

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 26th: Feast Day

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Souls in Purgatory by The Vento Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Stephen Ropelewski, Birthday by the Ropelewski Family

➔ 11:00 am (HF) Feast Day Mass at Holy Family Church  
Michael Kuhar by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

### Monday, December 27th: St. John

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Anna L. Winschel by Ed & Sue Winschel

### Tuesday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob

### Wednesday, December 29th: St. Thomas Becket

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Kevin Helsley Family

5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: All the Souls in Purgatory by  
The Purgatory Society

### Thursday, December 30th: Sixth Day in the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by  
Rose Niedzwieck

### Friday, December 31st: St. Sylvester I

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

12:05 pm (SA) Joseph S. Krkoska, Birthday by Judy and  
Don Halcomb

### First Saturday, January 1st:

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am (SA) Confessions

9:00 am (SA) Our Blessed Mother Mary

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ The Souls in Purgatory by  
John A. McNamara

No Vigil Mass at St. Casimir's

### Sunday, January 2nd: Epiphany of the Lord

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

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Michael Skapura by  
Jonathan and Amy Edwards

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

### St. Ann's

1) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob

2) For A Blessed and Healthy New Year

### St. Casimir's

1) Mikolaj and Helena Wodecki by daughter Caroline

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Information was not available at the time of publication.*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,741.00

Paid: \$13,151.00

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Louis Nicolita who passed away on December 8, 2021.

Lou was an accomplished violinist, he was a member of the Erie Philharmonic. Lou was the owner of Pio's Pizza, our neighbor on East Avenue. We all remember their delicious food and their compassion for the Erie community, especially during Thanksgiving.

For many years Lou would play his violin at our annual Saint Ann Novena.

Lou will be sadly missed by his wife, Diane, his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the  
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*To err is human; to forgive, divine*

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Merry Christmas to everyone. May our Lord live in your hearts throughout the year.

January 1st is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses on January 1st will be 9:00am at St. Ann's Church and the 9:00am Traditional Latin Mass at St. Casimir's Church.

Thanks to the **Kloecker-Razanauskas Funeral Home** for once again sponsoring our parish calendars. Please make sure to take one with you.

We welcome home **Fr. John Paul Kuzma** who will be presiding at today's 11:00 am Mass at Holy Family Church. As most know, Fr. John Paul is a native of Holy Family Parish.

**March for Life** in Washington, DC is Friday January 21, 2022. The bus trip will leave Erie, Thursday evening, January 20th at 11PM and will return Saturday morning, January 22nd, around 1:30AM. Make your reservation early as seats are limited. Contact People for Life at 814-882-1333, 814-459-1333 or email office @peopleforlife.org for more information.

#### **Becoming Holy**

We all know what it is like to lose something—especially if it is significant. We search for it in a predictable pattern and we never give up looking.

You can only imagine the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced when Jesus came up missing. They ended up searching for him in a predictable pattern: first among relatives, then they retraced their steps looking for him wherever they had been. Following this pattern, they eventually found Jesus and this 12 year old boy challenged their understanding of who he was.

In reality this describes our lives as Christians. Perhaps we don't look for Jesus in the sense that Mary and Joseph did in the gospel. Yet when we long to be in God's presence, choose to do the will of God, and go out of our way to love one another we are seeking Jesus, and by using this predictable pattern and never giving up we will always find him.

And when we find him, our understanding of Jesus is enlarged. Jesus at age 12 reminds us that this "lost" boy is the one who will fill us with undying hope to overcome all the loneliness, heartbreak, and despair that bleeds us and he will raise us to new life. Often, we feel that our everyday struggles, needs, questions, and frustrations are too petty for God. But Jesus proves that attitude wrong. On this the feast of the Holy Family we celebrate who we are—"the children of God" - and where our true home is—"in him".

What made the Holy Family a holy family? In spite of the problems they faced, in spite of the fact things were not always perfect they did their best, and remained faithful to God's guidance. Holiness is not defined by a perfect life but by a life that seeks to find God. Holiness is defined by a life that is responsive to God. Holiness doesn't mean the absence of difficulties and tensions but a willingness to grow in our ability to care for, to forgive, to love, to teach, and to admonish one another.

It is precisely in the midst of our daily experiences and our searching that God can work on our souls, on one condition that we, like Mary, "store up all these things" and ponder them in our hearts.

Whatever we do in word or deed, let us continue to look for Jesus and allow him to continue to enlarge our understanding of him. Let us strengthen our sense of who we are as a member of God's family and resolve ourselves to live so that this identity is evident to everyone we meet.



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