

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

March 31, 2019



Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Saint Ann Church

921 East Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

Lenten Practices, Regulations and Observances

All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. Good Friday is a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

Gorzkie Zale and Benediction

(Please note change in day and time.)

2PM Sunday Afternoon during Lent at St. Casimir's Church.

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent ~ 1PM St. Ann's Church and 6PM at St. Casimir's Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday's during Lent ~ Before and After the 12:05PM Mass at St. Ann's Church.

Lenten Goodies—Place Your Order Today!

Nut, Poppy Seed, and Apricot Rolls...contact Mike 969-0497 or sign up after Mass.

Pick up on Palm Sunday, April 14th in the Holy Family School Gym.

Pierogi (cheese) Sale contact Karen 882-8656 or sign up after Mass. Pick up all Sunday's during Lent from 12Noon until 1PM in the St. Casimir's Social Hall.

Annual Meatless Soup Supper

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 5PM in St. Casimir's Social Hall.

Sign up to bring a kettle of Meatless Soup to Share.



FIRST SATURDAY: Join us on Saturday, April 6th for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. Fr. Gallina will be our celebrant. All are welcome.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Halina Roman by Kelly & Demaris Edwards
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 31st: Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) Stephen Ferko by Maurice Kaluzny
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:**
Richard Davis, Jr. (feast) by Victor & Ruth Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Dorothy Root by Butch & Arlene Slater
- ➔ 2:00 pm (SC) Gorzkie Zale & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, April 1st: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of Fr. John Paul Kuzma, O.F.M. Cap
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased Officers and Members of The Slovak National Club

Tuesday, April 2nd: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski, OFM, Anniversary by Rick and Ron Bolla
- 12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Jant Family
- 7:00 pm Confirmation at St. Luke's Church

Wednesday, April 3rd: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Dr. Debra Monde, Anniversary by mother Charlotte Prez and Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Richard Herczak by Vento Family

Thursday, April 4th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Rita Sulecki, Anniversary by husband Norbert
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

First Friday, April 5th: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Helen Dolak by Christine Visosky
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry
- 1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday, April 6th: Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) In Honor of Our Blessed Mother
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Norbert Ropiecki by Delphine Palkovic and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 7th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) Jean B. Bargielski, Anniversary by daughters
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:**
Edward Kowalski (feast) by Victor & Ruth Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Helen Dolak by Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF
- ➔ 2:00 pm (SC) Gorzkie Zale & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Living & Deceased of The Slovak National Club
 - 2) Living & Deceased of The Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Joseph Pochatko by Spouse
- 2) Charles Chase by Spouse

St. Casimir's

- 1) St. Joseph Altar: Special Intention
- 2) St. Joseph Altar: Special Intention

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

PLEASE NOTE: Today is the **LAST** day to submit your Easter Flower Envelopes to be included in the list of donors! Wishing each and everyone a Blessed, Safe and Happy Easter. Thank you, Helen Gangemi

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (3/31) Fourth Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30AM Latin Mass (SC). 2PM Gorzkie Zale and Benediction (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (4/1) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Tuesday (4/2) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (4/3) Rectory office is closed. 5PM Annual Meatless Soup Supper (SC).

Thursday (4/4) Rectory office is closed.

First Friday (4/5) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before and after the 12:05PM Mass at St. Ann's. 1PM Stations of the Cross (SA). 6PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (SC).

First Saturday (4/6) 8:30AM Confessions and 9AM Mass (SA). Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).

Sunday (4/7) Fifth Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30AM Latin Mass (SC). 2PM Gorzkie Zale and Benediction (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Don't forget to Order your delicious Easter treats today!

Pierogi Sale sponsored by OMOS Pastoral Council. Homemade Cheese Filled Pierogis', Bag of 6 for \$5. Place your order today by signing the order form in the back of church or call 882-8656. Pick up available March 31 and April 7 and 14 in the St. Casimir's Social Hall from Noon to 1PM.

