

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 12th: Third Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Ahead
Private (SA) Kenneth L. York by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Father Daniel Prez by Chris and Eva
Misevski

Monday, March 13th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

Tuesday, March 14th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Julia Borczon by G. Palmer

Wednesday, March 15th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Hartman
Family by Beverly and Charlotte

Thursday, March 16th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek
by Connie and Mark Kraus

Friday, March 17th: St. Patrick/NOT A Day of Abstinence

Bishop Persico has dispensed abstinence for today only.

11:00am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Philip J. Pochatko by his mother
12:30pm (SA) Eucharistic Adoration
1:00pm (SA) Stations of the Cross followed with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 18th: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

Sunday, March 19th: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) John Ropelewski by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Barbara J. Juchno, Birthday by Theresa
Juchno

Monday, March 20th: St. Joseph, spouse of Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by Daughters

Tuesday, March 21st: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Jean Deniziak by Joe and
Holly Guzowski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Special Intentions of Msgr. Koos by Friends
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

St. Casimir's

- 1) For all parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Health and Healing for all Shut-ins and Sick

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Offertory: \$4,327.45

Holy Family Item Sale: \$1,000.00

Expenses

Penelec ~ March 2023: \$676.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$4,967.00 Paid: \$2,867.00

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal began on
February 19, 2023, Commitment Sunday.
Please consider making your pledge today.
Thank you to all who have made their pledge and/or
payment to the 2023 CSA.
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

PLEASE USE OUR CORRECT ADDRESS!

**The Parish Office address is
630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.**

The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's
Church right at the end of the handicap ramp.
All mail and other correspondence is to be addressed
to and mailed to or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave.
Office hours are by appointment only.

GECAC "Feed The Poor Campaign"

Today will be the last day to donate. Thank you for your
generosity. You will help make many folks have a blessed
and happy Easter. *Thank you!*

**In 2023, St. Patrick's Day (March 17 – Principal Patronal Feast Day of the Diocese of Erie) falls on a Friday in Lent. In recognition of the importance of this day for the faithful, Bishop Persico has dispensed all Latin Catholics from the requirement of abstinence from eating meat on March 17, 2023, within the territory of the Diocese of Erie.*



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

As I previously mentioned, Bishop Persico is initiating the process for **pastoral planning** and parish restructuring in various deaneries (regions) around the diocese. The meeting for Erie is scheduled for **March 30** and our parish representatives have been invited. At the meeting we will begin discussing demographics and trends, as well as a proposed plan for parishes in Erie County. It is well known that we already have too many parishes and parish buildings in Erie County and not enough priests for them and given the current life of the Church there will be changes. What these changes will be and when they occur will become clearer as we continue to meet. The primary goal of pastoral planning remains creating healthy, vibrant parishes where people can grow in their relationship with Christ. Please pray for everyone involved in this process to make prudent and wise decisions. While the future appears uncertain, we can trust that Jesus and his Church will always be here for us.

A special thanks to all who supported and continue to support the sale of the items at **Holy Family School**. The parish has received \$6,286 thus far. It was especially encouraging to see so many parishioners obtain items of personal significance from their time at Holy Family School. The cafeteria trays were a big hit!

Raffle tickets for the benefit of **St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary** will be on sale after Mass next Sunday. One ticket is \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10. The top prize is \$1000. Your generosity supports the seminarians in many ways throughout the year. Please pray for more vocations and for all the priests in our Diocese and the young men in the seminary now.

Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist parishes in Erie are hosting a **Holy Hour for vocations** to the priesthood each Thursday during Lent from 7-8 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Mass follows at 8 a.m.

Lent is a good time to consider **how we treat the people in our lives**. All of us at one time or another are quick to criticize each other and I share these words from the **Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuân** as inspiration: "Criticism is easy; it is within everyone's reach. A pessimistic nature easily finds the defects and shortcomings in others. But everyone, without exception, has defects. Even the saints needed a lifetime to become Christlike, to become perfect *as our heavenly Father is perfect*. Keeping an account of people's faults is a fruitless task. Not only are you showing your pride and ill will, but you are also wasting your time. To remember a person's defects is to hold onto the past and to concentrate on that person's worst side, as if no other existed! No one's life is frozen; everyone is constantly evolving, changing, growing. You must concentrate your entire attention on the present and the future rather than the past. One who has sinned but who bears his or her past with sorrow may be a saint today or become one tomorrow. Such a person may make swifter progress on the road toward holiness than me. While I waste my time and strength criticizing and complaining about others, those who seemed to me to be further behind on the road are setting out and moving forward quickly and soon will have gone beyond me." Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuân († 2002) was imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for thirteen years, during which time he secretly sent prayers and spiritual writings to his flock.

The **Eighth Annual Catholic Women's Conference** will be held on Saturday, March 25, at St. Jude Parish, 2801 West 6th Street, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The event is \$20, College Students \$10, High School Students \$5, and Religious FREE. For more information or to register visit www.1:38women.com or call (814) 455-7364.

Living Water

In our Gospel Jesus encounters the woman at the well and this is far from an ordinary meeting: It is with a Samaritan with a mixed marital history, spurned by others such that she must come to the well at the hottest time of day, when no one else is there. The Samaritan woman, for instance, could not have been expecting some new spiritual awakening when she went to perform the simple task of drawing water. Yet her daily chore of drawing water, as necessary for her life as for the Israelites in the desert, led to her encounter with Jesus, who offers her "living water." The Samaritan woman knew there was something different about Jesus as soon as she came to the well. When he looked at her, she saw in his glance that he knew her completely – he knew exactly what kind of person she was. When Jesus spoke to her it was the beginning of a conversation that changed her life. She came to the realization that not only did he know her through and through but that he cared for her. This encounter forever changed her heart – where once she had a wall protecting her heart, she was now free. Her daily chore of drawing water, as necessary for her life in the desert, led to her encounter with Jesus, who offers her "living water." Like the woman at the well, we, too, are seeking the living water of God's mercy. All of us thirsting for something that fulfills us – whether it is a career, a human relationship, or possessions. Not only does Jesus know everything about us and he comes to meet each one of us right where we are in life. He cares for each one of us where we are - right here, right now. Lent invites us to be more purposeful in our efforts to develop our relationship with Jesus. as it reminds us that God is also seeking us. He is taking the initiative to engage us so that we might experience this flowing water, and so live in ways that are worthy of him. Today, let us seek the living water by telling Jesus about our needs, our concerns, wants, and our sorrows. The mere start of this conversation may just change our lives.