

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

PRAY
and give generously



World Mission Sunday
October 20, 2019

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Saint Casimir Church

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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).

TAKE ME TO WORSHIP!



Sunday, October 20th, is Mission Sunday.

The Diocesan special second collection will be taken up at all weekend Masses.

During the month of October we salute our family and friends as we celebrate *Polish Heritage Month*. Saturday, October 26th, will be our annual Polka Mass at 4:00PM at Saint Casimir's Church with The Marvels providing the Polish music.



Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 1st, at the Third Street Polish Falcons. 6-10PM. Buffet Dinner. More information to follow.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments...Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>. For more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814-824-1195.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 19th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Deceased Family Members of the Osiecki and Bolla Families by Diane Zielinski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, October 20th: Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Sunday

World Mission Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Bernard J. Bargielski, Anniversary by daughters
- 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass (Celebrant is Fr. Power)
All Members & Benefactors of The Propagation of the Faith
- 11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Tom & Janet Clancey

Monday, October 21st: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Intentions of Margaret Cermak by Betty Stablein
- 12:05 pm (SA) Jack Buruk by Diane Niebauer

Tuesday, October 22nd: St. John Paul II

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Intentions of Joseph Habas, Birthday by Holy Name Society
- 12:05 pm (SA) Marie Dzuricky by Dzuricky Family

Wednesday, October 23rd: St. John of Capistrano

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) All Members of the Propagation of the Faith
- 12:05 pm (SA) Joseph Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcomb

Thursday, October 24th: St. Anthony Mary Claret

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members of The Hart Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl and Family

Friday, October 25th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members and Friends of the Eastside Federation of Clubs
- 12:05 pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

Saturday, October 26th: Vigil Mass/Polka Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) **Polka Mass**
Joe Zielinski by Theresa & Frank Bolmanski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, October 27th: Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members of The Hart Family
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass** Living & Deceased Members of the Walach and Galla Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
- 11:00 am (SC) Marie Dzuricky by Joe & Martha Stahon

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Propagation of the Faith
- 2) Propagation of the Faith
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Family of John & Josephine Hartman
- 2) All of our Priests by Marge Rabe

St. Casimir's

- 1) Living & Deceased Officers & Members of The Eastside Polish American Clubs
- 2) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Frances Kierzek,
Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends & Benefactors
*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (10/20) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass with Fr. Power as Celebrant (SC). Rectory office is closed. Diocesan second collection at all Masses for Mission Sunday.
Monday (10/21) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.
Tuesday (10/22) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.
Wednesday (10/23) Rectory office is closed.
Thursday (10/24) Rectory Office is closed.
Friday (10/25) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.
Saturday (10/26) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass/Polka Mass. (SC).
Sunday (10/27) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, October 19th (Vigil Mass) 4 PM

Lector: Rod Showers
Altar Server: Tom Duska
Eucharistic Ministers: Loretta Baran & Tom Duska

Sunday, October 20th

8:00 AM
Lector: Eileen Ropelewski
Altar Server: Eileen Ropelewski
Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski

11:00 AM
Lector: Brian Martin
Altar Server: Karen Mazur and Kyle Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Janet Schroeder



