

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 28th: Weekday

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's

Sunday, November 29th: First Sunday of Advent

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

Virginia Ropelewski by husband Al and Family

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ In Memory of Millie Kae Theuerkauf by Dorothy Rohall

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Joe Habas by Tom Yonko and Family

Monday, November 30th: St. Andrew

(SC) No Public Mass ~ John Prez by wife Charlotte and Family

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Good Health and Healing for Monica Palkovic from Kohler and Eden

Tuesday, December 1st: Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Joe Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcomb

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Graces to continue her journey into paradise for Jane Marie Minichelli from Minichelli Family

Wednesday, December 2nd: Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Sandra Vogt by Vic & Ruth Kowalski

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Elizabeth Zelczak by Delphine and Family

5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Fr. James T. O'Hara

Thursday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Deceased Members of the Widomski Family by Rick & Ron Bolla

12:05 pm (SA) Carl & Theresa Kuruc by Brother Paul A. Wilson, Ofm

First Friday, December 4th: St. John Damascene

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Brzezicki & Bargielski Families by Rose Marie Bargielski

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Mary Herczak by Vento Family

First Saturday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

8:30 am (SA) Confessions

9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's

Sunday, December 6th: Second Sunday of Advent and Saint Nicholas Day

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

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Carl and Theresa Kuruc and Family by Brother Paul A. Wilson, Ofm

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Louise, Ann, Theresa, Mary, Vic, Frank, Joe, and Al Adamczyk by Loving Children, Nephews and Nieces



PEACE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DEC. 6, 2020

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Richard "Dick" May by niece Helen Gangemi and Family

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends

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

St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

2) Fr. James O'Hara by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez

2) Msgr. Gerald Orbanek

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

Offertory for Nov. 22nd: \$5,125.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

2020 Goal: \$21,446.00

Report As of November 18th

Pledged Amount: \$16,570.00 Paid Amount: \$15,805.00

Thank you we are getting closer to our goal we are now \$4,876.00 away for reaching our goal.

Can we count on you, please! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and CSA contributions in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the rectory office.

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

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

MASS REQUESTS

2021: The 2021 Mass book is open for your requests. **Please** clearly write out your Mass intentions, the day and time of the Mass you would prefer and send them to my attention. Mass requests are on a first come first serve basis and I will do my best to accommodate your request. **Please remember to place your Mass requests in a Separate Envelope and include a Separate Check** for your Mass intentions. You may drop your request in the mail slot at the office or drop your request in the offertory basket and please be sure to put Attn: Helen on the front of your envelope. *Thank you, Helen*

The Rectory Office remains closed at this time.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Monday, November 23, 2020

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

First Sunday of Advent

Experience reconciliation at 'The Light is on for You' ... Parishes in Erie County will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation **Wednesday, December 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.** This is an opportunity for people who have not gone to confession in a long time or who have been away from the church to return and experience Jesus' love and forgiveness. Confessions in our parish will be at **St. Ann Church**. The Light is on for you!

#iGiveCatholic is on December 1st

Please consider making a gift through #iGiveCatholic to assist our parish. To donate visit <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/> SEARCH for and SELECT our parish. CLICK on the GIVE BACK button and you will be directed to a secure donation screen. Your gift makes a critical difference. May God bless you!

Advent, a time of Hope ... The church gives us the season of Advent to help us keep our vision. Advent comes from the Latin word adventus which means "coming" or "arrival." For us it is the time of year when we specifically look to the coming of Jesus, first in his coming at his birth to bring us salvation and then his final coming, to end our trials on earth and gather us to him in glory. One of the themes of Advent is hope, and most of us would agree that we could use a lot of extra hope this year. So what is hope, and what are we hoping for? Real hope is one of the most coveted things in today's world. We all know people who are looking for some sign of hope but really don't know specifically what they are hoping for. They do know instinctively that it is something big. While many may hope for wealth, stature, or power, real hope goes beyond the things that we will not take with us when we leave this earth. Most will agree that real hope is in the form of some sort of hope for a better tomorrow and for significance and meaning in our lives. Yet there are times in life where we feel that hope has deserted us. We may experience disappointment, sorrow, and discouragement. Often the darkness just seems unbearable. It is in these times that God teaches us something significant in our trials. And no matter the circumstances we can count on God to always be there. Simply stated hope is the abiding trust that God will fulfill this promise to us. It is confidence that if we live according to His laws and teachings, we will have a blessed future. It is believing and expecting that our prayers will be answered. It is sharing hope with others in the true spirit of charity as Jesus has taught us. What are we hoping for this Advent season?

THANK YOU! The GECAC Personal Care Items collection was a great success! Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. **Update: GECAC wanted us to know that our donations helped 187 Families!!!!** Great Job Everyone! Blessings to all.



The GECAC GIVING TREE will be a little different this year. Instead of picking a name off the "tree" you may pick a name out of the basket.

Please pick your name tag or two out of the Giving Tree Basket to help the many elderly individuals, who live right here in our neighborhood. Your gift will give them a very Merry Christmas. Their First name is on the name tag along with their wish list. They will list items they wish for, such as gift cards, a warm blanket, pajamas, slippers, etc. One gentleman only wants a gift that he can give to his 3 year Granddaughter. He asks for nothing for himself just something he can give her on Christmas. Please take one or maybe two name tags out of the Giving Tree basket. Simply wrap the gift(s) and return the name tag with the gifts so they will be given to the corresponding individual. GECAC will pick up the gifts in the back to St. Casimir's Church on December 6th and 13th. December 13th is the last day for gift pickup. Thank you and God Bless.



The traditional Christmas Wafer, **Oplatki**, is available this year at the rectory office only! This year we ask that you please contact Helen to place your order and to schedule your pick up time. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked Oplatki/Christmas Wafers and have it ready when you pick up your Oplatki.

Hurry and place your order today the last day for pick up will be on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

To place your order please contact us soon...please leave a clear message with your name, telephone number, and number of Oplatki at the rectory office, 452-4832 or contact Helen directly at 814-602-7077. Helen will call you back to schedule your pick up time at the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA.

Your generous offering helps cover the cost of making the wafers available for you. Thank you.

Merry Christmas



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