


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

LUKE 21:17-18



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DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).



Please join us for our **Annual Parish Christmas Party!**

Saturday, December 7th,

at the Third Street Polish Falcons. 6-10PM. Buffet Dinner. Join us for an evening of good food and good friends. Invite your friends and family too! Dinner and 50/50 tickets are now on sale after Mass or in the rectory office.



Plans are in place to sponsor the Giving Tree for Needy Seniors again this year. Look for more information in the coming weeks. GECAC was extremely grateful

for the generosity and support from the parish last year. Many of us saw first-hand how your generosity made such a difference in the lives of many!



Congratulations to the members of our parish who recently completed their Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus on October 26th.

Shown from left to right:

Craig Krull, Rod Showers, David Dombkowski, and Father Jerry Priscaro

Continue to pray each and every day for all of the poor souls, family and friends, the seminarians in our diocese and for an increase in all religious vocations.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 16th: St. Margaret/Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Eileen Gilmore, Anniversary by Family
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 17th: Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Deceased of the Szabo & Tomczak
Families by Lou Szabo
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass** The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami
- 11:00 am (SC) Fran Kierzek by Linn Wasielewski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, November 18th: Dedication of Basilicas

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Bernard Raymond Graf by Friends and
Classmates
- 12:05 pm (SA) Fr. Donald Berdis by Family & Friends

Tuesday, November 19th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Helen Pochatko by Marie Dzuricky
- 12:05 pm (SA) All Soul's Day Intentions

Wednesday, November 20th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Alex & Eugenia Stodolski by Grandson
Don Barnes
- 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebuer by Skip & Sue Tenney

Thursday, November 21st:

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Victor Roman by Peter & Bozena Iloe
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry Berdis

Friday, November 22nd: St. Cecilia

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Maryanne Nicholas by Betty & Ray
Wasielewski
- 12:05 pm (SA) Joseph Krkoska by Judy & Don
Halcomb

Saturday, November 23rd: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Michael & Doris Kuhar by Jerry &
Denise Sobrowski
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 24th:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:00 am (SC) Frances Sundy, Birthday by Family
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass** Mary Weschler, Birthday by
Ruth & Victor Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Alfred Jankowski, Anniversary by Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club
 - 2) Living & Deceased of the Walach & Galla Families by
Paul and Lisa Galla
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Bernard Graf by Class of 1958
- 2) Priests of St. Ann's by Marge Rabe

St. Casimir's

- 1) More Vocations to the Priesthood
- 2) In Thanksgiving

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 WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (11/17) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (11/18) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Tuesday (11/19) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (11/20) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (11/21) Rectory Office is closed.

Friday (11/22) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Saturday (11/23) 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Diocesan Special Second Collection of the Campaign for Human Development at the 4PM Mass.

Sunday (11/24) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Diocesan Special Second Collection of the Campaign for Human Development at all the Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—November 16th

Lector: Rod Showers
Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Duska and Loretta Baran
Altar Servers: Tom Duska

Sunday Masses—November 17th:

8AM Mass

Lector: Eileen Ropelewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass

Lector: Brian Martin
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Schroeder and Kim Walkiewicz
Altar Servers: Karen Mazur



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. †November is the month of the Poor Souls. Your intentions for the All Soul's Day Masses will be remembered at the altar for the rest of the year. May they rest in peace. †November is National Vocations Awareness Month. Please pray for any increase in Religious Vocations each day this month. **Father Michael Polinek**, the Diocesan Vocation Director, has sent us a packet of information about vocations and the annual vocation's poster with the photo's of our seminarians. Please keep all of them in your daily prayers. †Each month we distribute food baskets and more through our Food Pantry! The number increases each week. Soon we will give Thanksgiving Baskets to the needy right here in our own neighborhood and parish. Thank you for your help by using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packets for our food pantry. Stick with us! †Best Wishes again to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club. They continue to recover and rebuild after that unfortunate fire that hit their club building a few months ago. Best wishes to our parishioners, friends and neighbors at the Slovak National Club. †Father John Paul Kuzma OFM, Cap. continues his wonderful work in Philadelphia at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 21 South 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Father John Paul is looking forward to spending a few days in Erie during hunting season and over the Christmas holidays. Send him a Christmas Card! †Last weekend we honored all of our Vets at all of the Masses. We again thank them for their service to our country. May God bless all of our service men and women and all of our Veterans. Join us as we pray for all Vets and thank them for their service to our country. †This month we take up the collection for Human Development. The Holy Fathers have always called for a preferential option for the poor. This collection is used to help the poor in various ways. More than 46 million people in the USA live in poverty. This collection helps them by funding programs that empower local programs that will life people out of poverty. 25% of all funds collected remain in our own diocese to help with local needs. Please be as generous as possible. †Any young people interested in the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation should consult with Deacon Jerry Sobrowski soon. Classes are now in progress but you may be able to join them. † The annual Clothing Distribution Party will be held on the first Saturday in December. More information next weekend. † Welcome Winter! Thanks for everything! Keep Warm! Keep the Faith!

