# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church
Sunday, January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

# Saturday, January 9th: Christmas Weekday

No Public Masses or Confessions

## Sunday, January 10th: Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Brad Madara by wife and Children

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of Fr. Daniel Prez from Mother

#### Monday, January 11th: First Week in Ordinary Time

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Mara Vento from Vento Family

### Tuesday, January 12th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Dorothy Whipple by Family

## Wednesday, January 13th: St. Hilary

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joe Krkoska from Debbie Hess

5:30pm (SC) Latin Mass ~ James & Virginia Kemper by Anna & Justin Bonanno

#### Thursday, January 14th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

#### Friday, January 15th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara by St. Ann's Guild

#### Saturday, January 16th: Weekday

No Public Masses or Confessions

#### Sunday, January 17th: Second Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Rev. James T. O'Hara from First Saturday Devotees

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Joe Habas by Tom Yonko and Family

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, January 9, 2021

# THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Casimir "Mike" Dylewski, Birthday by Grandson Andrew Gangemi and Victoria Murawski

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) James Berdis by Parishioners

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends

St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of Patricia Parmarter by Aunt Kay Larson
- 2) Our Sick and Shut-ins

# FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

Offertory for Dec. 13, 2020: \$2,625.00 Offertory for Dec. 20, 2020: \$1,739.00 Offertory for Christmas: \$6,842.00

# CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020 2020 Goal: \$21,446.00

Report As of January 9th

Pledged Amount: \$17,585.00 Paid Amount: \$17,165.00 No changes to report at this time. We are getting closer to our goal we are now \$3,861.00 away for reaching our goal. Can we count on you, please! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and CSA contributions in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the rectory office.

The parish office is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

# Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

A special thank you for the \$300.00 donation to Holy Family Church/Our Mother of Sorrows Parish in memory of James Berdis. *Blessings to you and your family.* 

2020 Contribution statements will be mailed to everyone who received one last year. If you wish to receive your 2020 contribution statement please call the rectory office at 452-4832 and leave a message for Helen. Statements will be mailed to you on or before January 31, 2021. Thank you.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

#### The Baptism of the Lord

First Sunday after Epiphany (Holy Family) - Latin Mass

It is with great joy we, the Christian Community, welcome **William Peter Lyons** who was baptized by **Fr. James Power** on Wednesday, January 6 at the 5:30 pm Latin mass. Congratulations to William's parents **Christopher and Abigail Lyons** and to his Godparents Jonathan and Amy Edwards.

Congratulations to M. Kaden Davis who achieved the Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Preparatory School for the first term of the 2020-21 school year. This is a significant challenge during normal times let alone during a pandemic. We are profoundly proud of you – keep up the good work!

I am grateful to everyone for making our celebration of the Christmas season reverent and special. In spite of the challenges in front of us, we pulled together as a parish and put our best foot forward! Special thanks go out to: **Msgr. Koos, Father Gregorek, Father Priscaro, and Father Power** for presiding at our masses, for hearing confessions, and for making the Sacraments available to us.

**Francis Kloecker** from the Kloecker-Razanauskus Funeral Home once again providing our calendars for us. Francis was extremely busy but went the extra mile to assure we had them before the end of the year!

To Mary Tirak who donated a Statue of St. Joseph to St. Ann Church in memory of John Raclawski. It is displayed on a stand outside of the visitor's confessional. Our original statue was broken decades ago and never replaced.

The Carmelite Sisters who donated hosts, candles, and poinsettias to St. Ann Church.

To everyone at our 9:30 and 11:00 masses **who clean the church** and help us comply with the protocols for worship during the pandemic. Your work has been essential in order for us to maintain a safe worship environment. We can't do it without you.

To those who pitched in and did such a wonderful job decorating St. Ann, St. Casimir, and Holy Family Churches. A special "shout-out" to Fr. Jerry Priscaro, Tim Clint, and Mike Kuzma Sr. for organizing the effort at each of the churches.

We can't forget **Mike Kuzma II** and **John Wolf** who kept our lots plowed and walkways clean while still keeping up with all the other maintenance issues that occurred.

Finally, I am humbly grateful to all of you for the kindness and support you have extended to me not only during the holy days but also throughout my time assigned to Our Mother of Sorrows. I have seen the Spirit at work in our parish and It is truly an honor and pleasure for me to be here with you. Please know that I pray for you and your families daily.

Please pray for Fr. Joe as he continues to recover at home. I know he misses us and we certainly miss him too!

**Remembering Our Baptism** ... How many remember your Baptism? How many know exactly what day it was on? Baptism is sometimes remembered as or thought of as something that happened a long time ago that was very private and made us Catholic. But it is much more than that – it was the beginning of a life-long journey where we began to grow in the Body of Christ as a member. Just as Jesus emerged from the water with a mission and purpose, so too did we emerge from our Baptismal waters with a mission and purpose to follow Christ. Our baptism was much more than a christening – it was a commissioning. It was the beginning of a lifelong journey of a new life in Christ. In Baptism we were washed clean of mortal sin and into new life in Christ. Baptism opened the door to life and the kingdom of God so that we all might have eternal life. Through the cleansing waters and the power of the living Word we became sharers in God's own life and his adopted children. In Baptism we were initiated in our faith and became members of the Church. At our baptism we were commissioned to discipleship. By accepting the call to discipleship means we not only change our behavior but that we take on new hearts and minds, that our perspectives, affections, beliefs, intentions, attitudes, and our fundamental loyalties become transformed so that they have Christ as the center. On the day of our Baptism our parents and godparents made a promise and accepted the responsibility of raising us in the faith but now it is our responsibility to keep the promise and to maintain and nurture our faith. Our baptism call is often difficult with many responsibilities. Whether we are called to be students, teachers, parents, or whatever, we are commissioned to live good Christian lives on a day-to-day basis by being kind, generous, forgiving, and understanding of others. We are called to share the light of Christ with the world.

As we begin a New Year let us pause to remember our baptismal call and commitment to follow Jesus and resolve to live a life of dedication to his teachings and to be truly worthy of our calling.



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