

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 21st: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Deanna Tropper by Anna and Justin Bonanno
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Ray and Linn

Monday, February 22nd: The Chair of St. Peter

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Georgianna Hartman by Nieces

Tuesday, February 23rd: St. Polycarp

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Good Health & Healing for Monica Palkovic from Mom and Family

Wednesday, February 24th: Lenten Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Judy & Bob Keffer
➔5-7pm (SA) "The Light is On for You"-Confessions
5:30pm (SC) Latin Mass—Owen Farnen, Birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

Thursday, February 25th: Lenten Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Mickey & Kaya Pohl

Friday, February 26th: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) In memory of William Palkovic from wife Delphine and Family
1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross follow Mass & Rosary
6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27th: Lenten Weekday

No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions at St. Casimir

Sunday, February 28th: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Dennis Krumpke from Victor Kowalski Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the Bolla Family by Rick and Ron Bolla

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
2) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
2) Mary Lou Wiczorek by Children

St. Casimir's

1) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez
2) Fr. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory for February 14, 2021: \$4,810.86

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$3,752.00 Paid: \$1,456.00

The 2021 CSA Campaign began last weekend with Commitment Sunday and we are off to a good start, lets keep going! There is still time to send in your pledge/payment for the 2021 CSA.

Simply use the CSA envelope in your monthly offertory envelope packet 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!

Just a small note of thanks to Mr. Dave Dombkowski for the donation of paper for our copy machine. It will certainly be used! Thanks again Dave.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the
Publication Date, Saturday, February 20, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Schedule:

Daily 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...St. Ann at 1PM following the mass and rosary. Fridays at St. Casimir at 6PM.

“The Light is On for You,” a special night of Lenten confessions will be held at **St. Ann church this**

Wednesday, February 24th from 5 pm to 7 pm.

We plan on resuming our **Holy Week** services this year. This includes: Blessing and distribution of palms on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday Passion of the Lord, Blessing of Food on Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil Mass, and masses on Easter Sunday. There will be modifications to the services in order to accommodate the restrictions created by the pandemic. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

Bishop Persico will visit our parish to attend the Latin Mass on Wednesday, March 10th at 5:30 pm. **Fr.**

Power will celebrate the Mass and Bishop Persico will sit "in choir," which means he will sit in the sanctuary during the Mass.

On Wednesday, March 17th, the Feast of St. Patrick, at 5:30 pm, there will be a **Solemn High Latin Mass** at St. Casimir. **Fr. William Barron** will be the celebrant, **Fr. Ian McElrath** will be the deacon, and **Fr. Joseph Petrone** will be the subdeacon. This is only the second time in the last 50 years a Solemn High Mass has been celebrated in the Erie Diocese. The previous Solemn High Mass was celebrated in our parish approximately two years ago.

Please feel free to place your pledge envelopes for the **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** in the collection basket at any mass. You may also mail them or drop them off in the church office mail slot anytime. Thank you, especially in these difficult times, for sharing your gifts and responding to Jesus’ call to serve people in need, act with justice, and build up the church.

Lent 2021 virtual retreat ... All ages are welcome to join **Father Mike Polinek** and youth ministers from the Diocese of Erie for a virtual Lenten retreat on Mondays Feb. 22, March 1, March 15 and March 22. These Zoom sessions will include discussion of how to personally strengthen your relationship with God. Sign up through JotForm at <https://form.jotform.com/210333866089157>. Contact Father Polinek with any questions at mpolinek@ErieRCD.org.

We are Not Alone ... On the first Sunday of Lent we always hear of the account of Jesus’ experience in the desert with the devil. Mark’s Gospel is the shortest account of this experience and while it may seem brief and simple, the lesson and challenge it presents to us is neither. Jesus is driven into the desert, left alone and there he begins to grapple with being tempted by Satan. We know the devil is real and he will come after us. We’re given this special time of Lent, 40 days in our own desert to spend time alone with ourselves and to look into the mirror of our lives and face our true character. It is especially when we are alone in our personal desert that we are more vulnerable and the Devil does his best work. Why? Because temptation is a very basic part of our human condition and it is easy to cave in to the things that tempt us. What we grapple with during Lent are the temptations that rupture our relationships with God, self, and others. The first temptation is for us to neglect our inner life. This is where the devil really goes after us. After all aren’t we all busy? During this Lent where can we find time for God – to nurture our inner life? Of the 24 hours a day each of us have where can we give more time to God? The second temptation is to hold on to our emotional baggage. Many of us are carrying hurt, betrayal, guilt and we are tempted to hang on to these things. Jesus tells us – let them go. Lent is a renewal time – a time for forgiveness, a time for new beginnings. The third temptation is to think that we can handle everything on our own and we don’t need any help on this Lenten journey. Jesus did not confront his temptations alone and neither do we. When we say yes to God in our lives and turn ourselves over completely to his care we are given what we need to resist our temptations. Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to forgive our sins and to help us resist our temptations. Lent is a time of renewal for all of us – let us make this one special. As we face these 40 days in our desert may we have the strength to overcome our temptations and continue to grow in God’s love and mercy.



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