

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE

is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00AM to Noon

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

These days and times may vary. Refer to the Week Ahead Schedule inside or call the office.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).

THE RITE OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann). Communal Celebrations during Advent & Lent. Anytime by request.

VOTIVE CANDLES are **\$3.50 each to light**. Place money in donation box next to the candles.

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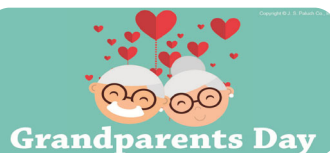
TAKE ME TO WORSHIP!

Looking Ahead...



FIRST SATURDAY: Join us on Saturday, September 7th for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning begins with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM

Confessions. All are welcome.



**Happy Grandparents Day
Sunday September 8th**

Sunday, September 15th Feast of Our Mother of Sorrow. Diocesan Day of Prayer for the victims of the clergy abuse scandal. Our churches will remain open for private meditation and prayer.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 7th: First Saturday/Vigil Mass

8:30 am (SA) Confessions
 9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Michael Kuhar by Janet & Don Colicchio
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 8th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Joseph Zielinski, Birthday by Family
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— Anna Kowalski, Birthday by
 Victor & Ruth Kowalski
 11:00 am (SC) Philip Stahon, Anniversary by Family
 All Parishioners Livings and Deceased

Monday, September 9th: St. Peter Claver

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) John Wisniewski by Sister-in-Law Angie
 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of The Galla &
 Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Tuesday, September 10th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Jane Marie Minichelli by Family
 12:05 pm (SA) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Wednesday, September 11th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Ernest Denning by Delphine Palkovic
 and Family
 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased Officers and
 Members of the Slovak National Club

Thursday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Stanley Kownacki, Birthday by
 Ropelewski Family
 12:05 pm (SA) Bernard Graf by Cathedral Prep Class of 1958

Friday, September 13th: St.. John Chrysostom

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Joe Zielinski by Bob & Ann Hayes
 12:05 pm (SA) Special Intention by Donor

Saturday, September 14th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Catherine & Joseph Rogalski by Dorothy
 and Joseph Scibor
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 15th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Our Mother of Sorrows

Bishop Persico's Diocesan Day of Prayer

8:00 am (SC) Alexander & Eugenia Stodolski by
 Grandson Don Barnes
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— All Living & Deceased
 Members and Friends of Our Mother of
 Sorrows Parish
 11:00 am (SC) Ronald Turbaczewski, Anniversary by
 Family
 All Parishioners Livings and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Bernard Graf by Cathedral Prep Class of 1958
 2) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National club
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
 Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Jane Marie Minichelli by Family
 2) Special Intention by Donor

St. Casimir's

1) Anna Kowalski by Mom and Dad
 2) Joseph Zielinski by Family

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
 Friends & Benefactors
*Our deepest sympathy to the families
 and friends of the deceased.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (9/8) Grandparents Day. 9AM
 Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC).

Monday (9/9) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Tuesday (9/10) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (9/11) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (9/12) Rectory Office is closed.

Friday (9/13) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Saturday (9/14) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil
 Mass. (SC). Diocesan special second collection for
 Catholic Education at the 4PM Mass.

**Sunday (9/15) Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows
 and Grandparents Day.** 9AM Confessions (SC).
 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Diocesan special second
 collection for Catholic Education at all Masses.
 Bishop Persico's Day of Prayer for the victims of
 the clergy abuse scandal. Our churches will remain
 open for private meditation and prayer.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Sept. 7th (Vigil Mass) 4:00 PM

Lector: Paul Roman
 Altar Server: Loretta Baran
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink

Sunday, Sept. 8th

8:00 AM

Lector: Christopher Krill
 Altar Server: Eileen Ropelewski
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors

11:00 AM

Lector: Karen Mazur
 Altar Server: Cameron Schroeder
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet
 Schroeder



