

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest."

Matthew 13:29-30

July
19
2020

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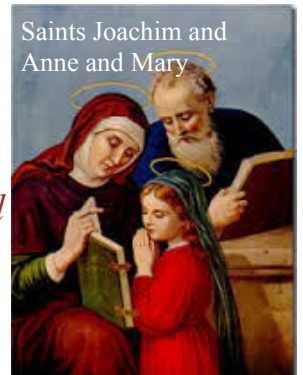
PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is pleased to invite you to join us for our Private 101st Annual Solemn Novena to Good Saint Ann. July 18-26, 2020



Sunday, July 26th ~ Solemn Closing of the Private Novena on the Feast of Good St. Ann and Joachim

Good Saint Ann, Pray for Us

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has delayed re-opening our churches for public Masses at this time.

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, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis/Novena Day #1
OPENING OF THE PRIVATE SOLEMN NOVENA TO GOOD SAINT ANN

Vigil Mass: (SA) Bob & Eileen Gilmore by Jan and Boys
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 19th: Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday/Novena Day #2
(SC) Louis & Florence Szabo, Anniversary by Son Louis
9:30AM (SC) Catherine Chamberlain by David & Anna Dieman
(SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, July 20th: St. Apollinaris/Novena Day #3
(SA) Michael Ropelewski, Anniversary by Daughters & Son
(SA) Living & Deceased of The Larson and Zielinski Families by Bob & Karen Mazur

Tuesday, July 21st: St. Lawrence of Brindisi/Novena Day #4
(SA) Chester & Agnes Oldakowski by Family
(SA) Ronald & Dorothy Whipple by Family
(SA) Health & Healing for Joe Krkoska by Don and Judy Halcom

Wednesday, July 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene/Novena Day #5
(SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry
(SA) Stanley Krawczyk by Charlotte Prez & Family
(SA) Donald & Jean Purcell by Family
(SA) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club

Thursday, July 23rd: St. Bridget/Novena Day #6
(SA) Julia Mack by Gloria Palmer
(SA) Angeline Vendetti by Mary and Amy
(SA) Agnes Priscaro by Family

Friday, July 24th: St. Sharbel Makhlof/Novena Day #7
(SA) Living & Deceased of The Karczewski and Mazur Families by Bob and Karen Mazur
(SA) Robert Shanta by Vento Family

Saturday, July 25th: St. James/Vigil Mass/Novena Day #8
(SA) All Making the Saint Ann Novena at Home
(SA) Habas, Kulig, Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
(SA) Betty Milslagle by Jean Deniziak
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 26th: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday/Saints Ann & Joachim—Close of the St. Ann Novena
(SA) Living & Deceased of the Zielonis Family by Caroline Zielonis
(SA) Catherine & Thomas Dodson by Edwards Family
(SA) Eric Irons by sister-in-law Lottie Carter

OUR BELOVED DEAD

James Laboski (brother of John Laboski)
Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.*

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Special Intentions of Sammy Gangemi, Birthday by Helen, Andrew and Victoria
 - 2) Casimir “Mike” Dylewski, Anniversary by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann’s

- 1) Deceased Members of the Pochatko Family
- 2) Deceased Members of the Hartman & Jant Family

St. Casimir’s

- 1) For All Making the Saint Ann Novena at home
- 2) For All Making the Saint Ann Novena at home

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

Report for June 23, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$1,522.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of June 30, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$11,450.00

Paid Amount: \$9,345.00

We are still \$9,996.00 away from our goal and we could use your help to reach it. 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.

