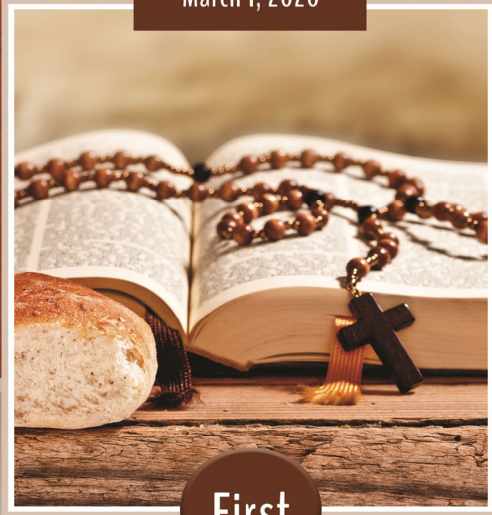


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

March 1, 2020



First

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said,
"One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE
is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday, and Tuesday 10:00AM to Noon
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Friday: 10:30AM to Noon
These days and times may vary.

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).

PARISH OFFICE: Mrs. Pat DeVore, Office; Mrs. Caroline Larson, Office, Mrs. Helen Gangemi, Bookkeeper.

THE RITE OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann). Communal Celebrations during Advent & Lent. Anytime by request.

VOTIVE CANDLES are **\$3.50 each to light**. Place money in donation box next to the candles.

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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 are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

*Please refer to the Mass Schedule for
dates and times of our
Special Lenten Services.*

*Gorzkie Zale and Benediction
Stations of the Cross
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Lenten Goodies—Place Your Order Today!

Nut Rolls sign up or contact
Mike at 969-0497.

Nut Rolls will be available on Palm Sunday
and may be picked up in the Holy Family
School gym.

Pierogi Sale. Pierogi will be sold after the
Sunday Masses during Lent or you may
place your order by calling

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 29th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Caroline Baran, Anniversary by daughter Loretta
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 1st: First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Paul & Lauren Greb
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass**
John Campbell by Latin Mass Community
- 11:00 am (SC) Sister Geraldine Kasper OSF by Sisters of Saint Francis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, March 2nd: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Marie Dzuricky by Donna Cipriani
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of Eastside Federation of Polish American Societies

Tuesday, March 3rd: St. Katharine Drexel

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Jackie Walter
- 12:05 pm (SA) Frank Vento, Sr. by Vento Family

Wednesday, March 4th: Feast of Saint Casimir

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Mikolaj Wodecki, Anniversary by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) William Palkovic, Anniversary by Delphine and Family

➔ 6:30 pm (SC) **Latin Mass with Fr. McIlwraith**
Solemn High Mass for the Latin Mass Community

Thursday, March 5th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Theodore Viscosky, Birthday by Christine and Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Figurski by Jim DeAngelo

First Friday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Sister Geraldine Kasper OSF by Holy Family Friends
- 12:05 pm (SA) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey & Family
- ➔ 7:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament


First Saturday, March 7th: Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) John A. Rzomp by Stan Lesniewski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 8th: Second Sunday of Lent

All Masses are on Daylight Savings Time

- 8:00 am (SC) Jean Tylkowski by Family
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass**
Intentions of Ruth & Vic Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Merski Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

 *Sunday, March 8th Daylight Saving Times begins...Spring Forward!*
Clocks move ahead **ONE** hour.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 2) William Palkovic, Anniversary by Delphine & Family
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Joe & Mary Pohl by Atty. Mickey Pohl & Family
- 2) Speedy Recovery for Sister Rose Kuzma OSF

St. Casimir's

- 1) Good Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Mother
- 2) Sr. Geraldine Kasper OSF by Friends

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends & Benefactors
*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (3/1) First Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (3/2) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (3/3) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (3/4) Feast of Saint Casimir. Rectory Office is closed. 6:30PM Latin High Mass at SC.

Thursday (3/5) Rectory office is closed.

First Friday (3/6) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

First Saturday (3/7) First Saturday services are 8:30AM Confessions and 9AM Mass (SA). 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Sunday (3/8) Second Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Daylight Savings Time begins...Spring Forward!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—February 29

Lector: Loretta Baran
Eucharistic Ministers: Loretta Baran & Brian Martin
Altar Servers: Brian Martin

Sunday Masses—March 1

8AM Mass

Lector: Eileen Ropelewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Sharon Swigonski
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass

Lector: Cameron Schroeder
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Schroeder & Kim Walkiewicz
Altar Servers: Kyle Jackson & Karen Mazur



