

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/CSA 2021 COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 14th: Sixth Ordinary Sunday

*Saint Valentine's Day/CSA 2021 Commitment Sunday*

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Brad Madara by wife & Children  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Bob & Karen Mazur

### Monday, February 15th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) William & Eva Jant by Daughters

### Tuesday, February 16th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of James Shanta by Vento Family

### Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla  
1:00pm (SA) Stations of the Cross follow Mass & Rosary  
→4:00pm (SC) Michael Lucas by Jack & Kathy Ciecierski  
→5:30pm (SC) **NO Latin Mass**

### Thursday, February 18th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Repose of the Soul for Stanley Widomski by Rick and Ron Bolla

### Friday, February 19th: Friday after Ash Wednesday

*A Day of Abstinence*

11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Mary & Joe Pohl by Mickey & Kaya Pohl  
1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross follow Mass & Rosary  
6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 20th: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

*No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions at St. Casimir*

### Sunday, February 21st: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Deanna Tropper by Anna and Justin Bonanno  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Betty Wasielewski by Ray and Linn

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla  
2) James Berdis by Sr. Kevin Berdis and Family  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Mary Lou Wiczorek by Bob & Karen Mazur  
2) Success for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal

### St. Casimir's

1) Special Intentions of Ethan Schattner, 18th Birthday, by Mom and Dad  
2) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Offertory for February 7, 2021: \$3,530.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**2021 Goal: \$20,164.00**

The Diocese of Erie has set the date to begin the 2021 CSA campaign. Today, February 14th will begin the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Your monthly offertory envelope packet contains a 2021 CSA envelope. Feel free to use this envelope or you may pick one up in the back of church.

*Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and other 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!**

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the  
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## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Quinquagesima Sunday (Latin Mass)

This Wednesday we enter into the season of **Lent**, our 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that is a time of preparation for all of us. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our personal lives, such as a wedding, or birthday, or a commencement, the season of Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and his resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we are called not only to abstain from luxuries, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. With all that is going on in our communities, the nation, and world, let us take time during this holy season to reconnect with our Lord and to seek his guidance and direction. Let us make this the best Lent ever!

**Our Ash Wednesday** masses and distribution of Ashes are at **12:05 pm** at **St. Ann** with Stations of the Cross at 1 pm following mass and rosary and **4:00 pm** mass at **St. Casimir**. **No 5:30 pm Latin Mass** on Ash Wednesday.

Because of the impossibility of sanitizing one's thumb between each person and to avoid physical contact, **Bishop Persico** has directed us to distribute the blessed ashes using the practice common in many parts of the world of sprinkling ash on the crown of the head. Masks that cover the mouth and nose must remain on when receiving ashes.

#### **During Lent:**

**Daily Confessions:** St. Ann from 11:30 am until 11:55 am.

**Daily Mass:** at St. Ann: 12:05 pm with Special Lenten Homilies each day.

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at *St. Ann* at 1 pm following the mass and rosary. Fridays at *St. Casimir* at 6 pm.

Parishes in Erie County will once again be opening their doors for "**The Light is On for You,**" a special night of Lenten confessions. The opportunity for confession on this evening will be made available in our parish at **St. Ann** church on Wednesday, February 24 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

**Commitment Sunday** for the **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** is today. Please place your pledge envelopes in the collection basket. If you do not have your pledge with you today you can place it in the collection basket the next time you are at mass or mail it to or drop it off in the church office mail slot anytime. Thank you in advance for sharing your gifts and responding to Jesus' call to serve people in need, act with justice, and build up the church.

**Lenten Fish Dinners** will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Stanislaus, Holy Trinity, and St. Luke's during the Lenten Season. Please contact the church for complete details.

**Take the First Step ...** Imagine the life of lepers in Jesus' time – living in isolation and poverty until they eventually died from the disease. While it is rare in our country for anyone today to be afflicted with leprosy, we all suffer at one time or another from spiritual disease. We carry around our sins, things such as anger, jealousy, contempt for others, and guilt. What happens to these things over time when ignored? We struggle and sink into despair. We deny their existence or try to rationalize them. We know we need to be cured but for whatever reason we often fail to take the first step. The leper in our Gospel gives us two important lessons on how to get cured. The first is that we have to make the first move. The leper admits he needs help. He knows he can't go any further without taking this step. So, it is with us – we need to take the first step in acknowledging our shortcomings and our need for God to cure us. Secondly the leper teaches us a couple of secrets of effective prayer: confidence and humility. He has no doubt that Jesus can cure him "If you wish, you can make me clean." But he also knows that he has no right to demand a cure, he doesn't say "cure me!" He says "if you wish..." he is saying "you know what will be best for me and if curing me will give you glory, please do, but if not, I will believe and trust in you." There is a final lesson from the leper – his situation shows us just how real and sincere Jesus' love is. It was concern and compassion for the leper's suffering that moved Jesus to perform this miracle. It is that same concern and compassion that Jesus extends to us when we approach him with our ailments. What if this leper had been afraid to come to Jesus? What if he had remained in isolation, afraid to come out in the open with his sickness, afraid to go against the social norms of his time and kneel at the Jesus' feet? He would have been stuck in his gruesome affliction! The tragedy of our spiritual lives would be if we were to do the same – never to approach our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for healing because we are hesitant or afraid. As we near the season of Lent, let us take the first step and seek the help of the one who understands what we are going through. In humble prayer let us go to Jesus, the master healer in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask him to touch us and to make us clean. We can always go to Jesus with full confidence that he will tell us "Be made clean."



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