

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 20th: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*Second Collection for Campaign for Human Development*

Private (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Christine Visosky

### Monday, November 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by  
The Kulig Estate

### Tuesday November 22nd: St. Cecilia

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) John Palmer by G. Palmer

### Wednesday, November 23rd: St. Clement I, St. Columban and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The Health and Well-Being of our  
Families by Charlotte and Beverly

### Thursday, November 24th: St. Andrew Dung-Lac

#### *Thanksgiving Day*

→9:30am (SA) Confessions

→10:00am (SA) Ronald Lubak by daughter Darlene Stadler

### Friday, November 25th: St. Catherine of Alexandria

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

### Saturday, November 26th: Weekday

Private (SA) Naomi Judd by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, November 27th: First Sunday of Advent

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas by Agnes Krisch

### Monday, November 28th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Patricia Heubel and Richard Burke  
by Judy Burke

### Tuesday, November 29th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Burke, Anniversary by Dave  
and Colleen Dombkowski

### Wednesday, November 30th: St. Andrew

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Lawrence Lamond Phillips by Dr. Hal  
Angeloff

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

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

### St. Ann's

1) Family of John and Josephine Hartman

2) Living & Deceased Members of Saint Ann's Church

### St. Casimir's

1) Joann Duska Krol by Sister in Christ

2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ NOVEMBER 13, 2022

*Sunday Offertory: \$3,094.60*

*Christmas Flowers: \$127.00*

### Expenses

Erie Water Works (November): \$589.79

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

*2022 Goal: \$31,397.00*

*Pledged: \$11,020.00*

*Paid: \$9,420.00*

Thank you we have an increase to report!  
Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022  
CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in  
the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope  
in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913  
Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

→ Please issue a **separate checks** for  
CSA Contribution and Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contributions or  
Mass requests on the same check as your offertory.  
Separate checks, please. Thank you.

**GREAT NEWS:** The **parish mailing address** has been  
changed with the US Post Office! **The Parish Office**  
**address is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.** The mail  
slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right  
at the end of the handicap ramp. All mail and other  
correspondence should now be sent or dropped off at  
630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.

*Thank you.*



**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS: 630 Hess Ave, Erie, PA 16503**  
**814-452-4832 phone**

Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

Saint Casimir Church, 630 Hess Ave., Saint Ann Church, 931 East Ave.,  
Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski**

## **From the Desk of Deacon Jerry**

Today our second collection will be taken up for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. This annual collection supports the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low incomes participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities.

A very **Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving** to everyone. We all have so much to be thankful for. Our Thanksgiving Day mass is at 10:00 am at St. Ann's.

**Pastoral Council** met this past Thursday and one of the items discussed was the distribution of Items from Holy Family. The current plan is to offer items to our parish community in the form of a silent auction. Tentative plans are to have this take place at an event that will follow a Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family. Details will be announced as soon as they are finalized. There are no updates to report on the sale of the buildings as we are still waiting on the required approvals.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie is hosting a reflection on **Advent Scriptures with Fr. Michael Kesicki**, university chaplain at Gannon University, on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. and on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Cafeteria, 2510 Greengarden Blvd., Erie.

The **St. Benedict Academy alumnae board** will host a **Christmas basket raffle** on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Polish Falcons, 431 E. Third St., Erie. Seventy themed baskets will be offered, along with other games of chance. Suggested donation for the basket raffle is \$10 for 25 tickets. Need not be present to win. Winnings can be delivered. Proceeds benefit the St. Benedict Child Development Center, inner-city ministries of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, scholarships and alumnae board ministries. Open to the public.

The **Traditional Latin Mass** Apostolate at St. Hedwig Church will hold a **Rorate Mass** by candlelight on Saturday, morning, December 10 at 6:45am.

The **Community Outreach Group** will host its annual clothing distribution party on Dec. 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul Center, 453 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie. In addition to receiving free clothing, patrons can enjoy a free hot lunch. Santa and some of his special helpers will be on site to distribute toys to the children. See flier for additional details. Email questions to Tim Nowakowski at [TimNow.CommOutrchGrp@gmail.com](mailto:TimNow.CommOutrchGrp@gmail.com), or call 814-566-6435.

The **Holy Trinity Parish** education program is hosting its annual **Christmas market** on Dec. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Social Center, 650 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Erie. Orders will be taken from Nov. 5 to Dec. 5. Information and order forms are available at [www.holytrinityrc.org](http://www.holytrinityrc.org) or call Liz, 814-722-0015.

### **Christ our King!**

The feast of Christ the King is a relatively new feast as it was created by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time when the world was in much turmoil - Mussolini was head of Italy, the Nazi party was growing in popularity, the world was in the Great Depression and secularism and atheism were rearing their heads.

In spite of all those dictators and false values, Pius wanted to show that Christ is King of the universe. The feast then addressed a very fundamental question that existed in broken times: Who exercises dominion over us and what rules our lives. We can safely say that the world is still in turmoil as it was in 1925 when this feast was created. Perhaps the circumstances are different.

How is Christ a king? Not by sitting on a throne but rather by hanging on a cross. Not by amassing territory and great wealth but by establishing a kingdom of mercy and forgiveness. Not by wielding power but rather by welcoming and forgiveness.

In today's Gospel during the brief exchange with the criminal hanging next to him on the cross, and while in extreme agony, our King welcomes even the smallest sign of repentance. This exchange shows each of us that no matter how great our guilt may be, if we also turn in repentance to Jesus, our crucified Lord, our King, we will find forgiveness.

All of us belong to a Kingdom whose fundamental law is welcome and forgiveness. And all our king asks of us is that we return what we have freely received, we freely share with others.

Whenever false values or guilt tries to rule our lives or perhaps the weight of our own crosses seem too much to bear all we need to do is look at the sign that Pontius Pilate put on the cross "this is the King of the Jews." Some scholars say he intended those words as a warning. But to us, the words that Pilate placed above the cross are an inspiration and glaring symbol that kindles hope in our hearts. These words show us what lengths the King that has dominion over our lives will go to serve and save his people.

As we conclude the current church year and enter next week into the season of Advent let us use this special time of year to look inside of ourselves and cast aside false values, guilt, or anything that is ruling our lives. May we always allow Christ our King to exercise dominion over us and rule our lives. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.