

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

THE PRESENTATION OF

## THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

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#### Saint Casimir Church

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#### 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).



### Monday, February 3rd—Feast of Saint Blaise

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise on February 3rd. The traditional blessing of throats, the blessing of Saint Blaise will be given at all of the weekend Masses, February 1st and 2nd and on Monday, February 3rd at 8:20AM (SC) and 12:30PM (SA).

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Join us on Saturday, February 1st for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. All are welcome.



**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Each of our three churches offer the beautiful Votive Candles for your special remembrances and prayers. The cost to light a candle is **\$3.50 each** (please place the money in the basket or money box located next to the candles). You may also send in your request and payment to the rectory office and we will be most happy to light the candle for you. You may include your special request which we will noted in prayer when lighting your candle. *Thank you.*

**THE RITE OF PENANCE:** Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir) and 11:30 a.m. (St. Ann's). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann).



2019 Year End Contribution Statements have been mailed out to all who have requested them. If you need your 2019 Contribution Statement please let us know and one will be mailed to you at the most earliest convenience.

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 1st: First Saturday/Vigil Mass**

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- Blessing of Throats given at the 4PM Mass ~ St. Blaise***
- 4:00 pm (SC) Joan Gilmore by Jen & Boys  
John A. Rzomp, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Gary Irish

**Sunday, February 2nd: Presentation of the Lord**

***Candlemas—Blessing of Candles***

***Blessing of Throats at all Masses ~ St. Blaise***

- 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Ann Marie & Eileen Ropelewski
- ➔ **9:15 am (SC) *Latin Mass with Fr. Power as Celebrant***  
Intentions of the Members of the Latin Mass Community
- 11:00 am (SC) Ted Mazur, Jr. by Family  
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Monday, February 3rd: St. Blaise and St. Ansgar**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Officers & Members of the Slovak National Club
- 8:20 am (SC) Blessing of Throats
- 12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Figurski by Larry Berdis
- 12:30 pm (SA) Blessing of Throats

**Tuesday, February 4th: Weekday**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Anthony Sokolowski, Birthday by Ropelewski Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Philip Pochatko by Donor

**Wednesday, February 5th: St. Agatha**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Health & Healing of Fr. Dan Prez by Brother Priests
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry and Family

**Thursday, February 6th: St. Paul Miki**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Ted Mazur, Jr. by Mazur Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Emerson Vento, Birthday by Vento Family

**First Friday, February 7th: Weekday**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) For a Return to the Catholic Family by A Friend
- 12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Naguszewski and Anuszkiewski Families

**Saturday, 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

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

- 1) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry and Family
- 2) Return to the Catholic Faith  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

- 1) Agnes Priscaro by Wendy Canestro
- 2) Norbert Figurski by Larry Berdis

**St. Casimir's**

- 1) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Mother & Family
- 2) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Al Ropelewski, Margaret Barabas,  
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 (2/2) Candlemas Day, Blessing of Candles.** 8:45AM Confessions (SC). 9:15 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Blessing of Throats at all Masses

**Monday (2/3) St. Blaise.** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon. Blessing of Throats at 8:20AM (SC) and 12:30PM (SA).

**Tuesday (2/4)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Wednesday (2/5)** Rectory office is closed.

**Thursday (2/6)** Rectory office is closed.

**First Friday (2/7)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

**Saturday (2/8)** 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**Saturday Vigil Mass—February 1st**

Lector: Joe Malinowski  
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Martin & Loretta Baran  
Altar Servers: Loretta Baran

**Sunday Masses—February 2nd**

**8AM Mass**

Lector: Dianne Connors  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski & Dianne Connors  
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

**11AM Mass**

Lector: Michelle Schroeder  
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Mazur & Amy Schroeder  
Altar Servers: Karen Mazur & Kyle Jackson



