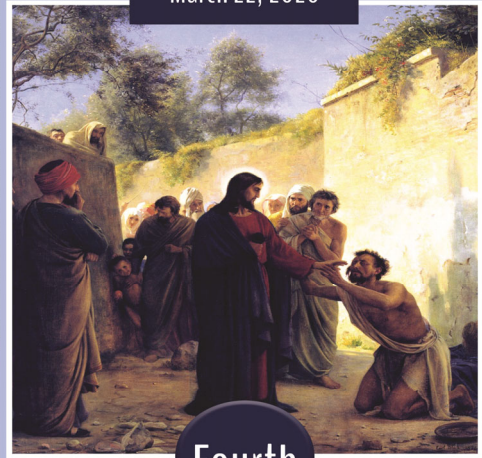


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

March 22, 2020



Fourth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39

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Saint Ann Church

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Holy Family Church

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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 is a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

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

Gorzkie Zale and Benediction

Stations of the Cross

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Lenten Goodies—Place Your Order Today!

Nut Rolls, Poppy Seed Rolls, or Apricot Rolls will be available.

Please sign up or contact Mike at 814-969-0497.

The Nut Rolls will be available on Palm Sunday for pick up in the Holy Family School Gym.

Cheese Pierogi Sale contact Karen 882-8656.

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



Our Annual Lenten Meatless Soup Supper **HAS BEEN CANCELLED** due to the National Emergency announced by President Trump.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21st: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) John A. Rzomp by Jim & Darlene Davis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, March 22nd: Fourth Sunday of Lent/
Laetare Sunday**

- 8:00 am (SC) Theresa Kownacki, Birthday by Sisters and Brother
- 9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass*
Marilyn Failor by David & Anna Dieteman
- 11:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, March 23rd: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Good Health for Fr. James O'Hara by The Fisher Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Improved Health for Charlotte Chase by Friends

Tuesday, March 24th: St. Oscar Romero

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Anthony Sokolowski, Anniversary by Ropelewski Family
Mass of Thanksgiving by Charlotte Prez
- 12:05 pm (SA) Fred Schenker by wife Rosalie

Wednesday, March 25th: The Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Dolores Marcus
- 12:05 pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF
- ➔ 7:00 pm (SC) Gorzkie Zale & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 26th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Officers & Members of the Slovak National Club
- 12:05 pm (SA) Joseph Pochatko by Family

Friday, March 27th: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry
- ➔ Stations of the Cross follow the 12:05PM Mass
- ➔ 7:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 28th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Helena Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Christine and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp by Denise Santi
- 9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass*
Colette Wisinski by Edwards Family
- 11:00 am (SC) Louise Grolemond by Grolemond Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Officers & Members of The Slovak National Club
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey and Family
- 2) Fred Schenker by wife Rosalie

St. Casimir's

- 1) Health for Fr. Dan Prez by Family
- 2) Health for Charlotte Chase by Family

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 (3/22) Fourth Sunday of Lent and Laetare Sunday. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (3/23) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (3/24) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (3/25) The Annunciation of the Lord. Rectory Office is closed. 7PM Gorzkie Zale (SC).

Thursday (3/26) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (3/27) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon. Stations of the Cross follow the 12:05PM Mass (SA). 7PM Stations of the Cross (SC).

Saturday (3/28) 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Sunday (3/29) Fifth Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—March 21

Lector: Rod Showers
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Duska & Loretta Baran
Altar Servers: Tom Duska

Sunday Masses—March 22

8AM Mass
Lector: Eileen Ropelewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass
Lector: Brian Martin
Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet Schroeder
Altar Servers: Karen Mazur & Kyle Jackson



