

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 24th: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Ann and Carson Engelskirger by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Judie and Peter Pentz

Monday, September 25th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

Tuesday, September 26th: Saints Cosmas and Damian

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson and for the living and deceased family members by The Legion of Mary

Wednesday, September 27th: Saint Vincent de Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Rosalie A. Tellers

Thursday, September 28th: St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman by Nieces

Friday, September 29th: Saints Michael, Gabriel and

Raphael, Archangels

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard, Mary Ann and Isaac Mullaney by Jean Wroblewski

Saturday, September 30th: St. Jerome

Private (SA) The deceased members of the Ropelewski Family

Sunday, October 1st: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by Audrey Draszkiwicz

Monday, October 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Jean Deniziak by Joe and Holly Guzowski

Tuesday, October 3rd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Anniversary Oct. 4th, by Christine Visosky

Wednesday, October 4th: Saint Francis of Assisi

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

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) Health & Healing for all of our sick and shut-ins
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of Msgr. Gerald Koos by parishioners
- 2) For blessings, guidance and peace for all parishioners and their parishes in the Erie Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT—September 17, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,650.00

Catholic Education: \$113.00

Food Pantry: \$85.00

All Souls Day: \$41.00

All Saints Day: \$11.00

First Saturday: \$105.00

World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,320.00

Paid: 7,290.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

Happy to report an increase this week-Thank You!
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Please remember to provide your individual feedback to the diocese at www.eriecd.org/planning.html. We need everyone to respond.

All feedback must be received by September 29.

If you prefer to do it by hard copy there are forms in the back of the church. Otherwise call the parish office and we will get one out to you. The address to send your feedback to is at the end of the form.

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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503**

DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Thanks to everyone who attended our **Town Hall** Meeting last Sunday to share questions and concerns over the preliminary Pastoral Plan. I am meeting with our councils immediately after Mass today to put together the formal parish response to the plan while incorporating your comments from your responses.

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The board of the **Benjamin Wiley Charter School** has approved the purchase of the Holy Family School, Convent, and Rectory. Closing is expected to occur around the end of the month or shortly after and I will pass along the details as they become available.

St. Lawrence Parish in Albion is hosting a restaurant-style roast beef dinner on Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Parish Center, 129 E. Pearl St., Albion. The dinner will also feature a gift auction, 50/50, bake sale and raffle. Tickets are \$14 per person, and take-out is available. The event is limited to 400 meals, so come early to ensure you don't miss out!

Healing Mass - "Are you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them" James 5:14. A Healing Mass with Father Chris Beran will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm at St. George Church, 5145 Peach Street. Worship Music by Harmony's House starting at 6:15 pm and doors open at 5:30 pm. Individual prayers for healing following the Mass.

Join the **Sisters of Saint Joseph** for **Network Celebrity Bartending** on Sept. 22 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the La Nuova Aurora Society, 1518 Walnut St., Erie, for live music by the Breeze Band, over 20 local celebrities behind the bar, gift baskets and games of chance. The proceeds of the night go towards supporting the work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network. Questions can be directed to 814.454.7814.

St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie invites you to savor the **Taste of Poland Dinner** on Oct. 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the parish hall, 516 E. 13th St., Erie. Enjoy a traditional Polish meal featuring pierogi, sausage, golabki, mashed potatoes and gravy, kapusta, bread and butter. Take-out options are available. Adult tickets are \$15, ages six-12 are \$6, and children under five are free. The event also features czamina and frozen pierogi for sale, a bake sale, a gift auction, a theme basket auction and a 50/50 raffle.

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** Diocesan Division is sponsoring a 29th Annual Diocesan Rosary March to be held on Oct. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W. 10th St., Erie. For those unable to walk outside, the Rosary will be prayed inside the cathedral. The Rosary March will conclude with a prayer service inside the cathedral from 3-4 p.m. with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding, Fr. Scott Jabo as the guest homilist, Fr. Jerry Priscaro leading the Eucharistic adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mr. Richard Rossi providing the music. Enrollment in the brown scapular will follow at the conclusion of benediction. All priests and laity of the diocese are invited to attend. For more information, contact John Kostrubanic at 814.790.2046 or John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

St. Boniface Parish in Erie will celebrate **Oktoberfest** on Oct. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at the church, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie. The adult-only event will feature craft beers brewed at St. Boniface parish. There will also be music, games and food provided by Brady's Chuckwagon food truck. Come and join our celebration of the harvest feast in German style.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean is hosting a **free study on Jesus and the Eucharist** as part of the Eucharistic Revival. The study is open to all, including Catholics, non-Catholics, youth, and adults. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. (Sept. 18 to Oct. 30) and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept. 20 to Nov. 1) at St. Francis Xavier Church, 8880 Main St, McKean. Attendees are encouraged to come to all sessions, or as their schedule allows, and missed sessions can be caught up online. To sign up or for more information, visit www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org or call Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

God is Always Fair! . . . Everyone has a sense of fairness— that voice that tells us what is fair and what is not. We feel it is unfair when someone at work gets the promotion we earned, or selected for a team when we felt we are more suited. When we see someone we feel to be less deserving that has something we want, we often ask, "Why them and not me? It's just not fair!" The parable in this week's Gospel is a challenge for all of us. Our first instinct is to take sides with those laborers who sweat it out all day and didn't make any more money for their efforts than those who just showed up to collect a check at the end of the workday. Again, it seems to offend our sense of fairness. But Jesus turns our perspective upside down when the landowner asks, "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" By focusing on the landowner and his generosity Jesus draws our focus to God. In the parable God is that generous landowner, who welcomes each of us to his vineyard even at the last moment. With God, it is never too late for us to come to him and seek to serve him and do his will. God loves all of us equally, the sinner as much as the saint, and every person in every pew. As we go about our days this week let us look for God and remember his generosity to us, his love and mercy that are so high above us! And no matter when we entered his vineyard, let us thank God for having the opportunity to work for him!