

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### August 2, 2020

Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves,  
and gave them to the disciples,  
who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:19-20

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### Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

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#### 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).



### Mark Your Calendars!

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 ~ 8am to 8pm**

**A Great Day to Support Your Parish**

### *Our Mother of Sorrows Parish*

Thank you for your support to your parish. Your prayers, donations, and monetary contributions help keep us alive and well and proud to continue our work, in serving our Lord, here on the East Side!

You can make your support stretch even a little farther by donating to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

by selecting **Holy Family Catholic Church** on Erie Gives Day, **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**.

The event runs for 12 hours between 8AM and 8PM. On this day only, The Erie Community Foundation

will match a percentage of each donation that you make to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish by selecting **Holy Family Catholic Church** when you donate through **[www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org)**.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**REMEMBER on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**from 8AM to 8PM**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Masses open to the public

The 12:05PM Daily Mass at Saint Ann's.

9:30 AM Sunday Latin Mass at Saint Casimir's.

**First Saturday, August 1st: Vigil Mass**

(SC) Private Mass

(SC) John & Cecilia Walach by Tom, Marlene and Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, August 2nd: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday**

(SC) Joseph & Mary Berdis by James & Barbara Berdis

9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Anna Kowalski by Mom & Dad

(SC) Lottie & Harry Turowski by daughter Lottie Carter

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Monday, August 3rd: Weekday**

(SC) Shirley Maciukiewicz by Charlotte Prez & Family

12:05 pm (SA) The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all

Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri,

Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami

**Tuesday, August 4th: St. John Vianney**

(SC) Helen Maciejczyk, Birthday by Visosky Family

12:05pm (SA) Ted & Sally R zodkiewicz by Daughters

and Family

**Wednesday, August 5th: The Dedication of the Basilica of**

**Saint Mary Major**

(SC) Donald & Jean Purcell by Family

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Neighborhood Watch

**Thursday, August 6th: Transfiguration of the Lord**

(SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Walach & Galla

Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

**First Friday, August 7th: St. Sixtus II**

(SC) In Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

12:05 pm (SA) Joseph & Mary Berdis by James &

Barbara Berdis

**Saturday, August 8th: Vigil Mass**

(SC) John M. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, August 9th: Nineteenth Ordinary Sunday**

(SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez

9:30 AM (SC) Latin Mass ~ James Chamberlain by David

and Anna Dieteman

(SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**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 SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

1) Joseph & Mary Berdis by James & Barbara Berdis

2) Fr. Donald Berdis by James & Barbara Berdis

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

1) Ted & Sally R zodkiewicz by Daughters & Families

2) Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

**St. Casimir's**

1) Living & Deceased of the Ropelewski Family

2) Shirley Maciukiewicz by Prez Family

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (Germany), 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.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

The rectory office remains closed until further notice.

**FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020**

***Combined Collection Report for July 5 & 12: \$5,503.00***

***Latin Mass Collection for July 12: \$1,880.00***

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020**

***As of July 21, 2020***

***Goal: \$21,446.00***

***Pledged Amount: \$11,571.00***

***Paid Amount: \$9,771.00***

No Changes ☺. We are \$9,875.00 away from our goal and we could use your help to reach it. Together we can do it! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

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

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***Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!***



### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued***

Today is the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please offer your prayers today in Thanksgiving for all of the graces and blessings bestowed upon us during the Saint Ann Novena and for good health and healing for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish, for an end to the Covid-19 virus, for all who are suffering because of the virus, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of all especially those who made the 101st annual Novena to Saint Ann, privately this year due to the virus. Let's continue to pray for one another! †Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for all in the Erie Diocese because of the medical emergency! Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Holy, Stay Home if you can and pray privately! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. †Msgr. Gerald Koos, Father Jerry Priscaro, Father Joseph Gregorek, Father James Power, Deacon Jerry Sobrowski, and your Pastor Father James T. O'Hara remember all of you each day at the altar. We remember all of your intentions and your special needs! †Thanks again to those who send their collection envelopes by mail or to those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory! You know how much we need your help, spiritual and financial during this difficult time. You help us pay the bills which never end and you keep us alive and well. †We will be back in Church soon and our meetings, programs, and activities will begin again. This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your prayers. Your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Your support will save the day and help us open soon for public Masses and Sacraments. †We enjoyed the Ham and Chicken Dinner from St. Hippolyte Church in Frenchtown last Sunday! Father Dan Prez is pastor there and his sister Christine brought us the dinners and they were the best every. Fr. Prez's mother, Charlotte, got a dinner too! What a nice way to celebrate the Feast of Good Saint Ann! †Congratulations to Nick Walters and Kaden Davis, both on the Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Prep! We are all proud of both of you! †Father John Murray CsSR called recently to extend his greeting and wish us well. He gave many novenas in the past years and is now in a nursing home in Maryland. He sends greetings from all of the Redemptorist who were with us in past years. Pray for them. †Noon Masses at St. Ann's are open to the public Monday thru Friday with Confessions before and after the Mass. No public Mass on Saturday yet and just the Latin Mass on Sunday at 9:30AM with Confessions at 9:00AM. †Stay Calm, Stay Healthy, Stay Holy, Stay Home! Hope to see all of you soon! Thanks for everything! God bless and keep you!

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

**Resuming Sunday Masses – Help Needed ...** We are still considering resuming the 11:00 am Sunday Mass sometime in August. In order for this to happen we need volunteers to help maintain the protocols specified by the Bishop for resuming Sunday masses. This would entail monitoring the doors and assisting people with any questions when they arrive, helping people find seats while maintaining social distance, and wiping down the used pews and high-touch surfaces after Mass. If you are willing to help please contact me at 464-3157.

**Scarcity vs. Abundance ...** Think for a moment how we view the world. Do we generally see it as a place where people are rude and selfish? Or, do we believe that people are generous, kind, and warm? Do we have a scarcity mentality or an abundance mentality? A **scarcity mentality** is the belief that there will never be enough, resulting in feelings of fear, stress, and anxiety. On the other hand, an **abundance mentality** flows out of a deep inner sense of personal worth and security. It's grounded in the belief that there is more than enough for everyone. Fear of the unknown can cause us to think with a scarcity mentality. Just a couple of months ago we were scrambling for the last roll of toilet paper, the last bottle of hand sanitizer, the last box of pasta or can of soup. Forget about finding Clorox wipes! In our Gospel the disciples are fearing the unknown and are concerned about going hungry. They protest that "five loaves and two fish are all we have" and suggest that Jesus dismiss the crowds as this small amount of food would hardly be enough to feed them alone. If they share it, they will have nothing. They are operating with a scarcity mentality. But Jesus assures them if they share there will be enough for all. He blesses and dis-tributes the meager feast and once everyone has eaten their fill, there is an abundance of leftovers - "twelve wicker baskets full." This Gospel challenges us to trust in God's abundant generosity, and to share what we have so others may have what they need. How might that look in our daily lives? How can we make God's love manifest today? What can we do better? In practical terms, it could mean that we ask for God's help in providing hospitality to others when they need it, and look for the many places in which God's provisions for us are visible. Or, as the twelve disciples handed out food to the 5,000, we might pray for the grace to offer help to others in the face of daunting circumstances. The possibilities are endless. We can always have more of what we want, especially in the form of God's love and abundant grace, when we help other get more of what they need. There is always enough for everyone. How will we adopt an abundance mentality?

**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, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, 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, 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, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, 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, 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 McMahon, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, 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.*



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donation to go to Our Mother  
of Sorrows Parish.