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the First Sunday of Lent! †The Diocese of Erie has sent us the following Lenten Regulations: The following regulations are binding for all in the diocese. **1.** Traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged. (Our weekday Masses continue Monday-Friday at 8AM at St. Casimir's and 12:05PM at St. Ann's. Confessions before and after Mass at St. Ann's.) **2.** Good Friday is a day of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. **3.** Good Friday is also a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. (On these days those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal and two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted but milk and fruit juices are allowed. Where health or work is affected, the law does not apply.) **4.** On Holy Thursday no Mass is permitted before 4:30PM. **5.** On Good Friday the service is to be conducted by the priest. **6.** The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening can begin at 8:30PM. We hope that you all will make a good Lent! †Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday following the 12:05PM Mass at St. Ann's and at 7PM at St. Casimir's. A special schedule will be published for Holy Week. † Wednesday, March 4th, is the Feastday of **Saint Casimir**. Feastday Masses are at 8AM and 6:30PM at St. Casimir's Church. The 6:30PM Mass will be a Solemn High Mass with **Father Ian McIlwraith** as main celebrant, **Father James Power** as deacon, and **Father William Barron** as sub deacon. The Mass will be offered for the intentions of the parish. †This week the homeless shelter moves to St. John the Baptist. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. The homeless are fortunate to have these shelters! Pass the word. †Remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers. **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. We will keep you posted. †The traditional Polish Lenten Devotion, the Gorzkie Zale will begin Wednesday, March 11th at 7PM at St. Casimir's with parts one and two. Please join us. †Thank you again for supporting the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. We made our goal and had a few dollars left over for some parish projects. The 2020 appeal began last Sunday, February 23rd. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledges today and drop your envelopes in the baskets, if you have not done so already. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Persico** assures us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the PA grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. Any amount that you could afford to pledge and give would be acceptable. We will remind you from the pulpit. Let's support our Bishop and the Diocese of Erie! †Jesus died on the cross for you! What will you do for him during Lent? Make a Good lent! Peace and Blessings!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus... We were honored to host the icon of Our Lady Help Persecuted Christians. The icon which is sponsored by the Knights travels nation-wide to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and an opportunity for us to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. May we continue to pray to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians to intercede for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world.

It's Nut Roll Time Again! ...Our famous nut rolls will be available to pick up at the Holy Family School gym on Palm Sunday this year. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church. Mike Kuzma leads this effort and is always looking for help, please contact him at (814) 969-0497.

Special Thanks! ... If you haven't noticed the new tables in the back of the church please make sure you look at them before you leave. They were completely remade by **Bob Mazur** from existing tables that were in the Holy Family School building. A while ago Bob also made (from scratch) the credence table that is in the sanctuary. Bob's work surpasses that of many tables that were available for purchase. Thanks Bob for all you do for our parish and for sharing your unique talents.

Our Time in the Desert ... As we begin the season of Lent, we find ourselves on a journey of forty days. The number forty has special significance for us in salvation history: The rain of the flood fell for forty days and forty nights while Noah and his family took shelter in the ark. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years after leaving a life of slavery in Egypt and before entering into the Promised Land. Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for "forty days and forty nights" before receiving the tablets of the law and then again, forty more days and nights "prostrate before the Lord" to atone for the people's worship of the golden calf. Forty signifies a time of trial and testing, purification and preparation for a closer walk with God. Lent is our forty days in the desert. As we begin our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our focus should be to remember to put God first in our lives, and to remove from our lives anything we want to put before God. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us an example of how to do just that as he's confronted with various temptations by the devil. For every temptation that Satan puts before him, Jesus counters with a reminder that God comes first. Tempted to make stones into bread after 40 days of fasting, Jesus notes that we live not only on bread, but on the word of God. Tempted to fall down and let God save him, he reminds the devil that he is not to put God to the test. Finally, tempted with all the riches of the world if he only worships Satan, Jesus counters that God alone should be worshiped. Jesus gives us a clear model: In all temptations to hunger, power and wealth, we are to remember that God comes first. That is where our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving come in. Our Lenten sacrifices are more than giving up something and depriving ourselves for a period of time. During our 40 days in the desert we come to terms with who we are as disciples of Christ recognizing that we are not in the desert alone, Jesus who knows what we are going through is walking by our side every step of the way. We just need to extend our hand out to him!

This week's Spiritual Exercise: Think about the temptations we struggle with the most. Ask ourselves these questions:

- Do I worship God or does something else take precedence in my life?
- What consumes my time, energy, and attention each day?
- What is important to me?

Take the answers to Jesus in prayer and then in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). Try to attend mass and receive the Eucharist as much as possible during the week.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 16, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$687.55
8:00 AM Mass \$575.00
Latin Mass \$597.23
11:00AM Mass \$1,465.10
Candles \$35.00
TOTAL \$3,359.88

PARISH EXPENSES

January 2020 National Fuel \$3,688.28

*Thank you for your continued love and
generosity to your parish.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of February 19, 2020

Pledged Amount: \$21.00 Paid: \$21.00

The Diocese of Erie has set our Parish Goal for the 2020 CSA at \$21,446.00. Please help us reach this goal. All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. If you did not make your pledge last Sunday you may still do so. Simply use the 2020 CSA envelope that was included in your monthly packet or extra envelopes are available in our churches.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

**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 & 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.*

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, 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, Thomas Kaiser, 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, 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, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, 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, Louise Grolemond, 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), 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.
