

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

April 12
2020

Easter

SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,
AND HE IS GOING
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7



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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, April 11th: Holy Saturday

4:00pm (SC) NO Mass

(SC) Great Vigil of Easter offered for John

Widomski, Anniversary by Rick & Ron Bolla

Sunday, April 12th: Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by husband Dan & Family

(SC) Victor & Elsie Mayer by The Edwards Family

(SC) Living & Deceased Relatives & Friends of Tim and Cathy Merski

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday, April 13th: Easter Monday/Dingus Day

(SC) Henry Hart by The Hart Family

(SA) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey & Family

Tuesday, April 14th: Easter Tuesday

(SC) Tom Kaiser by Family

(SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Wednesday, April 15th: Easter Wednesday

(SC) Al Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters Eileen and Ann Marie

(SA) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club

Thursday, April 16th: Easter Thursday

(SC) Walter P. Baran, Anniversary by daughter Loretta

(SA) Joe Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcom

Friday, April 17th: Easter Friday

(SC) Stanley & Jane Lipinski by Friend

(SA) Agnes Priscaro

Saturday, April 18th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Bob Jurino by wife and son

Sunday, April 19th: Divine Mercy Sunday

(SC) Julie Tomczak by brother

(SC) The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami

(SC) Betty Wasielewski by Donna Turbaczewski

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Louise Grolemond by The Grolemond Family

2) Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom

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

St. Ann's

1) Tom Kaiser by The Kaiser Family

2) In Thanksgiving by A.P.

St. Casimir's

1) Geraldine Tomczak by husband Dan and Family

2) Stanley & Jane Lipinski by A Friend

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Bruce E. Baumann,

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.

*Belated birthday wishes to Msgr. Gerald Koos who
celebrated his birthday on Palm Sunday, April 5th.
Sto Lot!*

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL! Blessings to all of you as we celebrate, in our homes, Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord. It is our sincere prayer and wish that this holy Easter Season may bring every grace and blessing to all of you and those who are near and dear to you! We thank you for all that you do for your beloved parish! Thank You for your kindness, generosity, care, and concern at Easter and throughout the year. May the peace and joy of our Risen Savior be with you now and always. Easter Blessing, Fr. O'Hara, Msgr. Koos, Fr. Priscaro, Fr. Gregorek, Fr. Power, Deacon Jerry and the Staff of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN IS ACCURATE AS OF THE PUBLICATION DATE,
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter Sunday Everyone! We are still not sure if everyone can get to church on Easter like President Trump was hoping for but just do your best and make the best of a “bad” situation! Maybe this year we may have to spend Easter at home. If this happens know that your priest will continue to offer the Masses privately. The priests will remember all of you and your special intentions along with the intentions listed for the Mass. Please pray for the sick and shut-ins and all suffering because of the coronavirus. Pray for strength, healing, and peace of mind and heart and soul. Stay Calm! Stay Home! Stay Safe! Stay Holy! Happy Easter to all! † Please continue to remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers. Thank you for all you have done for **Father Dan** in past weeks and we will keep you posted. **Father Dan** is a native son of St. Casimir Parish and an outstanding priest of the Diocese of Erie. Father is in need of prayers. May our Easter Jesus bless and keep his loyal and faithful servant **Father Daniel Prez**! † Congratulations and Best Wishes and Easter Blessings to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club! As most of you know the clubhouse suffered a terrible fire almost one year ago. The club house has been completely restored and renewed and reopened better than ever. Best Wishes and Happy Easter to the managers, officers, and members of the Slovak National Club. We wish all of you many happy years in your brand new facility! It's very classy! † The 2020 CSA appeal began on Sunday, February 23rd and we are almost halfway to our goal! Good work everyone. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledges today if you have not done so already. Drop your envelopes in the mail slot at the rectory or mail them in to the parish office, 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest PA. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** assures us that the donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund any legal expenses or settlements for the Diocese of Erie clergy sexual abuse. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacrament. Any amount that you could afford to pledge and give would be acceptable. Thanks to all of you! Happy Easter! Jesus died on the cross for you and rose from the dead! This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! Peace.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

The Joy of the Resurrection! ... The Gospel of Matthew, which is read at the Easter Vigil gives us the account of the women going to the tomb. Once there, they witness extraordinary and frightening events – an earthquake; an angel appearing *like lightning*; the guards, *shaken with fear who became like dead men*; and the body of Jesus missing. The angel tells them, *Do not be afraid! ... for [Jesus] has been raised just as he said*. Then he directs them to go quickly to tell Jesus' disciples. The women run off, both *fearful* and *overjoyed*. During these times you could say we are experiencing similar feelings as our daily lives and routines have been tossed into turmoil amid constant fear and doubt. Whatever fear and doubt Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had after encountering the angel, was erased when they encountered Jesus himself. While we cannot worship together on this most holy day of the year, we can still have an encounter with Jesus himself. He is not a ghost or a memory – he is very much alive and present to us and as we worship him, we are reassured by his words, *Do not be afraid*. For today we do not merely *recall* what happened two thousand years ago on a cross and in a humble rock-hewn tomb, we *participate* in this continuing sacrificial mystery. We rejoice that Jesus suffered, died and rose *for us*. We rejoice because his sacrifice was once, *for all*. Today, we rejoice because he *continues* to save his people. Our risen Lord is here among us. Just like Jesus we too will triumph over suffering, sorrow, anguish, and death and rise to new life. Believe it! Our legacy as Christians, as people who have encountered Jesus, is to be witnesses to the Resurrection. Each one of us is called to cultivate hope in our hearts and to bring the joy and hope of the Resurrection to those who most desperately need it whether it is a health care worker, first responder, family member, or anyone who feels weighed down by the current circumstances or just life in general. Today we remember that we never walk alone. Just as Jesus met the women rushing back to the Apostles, so does Jesus meet us along the way of our current journey and keep us company.

Our challenge this Easter remains the same – it never changes. Our challenge is to live as people of the Resurrection, as people of love, promise joy, and hope. He is risen – alleluia!
May each of you feel the love, hope, peace, and mercy of our Risen Lord. Happy Easter!

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the weekend of March 28-29, 2020

There is no financial information to report.

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.

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

Parish Expenses

Penelec (Feb. 20-Mar. 23, 2020) \$937.40

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of March 17, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$8,327.00

Paid Amount: \$4,462.00

Again, no changes to report. We can reach our Goal! I know we can with your help! 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 or extra envelopes are available in our churches.

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!

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, 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, 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 Wiczorek, 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, 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, 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 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.