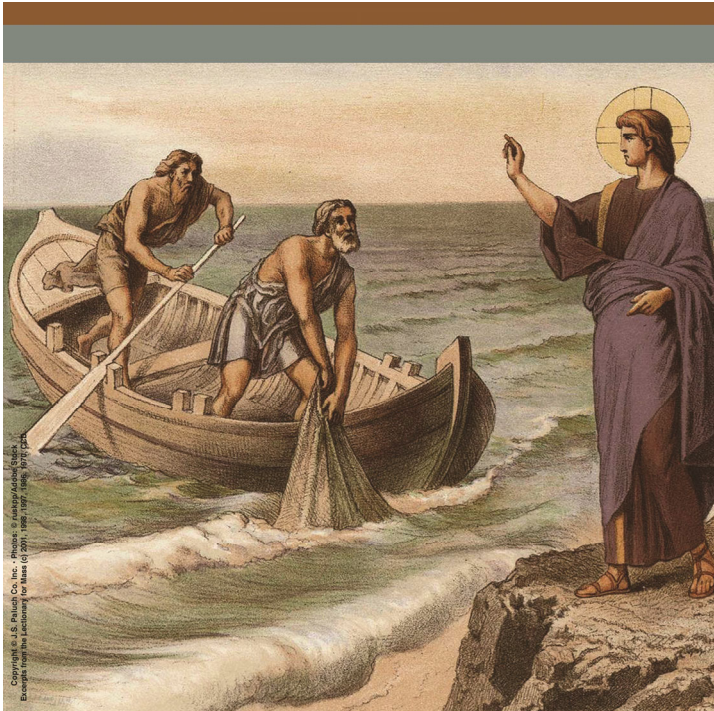


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



JANUARY
26 2020

*They left their nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are available. 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 our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and join the winners circle.



VOTIVE CANDLES: The beautiful Votive Candles are available for your special remembrances and prayers. The cost to light a candle is \$3.50 each (please place the money in the basket or money box located next to the candles). You may also send in your request and payment to the rectory office and we will be most happy to light the candle for you. You may include your special request which we will note in prayer when lighting your candle. *Thank you.*

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Rectory/Business Office

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

814-452-4832 phone

814-453-2275 fax

Website: www.motherofsorrowerie.org

Saint Casimir Church

629 Hess Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Saint Ann Church

921 East Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).

GIVING TREE 2019
*GECAC wishes to
thank all of you for
your generosity and
love with your many
gifts this Christmas
Season.*



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 25th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) John Prez by wife Charlotte and Family
Mike & Doris Kuhar, Anniversary by
Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Sunday, January 26th: Third Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Eugenia Hodas, Anniversary by Christine
Visosky and Family
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass**
John Campbell by Latin Mass Community
- 11:00 am (SC) Veronica Harrison by Anita Amendola
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday, January 27th: St. Angela Merici

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by
Mother and Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Mary Wierzbicki

Tuesday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Mary Bolla by Rick & Ron Bolla
- 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebauer by Skip & Sue Tenney

Wednesday, January 29th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Paul & Ann Krauza
- 12:05 pm (SA) Leona Bolla by Diane Zielinski

Thursday, January 30th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Joe Habas
- 12:05 pm (SA) Monica Sorensen by Abby Sorensen

Friday, January 31st: St. John Bosco

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by
Brother Priests
- 12:05 pm (SA) Officers and Members of the Slovak
National Club

Saturday, February 1st: First Saturday/Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Joan Gilmore by Jen & Boys
John A. Rzomp, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Gary Irish

Sunday, February 2nd: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Ann Marie & Eileen
Ropelewski
- 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) Ted Mazur, Jr. by Family

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Ted Mazur, Jr. by The Mazur Family
 - 2) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by
Paul & Lisa Galla
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 2) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother

St. Casimir's

- 1) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez
- 2) Fr. Joseph Kacprowicz by Friends

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (1/26) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (1/27) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (1/28) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (1/29) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (1/30) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (1/31) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Saturday (2/1) 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil
Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Sunday (2/2) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—January 25th

Lector: Kathy Mays
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink
Altar Servers: Loretta Baran & Kyle Jackson

Sunday Masses—January 26th

8AM Mass

Lector: Eileen Dianne Connors
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass

Lector: Russell Robison
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Mazur & Amy Schroeder
Altar Servers: Cameron Schroeder