✉CORRECTION: **Sister Kevin Berdis'** address is 1134 East 12th St., Erie, PA 16503. Please make note of her correct address. It was incorrect in the November 3rd bulletin. ✉

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Congratulations to our Knights... Congratulations to the members of our parish who recently completed their Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus on October 26. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order in the Knights and it is an extension of the third degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic Citizenship. Fewer than 18% of Knights join the Fourth Degree, which is optional; of a total 1.8 Million Knights there are over 320,000 Fourth Degree Knights in over 3,000 Assemblies. A Knight is eligible to join the Fourth Degree after six months from the date of his First Degree, providing he has completed the 2nd and 3rd degrees beforehand. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works.

Step In!... Each day our lives are filled with many opportunities. We are faced with opportunities to speak up for others, to act with kindness, to call attention to injustices. In other words, we have many opportunities to give witness to the Gospel, to show by our words and actions that we truly do believe in Jesus Christ – who he is, what he did for us, what he taught us about being human. Think about it for a minute – what do we do with those opportunities? There are probably many times when we speak the Lord's message, regardless of what others will say or whether or not we are praised for it. But there are probably many other times when we just stay quietly in our corner, caving in to those common reasons we are familiar with: "don't get involved", "it's none of our business." Or maybe, we don't step in because we are just too busy, too focused on what we are doing and what we need to get done. Or, let's be honest, sometimes, it's just because we can't be bothered, it seems like too much effort. And yet, at the heart of our faith is the paschal mystery, our belief that through his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has redeemed and saved us, and that through our baptism we participate in this mystery. We are called to let go of our inclination to put first our own desires, our own tasks and destinations, so that we may step in and lift others up as Jesus did for us. Witnessing to our faith is usually not an easy task. We may not always know the words to say, or the action to take. But that is OK - Jesus isn't asking us to be argumentative or aggressively confrontational. What he asks is that we come with an open heart willing and ready to "step in" and follow to the Holy Spirit's lead. So when we next find ourselves in a position where we are called to testify to our faith, let the Word and sacrament strengthen our resolve to "step in" and respond with the guidance of the Spirit.

This week's spiritual exercise: Look back on our lives for the past week. Where have we had opportunities to "step in?" How did we do? Pray for strength to be open to the Spirit and to speak the Lord's message!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, November 4, 2019

4PM Mass \$2,493.00

8AM Mass \$1,340.73

Latin Mass \$1,006.80

11AM Mass \$1,457.10

Candles \$7.50

TOTAL \$6,305.13

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Thank you we had an increase this week! Every donation helps us reach our goal! Big or little it all counts! Help us grow our numbers. If you have not done so please make your commitment today! The CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or envelopes are available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection. Thanks again!

CSA 2019 as of November 4, 2019

Pledged: \$19,869.00 Paid: \$18,814.00

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Christmas Flower Offering

The last day to turn in your Christmas Flower Envelopes, to be included on our annual listing of donors, is Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Thank you !



INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM

You may also use this form to update your telephone numbers, address, name, etc.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone & Cell _____

- New Registration Want Envelopes
 Change of Name
 Change of Address Change in Phone Numbers

Please drop this information into the Collection Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draskiewicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, 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 Wieczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, 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, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), 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.