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 13th Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. Peace and Joy be with all of you! †We continue with the letter from **Bishop Persico**: “Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,... Some could be tempted to close this chapter of our history and move on but this would be a disservice not only to the victims/survivors but also to the faithful who fill our pews every Sunday. As with any event that has had a broad impact on so many people, it must be remembered, in part, to ensure that the changes we make in the church and in our world are deep and lasting. That is why I am once again calling for a day of prayer in the Diocese of Erie on the Memorial of Our Mother of Sorrows, Sunday, September 15th. I am asking that pastors open the doors of all of their churches that day from 7AM to 7PM. I invite people to visit a Catholic Church and spend time in prayer in whatever way the Spirit moves them. We need to pray for the survivors/victims. We need to pray for the healing and purification of the church. We need to pray for the many good and hold priest who continue to serve faithfully. And we need to pray that our own faith be strengthened.” (to be continued in next weeks bulletin.) †**Bishop Lawrence Persico** has called for a day of prayer in the diocese on the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, September 15, 2019, to pray for the victims of the clergy abuse scandal. We will pray for this intention at all Masses that Sunday and our churches will remain open for private prayer and meditation. † The Mass Book for 2020 has arrived and is now open for your intentions for next year on a fist come, first served basis. Please call -in with your intentions and requested dates on Tuesdays or Fridays from 10AM to 12Noon or write out your requests and drop your list in the collection basket. We will do our best to fulfill your request on the exact date requested or as close as possible. Many ask for special dates for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, special feast days, certain saint’s days, special intentions, thanksgiving, etc. We will try our best to fulfill your requests. †The Irish Festival is coming on September 13th-15th at St. Patrick’s Church. The festival will be held on the parish grounds. †St. Stanislaus Church has their annual Parish Day and “Polish Platter Dinner” coming on Sunday, October 6th in the parish hall on 13th St. Don’t miss it! †Enjoy the end of the summer weekend. Keep Cool! Let’s continue to pray for one another!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Help Wanted!...Do you have a special talent that you would like to use to help our parish? Whether it is helping with light work around the grounds and facilities, or perhaps planning and running parish activities, we can use your help! If you are interested see me at Mass or text or call me at 814-464-3157.

Are We Followers of Jesus?...Two learned professors were discussing the great thoughts on wisdom and the meaning of life. The first professor asked the second, "Beth tells me that she is one of your students." The second professor replied, "well, Beth does attend most of my classes, but certainly she isn't one of my students. It's too bad there are so many distant followers and so few real disciples."

In today's Gospel Jesus lays out some very radical and nonnegotiable demands for discipleship. He's asking us to leave everything behind, human relationships and responsibilities, possessions, and even our own lives and to follow him and become his disciples. It may appear that the words in our Gospel seem pretty harsh: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother and wife, and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after cannot be my disciple." But if we do anything less we run the risk of being distant followers and not real disciples. Jesus is not asking us to act without justice or compassion, rather he is asking that we become committed students and disciples of his and not distant followers. He is asking that we turn our backs on anything that gets in the way of this goal. So how can we prepare ourselves for a life of discipleship? Certainly by not giving up our families or loved ones or even turning into beggars. Discipleship demands discernment. It demands that we examine and de-clutter our lives and remove what is standing in the way of our relationship with God. How can we do this from a practical standpoint? You've heard of "to-do" lists. Let's try creating "not-to-do lists." These lists could include things like:

- Not feeling guilty about saying no to something that may not be good or right for us.
- Not feeling that we have to accomplish everything in one single day.
- Not getting caught up in our own mistakes or for that matter, the mistakes of others.
- Not comparing ourselves to others.

The more we give ourselves permission “not-to-do” the more we free ourselves to meet the demands of discipleship that Jesus is asking of us. We've all heard the phrase, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." The reverse is also true. "Today can be the last day of your past. Beginning today we can put whatever in the past is distancing us from God aside and resolve to reprioritize our lives and redefine what we view as success.

Do we want to just follow Jesus at a distance or do we really want to be his student?

This week's spiritual exercise: Spend some quiet time with Jesus and ask him “what should be on my not-to-do list so I can be a better disciple?”

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Marie Dzuricky, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkiwicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, 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, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, 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, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, 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, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, August 18, 2019

4PM Mass \$1,533.02
8AM Mass \$1,087.00
Latin Mass \$1,169.94
11AM Mass \$619.00
Candles \$53.50
TOTAL \$4,462.46

PARISH EXPENSES

2019-2020 School Taxes (Rectory) \$3,327.93

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

A little climb this week to report! Thank you! Every donation helps us reach our goal! Big or little it all counts! Help us grow our numbers. If you have not done so please make your commitment today! The CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or envelopes are available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection. Thanks again!

CSA 2019 as of August 20, 2019

Pledged: \$18,527.00 Paid: \$16,922.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Reminder...When a change is made to your offertory envelopes it may take the supplier one or two months before the change is reflected on your envelopes, due to printing deadlines. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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 (Home and 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.