

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

*The bread that we break,
is it not a participation
in the body of Christ?*

*Because the loaf
of bread is one,
we, though many,
are one body,
for we all partake
of the one loaf.*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 14, 2020



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A Short Prayer to the Holy Trinity in Time of COVID-19

Heavenly Compassionate Father,
These days we have to keep our distance
from each other
Please don't you be distant from us.

Jesus our Lord, Savior and brother,
These days we cannot visit each other
Please come to our homes and visit us.

Holy Spirit of Healing,
These days we are fearful of each other's
breath
Please breathe on us your calming presence.

Amen

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913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

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 our 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 13th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Monica Sorensen by Family and Friends
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 14th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

(SC) Special Intentions of Al Klugiewicz, birthday, by Parishioners

(SC) Richard Davis, Jr. by Kowalski Family

(SC) Ron Turbaczewski by Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 15th: Weekday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Caroline Larson
(SA) Class of 2020—All Levels of Education

Tuesday, June 16th: Weekday

(SC) Our new priests Father Kevin Holland and Father Joseph Petrone
(SA) Special Intentions of Francis Vento, Birthday by Vento Family

Wednesday, June 17th: Weekday

(SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
(SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Thursday, June 18th: Weekday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Rosary Society of St. Casimir
(SC) Our Priests by Marge Rabe

Friday, June 19th: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

(SC) John A. Rzomp by Darlene Davis
(SA) In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Blue Army of Fatima

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

(SC) Father's Day Intentions
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(SC) Father's Day Intentions
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

William Edinger,
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 19, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$1,254.22

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of May 30, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$10,140.00

Paid Amount: \$7,160.00

We continue to grow! Thanks to you!!!
We are still \$11,306.00 away from our goal and we could use your help to reach it. Together we can do it! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

PARISH EXPENSES

Erie Water Works: \$491.96 (May 2020)

Telephone: \$328.28 (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 the great feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. Happy Corpus Christi Everyone! O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine! †Father Kevin Holland and Father Joseph Petrone 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, Protect Yourself and your family, stop the spread of the coronavirus! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. † Please join us in the Act of Contrition: *O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee. I detest all of my sins because of thy just punishments but most of all because I have offended you my God who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.* † And now we invite you to make a spiritual communion: *My Jesus, I firmly believe that you are really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above things and I hope and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come now spiritually into my heart and soul. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you and your Sacred Heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. I pray through Christ our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior forever and ever. Amen.* †Congratulations 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. †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, Hope to see all Soon!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Jesus Feeds Us Always!...Most of us still remember our First Holy Communion. It was a day of great joy and excitement when after all the preparation and anticipation, we were finally able to receive the true presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we celebrate with great joy and excitement what we believe every time we gather at Christ's altar for Mass. That is, we profess the Real Presence of the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of, and under the appearance of, bread and wine in the Eucharist. Our readings for this Solemnity show us the connection between the people of Israel in their flight from Egypt and wandering in the desert, to Jesus' feeding of us in his body and blood. At the end of their 40-year journey, Moses reminds the people of the faithfulness God showed them in providing what they needed, and he instructs them not to forget God who has guided them and fed their hunger. Just as the people of Israel we, too, face challenges and the unknown as we journey through our lives. The past several months have been especially difficult for all of us. Just as the manna kept the people of Israel alive through their journey, so too does the Eucharist keep our souls alive in our desert of earthly life. While many in our diocese and throughout the country, for that matter, are still unable to attend Mass, Jesus is still very much with us with us. Even though we cannot receive him in sacramental communion he still feeds and keeps our souls alive when we make an act of Spiritual Communion. It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, we can make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace and the effects should never be underestimated. A Spiritual Communion is a strong and sincere desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion (*prayer in The Pastor Desk article*). Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. St. Teresa of Avila said: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." St. Jean-Marie Vianney the famous country priest from Ars, France, also once said "when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us instantly make a spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God." Even though we are still unable to attend Mass and touch the Risen Lord in his Body and Blood that comes to us through the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we can still live our lives as Christians resting assured that Jesus always remains with us. 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 worshipping together in the near future.

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses ... Given concerns for the safe 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. We plan to meet with Pastoral Council and re-assess our ability to comply with the restrictions and protocol and re-evaluate our status on June 30. Until then Bishop Persico's dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses still remains 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, Marianne Nicholl, 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.



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