

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

AUGUST 16, 2020

*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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)

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 and

11:00 AM Sunday Mass at Saint Casimir's

Saturday, August 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a holy day of obligation)

10:00 am (SC) Holy Day Latin Mass with Fr. Power for

John Rzomp by Julie Breski

(SC) Bernard O'Leary by Family

Sunday, August 16th: Twentieth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Benedict Sundry by Children

9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Lydia Kowalski by Vic and Ruth Kowalski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, August 17th: Weekday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Family and Friends

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Edith Benson

Tuesday, August 18th: Weekday

(SC) Good Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez

Richard Ropelewski, anniversary by sisters

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Poor Souls in Purgatory by Brother Paul

Wednesday, August 19th: St. John Eudes

(SC) Intentions of Fr. John Paul Kuzma

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Jack, Yen & Julia Fisher

Thursday, August 20th: St. Bernard

(SC) Agnes Priscaro by Deacon Ray & Deb Sobina

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Bernard Graf by Cathedral Prep Class of 1958

Friday, August 21st: St. Pius X

(SC) Dr. Gertrude Barber—Canonization

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl

Saturday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Vigil Mass

No Public Mass or Confession

(SC) Halina Roman by Kelly & Demaris Edwards

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, August 23rd: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confession

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Donald & Joan Purcell by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Merski Family

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Sick and Shut-ins

2) Sick and Shut-ins

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

St. Ann's

1) Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

2) Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

St. Casimir's

1) Geraldine Tomczak by Rosary Society

2) Sick and Shut-ins

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

Collection Report for July 26: \$1,383.36

Latin Mass Collection for July 26: \$1,007.07

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of August 5th

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$13,032.00

Paid Amount: \$11,347.00

Good News! We are now \$8,414.00 away from our goal! 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.

The rectory office is located at
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost in the traditional Latin Rite. Please offer your Mass and prayers again today for all suffering from the Covid-19 virus and for good health and healing for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish, for an end to the Covid-19 virus, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of all. Let's continue to pray for one another! †Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the Sunday Masses and Holyday Mass obligation! 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 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. †Please keep Father Dan Prez in your thoughts and prayers. Father Dan is dealing with a medical emergency and appreciates your prayers. †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 and the 11:00AM Mass starting today with Confessions at 10:30AM. We hope to return to our complete schedule soon. Keep up those prayers! †Our parish food pantry is now open every other Friday morning at 9:30AM. Thanks to Mike Kuzma and his hard working crew. †Thanks to Mike Kuzma and his dad Mike Sr. and John Wolfe, Paul Kuzma, Mike Fiscus, the Kuzma Kids, our grounds are in good shape at all times. Thanks also to Christine Visosky and the ladies of the Rosary Society for the flowers at the Blessed Mother's shrine at St. Casimir's. Everything is looking good! †Father John Paul Kuzma is now in Cleveland, Ohio at his new assignment! Congratulations Father Kuzma! It's good to have you so close to home! †Congratulations to Daniel Brigham who recently graduated from Cathedral Prep. Best Wishes! †Thank you to the Rosary Society for the very generous donation of \$1,000.00. *Bardzo dziękuję!* †Thanks for everything! God bless and keep you!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Readings for Sunday, August 16 ~ 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Isa 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Matt 15:21-28; L118A

Latin Mass – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1Cor 15:1-10 and Mk 7:31-37

Cancellations ... Due to restrictions in place and safety concerns over the spread of the coronavirus, our Polka Mass and Christmas Party are cancelled this year. We look forward to having these events return in 2021.

Persistence in Our Prayer ... In our Gospel this Sunday we find Jesus speaking to the Canaanite woman in a way that makes many of us feel uneasy. The woman pleads for Jesus to heal her daughter, but he refuses because she is not an Israelite. Jesus explains that his ministry is only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and not for a Canaanite woman and her family. Just imagine how difficult it must have been for her to stand up as an outcast and as a woman to this group of men who obviously do not want her there. She must have known that it would be risky to show up, speak out, and make her request, much less talk back and persist if denied! This Gospel is a testament to persistence and the power of prayer. The woman faced several obstacles during her prayer for her daughter. The disciples wanted to send her away for bothering them and Jesus even denied her request at first. Despite this, the woman persisted. She continued after Jesus' harsh comment comparing her people to dogs. She had a relentless faith. And it was her relentless faith and persistence that finally prompted Jesus to heal her daughter. Haven't we all prayed about something, only to be left puzzled by the Lord's response? Many times we may have even felt put off by God, or questioned if he heard our prayers at all. It can be frustrating and disheartening, and can even try our faith. Our readings tell us that sometimes we simply need to be persistent and patient. Besides persistence in our prayer the Canaanite woman also teaches us "filial boldness." The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2610) explains this as believing that we will receive what we ask for in prayer. This boldness helps us persist when we think no one hears our prayers, or something gets in the way of them being answered. When it seems that God is silent in the face of our prayers – or that his answer is no – let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the fortitude to persist like the Canaanite woman in unwavering confidence and faith.

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, Phil Zukowski, 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 Draskiewicz, 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 Wieczorek, 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 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, 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.



Thank You!!!

**Erie Gives Day was held on
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

**It was A Great Day to Support Your Parish
*Our Mother of Sorrows Parish***

Erie Gives Day! The Day to Help Non-Profits Grow!

Thank you for your support of **Our Mother of Sorrows Parish**. To all who donated to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish on Erie Gives Day! Your prayers, donations, and monetary contributions help keep us alive and well and proud to continue our work here on the East Side! A report will be provide in the next bulletin. Thank you!

Our Weekly Bulletin...

As many of you are aware our weekly bulletin is supplied to us by J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. so at no cost to the parish. The generous advertisers on the back of the bulletin cover the cost to publish the bulletin.

Recently J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. informed us that our bulletin advertisement is not sufficient to cover the cost of the publication of our weekly bulletin and we are at risk of loosing their services. If their services are discontinued then we would need to change the format of our weekly bulletin and possibly turn to in-house publication. J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. offered their services at a yearly cost to the parish of \$5,600.00. A very large expense to the parish.

This is where we need your help to save our bulletin! We need a lot more advertisers to advertise on our bulletin. If you or someone you know could help us out and advertise please contact the Ad Department at J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. at 1-800-945-6629 and mention you wish to advertise on our bulletin and reference our account #282400. Thank you in advance for all of your support!

We wish to thank the four local businesses and neighbors who have faithfully continued their advertisement on our bulletin.

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Slovak National Club
902 Hess Ave, Erie, PA 16503

IHOP Restaurants
Erie, PA

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Erie, PA

Always remember to thank them for their advertising in our church bulletin.

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