

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 7th: Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas by Phyllis Rzodkiewicz

Monday, August 8th: Saint Dominic

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by The Boccio Family

Tuesday, August 9th: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of The Ropelewski Family

Wednesday, August 10th: St. Lawrence

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Mark Allen, Anniversary by Loving Mother

Thursday, August 11th: Saint Clare

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Rose Niedzwieck

Friday, August 12th: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Saturday, August 13th: Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

Private (SA) Norman Borczon by G. Palmer

Sunday, August 14th: Twentieth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Caroline Larson

Monday, August 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Bob and Irene Naguszewski by Jerry and Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

Tuesday, August 16th: St. Stephen of Hungary

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Michelle Tavani

Wednesday, August 17th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends
2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

St. Casimir's

1) Prayers for more vocations to Religious Life
2) Mark Allen, Anniversary by Friends

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, July 31, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$1,761.60
St. Ann Novena ~ (updated) July 18-26: \$4,285.56

Income and Expenses for July 2022

Income: \$13,787.18
Expenses: \$10,968.10
Difference: \$2,819.08

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$9,584.00 Paid: \$6,544.00

\$21,813.00 Away from Reaching Our Goal.

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

Please issue a **separate check** for

→ CSA contribution

→ Mass Intentions

Please do not include them on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

ERIE GIVES DAY is Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 8AM to 8PM.

Please consider supporting Our Mother of Sorrow Parish on Erie Gives Day.

As always, **select Holy Family Church** to support our parish.

On August 9th **visit www.ErieGives.org** and select Holy Family Church to support Our Mother of Sorrow Parish. Thank you in advance for your love and support of Our Mother of Sorrow Parish.

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Erie Gives Day is on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 8am-8pm. Please consider supporting our parish by selecting Holy Family Church at www.eriegives.org. Anything we collect will be used toward improving safety and security at our facilities by purchasing additional lighting as well as cameras, signs, etc. Anything left over will be applied to offset the cost of moving our parish office.

I strongly urge everyone to read final **Synod Report** from the recent sessions that were conducted in the Diocese of Erie. The report was assembled and reviewed through a collaboration between the Chancery, the Office of Faith Formation and facilitators at parishes across the diocese. The comments and feedback from parishes that participated are very insightful, thought provoking and challenging. The report also underscores the need for change and for us to adapt to changing demographics, etc. School districts, businesses, and other organizations are learning new ways to work together in order to adapt and respond to change. As Catholics we are not exempt from change and we need to cooperate and work together to continue to meet our challenges for the future. If you wish to read the report but do not have online access, call the office and leave a message and we will get a hard copy in the mail to you. The report can be found on the website for the Diocese of Erie or you can find a link at our parish website.

The Erie Curia of the Legion of Mary is sponsoring a **Rosary March** on Saturday, August 13 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1553 Grandview Blvd. Mass with Bishop Lawrence T. Persico begins at 12:00 Noon with the March to follow. The Rosary will also be recited in the church at the same time. Light refreshments will be served following the Rosary.

In addition to the recent loss of **Msgr. Richie** another one of our priests asked for and was granted a six month leave of absence. He had been serving as the pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Frenchville. We also learned that one of our seminarians, who was close to Ordination, decided to leave formation. Please continue to **pray for vocations** to the priesthood. The number of priests in our diocese continues to decline and it appears to only be getting worse.

Are we prepared?

I recall driving once and seeing a sign painted on the stones on a bank of a stretch on the highway that led to a tricky curve. It read: "Are you prepared to meet Jesus?"

Initially I thought it was a creative way to get drivers to slow down and avoid potential danger, but the more I pondered that sign it led to me questioning how ready I am to meet Jesus. That is certainly is a good question for all of us to consider: Just how ready are we for the second coming of Jesus?

In today's Gospel parable, the master is away at a wedding feast and the servants who await the master's return have been given instructions and are expected to carry them out.

Just like us, they do not know when the master will return but they wait and "make preparations and act in accord with his will." And they are ready.

We too have been given instructions on how to prepare for when Jesus comes again. These instructions are in the form of the commandments, Beatitudes, Scripture, the teachings of the Church etc.

Just like the servants we too must be vigilant and faithful always by showing Jesus' care and concern for others and seeking to do as Jesus himself did. Our mission is not to calculate when the master will return but to live in his abiding presence now. Being ready for Jesus' second coming is less about any actual time and place, and more about what we choose to do while we wait. It's about looking at our lives and where our priorities are and navigating the curves on the road that ultimately leads us to the kingdom of heaven.

It is reported that when Pope Saint John the XXIII was asked, "What should we be doing when Jesus comes again?" he replied, "Look busy."

We must get busy before it is too late. When the Lord comes again, we do not want to be caught being idle – that is, not living a faith-filled life. To do that requires self-discipline and dedication. There are no quick fixes or shortcuts we must prepare on a day-to-day basis and live our lives trying to be the people God wants us to be.

Are we prepared to meet Jesus?