

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 1st: Third Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Special Collection for Good Shepherd

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Sandra A. Demchak by husband Robert J. Demchak, Sr.

Monday, May 2nd: St. Athanasius

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Joyce Mueck by Delphine Palkovic and Family

Tuesday, May 3rd: Saints Philip and James

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Dr. Frank Pregler, Family and Staff

Wednesday, May 4th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sally and Ted Rzodkiewicz by Daughters and Families

Thursday, May 5th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Bishops & Priests, Living and Deceased by Jean Wroblewski

➔ 6:00pm (HF) Holy Hour

First Friday, May 6th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Dave & Rita Bone

First Saturday, May 7th: Easter Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Dolores Dombkowski by Theresa Juchno and Family

Private (SA): Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Paul Gostomski

Sunday, May 8th: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Dorothy M. Oldach by Bobby and Karen Mazur

Monday, May 9th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) William & Eva Jant by Daughters

Tuesday, May 10th: St. Damien de Veuster

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt Caroline

Wednesday, May 11th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Caroline Larson

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate

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

St. Ann's

1) Special Intentions of Beverly Vento and Maia Vento, Birthdays by The Vento Family

2) All Mothers, Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Friends

2) Jacqueline May Dylewski by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, April 10, 2022: \$3,323.00

Sunday, April 17, 2022: \$2,196.72

Sunday, April 24, 2022: \$3,430.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$7,757.00

Paid: \$5,307.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Working together we can reach our goal! Thank you for your love and support of your parish.

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 your CSA contribution. Please do not include it on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Diocesan Special Second Collection for the Good Shepherd Collection will be collected today, Sunday, May 1, 2022. Envelopes for this special collection are in your monthly packets. Thank you in advance for your support of the Good Shepherd Collection.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Today's **Second Collection** is the **Good Shepherd** collection for our retired priests. As Bishop Persico stated, this is our opportunity to give to those who have faithfully served us throughout their lives through pastoral responsibilities and accompanying us through sacraments and through difficult times as in sickness and grief, and leading us in worship and prayers. Every gift is appreciated for this worthy cause.

The **Mother's Day Carnations**, provided by People for Life, will be available after Mass next weekend, May 8. Help celebrate Mother's Day by selecting some beautiful carnations for that special mom in your life. Your donation of \$2 per carnation (\$6 for 10) will help support prolife educational programs and activities right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ronald Walter Dombkowski**, father of David Dombkowski. Ronald was a long-time member of St. Casimir and the Holy Name Society prior to moving to McKean several years ago. Our sympathy is extended to his family. Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord.

There will be a **Holy Hour** on Thursday, May 5 at Holy Family Church at 6PM.

Congratulations to **M. Kaden Davis** on achieving the Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Prep for the second term of this scholastic year. Good job – we are proud of you!

Our **Knights of Columbus** council has joined all the other councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct a **Baby Bottle fundraising drive** to benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie's goal of purchasing a mobile ultrasound van. This medically equipped vehicle will visit rural areas, as well as our five local Universities to provide valuable lifesaving services. In 2021, the K of C provided an ultrasound machine to the Care Center, and in less than a year 63 previously abortion bound women chose life for their unborn children, after viewing them on this state-of-the-art machine. While this is certainly an achievement, we are now focusing on helping to raise \$250,000 to purchase a mobile ultrasound van. If the K of C along with other entities is able to achieve this goal, the K of C Supreme council in Connecticut will pay the entire cost of the mobile ultrasound machine, amounting to about \$45,000. Baby bottles will be distributed as you leave church on **Mothers Day**. If you are financially able, we ask that you fill them with change, currency or checks and return them on **Fathers Day**. All proceeds will go to the purchase of the mobile ultrasound van.

The **National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 5. Please remember to pray for nations to be at peace, for communities to be at peace, for neighbors to be at peace. Pray this day and each day for the peace of the risen Christ to be within us all.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host its first ever drive through **Chiavetta's Barbeque Chicken Dinner** on Sunday, May 22 from Noon until 4:00 pm. All orders must be made in advance and pre-paid. The deadline for orders is Sunday, May 15. The price is \$12. Order at www.olmc-erie.org or call 814-825-7313, Ext. 1.

Do you love me?

We hear that question here as well. In today's Gospel the apostles are at sea and back to doing what many of them did when they first encountered Jesus - fishing - and as we've just heard they are not having luck. All of a sudden a voice on the shoreline speaks: "Have you caught anything?" The answer: "We've labored all night and have caught nothing." Isn't that how we sometimes feel as we cast our net off into this sea of life and our nets come back empty in the form of the setbacks we face? Rather than losing heart, we can turn to Jesus who stands at the shores of our lives, and just like he did with the apostles he gives us another chance by beckoning us to cast our nets again - and again.

The second half of this gospel can be seen as the episode of the second chance. Think about who was in those boats - Jesus' disciples - the ones who fled when he was arrested. The ones who, when he needed a bit of comfort, fell asleep on him. The ones, who when the going got tough abandoned him. And of course, Peter, their leader, who had denied even knowing Jesus.

Jesus appears to them with a question. A question that has nothing to do with the past but everything to do with the present. His question is simply "Do you love me?" His question is not "What have you done?" His question is not "Who were you in the past?" His question is not "Do you remember your sins. All that's all Jesus is interested in is "Do you love me?"

Today Jesus is asking the only question that matters in our lives. He is asking "Do you love me." He is giving us the gift of the second chance. He is calling us to faithfully follow him. Let bygones be bygones. Let sins be forgotten. Let mistakes be put aside. Forget about the past. All that matters is, right here, right now, do you love me?"

So, what does it mean to us when we say we love Jesus? We love Jesus when we offer a sense of direction to someone who feels lost or is fearful of taking a step in a new direction, or when we speak encouraging words to someone who feels distraught or downtrodden, or when we forgive others by letting bygones be bygones, telling them all that matters is right here and right now. We love Jesus when we love our neighbor.

At times we will struggle with the empty nets of our lives. We may become doubtful and maybe even impatient and that is part of our human nature. May we always turn to Jesus who is at the shores of our lives, standing there with but a single question: Do you love me?