

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



Looking Ahead...



Labor Day,

Monday, September 2nd

- ◆ Rectory Office is closed.
- ◆ Mass Schedule: 8AM (SC) and 10AM (SA).
- ◆ NO 7AM or 12:05PM Masses today.

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



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Saint Casimir Church

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Saint Ann Church

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Holy Family Church

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TAKE ME TO WORSHIP!

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 31st: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Marian Kaluzny by Maurice Kaluzny
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 1st: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Edwin Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and Brother
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami
 11:00 am (SC) Sandra Buffalari by Len Kierzek
 All Parishioners Livings and Deceased

Monday, September 2nd: Labor Day

7:00 am (HF) No Mass
 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members of The Berdis Family by Sr. Kevin Berdis OSF
 10:00 am (SA) Bernard Graf by Cathedral Prep Class of 1958
 12:05 pm (SA) No Mass

Tuesday, September 3rd: St. Gregory the Great

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) John Zielinski by Dr. Teresa Gilewski
 12:05 pm (SA) Pat Hart by Dan & Kay Pomorski

Wednesday, September 4th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Carolyn Mikolajczyk by Christine Visosky
 12:05 pm (SA) John Campbell by Children and Grandchildren

Thursday, September 5th: St. Teresa of Calcutta

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Rita & Norbert Sulecki, Birthday by Family
 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of The Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Friday, September 6th: First Friday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Walter Harrison, Anniversary by Rose Marie Bargielski
 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by son Lawrence Berdis

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Intentions of our Blessed Mother
 2) Intentions of our Blessed Mother
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) William & Eva Jant by Daughters
 2) Michael & Anna Pochatko

St. Casimir's

1) John Campbell by The Family
 2) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

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 (9/1) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC).

Monday (9/2) Labor Day. Rectory office is closed. Refer to Mass schedule for today's Masses.

Tuesday (9/3) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (9/4) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (9/5) Rectory Office is closed.

Friday (9/6) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Saturday (9/7) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass. (SC).

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Aug. 31st (Vigil Mass) 4:00 PM

Lector: Loretta Baran
 Altar Server: Brian Martin
 Eucharistic Ministers: Loretta Baran & Brian Martin

Sunday, Sept. 1st

8:00 AM
 Lector: Jennifer Dillon
 Altar Server: Eileen Ropelewski
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Swigonski & Dianne Connors

11:00 AM

Lector: Michelle Schroeder
 Altar Server: Karen Mazur & Michelle Schroeder
 Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Schroeder & Karen Mazur

Schedule is noted exactly as shown on the Ministry Schedule.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite on this Labor Day Weekend. Peace and Joy be with all of you! † We recently received a letter from **Bishop Persico** and I would like to publish half of it this weekend and the last part of it next weekend. Please use it for your spiritual reading. “Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, One year ago today (Aug. 14) I offered my first response to the release of the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. The statement I made was offered directly to the survivors/victims, those who had waited so long for the unthinkable experiences they had endured to be brought to light. It was devastating for me as the pastor of this diocese to see the ugly details of what had happened within the church. I knew that survivors/victims as well as all Catholics and the entire community would need time to grapple with the report. Their deep pain, anger, and grief was understandable. My apology is only one step in the long and complex process of healing. I know that words mean very little without action. The diocese of Erie has taken many important steps in the last year and we will continue on this path.” (continued in next week’s 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 Bishop writes “we need to pray for the victims/survivors. We need to pray for healing and purification of our churches. We need to pray for the many good and holy priests who continue to serve us faithfully. We need to pray that our own faith will be strengthened.” Thank you **Bishop Persico** for this opportunity. We will follow your directions! † The annual German Festival will take place this weekend at St. Nick’s Grove. Please check the newspaper or call **Bev Pochatko** or **Charlotte Chase** for more information. † The Irish Festival is coming on September 13th through 15th at St. Patrick’s Church, 130 E. 4th St. and 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! Happy Labor Day!

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.

Those Who Humble Themselves Will be Exalted!...What is our understanding of the word humility? When we hear that someone is humble, how does that strike us? Does the image of a super-hero come to mind, or do we automatically think “wimp”? Yet, humility is a virtue for which we all should strive. Our role models of humility can be found in specific people such as athletes, parents, public figures, a spouse, religious leaders or maybe a friend, to name a few. These people possess a confidence in themselves that brings out their best selves, usually for the benefit of others. Mother Teresa, for example, was determined to do all she could for the poor and dying in India and eventually throughout the world. Humility allowed her to recognize her God-given gifts and give herself to others.

In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us an introductory lesson in humility. Using the parable of a wedding banquet, he makes the point by talking about seating etiquette. We’ve all been at an event where there is assigned seating. And haven’t we all at one time or another tried to switch our seats to be closer to someone important? Jesus, however, wants us to realize that status is an illusion. For that matter, he tells us to do the opposite by sitting at the lowest place. Doing so will bring us the greatest reward.

On an even more personal level, Jesus teaches us to place others higher than ourselves. We are called to serve one another, and we can’t serve someone if we consider ourselves better than them. Claiming the highest seat reveals our pride and can lead to embarrassment if another arrives more worthy of our place. Taking our place at a low position also allows our heavenly host, the Lord, to “raise us” higher than we place ourselves.

In a society that constantly promotes me-centered messages it’s easy to become self-centered and overrun by pride. As followers of Christ, we must uphold the virtue that runs counter to this way of thinking – the virtue of humility! Jesus tells us: “the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Jesus, who exemplifies authentic humility, wants us to be humble like him.

This week’s spiritual exercise: Spend some quiet time with Jesus and ask: “Where does my pride prevent me from reaching out and touching the lonely around me?”

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 Japan), and David Kraut
Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list.
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

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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.