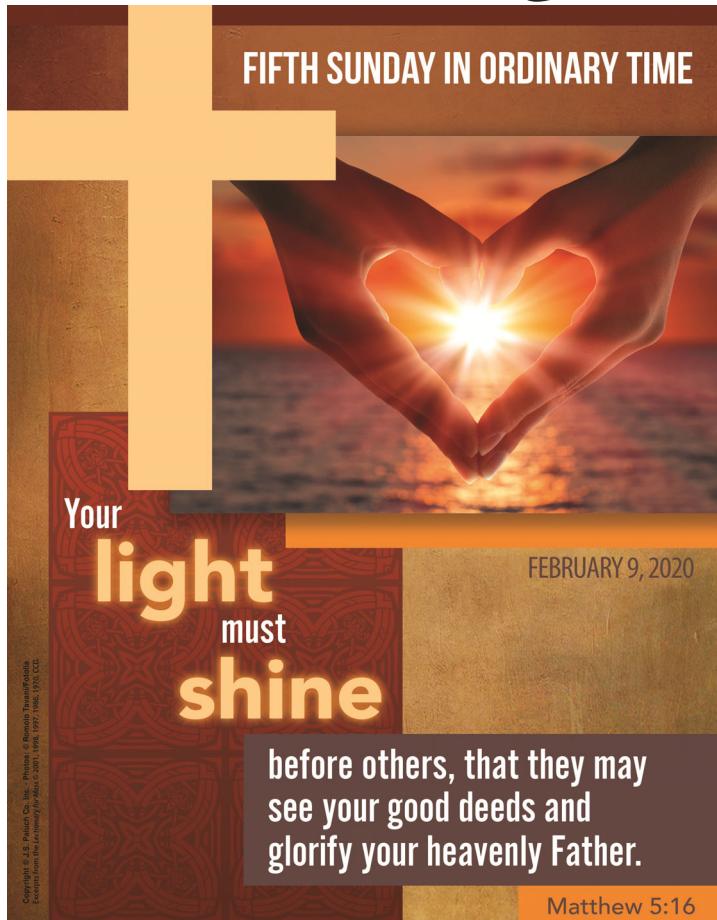


# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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**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).

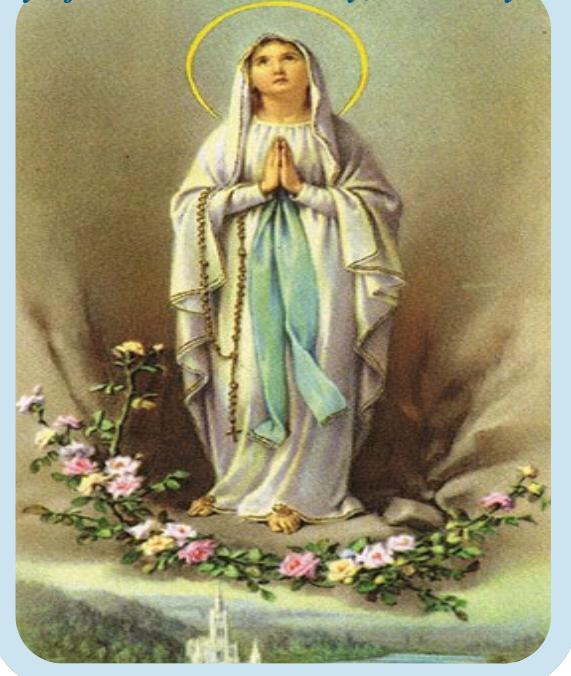
## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

### PRAYER for the WORLD DAY of the SICK

God of strength and compassion, hear the prayer that arises from our hearts as we join our lives with your Son in His most sacred passion. Be with us in the Garden of Gethsemane as we acknowledge the suffering within our bodies, our minds, and our hearts that is as yet hidden from others' eyes. Be with us at Gabbatha, the Judgement Seat, as we hear the reports that spell out our future, or even the loss thereof. Be with us at Golgatha as, in faith, we join our suffering, our pain, to His. Hear us as we surrender our lives to your loving protection, guidance, strength, and peace. It is into your hands, O Lord, that we commend our spirits. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.

## Lady of Lourdes—Tuesday, February 11th



MASSES FOR THE WEEKSaturday, February 8th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) Joseph Zielinski by Diane Zielinski  
     All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 9th: Fifth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Michael J. Ropelewski, Birthday by  
     Daughters and Son  
 9:30 am (SC) ***Latin Mass***  
     Lydia Kowalski by Ruth & Vic Kowalski  
 11:00 am (SC) Msgr. John Lucas by Michael & Marlene  
     Lucas  
     All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, February 10th: St. Scholastica

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Sophie Sokolowski, Birthday by Sisters  
     and Brother  
 12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Figurski by Kay Kujan

Tuesday, February 11th: Our Lady of Lourdes*World Day of the Sick*

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Charlotte Prez  
 12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Mary Wierzbicki

Wednesday, February 12th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Health, Healing and Peace for Fr. Dan  
     Prez  
 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebauer by Skip & Sue Tenney

Thursday, February 13th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Officers & Members of The Slovak  
     National Club  
 12:05 pm (SA) Leona Bolla by Diane Zielinski

Friday, February 14th: St. Valentine's Day/St. Cyril

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
 12:05 pm (SA) William & Eva Jant by daughters

Saturday, February 15th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) Mary Maciejczyk, Anniversary by  
     Christine Visosky and Family  
     All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 16th: Sixth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp by Anne Marie & Eileen  
     Ropelewski  
 9:30 am (SC) ***Latin Mass***  
     Owen Farnen by Ruth & Vic Kowalski  
 11:00 am (SC) Raymond & Irene Turbaczewski  
     All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTSHoly Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) Health, Healing and Peace for Fr. Dan Prez
- 2) In Memory of Dr. Gertrude Barber

St. Casimir's

- 1) All Sick and Shut-ins
- 2) Ted Mazur, Jr. by Family and Friends

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 (2/9)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Monday (2/10)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Tuesday (2/11)** *World Day of The Sick.* Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Wednesday (2/12)** *Lincoln's Birthday.* Rectory office is closed.