Nut Roll Sale contact Mike at 969-0497 to place your order or signing the order form in the back of church. Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot Rolls are available again this year. \$10.00 each. Pick up is on Palm Sunday, April 14th in the Holy Family School Gym.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. The color of the vestments changes today from the familiar violet to old rose. The liturgy is looking ahead briefly today to Easter Sunday and all of the joy and happiness that Easter implies Easter is drawing near but not yet. We still have the final weeks of Lent and then Holy Week before we celebrate Easter Sunday. But don't give up! Resolve today to keep up your Lent observance with the traditional practices of Prayer, Penance, and Alms giving! Remember no meat, abstinence from meat on all of the Fridays of Lent. Remember the Poor Box, Rice Bowls, and the CSA along with your other acts of Penance and Alms Giving. Don't give up! Make this your best Lent ever! If you do that then you can be sure this will be your best Easter ever! Make a Good Lent, your best Lent and expect your best Easter ever! †The rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy follow the Noon Masses at St. Ann's. On Fridays during Lent in addition to our regular weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for 1PM at St. Ann's and 6PM at St. Casimir's. The traditional Polish Lenten Devotion, the Gorzkie Zale will be celebrated on the Sundays of Lent at 2PM at St. Casimir's. Please note the change from previous years. The Gorzkie Zale is the traditional Polish Lenten Devotion celebrated completely in the Polish Language. †Anyone celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary this year (2019) please notify the parish office. We will then call the diocese and make arrangements for you to receive a certificate from the Bishop. Please call the church office for more information. †Our 100th Solemn Novena to Good **Saint Ann** will be held this year during the month of July at St. Ann's Church. **Redemptorist Father Kevin MacDonald** will return again this year to direct our novena. †Homemade Cheese Filled Pierogis are on sale every Sunday during Lent. Order in the back of the Church this week and pick up next week from Noon until 1PM in the social hall downstairs. Call **Karen or Bob** at 882-8656 to order or for more information. †Orders are also being taken for our famous "nut rolls" or "poppy seed rolls" or "apricot rolls", still just \$10.00 each. Order forms are in the back of the church or you may call **Mike Kuzma** at 969-0497 to place your order. Pick up on Palm Sunday after Mass at the Holy Family School gym. Also if you would be able to help bake the rolls call **Mike** at 969-0497. †We appreciate all of your help with snow removal during our long and cold winter! Special thanks to the **Kuzma's, John Wolfe, Deacon Jerry Sobrowski** and all others who pitched in as needed. Hopefully it's over for another year! †The Friday Fish Fry Dinners are very popular again this year. St. Stan's has one left on April 5th from 4-7PM. \$10/adults, \$5/children ages 6-12, and free/under age 5. \$10.25/Take outs. Please check out the flyer in the vestibule of the churches for more information. Fish dinners are also held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Mt. Carmel Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, and St. Luke's Church. Please call the individual churches for more information. Enjoy! †The Rosary Society has a Lottery Easter Basket to raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Get your tickets after Mass this weekend. †Belated birthday greetings to **Father Joe Gregorek** who celebrated on March 13th. **Msgr. Gerald Koos** will celebrate a significant birthday on April 5th. Happy Birthday everyone! †Congratulations to **Mr. Daniel Brigham** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening, April 2nd at St. Luke's. Keep him in your prayers. †St. Mark's Seminary is sponsoring their annual card party on Thursday, April 11th at St. Mark's Gym, 429 East Grandview Blvd at 6PM. Admission is \$7.00. Call **Betsy** at 504-2720 to order tickers or with any questions. Support our 13 seminarians by attending this party. Thanks for your interest. †Thank you for all that you do for our Lord Jesus, your parish, your churches, and your priests, deacon, ministers and all who serve you! Happy Laetare Sunday! And may you be in heaven a long time before the devil even knows you're dead! Make a good Lent everybody!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

The 100th St. Ann Novena planning committee recently met to continue to work on the "keepsake" commemorative booklet. In the near future advanced order forms for this booklet will be placed in the back of the churches. Also in the near future information will be made available on how you will be given the opportunity to purchase special sponsor ads as an individual, family, group, or business. This booklet looks like it is really going to be something special and I already can't wait to get mine.

Come Back Home!

One of the most loved and a popular parable from the Gospels is that of the prodigal son. In this story Jesus shows us how God – through the character of the father – takes care of us without forcing himself on us or preventing our turning away from him. In the parable the father honors the unreasonable request of his younger son (who by Jewish law has no claim on any inheritance) and divides his estate between the two sons. He doesn't prevent the younger son from leaving home to live a life of sin in a foreign country, but gives him the freedom to make mistakes. He doesn't chase after his son to try and bring him back – but lets the son use his free will to follow the path he has chosen. Once the son realizes his mistake and comes back home, however, the father meets him more than halfway and welcomes him whole-heartedly, without judgment or reproach.

God works the same way with us. He provides for us, but he does not force us into a relationship with him. By his grace we are invited; by our will and his grace do we respond? In this season of Lent, we are invited in a special way to turn back to God in whatever way may be necessary – to take the first step of reconciliation with God or with others. God waits for us patiently in the sacrament of reconciliation, and is ready to absolve us and make us "new creations" as we confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness and strength. Like the prodigal son, we too are free to choose our own paths in this life. In these remaining weeks of Lent may we choose to "come back home" to our God who always is ready to meet us more than halfway and welcome us without judgement or reproach!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, 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 Wieczorek, 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, Leo Laskowski, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, John & Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Bob Merski, Sr., Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, 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, 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.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Edward Konieczki,
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 (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 Japan), and David Kraut

*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list.
Thank you for your service to our country.*

FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

4:00 MASS \$793.25
8:00 MASS \$1,107.00
9:30 LATIN MASS \$706.46
11:00 MASS \$1,971.32
CANDLES \$108.50
TOTAL \$4,686.53

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

We are off to a good start, thank you! You still have time for you to make your pledge/donation. The CSA envelopes were mailed to all homes in the parish packet and additional envelopes will be available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection.

CSA 2019 as of March 18, 2019
Pledged: \$9,157.00 Paid: \$6,202.00

Thank you keeping the home fires burning!
Remember you Parish in you will.

Faith Formation News...March 31st:

- *Elementary: March 31~ 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary.
- *First Reconciliation Retreat April 6, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary.
- *Middle, high school: April 7 ~ 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the St. John Rectory.

CONFIRMATION ~ April 2, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Church
Congratulations to our own OMOS parishioner, **Daniel Brigham** who will be confirmed on April 2nd at St. Luke's Church. Congratulations and Blessings to you.

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 (Home and 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.