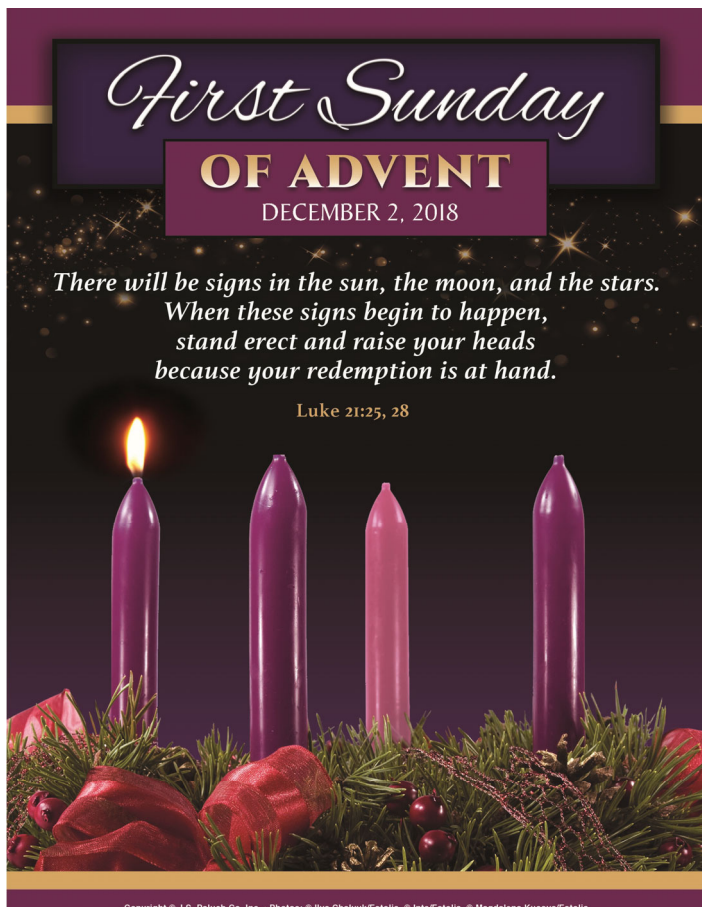


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara
DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00AM to Noon
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

*These days and times may vary. Refer to the
Week Ahead Schedule inside or call the office.*



ADVENT BEGINS on Sunday, December 2nd. Join us during the advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all weekend Masses.

The traditional **CHRISTMAS WAFERS, THE OPLATKI**, are blessed and available for you to pick up. Your generous offering helps cover the cost of preparing and making the wafers available for you. Please place your contribution in a plain envelope marked Oplatki/Christmas Wafers. You may also obtain Oplatki at the rectory office during regular office hours.



Dec. 2 Faith Formation Classes:

Middle, high school, Confirmation: Dec. 2 ~ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. RETREAT at St. John rectory. Elementary: Dec. 9 ~ 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. FAMILY RETREAT at Barber Center gym and pool. If you have any questions, please call Mary Hickin at 920-7525.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass (Latin Mass) — Friday, December 7th at 6PM

Saturday, December 8th at 8AM

Both Masses will be at St. Casimir's Church.

The giving Tree is UP! GECAC and Our Mother of Sorrows Parish partnered together in this Giving Tree event. Information on many elderly individuals, who live right here in our neighborhood, and their wish list for a happy Christmas will be hanging on the tree. No Names will be provided just items they wish for, such as gift cards, a warm blanket, pajamas, slippers, etc. Please take one or maybe two ornaments off the tree. Instructions may be found next to the tree. Thank you!



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

First Saturday, December 1st: Vigil Mass

Holy Family

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Mary & Joseph Berdis by Barbara & Jim Berdis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

- 1) Special Intentions of Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla
- 2) Special Intentions of the Slovak National Club
Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

Sunday, December 2nd: First Sunday of Advent

St. Ann's

- 8:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of Mike & Linda Kuzma
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS**
The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami
- 11:00 am (SC) Ron Turbaczewski by James & Barbara Berdis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

- 1) End of Terrorism
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Health & Welfare of all Parishioners
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Intentions of Mr. Thomas Flanagan
- 12:05 pm (SA) Celia Zielonka by Sue & Charles Kazlaus and Marjorie Kloss

Tuesday, December 4th: Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Sylvia & Constanty Kownacki by Theresa Kalinowski
- 12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Relatives and Friends of Evelyn Buczynski

Wednesday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Stanley Lipinski by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. James Berdis II,
All Soul's Day

Thursday, December 6th: Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Intentions of Loretta Baran, All Soul's Day
- 12:05 pm (SA) Intentions for Good Health & Healing for Father Joe Gregorek

First Friday, December 7th: St. Ambrose

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Brzezicki & Bargielski Families by Rose Marie Bargielski
- 12:05 pm (SA) Our Mother of Sorrows by Dolores Justka
- ➔ 6:00PM (SC) Vigil Mass, Latin Mass, for Holy Day

Saturday, December 8th: Immaculate Conception/Vigil Mass

- Immaculate Conception ~ A Holy Day of Obligation**
- 8:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
Confession and Vigil Mass for Sunday
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Donald Wiertel, Birthday by Ropelewski Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 9th: Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am (SC) Chuck Brower & Christine Krolczyk by Family
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS**
Catharine Ann Cerami, Birthday by husband Richard Cerami
- 11:00 am (SC) Helen Pochatko by Cafeteria Ladies
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello
(in Sicily), 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 Japan), and David Kraut
*Please call-in with names to be added or
removed from this list.*
Thank you for your service to our country.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (12/2) First Sunday of Advent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses. Rectory office is closed.

