

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 17th: Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday

Laity Sunday

Private (SA) Helen E. Ropelewski, Anniversary by Daughters

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Thomas and Catherine Dodson by Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Edwards

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Joseph Visosky, Anniversary by Christine Visosky

Monday, October 18th: Saint Luke

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Edward Wiczorek by Children, Mike Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary

Tuesday, October 19th: St. John de Brébeur

and St. Isaac Jogues

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Donald C. Schneidmiller by John and Bridget Barber

Wednesday, October 20th: Saint Paul of the Cross

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by John and Meg Britton

5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Thomas Vento, Birthday by The Vento Family

Thursday, October 21st: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Rosemary Ritter

Friday, October 22nd: Saint John Paul II, Pope

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Saturday, October 23rd: Saint John of Capistrano

Private (SA) James Berdis by Christine Visosky

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, October 24th: Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday

Second Collection for Mission Sunday

Private (SA) John & Josephine Hartman by Granddaughters

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of Steve and Tracy Balczon

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Elizabeth A. "Betty" Stablein by Parishioners

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

St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

St. Casimir's

1) Fr. Daniel Prez by Audrey Draszkievicz

2) Michael J. Skapura, Jr. by Latin Mass Community

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory October 10, 2021: \$3,660.77

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,658.00

Paid: \$12,953.00

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

Next Sunday, October 24th there will be a Diocesan Special Second Collection for Mission Sunday. Thank you in advance for your donations to the Mission Sunday Collection.



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Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

Preparations have begun for the parish Harvest Dance which will be on November 6 in the Holy Family School gym. The planning committee is in need of donations such as gift baskets, gift cards or individual items for the Chinese auction. If you wish to help, please label your contribution "For Harvest Dance" and leave it in the back of church or give it to Tim or Lynn Clint or Ruth Kowalski. If you have questions, please call Lynn at 814-572-6638. More information about the dance will be in next week's bulletin.

Benedictines offer discernment retreat

The Benedictines Sisters of Erie are offering a discernment retreat at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery from Friday evening, Oct. 22, to Sunday, Oct. 24. Join in a weekend of reflection and sharing centered on Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister's book *What Are You Looking For?* Participants are also invited to join in the life, prayer and leisure of the Erie Benedictine community while discerning how God is speaking in their lives. For more information, email vocations@eriebenedictines.org. Note: This is an in-person event that will be adapted to Zoom if necessary.

There will be a **Potluck Breakfast** in the church hall on Sunday, October 31st after the 9:00 am Mass. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to mass and to share a meal with your church family. Please bring a dish, hot or cold, to share.

From Bishop Persico:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On October 23-24 of this year, the Church will mark the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday both liturgically and with a collection for missions and missionaries throughout the world. The theme for this year's celebration comes from the New Testament words of St. Peter and St. John: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Our Holy Father invites us again to share our zeal: to speak about our faith, about our passion for mission, and about supporting the more than 1,100 mission dioceses throughout the world. He reminds us that "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves" as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

I invite all of us in the Diocese of Erie to view World Mission Sunday as a special moment of encounter with our neighbors throughout the world. Let us also remember those clergy, religious and lay leaders who give so generously of their time in testimony to the faith we share. I ask you to support their efforts through your prayers and financial means as you are able. I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayers as we all work together to serve our Lord and one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ, **The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie**

Finding Meaning in our Suffering

One of the burning questions of all times is why do we suffer, what is the meaning of suffering? In the midst of the expressions of suffering that we witness or perhaps encounter ourselves we ask how could a loving and caring God let this happen?

Throughout history, many people have attempted to answer this burning question; for some, suffering is a divine punishment, for others a test or an opportunity to strengthen faith or to show heroic virtue or fidelity. Yet in the end, it remains a mystery – beyond our comprehension.

As Christians, we often seek an explanation from Scripture. Isaiah tells us that *the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity*, and Hebrews tells us that Jesus was "similarly ... tested in every way." At first glance neither sounds helpful, but when we look again through the eyes of faith, we see that these words are not simply meant to explain suffering, but to help us realize that even in suffering there can be good.

The crucifixes we wear and that adorn our homes and churches are a constant reminder of the suffering that Jesus went through to justify us, to restore us to a right relationship with God. While suffering cannot be avoided or even fully explained, we can begin to use it for a greater purpose, that is we can learn from it and, as people of faith, join our suffering to that of the Suffering Servant whom we now recognize as Christ. Then, our suffering may not seem so inscrutable or meaningless.

What gives us final hope is that not only did Jesus experience suffering, as we do, but he ultimately overcame it in the Resurrection. It is harder to imagine a greater sense of good that results from our suffering than knowing we too will overcome it and share in the triumph of the resurrection.