

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

FEBRUARY
16 2020



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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 15th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Mary Maciejczyk, Anniversary by
 Christine Visosky and Family
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 16th: Sixth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp by Anne Marie & Eileen
 Ropelewski
 9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass*
 Owen Farnen by Ruth & Vic Kowalski
 11:00 am (SC) Raymond & Irene Turbaczewski by
 Family
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Monday, February 17th: The Seven Holy Founders of
 the Servite Order and President's Day**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Earl & Debbie
 Carter
 12:05 pm (SA) Marlene Andrasciak by Marlene
 Figurski

Tuesday, February 18th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by his
 Sister
 12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Figurski by Larry Berdis

Wednesday, February 19th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of The Galla and
 Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
 12:05 pm (SA) Philip Pochatko by Donor

Thursday, February 20th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp by Mr. & Mrs. Gary
 Irish
 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry and
 Family

Friday, February 21st: St. Peter Damian

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Health & Healing for Joe Krkoska by
 Don & Judy Halcom
 12:05 pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman, Birthday by Nieces

Saturday, February 22nd: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl and Family
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 23rd: Seventh Ordinary Sunday

CSA 2020 Commitment Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Monica Sorensen by The Sorensen Family
 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) Living & Deceased of the Hart Family
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Speedy Recovery for Sr. Rose Kuzma OSF
 2) Speedy Recovery for Sr. Geraldine Kasper OSF
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
 Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Our Sick and Shut-Ins
 2) Our Sick and Shut-Ins

St. Casimir's

1) Speedy Recovery for Fr. Dan Prez
 2) Speedy Recovery for Fr. Dan Prez

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
 Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
 May they rest in peace.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (2/16) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
 Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (2/17) Federal Holiday~President's Day.
 Rectory office is closed.

Tuesday (2/18) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (2/19) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (2/20) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (2/21) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Saturday (2/22) 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil
 Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Sunday (2/23) Catholic Services Appeal 2020
 Commitment Sunday.** 9AM Confessions (SC).
 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—February 15th

Lector: Rod Showers
 Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Duska & Loretta Baran
 Altar Servers: Tom Duska

Sunday Masses—February 16th

8AM Mass

Lector: Dianne Connors
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski
 Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass

Lector: Brian Martin
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet Schroeder
 Altar Servers: Karen Mazur & Kyle Jackson



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sexagesima Sunday in the Tridentine Latin Rite. †This weekend the homeless shelter is at St. Joseph's Community Center February 16th-26th and then it moves to St. John the Baptist. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. Pass the word. †Special prayers are still needed for **Franciscan Sisters Rose Kuzma** and **Geraldine Kasper** who were involved in an auto accident recently. **Sister Rose** is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery. **Sister Geraldine** remains in the hospital in Pittsburgh. Please keep both of them on your prayer list. †Remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers as well. **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. We will keep you posted. †**Father James Power** will offer the Latin Mass on the Feast of **Saint Casimir** on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00PM. It will be a Solemn High Mass with **Father William Barron** and **Father Ian McIlwraith** joining **Father Power** on the altar. †Thank you again for supporting the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. We made our goal and had a few dollars left over for some parish projects. The 2020 appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese beginning on February 23rd. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledges by Sunday, February 23rd and drop your envelopes in the basket. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. More next week. †**Bishop Persico** visited the Barber Center on December 17, 2019 and told hundreds of people gathered there that **Dr. Gertrude Barber** would be a candidate for Sainthood in the Catholic Church. **Dr. Barber** was a life member of St. Ann's Parish where she received her sacraments and graduated from St. Ann's School. We now pray for her intercession and ask for her blessing and favors. †The Pastoral Council will sell Pierogi after the Ash Wednesday Masses and then every Sunday during Lent. \$5.00 per bag. Go to **Deacon Jerry's** column below for details. We thank the Parish Council for doing this for the needs of our parish. Peace and Blessings!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

It's Pierogi Time Again!...Just in time for the beginning of Lent, Pastoral Council is once again sponsoring another Pierogi Sale. The pierogis will be available for sale **after** all weekend masses beginning on Saturday, February 22. They are home-made using an old family recipe, cheese filled, boiled and frozen so all you have to do is thaw and cook as desired. They will be sold six per bag at a cost of \$5.00 per bag. The sale will continue through Palm Sunday, with the exception of March 21 and March 22. You may order them using the forms located on the tables in the back of the church or by calling 882-8656. Pierogis will be available on a first come, first serve basis. All proceeds will be used toward meeting the needs of our parish. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

K of C Meeting...Our Knights of Columbus Roundtable plans to meet at 6:00 pm on February 19 at St. Casimir in the social hall downstairs. All are encouraged to attend this important planning meeting. For more information contact Rod Showers 449-3252.

The Spirit of the Law!...Thinking about "law" as a topic often makes us uneasy. None of us ever want a "run in" with the law and for the most part we are careful to obey laws in our society. In today's Gospel the Pharisees were focused on studying the law and following it to the letter, with the idea that it was the ultimate way of holiness. Imagine reading the Ten Commandments where, when reflecting upon the fifth commandment, "Thou shall not kill," we free ourselves from any responsibility since we have not killed anyone. That would be an example of "letter" of the law. This practice can lead to an empty legalism, devoid of love. Jesus teaches his disciples a correction in attitude in order to escape these pitfalls by using the commandment, "You shall not kill", as an example of the high bar, not the low bar, in how we relate to one another. Now what if, in the Spirit of the law, this commandment was understood in a broader context. I am not guilty of killing anyone, however I may be guilty of "killing" my neighbor's reputation by gossiping about him or her. The Spirit of the law provides for an expanded understanding and gets to the root of Jesus' directive: All relationship-damaging behaviors and things that draw the life out of another, not just the grave sin of murder, are abhorrent. Jesus calls us to lead lives of integrity where we follow not only the letter of the law but, more important, its spirit. Living only by the letter of the law, we may become very rigid and hardened to the sins of ourselves or our neighbor, but when we look at the Spirit, it opens us up to see that the Spirit of love gives life to all.

By following the example Jesus gives us of living the law we will be drawn closer to understanding God's love for us, leading us to become more loving to others.

This week's Spiritual Exercise: Spend some time reflecting on Jesus' words regarding the law. Where do we need to allow Jesus to transform our behavior with respect to the law?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 2, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$1,026.00
8:00 AM Mass \$851.00
Latin Mass \$1,329.71
11:00AM Mass \$1,251.01
Candles \$69.00
TOTAL \$4,526.72

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

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

Commitment Sunday for the 2020

*Catholic Services Appeal is
Sunday, February 23, 2020.*

The Diocese of Erie has set our Parish Goal for the 2020 CSA at \$21,446.00. Please help us reach this goal. All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. Please be prepared next weekend to make your commitment to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

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, Sr. Geraldine Kasper, 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 Draszkievicz, 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, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, 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, Stephany Agnello, 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.