

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24. 2024 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Private (SA) James Berdis by Caroline Larson

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) In memory of Walter F. Baran by Charlotte Prez

### Monday, March 25th: Monday of Holy Week

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

### Tuesday, March 26th: Tuesday of Holy Week

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Walter Hilinski, Birthday, March 25 by Scott, Paula and Danica Hilinski

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

### Wednesday, March 27th: Wednesday of Holy Week

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The Sisters who taught at St. Ann's by Mickey Pohl

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

### Holy Thursday, March 28th: Thursday of Holy Week

*Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper*

5:00PM (SC) The Ropelewski Family by Estate

### Saint Ann's Church Schedule

6:00PM (SA) Confessions

7:00pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

Benediction of Blessed Sacrament and Procession of Eucharist in Church following 7PM Mass.

Praying the Rosary follows along with Confessions from 8:15PM to 10PM.

Saint Ann's Church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00PM.

### Good Friday, March 29th: Friday of the Passion of the Lord

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Good Friday Services —Passion of the Lord

**Special Collection -Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**

### Saint Ann's Church Schedule

11:00am (SA) Confessions until 11:50AM

11:15am (SA) Divine Mercy Chaplet

12:00pm (SA) Good Friday Service with Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion, Rosary, Stations of the Cross.

Confessions heard again after Stations of the Cross.

St. Ann's will remain open until 4PM.

### Saint Casimir's Church Schedule

1:00pm (SC) Good Friday Service

### Saturday, March 30th: Holy Saturday

Private: Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

11:00am (SC) Blessing of the Easter Food & Baskets

### Saturday, March 30th: The Great Easter Vigil

8:30pm (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

### Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday

*The Resurrection of the Lord*

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Hank Oldach by Bob and Karen Mazur

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
  - 2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate
- 2) Health & Healing of all Sick and Shut-ins

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### **Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Sunday Offertory: \$1,378.88

Fuel Offering: \$10.00

Easter Flowers: \$80.00

Good Friday: \$45.00

Easter: \$90.00

Good Shepherd Sunday: \$10.00

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$4,315.00      Paid: \$3,290.00

\$30,850.00 to go to reach our goal ~ can you help?

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*

### Holy Week Schedule/Easter Schedule

Please pay close attention to our Holy Week and Easter Schedule (refer to Masses for the Week) for the times and locations of our services, confessions, stations, and Masses.

*Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a very happy and holy Easter season.*



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

## **FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY**

The **Easter Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at St. Casimir Church on Saturday evening at 8:30 pm. This is the most important Mass in the Catholic Church as Catholics throughout the entire world will celebrate this most holy of night, in union with Jesus Christ and with all their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. The Vigil is very rich in symbolism and Word and encompasses all that we believe as Catholic Christians. It is also an evening where new members are welcomed into the church although we have none from our parish this year. Please consider participating in this very holy and unifying experience.

**Holy Week Schedule at St. Ann's:** Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm, Confessions 6 pm to 6 50 pm, Benediction of Blessed Sacrament and Procession of Eucharist in Church following Mass, Praying of Rosary follows along w/ Confessions from 8 15 pm until 10 pm. Church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration until 10 pm. Good Friday the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11 15 am, Confessions heard from 11 am to 11 50 am. Service is at 12 pm w/ Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion, Rosary, Stations of the Cross. Confessions heard again following Stations of the Cross. Church will remain open until 4 pm.

On **Good Friday**, there will be a **Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land**. This collection is the most important source of support for Christians living in the Holy Land. You may also place your contribution in the collection this weekend and next weekend, as well as at the Good Friday service at St. Casimir and St. Ann.

**Benedictines plan 2024 Good Friday Pilgrimage for Peace:** Benedictines for Peace is sponsoring the Good Friday Pilgrimage for Peace on Friday, March 29, beginning at 11 am at St. Peter Cathedral, 10th and Sassafras Streets in Erie. "Stations of the Cross and the Suffering of War" is the theme of this year's contemporary stations which will include stops throughout the city of Erie to pray at places "that connect us to or remind us of the sufferings of many living in the horror of war today." Between stops, participants walk in silence. View the event on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/gF1N25Ekf>.

A **Pastoral Planning Meeting** is scheduled for April 11 at St. Mark Center at which time the final plan for Erie County will be released. Our parish representatives will attend this meeting and we will keep you updated.

**St. Stan's Parish** in Erie is hosting a take-out only **Lenten fish dinner** on March 29 from 4-7 pm (or until sold out).

**Webinar on the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod:** All are welcome to participate in a webinar on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 12:00-1:30 pm ET. Bishop Daniel Flores and Bishop Andrew Cozzens will lead a discussion of how the ongoing work of the Synod and the Eucharistic Revival complement each other. Please use this link to register: [https://usccb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_FJBySdAGTo2Ha7RiVgrJw##registration](https://usccb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FJBySdAGTo2Ha7RiVgrJw##registration).

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**, 8880 Main St., McKean, invites all to join them in **celebration of both the Annunciation and the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8**. (The Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated liturgically on April 8 because March 25 falls during Holy Week.) The event begins with praying the Office of Readings at 1 pm.

**Benedictine Sisters of Erie celebrate solar eclipse with spiritual experiences:** On Monday, April 8, about one-third of the Diocese of Erie will be in the path of totality for the 2024 solar eclipse. The Benedictine Sisters of Erie plan to celebrate this occasion with several events at the Glinodo Center, 6270 East Lake Road, Erie. Events include evening prayer on 4/7, a **"Between the Dark and the Daylight"** retreat at the monastery, a post-eclipse happy hour and more. For more details and to sign up for one or more events visit: <https://eriebenedictines.org>.

### **Staying True to Jesus!**

This week as we meditate on the events surrounding the Passion of our Lord, one of the most stunning scenes is Peter in the courtyard.

Peter, warming himself by the fire and concerned for his own safety denied Jesus and, swore falsely to capture a moment of warmth and acceptance from the world while fracturing his relationship with the Lord. When he realized what he had thrown away, how he turned against his Friend, he had nothing left to do but to be blinded by his tears never to forget this moment of shame.

Today we live in a world that often makes us squeamish about our commitment to Jesus Christ. Many are eager for the world's approval and often they buy it even at the price of denying that they know our Friend, Jesus the Christ.

We must never forget how much our relationship and communion with Jesus changes us and identifies us. Peter learned this the hard way – he did not deny a doctrine, rather he hurt a relationship.

Jesus reminds us that as his disciples, as Christians we are called to be outstanding in those controversial, inconvenient situations in the world that cause us to call our whole commitment to Christ in doubt.

As we enter this most holy and sacred time of the year, let us take time to examine our relationship with Jesus, and vow never to deny it like Peter did.

Let's focus on being grateful for the gift of faith by which our lives are immeasurably blessed and resolve to always demonstrate our faith by following the teachings of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Let's treat people the way we would want to be treated and share our faith with others so we too are faithful witnesses to the teachings of our Lord.