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem (Purification of Our Blessed Mother in the Tridentine Latin Rite)! †This weekend the homeless shelter is at the Russian Orthodox Community Center, East Front Street from January 29th until February 12th and then to St. Joseph's Community Center February 12th-26th. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. Pass the word. †Thank you for remembering all of us at the parish! Thank you for the cards, gifts, greetings, good thoughts, smiles, good wishes, prayers, Masses, food and everything. Thank you for all of your prayers and hard work! We thank all who made special Christmas Gifts to our parish. †A very special thank you to the **Sisters of Saint Joseph, especially Sister Mary Drexler, Dotty Hanna, and Betsy Wiest** and the members of the Thanksgiving Committee for their special gift of \$900.00 to our Food Pantry. Thanks again to our friends at the Slovak National Club for their gift of \$500.00 to our parish. We continue to pray for all of them as they continue to recover from the unfortunate fire last spring. We know they will be able to reopen soon. †Today we will have the traditional blessing of candles and throats at all Masses. Instructions will be given from the altar. †**Fr. James Power** will offer the Latin Mass today, Sunday, February 2nd, with the blessing of candles and procession beginning at 9:15AM. Please arrive early. Confessions will begin at 8:45AM. Thank you to **Father Power** for offering the Mass for us. †Next Sunday, February 9th is Septuagesima Sunday in the Latin Rite. Lent is around the corner. †Congratulations to **Kaden Davis** and **Nicholas Walters** who made the honor roll at Mercyhurst Prep and congratulation to **Daniel Brigham** and **Michael DeVore** on the honor roll at Cathedral Prep! Keep up the good work! We are proud of you! †Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our beloved dead especially those who died recently. Theresa Reisenweber was a longtime member of St. Ann's and buried from St. John's Church. Alois Ropelewski was a lifelong member of St. Casimir's Church and buried from St. Casimir's last week. Margaret Barabas was a longtime member of Holy Family Church and buried from St. Mary's Home, where she resided for many years. Our deepest and most sincere sympathy to all. May they rest in peace. †Monday is the traditional feast of St. Blaise, the day for blessing of throats. We will give the blessing on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday so that it will be available to more people. Hope to see all of you in Church not only to receive the blessing but also to participate in Holy Mass. † Thanks for being with us and God bless all of you!

### 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.

**Blessing of Throats...**In celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise, which is February 3<sup>rd</sup>, throats will be blessed today at all masses. Here's a little about the feast from the Introductory Rite for the order of the blessing:

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

**Blessing of Candles...**Today, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, sometimes referred to as Candlemas Day, candles will be blessed at the 9:30 Traditional Latin Mass. Here's a brief background on the Feast: Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. Also, Joseph and Mary were obliged by the Torah to "redeem" their first born son. Simeon, a just and pious man, who awaited the Messiah and looked for the consolation of Israel, was inspired to come to the temple. He held baby Jesus in his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:29-32). Simeon, thereby, announced that the Messiah has come not just for the Jew but the Gentile; not just the righteous, but the sinner. He then blessed the Holy Family, and said in turn to Mary: "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed— and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Lk 2:34-35). So the Presentation is a proclamation of Christ — Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas." As we consider the feast of the Presentation, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, with the words, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."

**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**

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

*CSA 2019 as of January 21, 2020*

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

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity. *Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!*

CORRECTION: A simple correction to the generous gift given to our food pantry by the **Sisters of Saint Joseph**, their gift was **\$900.00** not \$900.000 as reported in the Pastor's Desk in last weeks bulletin.

*Remember Patience is a Virtue!*

**"The proverb *patience is a virtue* means that it is a good quality to be able to tolerate something that takes a long time."**

Just another friendly reminder that processing ANY change to a parishioners records may take up to 2 to 3 months to complete. Our envelope provider has very strict deadlines on submitting changes as does our records and the Diocese of Erie. Please be patient and understand there is a process we must follow. 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. 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, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, 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, 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, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, 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.*