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19th Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. Today is also World Mission Sunday! Peace and Joy and many blessings be with all of you! †October is the month of the Missions. **Pope Francis** invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, South America, Asia, Latin America, The Pacific Islands, and parts of Europe where priests serve the most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's mission intentions in your prayers and be generous in your offering today for the Propagation of the Faith. **Saint Teresa**, the Little Flower and **Saint Francis Xavier** guard and guide the missions. †Each month we distribute 65+ food baskets through our Food Pantry! The number increases each week. Thank you for your help by using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packets for our food pantry. And thank you to **Mr. Mike Kuzma I & II, the Kuzma Kids, Mrs. Pat Devore, Mrs. Caroline Larson, Mr. Bob Mazur, Mr. Tom Duska, Mrs. Kay Wienczkowski, Mr. David Wienczkowski, Mrs. Jonathan Edwards**, and the many volunteers who work so hard to distribute the food each month. Thanks to all who use the Poor Box and the Food Pantry Envelopes that helps us pay for the food! \$1.00 in the Poor Box or your food pantry envelope will purchase \$17.00 worth of food and that's the best deal in town! The families are grateful for your generosity. †Best Wishes to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club. They continue to recover and rebuild after that unfortunate fire that hit their building a few months ago. They are a good group of people and will not give up. We wish them well as they continue their efforts to recover, rebuild, and reopen. Best wishes to our dear friends and neighbors at the Slovak National Club. †Congratulations and best wishes to **Brigid Clint** and **John Patterson** who became husband and wife recently with a Wedding Mass at St. Casimir's. Please keep these newlyweds in your thoughts and prayers. †This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The special 2nd collection is for your membership in the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Father's own Mission Society. Most of you have been members for years. Keep the Missions in your prayers. †Polka Mass is coming next Saturday afternoon at 4PM. The Marvels will provide the music. Tell your friends and neighbors and invite the to attend. It's Polish heritage month. † Open house at Cathedral Prep today from Noon to 3PM. Students who attend will be entered into a drawing for tuition assistance. Guided tours of the school are part of the program. Call **Tim Dougherty** at 453-7737 for more information. † Thanks for everything! Have a wonderful week! God bless all!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Pray for Vocations...You are encouraged to take a moment to look at the posters on the bulletin boards at the entrance of the church as they show the current group of seminarians in our diocese studying for the priesthood. Please remember them in your prayers and especially please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially here in our diocese. October is the month of the rosary and a perfect time for each of us to pray the rosary for vocations.

Learn about Erie's Polish History...Local Polish Historian, Bobby J. Sulecki, will be giving a history presentation of the Churches and Neighborhoods of Erie's Polonia, on Wednesday October 30, 2019, 6:00pm, at the Polish Falcons Nest 610, at 431 East 3rd Street. The event is free and open to the public. He invites all of you to attend and thanks you for your support. (This has been rescheduled from May.)

Persistence in Prayer!...What does it mean to be persistent? Many sources define it as the "firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition." Some synonyms for this "obstinate continuance" include: perseverance, tenacity, and endurance. Our Sunday readings offer us a couple of good examples of persistence.

In our first reading from Exodus we find the Israelites facing another hardship on their way to the Promised Land – war has been waged against them. After giving Joshua his marching orders Moses climbs to the top of the hill with the staff of God and raises his hands. Moses uses the staff which is a symbol of God's saving power and to remind the people that God will bring them safely to the Promised Land if they place their trust in him. In lifting the staff and allowing others to help him keep it lifted, Moses recognized the Israelites' need to be assured that God was indeed with them and would lead them to victory. Through his persistence Moses helped give them the courage they needed to go forward into battle. In the Gospel Jesus uses the parable of the persistent widow to teach us persistence. Widows in the ancient world were incredibly vulnerable. The fact that this widow was alone when she approached and addressed the judge highlights just how extremely vulnerable she was. Yet she was strong enough to not only petition the judge, but also to persist in her pleas for justice. She even put sufficient pressure on him to influence his actions. Even though the judge was an unsavory character, he granted her request in order to avoid being hurt by the widow in some way. This poor vulnerable widow put herself out there to correct a wrong. What about us? Are we OK with putting ourselves out there? Maybe we start off with good intentions but what do we do when we feel like we have been praying persistently for our needs but God doesn't hear us? Do we do the easy thing and just give up? Do we doubt God? Do we think that just because he doesn't answer in the way we expect him to, he isn't listening to us at all? Think about it – our prayers have the capacity to profoundly change lives – the lives of those we are praying for and our own life. Our prayers are more than wishful thinking! Unlike the unjust judge who granted the widow's request for self-serving motives, God the Father hears and answers our prayers in the way and time which is best for us. In a culture that begs for instant gratification - we just need to take a cue from Moses and the widow by being patient and persistent.

This week's spiritual exercise: Reflect on areas of your life where you have become weary and perhaps even on the edge. Talk to Jesus about it and in silence ask for peace and strength as well as the courage to go forward.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, October 6, 2019

4PM Mass \$1,045.00
8AM Mass \$702.75
Latin Mass \$893.00
11AM Mass \$1,242.90
Candles \$52.00
TOTAL \$3,935.65

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Up a little! 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 October 8, 2019

Pledged: \$19,268.00 Paid: \$18,048.00

PARISH EXPENSES

Faith Formation Program Cost Share for our parish, for 2019-2020, is \$1,770.00

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.

Polka Mass next Saturday, Oct. 26th at 4PM at Saint Casimir's Church with The Marvels.

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. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret 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 Wieczorek, 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 Wieczorek, 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, John 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.