

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are available. Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You could win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and join the winners circle.



Keep us informed... If you or a loved one is in or will be going into the hospital or nursing home please let us know. We rely on you to keep us updated. Many times we are unable to obtain this information from the hospital or nursing home. *Thank you.*

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Rectory/Business Office

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Saint Casimir Church

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Saint Ann Church

921 East Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).

MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED
AND DIED FOR OUR
COUNTRY AND OUR
FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE
FILLED WITH
MEMORIES AND
PEACE.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Bishop Persico has suspended all public Masses and Services until further notice.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate.
You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

Saturday, May 23rd: Vigil Mass

(SC) Clyde Tompkins by Jean Deniziak
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 24th: Seventh Sunday of Easter

(SC) Viola Andrews by Mickey Pohl
(SC) Mark Dodson by Edwards' Family
(SC) Msgr. John Lucas by Michael & Marlene Lucas
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, May 25th: Sts. Bede the Venerable & Gregory VII.

Memorial Day

(SC) Mark Borowy by Kowalski Family
(SA) Johanna Berdis by Dr. Tony Berdis

Tuesday, May 26th: St. Philip Neri

(SC) Family and Friends of Loretta Baran
(SA) Louise Grolemond by Mary Ann Urbaniak

Wednesday, May 27th: St. Augustine of Canterbury

(SC) Stanley Kownacki, Anniversary by Ropelewski Family
(SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Thursday, May 28th: Easter Weekday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Kay Kujan
(SA) Joe Kroska by Don & Judy Halcom

Friday, May 29th: Easter Weekday

(SC) All Officers & Members of the Slovak National Club
(SA) Edward Wiczorek, Birthday by Mary Lou Wiczorek

Saturday, May 30th: Vigil Mass

(SC) John A. Rzomp by Denise Santi
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 31st: Pentecost Sunday

(SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski, OFM by Rick & Ron Bolla
(SC) Thomas Liszka by David & Anna Dieteman
(SC) Alexander & Eugenia Stodulski by Don Barnes
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

1) Canonization of Dr. Gertrude Barger
2) All Veterans Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Family & Friends of Loretta Baran
2) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph

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.*

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), 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 is closed until further notice.

☞ Please remember to notify the rectory office or use the form in this bulletin to notify us of a change in your address or telephone number. [I have noticed many parishioners do not have their phone numbers listed on their accounts. If you can spare a minute to use the form in this bulletin and simply fill in all your current/correct information and mail it in when you mail in your offertory this will be very helpful.] This helps us keep in touch. Also, please note it may take 2 to 3 mailing cycles before our offertory envelope provider updates your mailing address. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN IS ACCURATE AS OF THE PUBLICATION DATE,
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy 7th Sunday of Easter! Happy Memorial Day! Stay Safe, Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Happy! † I want to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday on May 11th! It was a very special occasion and I don't know which part I liked best. Was it the cards or the cake? The "parade" or the polkas? The greetings or the gifts? The TV reporter asked me what I did for my 79th and I had to answer that I couldn't remember! I'll never forget my 80th birthday! It was awesome! I must thank all of you for whatever you did to make it so very special! Imagine what it might have been like if we didn't have to deal with the virus. Well thanks for everything and now let's keep moving on and pray that we defeat this coronavirus! Pray for all our sick and shut-ins! † Please join us in the Act of Contrition: *O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee. I detest all of my sins because of thy just punishments but most of all because I have offended you my God who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.* † And now we invite you to make a spiritual communion: *My Jesus, I firmly believe that you are really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above things and I hope and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come now spiritually into my heart and soul. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you and your Sacred Heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. I pray through Christ our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.* † We miss seeing you at the Masses and we can't wait for the day when all of you will be able to join us again for the Masses. Until then be sure to say your daily prayers especially the rosary and the act of contrition. † Congratulations to all of our graduates from every level of education. They were kind of cheated this year with no formal graduation ceremonies but the important thing is the diploma that they received. Congratulations to all! † I thank **Paul Kuzma** for providing the music for the parade! **Paul** keeps getting better and better. He has tons of talent! † Thanks to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory. You help us pay the bills which never stop! Thanks for everything! † Election Day is on June 2nd. Be sure to vote. † **Father John Paul Kuzma** will celebrate his 5th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood and complete his 5th anniversary assignment to Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Philadelphia at the same time, June 6th! Best Wishes to **Father John Paul**! † Happy Memorial Day to all! Stay Safe, Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Happy! Hope to see all soon!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Jesus Prays for Us! ... It is hard to believe we are already at the Seventh and last Sunday of Easter. Given what has happened over the past two and a half months I have heard a few comments that this was "the Easter that wasn't." But I would say for most of us it is the opposite, Easter has been very real and present in our lives as we all have found creative and new ways to pray and to engage ourselves in our faith and the mystery of the Resurrection. In this week's Gospel from John we have a striking example of prayer as we are given this beautiful and intriguing final prayer of Jesus. He has just finished a meal with his apostles on the night he will be betrayed and handed over for crucifixion and now he concludes by saying farewell and praying for them. Jesus knew the Apostles would need his prayers in the coming days as the cost of being one of his followers would be high and at times their lives would be in danger and there would be times when they would be tempted to run. He didn't pray that they be released from their problems rather they would have the strength to face and overcome them. Jesus' prayer was not only for the disciples in his day and time – it was for us today. Jesus knows that we are still in the world and he knows the circumstances we face today. His prayer for us is that we have strength to face what we encounter. As we reflect on our Gospel on this Seventh Sunday of Easter, how does this passage speak to us? As Christ's disciples in the world today, we can take comfort in our relationship with Christ especially knowing that Jesus prays for us! Just as he speaks of the original disciples with great affection and care, he has the same love and care for us. He gives us a model for our own prayer and it is that when we are faced with fear, an important decision or tough times in life we should not just try to go about it alone and leave it to chance – we need to raise our eyes to heaven and turn to Jesus in prayer.

Memorial Day ... This year, May 25 is Memorial Day, a day when we remember those who have died in service to this country. We are reminded that we do have a Christian responsibility to pray for the dead as a spiritual work of mercy. We also want to remember that each of us are called to work toward the peace of God's kingdom. Please take time to pray for those who have died in service to our country and also remember to pray for peace and an end to war.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for April 28, 2020

Collection \$3,896.00

Easter \$45.00

TOTAL \$3,941.00

PARISH EXPENSES

National Fuel (April 2020) \$2,092.74

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.

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913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of May 16, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$10,008.00

Paid Amount: \$6,709.00

We can't reach our goal without you! We are \$11,438.00 away from our goal, can we count of you?! All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. You still have time to make your pledge. You may use the 2020 CSA envelope that was included in your monthly packet and simply mail it in to the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

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!
Remember your parish in your will.*

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, Dianne Connors, 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 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, 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, Cindy Stasiewski, 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, 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, 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.