

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 18th: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Diocesan second collection for Catholic Education
Private (SA) Jackie Mazza by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Rosemary Ritter

Monday, September 19th: St. Januarius

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Knights of Columbus Erie Chapter

Tuesday, September 20th: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chōng Ha-sang

11:30am (SA) NO Confessions
→ 12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Wednesday, September 21st: St. Matthew

11:30am (SA) NO Confessions
→ 12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Thursday, September 22nd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) NO Confessions
→ 12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

Friday, September 23rd: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Anita Lewis by Bill Renner

Saturday, September 24th: Weekday

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

Sunday, September 25th: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by John J. Gutting

Monday, September 26th: Sts. Cosmas and Damian

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Tuesday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Kathy Rzodkiewicz

Wednesday, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman by Nieces

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Jackie May Dylewski, Birthday by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
- 2) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Anita Lewis by Mary Ann Lurnoff
- 2) Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jean Wroblewski

St. Casimir's

- 1) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Offertory ~ Sept. 11, 2022: \$1,859.50
St. Ann's New Roof Campaign ~\$60.00

Diocesan second collection for Catholic Education will be taken today, Sunday, September 18th.
Thank you for your generosity to this special collection.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,757.00 Paid: \$8,707.00

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

PLEASE NOTE: The parish mailing address remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until further notice.

Please join us in welcoming *Marino L. Biagini, III* and *Christina R. Biagini* to the parish family. Marino and Christina joined our parish last weekend. Welcome!

Reminder: Any Mass that is cancelled will be rescheduled. Please watch the bulletin for the new date and time. Thank you.

A heartfelt thank you to Charlotte Prez and Christine Prez Farnum for the new electric stapler they generously donated to the new parish office along with their blessings and well wishes. I will put it to good use! Thank you very much. Blessings, Helen Gangemi



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

The 28th annual **Erie Diocesan Rosary March** will be held Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Jude the Apostle Church, 2801 W. 6th St., Erie. The rosary also will be led by Fr. Jerry Priscaro inside the church at the same time for those who are unable to march. Following the rosary, there will be a special prayer service inside the church with exposition and Benediction. Father David Renne, vice rector of St. Mark Seminary, Erie, and a member of the faculty of Gannon University, Erie, will be the guest homilist. This event is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima. For more information, contact John Walsh at 814-868-1100.

Today's **second collection** is the annual Catholic Education Collection to raise funds for faith formation programs throughout the entire diocese.

Special thanks to **Bob Mazur** for getting the parish LED sign in front of St. Ann's working. The sign was inoperative for several years and Bob put in many hours problem solving.

We have a buyer with a strong interest in purchasing the Holy Family property. Our councils met on Thursday and approved moving forward with talks for the purchase of the convent, school, and rectory. Again, **the church is not for sale at this time**. I will keep you posted in the bulletin as new events develop.

Work is scheduled to begin on replacing the **roof on the St. Ann's rectory** sometime in October. We are also looking to repair the St. Ann church roof which is leaking and damaging the plaster inside. Current cost estimates for repairs are coming in around \$3,000. All funds for the projects at St. Ann are coming from the St. Ann Building fund and donations.

St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie is hosting a **pancake breakfast** at its parish center, located at 606 Lowell Ave., Erie, on Sept. 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

St. Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, 48 South Pearl St., North East, will host Days of Eucharistic Revival (Sept. 26-28), featuring guest preacher, **Father Kevin MacDonald, CSsR**. On Sept. 26, there will be a Mass at 8 a.m., and an evening session ("You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ... With the Word of God"), beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hospitality will be offered in the parish family room following the evening session. On Sept. 27, all are welcome to a school Mass at 9:15 a.m. and an evening session at 6:30 p.m. ("You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ... With God's Healing Mercy"). There will be a penance celebration at this evening's event. On Sept. 28, Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. ("You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ... With the Gift of Finest Wheat"). Hospitality will be held in the parish family room following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

St. Boniface, St. John the Baptist, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes invite all adults to attend a viewing of season 1 of "**The Chosen**," at St. Boniface Church, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, beginning Sept. 22 and continuing every Thursday through Nov. 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. "The Chosen" brings the story of Jesus to life. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this study is for you! Register at https://my.eriecd.org/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=720 or call Deacon Denis Coan at 814-454-2873; Rosanne Jaworski at 814-825-4439; or Sue Berdis at 814-825-7313.

Being trustworthy

At first glance when we hear the parable of the dishonest steward in our Gospel it seems strange that Jesus would hold up a crook as a good example. Yet we get a better glimpse of what Jesus is talking about when he says: "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Dishonest wealth? Does that mean we are to steal from one and give to another? No, not only do we hear Jesus condemn dishonesty, which makes us untrustworthy, we hear in our first reading how much the Lord despises those who steal, especially from the poor.

When Jesus says to make friends with dishonest wealth, he is reminding us that when we use our time, talents, money and possessions for our own good, we are using what belongs to God. It is not ours. We are like the steward who uses his master's goods so as to endure his own future. We must be prudent with how we use the Divine Master's goods.

As disciples of Jesus, being prudent once again means acknowledging that all gifts come from God and are to be used for the greater good, not just for our own gain. The U.S. Bishops echo the importance of being prudent and just in their 2016 pastoral letter *Everyday Christianity*: "All human beings have unique talents, gifts from God, that we are called to develop and share ... People who use their skills and expertise for the common good, the service of others, and the protection of creation, are good stewards of the gifts they have been given."

The other lesson Jesus teaches us in this Gospel passage is about the importance of being trustworthy. When we labor with honesty, serve those in need, work for justice and contribute to charity, we use our talents to show our love – and God's love – for our brothers and sisters.

Jesus is trusting us with the small things – the worldly goods we have, our talents, our treasures. Let us strive each day to use them prudently, to make a difference in people's lives, to prove our trustworthiness by building up the Kingdom of God here on earth. That is wealth that will bring us into our eternal dwelling!