

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

First Saturday, February 6th: St. Paul Miki

8:30 am (SA) Confessions
9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother Mary
No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions at St. Casimir

Sunday, February 7th: Fifth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass-Celebrant Fr. Power*
Rev. James T. O'Hara by The Fisher Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Louise, Ann, Therese, Mary, Vic, Frank, Joe, and Al Adamczyk by Loving Children, Nephews and Nieces

Monday, February 8th: St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Walter Wasielewski, Birthday by Eileen Ropelewski

Tuesday, February 9th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Pat Hart by Mickey & Kaya Pohl

Wednesday, February 10th: St. Scholastica

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Mary Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Christine Visosky

→ 5:30pm (SC) **NO** Latin Mass

Thursday, February 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Betty Wasielewski by Marge Sawrey

Friday, February 12th: Weekday

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) James Berdis by Kay Kujan

Saturday, February 13th: Weekday

No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions at St. Casimir

Sunday, February 14th: Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Saint Valentine's Day/CSA 2021 Commitment Sunday
8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Brad Madara by wife & Children
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Bob & Karen Mazur

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Staff
2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Deceased Members of the Hartman Family by Family
2) Deceased Members of the Jant Family by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez in gratitude for her service to the church and parish
2) Betty Wasielewski by Family

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory for Jan. 31, 2021: \$3,480.23

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

The Diocese of Erie has set the date to begin the 2021 CSA campaign. Next Sunday, February 14th will begin the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. Your monthly offertory envelope packet contains a 2021 CSA envelope. Feel free to use this envelope or you may pick one up in the back of church.

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and other contributions in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the rectory office.

The parish office is located at
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
Ashes will be distributed at both Masses on Ash Wednesday.
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.
Friday's during Lent are a day of Abstinence

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the
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FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sexagesima Sunday (Latin Mass)

Parishes in Erie County will once again be opening their doors for “**The Light is On for You,**” a special night of Lenten confessions. The opportunity for confession on this evening will be made available in our parish at **St. Ann** church on Wednesday, February 24 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Here is a partial schedule for Lent - the remaining schedule will be in next week’s bulletin:

Ash Wednesday mass and distribution of Ashes...

12:05 pm at **St. Ann** with Stations of the Cross at 1 pm following mass and rosary.

4:00 pm at **St. Casimir**

Daily Lenten confessions: St. Ann from 11:30 am until 11:55 am.

Daily mass at St. Ann: 12:05 pm with Special Lenten Homilies each day.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at **St. Ann** at 1 pm following the mass and rosary.

Best Wishes to Mrs. Prez ... Charlotte Prez has officially retired from her duties as sacristan in our parish. Mrs. Prez was a fixture behind the scenes at St. Casimir church for over 60 years doing many things such as laundering the altar cloths and linens, decorating and setting the church up for the different liturgical seasons, cleaning the church and sacristy, setting up baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and much, much more. In large, because of her work and leadership over the years St. Casimir has remained clean and uncluttered and a dignified space to celebrate the liturgy. I can assure you that it was her love of and desire to serve the Lord that motivated her all these years. Mrs. Prez gave us all an exemplary example of what it means to serve God and his people. I know that I speak on behalf of the entire parish community by extending to her our heartfelt gratitude for all she has done for us and our parish. Special thanks to her daughter Chris who assisted her the past several years. We will miss both of you. Well done good and faithful servant! Let us all continue to keep Mrs. Prez and her family in our prayers.

Commitment Sunday for the **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** is next Sunday, February 14. The CSA is the annual fundraising campaign of the Diocese of Erie to support the work of the church. Once again, please know that funds donated to the CSA are used immediately to support the good works of the church and that no CSA funds have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse scandal. Let us prayerfully consider what we are able to give and then drop our pledge or contribution in the provided envelopes next week. Pledge envelopes are on the back table next to the bulletins and also in your envelope packet. Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts and responding to Jesus’ call to serve people in need, act with justice, and build up the church.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be hosting their annual Fish and Pierogi Dinners. All dinners will be pre-order and prepaid for pickup only. Orders can be made at the parish website olmc-erie.org or by calling 814-825-7313. Credit or debit cards will be accepted and dinners must be ordered by noon on Tuesday prior to the dinner’s date. Dates are February 26, March 12, and March 26.

When Life Seems Overwhelming ... “I know that God will not give me more than I can handle, but sometimes I think God has too much confidence in me.” St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

Have we ever felt that life seems overwhelming, that we just can’t handle one more hardship in our life? We can only imagine how Job felt in our first reading. In this long book of the Bible, Job who is a very honest and just person comes upon all types of horrible suffering. Yet, at the end of the book Job is rewarded by God for his faithfulness.

The woes of Job are felt by us. The despair in our first reading is contrasted with the hope of the Gospel. Jesus cures Simon’s mother-in-law and then turns to cure a whole town’s worth of people with various diseases, or who are possessed by demons. Jesus brings hope to this despairing community. Then he goes on to preach and cure in other villages. As he proclaimed: “For this purpose have I come.”

The Good News is that in spite of all the suffering and troubles of our human condition, we know that our suffering is not the end of things. Jesus brings hope to us in our despair. Jesus wants to grasp us from our troubled human condition, and help lead us into his eternal kingdom, especially when we feel overwhelmed. When we, in our despair approach Jesus in prayer and faith, he will reach out to us in a very personal way and like Simon’s mother-in-law, we will be able to get up and live again.



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