

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 7th: Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Anna L. Winschel by Tom & Patty Stoffan  
8:30 am (SC) Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Amy Farnen, Anniversary  
by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kowalski  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and  
Lisa Galla

### Monday, November 8th: Weekday

(SC) Private: Rev. James T. O'Hara, Anniversary  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Vic Federoff

### Tuesday, November 9th: The Dedication of the

#### Lateran Basilica

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) The health and well-being of our Families  
by Family

### Wednesday, November 10th: Saint Leo the Great

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by  
Edith Coccarelli  
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Frank Vento, Birthday by  
The Vento Family

### Thursday, November 11th: Saint Martin of Tours

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Helen Mae Ropelewski, Anniversary by  
Sisters

### Friday, November 12th: Saint Josaphat

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Joseph and Helena Maciejczyk, Wedding  
Anniversary by Christine Visosky

### Saturday, November 13th: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Private (SA) Leonard Kowalski by Friend  
(SC) No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions

### Sunday, November 14th: Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Dr. Debra Mary Monde by Sr. Barbara Ann  
8:30 am (SC) Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Ann S. Wilczewski by  
Brother Paul Wilson  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Joan Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Anniversary by Parishioners  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) US Military Deceased
- 2) Military Veterans—Past and Present

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Richard Burke by Dave & Colleen Dombkowski
- 2) Fr. Daniel Prez by Nancy Tate and Kitty Harrington

## *GECAC programs...*

GECAC has asked our parish to participate in the Christmas Giving Tree program again this year. More information will be coming soon.

GECAC's "Warming Erie" project. Your generous donations to this project made a very large impact and GECAC was able to help many less fortunate families and individuals in our community. *Thank you for your kindness!*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Offertory October 31, 2021: \$2,956.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

*Pledged: \$13,650.00      Paid: \$12,980.00*

*Thank you for keeping the home first burning!*

***Please note: The cut off date for the  
Christmas Flower donation list is  
Sunday, December 5, 2021.***

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

### Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time – Resumed Fifth Sunday after Epiphany in Latin Mass

**Veteran's Day** is this Thursday, November 11. Please take time to pray and remember the men and women who have served and are presently serving our country. But more than remember, let us redouble our efforts to care for those still with us.

**Holy Hour for Vocations planned at Our Lady of Peace:** There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m., held in conjunction with the Nov. 7-13 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Leading this special event will be Msgr. Edward Lohse, vicar general of the Diocese of Erie and a graduate of Our Lady of Peace School. All ages are welcome to attend. Even if you are unable to attend this Holy Hour please take time to pray and ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

#### **From Bishop Persico:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 20-21, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). As you may know, CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops which works to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low income participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. CCHD is a manifestation of our call to a discipleship that fosters a "solidarity which 'would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny'" (Evangelii Gaudium, no.190).

The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society. This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ, The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL, Bishop of Erie

#### **Caring for Others**

In our Gospel, Jesus warns the crowd to beware of the scribes who liked to be held in great esteem and abused their religious leadership at the expense of the widows. They demonstrated piety and accepted honors not accorded to others but they did not do anything for the community nor did they care for those who were entrusted to them.

Each of us can fall into the same temptation of self-righteousness that the scribes gave into. While we faithfully attend mass, say our prayers, and obey the rules, like the scribes we can unknowingly become indifferent to the needs of those among us.

Enter the widow in this Gospel who gave her whole livelihood in order to ensure that others within her community might have something. She gave a little but it counted a lot! From this story it appears Jesus is asking us to give more – and he is!

But he is asking for more than monetary donations – he is asking us to give of ourselves to others without spending a dime! Each of us, by virtue of our baptism is called to be a Christian leader, an evangelizer, and to spread the good word of Jesus Christ to others, and to care for those among us. It can be as simple as welcoming others, initiating a relationship with those around us and getting to know them better, and caring for them with our kindness and time.

From the two examples in our Gospel, the scribes and widow, which one tells us something about who God is? Obviously, it is the widow and God is like that widow in his care for us; he holds absolutely nothing back. He gives us everything he has, and is, including himself. Jesus gave his very life for our sake and that of the world and he asks us not to hold back in our care and love for others. Let us pray that like the widow we will be generous with our gifts by giving our time, talents and treasure so that none of those among us is left uncared for.



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