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913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued

Today is the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please offer your prayers again today for good health and healing for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish, for an end to the Covid-19 virus, for all who are suffering because of the virus, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of all especially those who are making the 101st annual Novena to Saint Ann, privately this year due to the virus. Let's continue to pray for one another! †Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also the Easter Duty Obligation to all in the Erie Diocese because of the medical emergency caused by the coronavirus crisis! Stay Home, Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Holy and pray the novena privately! †It is with great sadness that we must announce that every part of this year's novena will be private. We ask you to say the prayers at home and invite your family and friends to join you. Please say the prayers at home and begin on July 18th and continue until the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann, July 26th. All of our priests will join you privately at the altar. We will remember all of you and your intentions. Msgr. Gerald Joseph Koos, Father Jerry Priscaro, Deacon Jerry Sobrowski, and your Pastor Father James T. O'Hara will join you each day of the novena privately at the altar. We will remember the intentions of all making the novena at home! Good Saint Ann, pray for all of us! †Congratulations again to Father John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap. who has been assigned to the formation team at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. Father John Paul is a native of Holy Family and a graduate of Holy Family School. Father John Paul was a regular at the novena when he lived at home in Erie and I know that if he is able he will be praying the novena with us again this year. His new mailing address, as of August 1, 2020, is Borromeo Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. He will now be much closer to home. Welcome home Father John Paul and we look forward to having you back in the neighborhood! †Thanks again to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory! You know how much we need your help, both spiritual and financial 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 next year at this time for our 102nd annual novena and the planning has already begun. 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. Good Saint Ann, Pray for us! Amen!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Special Thanks to: The **5 and 20 Distillery** in Westfield, New York. Owners **Bob and Kathie Mazza** have donated 6 gallons of hand sanitizer to our parish. Thanks also to **Bob Merski** who has purchased an additional 3 gallons and donated them as well. When we are prepared to fully re-open the Church the sanitizer will be made available at all locations. The hygiene habits we have developed in response to the pandemic such as hand washing and sanitization will remain with us long after the threat of the virus is gone.

Cultivating Patience ... We all have heard the phrase: "Hurry up and wait." We hurry to get somewhere only to find we have to wait in line or wait it for a product or service. For most of us it seems like we spend our lives rushing around. We are in constant motion and we expect everything and everyone around us to go faster as well. We dislike having to wait so much that we have tried to take the wait out of life with technology. Sadly, technology hasn't reduced our waiting time – it has just changed what we're waiting for. Now we're waiting for the computer to boot, waiting for updates to complete, waiting for a file to download or upload, waiting for a page to load and on and on. Our times call for more patience than ever before yet many of us have less than we ever had. Our Gospel this week is about cultivating patience. Using the parable of the sower, Jesus shows us the amazing patience that God has with us. The first impulse for the workers in the parable was to run out and pull the weeds, yet the master cautions them to wait until everything is fully grown. So it goes with us - in situations that require our patience we tend to look for a quick fix that often leads to quick and impulsive action. Or worse, we may lose patience with others by misjudging their intentions before taking time to evaluate the circumstances. How can we cultivate patience in our lives? It begins with prayer – asking God to strengthen our patience in challenging situations. It also begins with the realization that patience is something that we do, not something that we have or don't have. It is a quality that can be strengthened. It is like our muscles - they become stronger the more we work out. In the parable Jesus shows us that the kingdom of heaven is guaranteed by the God who patiently cultivates, even when the field produces weeds as well as wheat. So if God is patient with the wheat, just think how much more patient he is with us. And if we are patient with each other we will begin to find peace in this very chaotic world. We will continue to find ourselves in situations that require patience. It is in those times we need to slow down and put our trust in the Master Cultivator who knows that worthwhile things take time and cannot be rushed. It means making God's ways our ways trusting that God orders everything for our spiritual good.

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 Wiczorek, 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 Wiczorek, 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.



PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

Glorious Saint Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, I humbly ask you to take my following request under your special protection.

(mention your intention)

Please recommend it to your daughter Mary and present it before the throne of Jesus so that He may grant my request. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day seeing my God face to face, and with you, Mary and all the Saints, praising and blessing Him to all eternity. Amen

Good Saint Ann, Mother of Mary who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us, and obtain our request. (3 times)

The 101st annual Novena to Good Saint Ann will be private this year due to the COVID-19 Virus. We ask that you join us each day, July 18th through July 26th, and pray at home the Novena prayers to Good Saint Ann.