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

CSA 2019 as of January 11, 2020

Pledged: \$20,265.00 Paid: \$19,415.00

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our
friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to
Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love,
support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. †This weekend the homeless shelter is at St. John's School, 509 East 26th Street until January 29th. It moves to the Russian Orthodox Community Center, East Front Street on January 29th until February 12th and the to St. Joseph's Community Center February 12th-26th. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. †Thank you for remembering all of us at the parish! Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, gifts, greetings, good thoughts, smiles, good wishes, prayers, Masses, everything. Thank you for all of your prayers, hard work in preparing the churches and all of our buildings for the Christmas and New Year festivities. We thank all who made special Christmas Gifts to our parish. A very special thank you to the **Sisters of Saint Joseph, especially Sister Mary Drexler, Dotty Hanna, and Betsy Wiest** and the members of the Thanksgiving Committee for their special gift of \$900.000 to our Food Pantry. Thanks to our friends at the Slovak National Club for their gift of \$500.00 to our parish. We continue to pray for all of them as they continue to recover from the unfortunate fire last spring. We hope they will be able to reopen soon. †Thank you for your help with the food baskets at both Thanksgiving and Christmas and throughout the year. By using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packet we may purchase \$16.00 worth of food for just \$1.00 for the poor and needy of our area. Thank you for your generosity! †The Erie March for Life had to be cancelled on Saturday, January 18th due to extreme weather conditions. Call People for life for more information at 882-1333. †The National March for Life was held in Washington, D.C. on January 24th. Pray for more respect for human life. †Congratulations to **Kaden Davis** and **Nicholas Walters** on the honor roll at Mercyhurst Prep and congratulation to **Daniel Brigham** and **Michael DeVore** on the honor roll at Cathedral Prep! †**Bishop Lawrence Persico** visited the Barber National Institute on December 17, 2019 to open the cause for canonization of **Dr. Gertrude Barber** as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. **Dr. Barber**, founder and long time president of the Barber Center and Institute, was a life long member of St. Ann's Parish and then Our Mother of Sorrows Parish. **Dr. Barber** was born on Newman Street on Erie's lower eastside (kingtown) and spent her entire life on the eastside of Erie attending and supporting St. Ann's Church. Let's pray for the canonization of the Servant of God, **Dr. Gertrude A. Barber!** **Dr. Barber** pray for all of us! God bless you all!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Stay Safe Online!...All of us are aware of the many threats to our security in the digital world. Here's one that has been around a while and has recently started to re-emerge: Parishioners at an Erie parish recently received an email from a scam artist claiming to be their pastor and requesting financial help and gift cards. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request. Stay safe out there!

We are the Light of the World!...The Christopher's are a Christian inspirational group that was founded in 1945 by Father James Keller. Their headquarters are in New York City and for a period of time they were led by Erie's own Monsignor Tom McSweeney. Their distinctive motto which is recognized almost everywhere is: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." In our first reading today the prophet Isaiah gives us the image of a shining light, a sign of God's presence and his infinite mercy. It is also a reminder of who we are to be – the light of Christ to the world. At our baptism our parents and godparents received a candle that was lit from the Paschal Candle and were addressed with these words: "This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He or she is to walk always as a child of the light. May he or she keep the flame of faith alive in his or her heart." Today it is our responsibility to safeguard that light and to bring it into the world especially to all who are in darkness. We do that by following Jesus' way of life and his teachings even when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable to do so. In our Gospel Jesus totally disrupts the life of Peter and the others when he calls them on a moment's notice, right in the middle of their routines and in the presence of their family members. What if they said no, or I need time to think about it? What if James or John never got out of the boat?

Jesus comes into our lives the same way, and at times it is disruptive – we may have to rethink a course of action or swim upstream against conventional wisdom. Jesus doesn't always follow our timetable or convenience.

We all are aware of the darkness in the world but we have a choice: stay in our boats and watch the light of Christ flicker and go out, or we can choose to go out in to the world to make a difference, with the light of Christ on fire in our heart. Jesus gives us the courage, faith, and conviction that we can make a difference.

Living in darkness is not a fate, it is a choice. When each of us choose to follow Jesus our candles light up our lives and the lives of those around us.

This Week's spiritual Exercise: Looking ahead to this week where do we see the opportunity to shine the light of Christ on darkness?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary

4:00 PM Mass \$428.00

8:00 AM Mass \$55.00

Latin Mass \$538.36

11:00AM Mass \$223.00

TOTAL \$1,244.36

Sunday, January 5, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$1,068.05

8:00 AM Mass \$475.37

Latin Mass \$607.15

11:00AM Mass \$786.25

Candles \$65.50

TOTAL \$3,002.32

Sunday, January 12, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$2,012.00

8:00 AM Mass \$941.00

Latin Mass \$663.50

11:00AM Mass \$1,647.00

Candles \$117.50

TOTAL \$5,381.00

*Thank you for your continued love and
generosity to your parish.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Reminder: To receive your 2019 Financial/
Donation Statements please sign the request
sheet in the back of church or call the rectory
office during regular office hours. They will be
mailed out to you in a timely manner.

Thank you.

**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, 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 Draszekiewicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, 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 Wiczorek, 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, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, 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, Al Ropelewski, 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, 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.

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 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.