hands. Protect all of our Fathers. They look to you today because you know and understand and love them. Assure those you protect with your prayers and knowledge that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near by and know, love, and serve him as you did faithfully and lovingly with Mary and all of the angels and saints. Amen. Saint Joseph pray for our Fathers and all of us. Amen. Happy Father's Day! † Please pray for all of our deceased Fathers, Grandfathers, Great Grandfathers and all like fathers to us. May they rest in peace. All of our Masses this weekend will be offered privately for your Father's Day Intentions. † Congratulations again to our two new priests, Father Kevin Holland and Father Joseph Petrone. They were ordained recently by Bishop Persico for service in the Diocese of Erie. Ad Multos Annos! † Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also the Easter Duty Obligation to all in the Erie Diocese because of the medical emergency caused by the coronavirus crisis! Stay Home, Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Happy! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. † Congratulations again to one of our Fathers, Father John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap. who has been assigned to the formation team at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. Father John Paul is a native of Holy Family and a graduate of Holy Family School. His new mailing address, as of August 1, 2020, is Borromeo Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Father John Paul has completed his assignment in Philadelphia and will move to Ohio August 1st. It will be good to have him back in the neighborhood! Happy Father's Day Father John Paul! Make me an instrument of your peace! † Thanks to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory! You help us pay the bills which never stop! This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Stay Safe, Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Happy! May God Bless us one and all!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Be Fearless!

If you read many of the first-hand battle accounts of WWII Veterans there is a common element in their stories. In spite of the fact their lives were at risk, they somehow remained fearless in the face of extreme danger. In our present times we spend a great amount of time and effort in fear. We fear our pasts that we cannot change and our futures that we are unable to predict. We may fear what people are thinking or saying about us. We fear heights, the dark, loneliness, and many other things. One of the themes of St. John Paul II's time as pope was "Do not be afraid" and the message in our readings this week is, "fear not!" In our first reading the prophet Jeremiah had good reason to fear – if not death, at least great harm to himself. As a prophet his ideas were rejected by his audience, and because the people despised his message, they wanted to "take their vengeance on him." In the face of such evil, however, Jeremiah showed no fear, choosing instead to "sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked." Fearlessness is our mark of Christian disciples. It is was fearlessness that motivated Jesus throughout his earthly ministry and enabled him to face threats, violence and danger. It was fearlessness that accompanied him even as he went to his death. In today's Gospel Jesus says to his disciples three times some variation of "fear not" or "do not be afraid." He is asking the disciples (and that includes us) to be fearless. Today as we face our concerns, uncertainties, and fears we are reminded that we are to fear no one and nothing. So, let us resolve to live as disciples of Jesus, facing the world in a fearless manner, knowing that we are greatly loved and protected by the God of everlasting life.

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses.

We are continuing to monitor the conditions within the county. Additionally, we will be getting feedback from some of the parishes that have re-opened for public masses. We still plan to discuss this with Pastoral Council and re-evaluate our status on June 30. Until then Bishop Persico's dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses continues to remain in effect.

If you wish to view the protocols for reopening parishes for public masses, or Bishop Persico's town hall meeting, you will find a link at our website www.motherofsorrowerie.org or at the website for the diocese www.ErieRDC.org.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, Charlotte Prez, 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, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, 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, 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, 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, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses.

Given concerns for the safety and health of everyone, as well as our current inability to comply with the required protocols, we have delayed re-opening our churches for public masses. In the next several weeks we will meet with Pastoral Council and re-assess our ability to comply with the restrictions and protocol and re-evaluate our status on June 30. Our priests and the majority of our parishioners are in the high- risk category defined by the CDC. As the behavior and spread of the virus continues to remain unpredictable, it is still too risky to gather – even with social distancing practices in place. The protocol for re-establishing public masses as outlined by the Bishop is very demanding and complex. To meet this protocol will require a core group of volunteers willing to be at all masses. The decision to re-open is also optional and the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses still remains in effect. Several parishes in our diocese as well as other areas of the country have chosen to delay re-opening for public masses. If you wish to view the protocols or Bishop Persico's town hall meeting, you will find a link at our website www.mothersorrowerie.org or at the website for the diocese www.ErieRDC.org. Our Mass and Sacraments are the very heart of our faith and who we are and we all miss them dearly. It is our hope and prayer that we will all be safely worshiping together in the near future.

From the Pastor's Desk continued on next page...