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday! Old Rose colored vestments are used today to remind us to “Rejoice” because Easter Sunday is near! Rejoice! †Until further notice the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday afternoon) has been dispensed for the faithful in the Diocese of Erie due to the coronavirus pandemic. Masses will continue as scheduled for the benefit of those able to attend. The Diocese of Erie has sent us the following Lenten Regulations: 1) 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 through 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 this day 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. We hope you 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. †This week the homeless shelter is at the Church of the Covenant, 250 W. 7th St. Supper and Breakfast is served each day. No one should be on the streets on these cold nights. The homeless are fortunate to have these shelters! Pass the word. †Continue to remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers. As you know **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. Thank you for all you have done for **Father Dan** in the past weeks and we will keep you posted. †Congratulations and Best Wishes to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club who recently had a “Grand Opening” of their renovated club house on 9th and Hess Avenue. The club was also blessed by **Msgr. Koos** and yours truly. We are grateful to the club for a check for \$150.00 for the benefit of the parish. The club house is like new! Good job to all of the officers and members. No more fires please! †The 2020 CSA appeal began on Sunday, February 23rd. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledge today if you have not done so already. Drop your envelopes in the basket, 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 PA. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund any expenses or settlements of the diocese related to the PA Grand Jury investigation on clergy sex abuse. 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 are now about a third of the way to our 2020 goal. Thanks to all of you!! †Did you get your Pierogi yet? Just \$5.00 for a pack of 6 and they are available after Mass! †Don’t forget to order your Nut, Apricot, or Poppy Seed Rolls. Order sheets are available in the back of the church or call **Mike Kuzma** at 814-969-0497 to place your order. †What are you doing for Lent? Jesus died on the cross for you! What can you do for him this Lent? Make a Good Lent! Peace and Blessings to all of you! Thanks for everything!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Living as Children of the Light...In our Gospel today the blind man cured by Jesus moves from seeing Jesus just as a prophet to finally becoming a believer in Jesus as the Promised One. This conversion process is in stark contrast to Pharisees, who felt their power and status were being undermined by this preacher known as Jesus the Nazarene. In the end, Jesus points to the blindness of the Pharisees. This sort of blindness, frankly, is much harder to cure than physical blindness. It can manifest itself as blindness to the needs of those around us, especially the most marginalized and powerless in our midst. It can be blindness toward a lonely neighbor or a struggling friend or family member or a stressed-out spouse. It is blindness to the need to see as God sees, and not as humankind sees. To see as God sees requires that we live as Saint Paul’s challenges us in our first reading as children of light. Easier said than done! As children of the light we are called to love and care for one another and to love and care for our earthly home. We are not called to like everybody, which is humanly impossible, but we are called to love everyone, which is possible, because God said it is our job to do so. Too often today in our polarized world, we think that if we don’t like someone’s political affiliation, religious beliefs or moral standards, that means we don’t have to love them. Quite the contrary; it is our loving example, and not our brilliantly crafted arguments, that bring others to Christ. That, after all, is what it means to be a good and faithful steward of the Lord. Our job therefore as children of light is to avoid the blindness of the Pharisees and to bring others to the Light of all Lights – Jesus Christ.

This week’s Spiritual Exercise: Reflect on our lives over the past week. Where has the blindness of the Pharisees manifested itself. How can we change so that we see as God sees?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, March 8, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$879.00
8:00 AM Mass \$498.15
Latin Mass \$1,046.45
11:00AM Mass \$1,367.00
Candles \$110.00
TOTAL \$3,910.60

PARISH EXPENSES

February 2020 Miscellaneous Repairs and
Maintenance Costs \$1,606.04

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, March 29th is the **LAST** day to submit your Easter Flower Envelopes to be included in the list of donors! Wishing each and everyone a Blessed, Safe and Happy Easter. Thank you, Helen Gangemi

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of March 10, 2020

Parish Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$7,727.00

Paid Amount: \$3,962.00

We are creeping our way up to reaching our Goal! Slow and Steady wins the race and with your help we can do it!!! All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. You still have time to make your pledge. You may 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, 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 Wieczorek, 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, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, 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 McMahon, 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.

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.