**Thursday (2/13)** Rectory office is closed.

**Friday (2/14)** ♥ *Happy Saint Valentine's Day.* ♥

Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Saturday (2/15)** 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Sunday (2/16)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULESSaturday Vigil Mass—February 8th

Lector: Paul Roman  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink  
 Altar Servers: Loretta Baran

Sunday Masses—February 9th

**8AM Mass**  
 Lector: Christopher Krill  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors  
 Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

**11AM Mass**

Lector: Karen Mazur  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet Schroeder  
 Altar Servers: Cameron Schroeder & Kyle Jackson



### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Septuagesima Sunday in the Tridentine Latin Rite. † This weekend the homeless shelter is at the Russian Orthodox Community Center, East Front Street until February 12th and then it moves to St. Joseph's Community Center from Feb. 12th-26th. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. Spread the word. † Special prayers are needed for Franciscan Sisters **Rose Kuzma** and **Geraldine Kasper** who were involved in an auto accident recently. **Sister Rose** is out of the hospital but not **Sister Geraldine** who remains in intensive care. Please keep both of them on your prayer list. † Remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers as well. **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. We will keep you posted. † Our parish senior Legion of Mary is being joined by the Legion of Mary from St. Paul's Church to form one group. They will continue to meet on Monday afternoons at St. Casimir's. The junior legion will continue to meet at St. Casimir's following the meeting of the senior legion. For more information please call the Perfect, **Mrs. Donna Turbaczewski**. Both groups are planning special programs for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, the last week of February. † **Father James Power** will offer the Latin Mass on the Feast of Saint Casimir, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6PM. **Father William Barron** and **Father Ian McElrath** will join him on the alter. † Thank you for supporting the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. We made our goal and had a few dollars left over for some parish projects. The 2020 appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese beginning on February 23rd. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. More next week. † **Bishop Lawrence Persico** visited the Barber National Institute on December 17, 2019 and told hundreds of people gathered there that **Dr. Gertrude Barber** would be a candidate for Sainthood in the Catholic Church. **Dr. Barber** was a life member of Saint Ann's Parish, where she received her sacraments and graduated from Saint Ann's School. We now pray for her intercession and ask for her blessing and favors! Peace!

♥ Happy Saint Valentine's Day ♥

### ***FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY***

**K of C Meeting...**Our Knights of Columbus Roundtable plans to meet 6:00 pm on February 19 at St. Casimir in the social hall downstairs. All are encouraged to attend this important planning meeting. For more information contact Rod Showers 449-3252.

**Salt and Light...**Today's images of light and salt are interesting and thought provoking. Neither can exist for its own sake. Light is no good if there is no one to use it or to bask in its glow. We hear in today's Gospel that you do not light a lamp and then hide it. Light is meant to penetrate and overcome darkness: it does not make sense to hide it. Likewise, salt is no good by itself unless it brings flavor to food. So the words of Jesus, *You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden*, challenge us to live shining with God's presence. Being a Christian means they shine with Christ's presence, compassion, care and love. We can show this in very practical and every-day ways, as Isaiah tells us by: sharing our bread, sheltering the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked and fighting against oppression, lies and false accusation. Isaiah sets before us a vision or a road map for life according to the will of God. We are called by our baptism to season the earth with the taste of God and to shine on the earth through our good deeds. Our faith is not meant to be all about us. As we deepen our relationship with God through prayer and the Eucharist, may we be strengthened to go out and share our faith with each other. Only then will we be fulfilling the Gospel mandate to be Christ's disciples, and to bring glory to God.

**This week's Spiritual Exercise:** Reflecting on today's Gospel spend quiet time with Jesus asking how we can use the gifts that God has given us to bring the light of Christ to those we encounter this week.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Sunday, January 19, 2020**

4:00 PM Mass \$1,160.25  
8:00 AM Mass \$295.35  
Latin Mass \$1,364.25  
11:00AM Mass \$832.77  
Candles \$95.52  
**TOTAL \$3,748.14**

### **Sunday, January 26, 2020**

4:00 PM Mass \$941.00  
8:00 AM Mass \$900.00  
Latin Mass \$865.06  
11:00AM Mass \$598.00  
Candles \$204.50  
**TOTAL \$3,508.56**

*Thank you for your continued love and generosity to your parish.*

## **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

*CSA 2019 as of January 28, 2020*

**Pledged: \$20,265.00 Paid: \$19,415.00**

The 2019 CSA is now closed. A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

*Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!*

**Commitment Sunday for the 2020**

**Catholic Services Appeal is  
Sunday, February 23, 2020.**

### **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. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Sr. Geraldine Kasper, Charlotte Prez, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Andrew G., Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkiewicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, 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 Gingebach, 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, 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 Mazzarese, 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, Louise Grolemund, 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.*