Monday (12/3) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (12/4) Rectory office open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (12/5) Rectory Office is closed.

Thursday (12/6) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (12/7) Rectory office open 10AM-Noon. 6PM Vigil Mass , Latin Mass, for Holy Day—Immaculate Conception (SC).

Saturday (12/8) Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. 8AM Holy Day Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Lighting of the Advent Wreath at the 4PM Vigil Mass. Diocesan Special Second Collection for Religious Retirement at the 4PM Mass.

Sunday (12/9) Second Sunday of Advent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses. Diocesan Special Second Collection for Religious Retirement at all Masses.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, the same in both rites. Come Lord Jesus! We promise to prepare well for your coming at Christmas and at the end of time. Come Lord Jesus, King of Mercy! † The Advent Wreath will be blessed this weekend and the first candle on the wreath will be blessed. Come Lord Jesus! † Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance will be held on Saturday, December 1st, from 6-10PM at the Third Street Falcons. The famous buffet dinner will be served and music till you drop by the Marvels. 50/50 tickets are also on sale for \$1.00 each of 6 for \$5.00 and you do not need to be present to win. No tickets sold at the door, sorry. Special thanks to **Brian Martin, Lisa Matera, and Caroline Larson** and all who are serving on the committee! † The annual clothing distribution will be held on Saturday, December 1st at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach St., Erie, PA from 10AM-2PM. All items are free which includes clothing for men, women, and children along with toys. Free refreshments will be served. Please use the north entrance to St. John's. All are welcome. † The traditional Christmas Wafers the "Oplatki" will be available after all Masses this weekend. Your generous offering helps keep this precious custom alive and well. The wafers will be found in the back of church. † Today, as always we ask you to pray for vocations especially today we ask prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. According to information provided us by the Diocesan Office of Vocations the following are students for the priesthood at the present time: **John Hepinger, Kevin Holland, Joseph Petrone, Brandon Feikles, Benjamin Dagher, Nicholas Fratus, Christopher Wheeler, Jason Koshinske, Cory Pius, Daniel Weaver, Christopher Beran, Luke Dagher, Thomas Whiteford, Garrett Heyn, and John MacKenzie.** Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. † The annual collection for the retirement fund for Sisters and Religious Order Priests and Brothers will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please use the special envelopes included with your monthly packet. Remember the Sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Remember your favorite Sister who gave a lifetime of service to the Lord. In Thanksgiving remember our retired, ill, and aged Sisters and Religious Order Priests and Brothers in your prayers and financial sacrifices. † Important Pro-Life dates to remember: January 12, 2019 Pro-Life Breakfast, January 17, 2019 Bus trip to Washington DC, January 26th, 2019 Erie March for Life. We will give you more information as we get closer to these dates. † "We'll Keep the light on for You!" Each parish in Erie County will hear Confessions on Wednesday, December 5th, from 5 until 7PM. This might be a good opportunity to make your Christmas Confession. "We'll keep the light on for you!" † Thanks for coming today and thanks for everything! It is the First Sunday of Advent! Make a good Advent! Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Please consider taking a name from our **giving tree** in the back of the church. Your generosity supports the most needy right in our own neighborhoods. The instructions are at the tree and if you are unsure of what to do just ask any of us. "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Save the Date! The **Junior Legion of Mary** will be conducting an Advent Prayer Service on the evening of December 19. The service will be around the O Antiphons and more details will be announced in church and in next week's bulletin. Besides a prayerful way of preparing for Christmas you will also be supporting our young people. So plan to come out for an evening that is filled with friendship and the spirit.

We need people to help our pastoral and finance councils on various projects. If you are interested in helping with the planning of capital projects, general improvements, and fundraising please text or call me at 814-464-3157. The councils are actively seeking opportunities to get other parishioners involved. The health and vitality of our parish depends on the full and active participation of our members. Look for more opportunities and activities in the near future.

As we begin Advent let's take a look at the **Advent Wreath**. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used as a symbol of the light of Christ. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over. and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

May you have a Blessed Advent.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Lynn Clint, Kathy Mays, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draskiewicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, 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, Leo Laskowski, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, John & Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., David & Kelly Sweny, Helen Dolak, Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Norbert Sulecki, Bob Merski, Sr., Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, Jim Heubel, Al & Virginia Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, 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, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, 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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY 2018

**DUE TO EARLY PUBLICATION DEADLINE
UPDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS
NOT AVAILABLE.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018
REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 17TH**

PLEGGED: \$24,545.00 PAID: \$23,871.00

You still have time to make your pledge/contribution to the 2018 CSA. Simply drop your contribution into the offertory basket! Every donations helps your parish keep the home fires burning.

Envelope are available in your monthly packets or in each of our churches.

Thank you for your continued love and support of your parish, may God Bless you one and all.

Don't forget your parish in your year end giving!

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are now available. *They make great gifts and stocking stuffers!* Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You can win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available in each of our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and start joining the winners circle.

**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 (Home and 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.