

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 17th: Second Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Rev. James T. O'Hara from  
First Saturday Devotees  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Joe Habas by Tom Yonko and Family

### Monday, January 18th: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Richard Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters

### Tuesday, January 19th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Health & Healing for Monica Palkovic by  
Joe & Martha Stahon

### Wednesday, January 20th: Sts. Fabian and Sebastian

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Evelyn Vento by Vento Family  
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Ludwig Kowalski,  
Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

### Thursday, January 21st: St. Agnes

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Msgr. John "Ted" Carter by Tracy and  
Steve Balczon

### Friday, January 22nd: St. Vincent and Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Margaret Barabas by Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF

### Saturday, January 23rd: Sts. Marianne Cope and Vincent

*No Public Masses or Confessions*

Private Intention: Wally Turowski by daughter Janet

### Sunday, January 24th: Third Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Michael & Candy Kennedy,  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Fr. O'Hara by Charlotte Prez and Family

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Children  
2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Protection of Unborn Children  
2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends

### St. Casimir's

1) To the end of the Pandemic and Good Health to All  
2) Our Sick and Shut-ins

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

*Offertory for Dec. 27, 2020: \$1,301.00*

*Offertory for Jan. 3, 2021: \$2,934.00*

*Offertory for Jan. 10, 2021: \$4,012.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

*2020 Goal: \$21,446.00*

*Report As of January 16th*

*Pledged Amount: \$17,820.00 Paid Amount: \$17,510.00*

*We did not reach our goal for 2020.*

*We were \$3,626.00 shy of our goal amount.*

The Diocese of Erie has set the date of February 14th to  
begin the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

*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!*

2020 Contribution statements will be mailed to  
everyone who received one last year. If you  
wish to receive your 2020 contribution statement  
please call the rectory office at 452-4832 and  
leave a message for Helen. Statements will be  
mailed to you on or before January 31, 2021.  
Thank you.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, January 16, 2021

## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Second Sunday after Epiphany (Latin Mass)

**Bishop Persico** has appointed **Fr. John Malthaner**, pastor of St. Luke Parish and Dean of the East side deanery, to serve as Parochial Administrator of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, effectively immediately. It is a common practice per canon law for the Bishop to assign a dean to a vacant pastorate. The Bishop has asked me to collaborate closely with Fr. John, and he also wants me to continue to have responsibility and serve as the primary coordinator for all parish activities. Father John and I have worked well together in the past and I know you will enjoy his presence.

In light of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic **Bishop Persico** has provided the following special directions for upcoming celebrations for blessing of throats and the distribution of ashes. These may be revised as circumstances change:

**The Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats:** Bishop Persico directs the blessing be given once, over the entire congregation. If anyone should request an individual blessing after Mass, a six-foot distance should be maintained, both the minister and parishioner must wear a mask, and the candles should not be touched to any person receiving the blessing.

**Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday:** Because of the impossibility of sanitizing one's thumb between each person, Bishop Persico directs that those who wish to receive the sacramental of blessed ashes receive them using the practice common in many parts of the world of sprinkling ash on the crown of the head. This avoids any physical contact.

Please pray for the family of **Barbara Shipley** whose funeral mass was on January 9 at St. Casimir. May she rest in peace.

The **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted throughout our diocese on February 14. More information will be made available in the next two weeks.

The **Erie March for Life** will begin 11:00 am on Saturday, January 23 at West Perry Square. The **March for Life Bus Trip** to Washington D.C. will leave Erie at 11:00 pm on January 28. Cost is \$55 per seat and special COVID-19 protocols are in place. Please visit [www.Peopleforlife.life/january2021](http://www.Peopleforlife.life/january2021) for more information.

Next Sunday there will be a **second collection** to help support the **Office of Communication** in the Erie Diocese. The Office of Communication designs public relations strategies and works to maintain good relations with print and broadcast media throughout the 13 counties of our diocese. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Just Show Up! ...** In our first reading this week Samuel hears a voice calling to him in the night repeatedly and he answers the voice by saying "Here I am." Samuel thinks it is Eli, but it turns out that *God* is calling him. Eli tells Samuel to answer the Lord, so that God may give him whatever message he intends. Samuel does as Eli instructs eventually answering the Lord with these words: Speak, for your servant is listening. Samuel's first response, "Here I am" gives us three important lessons. First consider the phrase begins with the word "here." This is a reminder that God calls us to live, to love, and to serve others right where we are at. We do not need to travel great distances to recognize God's presence because wherever we go, that's where we'll find Christ present in the people right in front of us. Second the phrase contains the word I. This reminds us that the call to give witness to our faith in our daily lives isn't just something for others to be concerned about, but it is our call as well. No matter who we are, where we're from and what we've done, God equips each and every one of us with unique gifts and talents that we can offer in the service of building up his kingdom here on earth. Finally, the phrase concludes with the words I am. This implies that our call to live out our baptism and put our faith into practice is just something we need to do today. It is not something we can put off until tomorrow.

It is often said the six most challenging words in Scripture are "Speak, for your servant is listening." When these words are expressed in Scripture, something big, important, and usually quite difficult is handed to the one who speaks it. Yet God does not see it that way – he has full faith and confidence that we can do what he asks. Many of us have heard someone say that God is not listening or communicating with us. Yet the problem really exists at the human end, not the divine one. God is always listening and talking to us but we do not always listen.

We need to just show up and put ourselves in his presence. Begin the conversation today – take time and whisper to him "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will." Then listen as he asks us: What do you want? What do you seek? What are you hoping for?



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