

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 21st: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

Diocesan Second Collection for Church in Latin America

Private (SA) James Michael Belton by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The Sundy Family

Monday, August 22nd:

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Living and Deceased members of the Mikotowicz and Antonowicz Families by Jean Wroblewski

Tuesday, August 23rd: St. Rose of Lima

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Dorothy M. Oldach by Edward Stachewicz and Family

Wednesday, August 24th: St. Bartholomew

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph E. Hartman by Nieces

Thursday, August 25th: St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Anne Marie Ropelewski, Birthday by Estate

Friday, August 26th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Dombkowski by Theresa Juchno and Family

Saturday, August 27th: St. Monica

Private (SA) Michael Lucas and Msgr. John Lucas, Anniversary by Melissa Stano

Sunday, August 28th: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Michael Mazza by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Nancy Sobrowski by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Monday, August 29th: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Bishops and Priests, living and deceased by Jean Wroblewski

Tuesday, August 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Gladys Jechna by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Wednesday, August 31st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) James Berdis, Birthday by Gina & Nick Irwin and Family

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Deceased members of the Wodecki Family by daughter Caroline Larson

2) Edward R. Abramoski by Baran and Mikoda Families

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, August 14, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$1,553.00

Expenses

Boiler Certificates: \$386.16

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,296.00

Paid: \$8,141.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

*Please issue a **separate check** for

➔ CSA contribution

➔ Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contribution or Mass Requests on the same check as your offertory.

Thank you.

Today will be the Diocesan special second collection for the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your support of this special second collection.

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

We still **need helpers to move the parish office** and prepare it for occupancy by August 26. Thanks to the hard work of many it is finished and ready to move in. There are only a few large items and they will be transported with carts and rollers to minimize lifting. If you wish to help, please contact Mike Kuzma 814-873-4532.

Today's second collection is for the **Catholic Church in Latin America**. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection also assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

The priests in the East Deanery will meeting with Bishop Persico and Msgr. Lohse this Thursday to discuss the progress and future focus of the **Pastoral Planning Process**. I will be attending the meeting and will let you know if anything substantive happens.

People for Life is arranging bus transportation to the **2nd Annual PA March for Life** in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19, the first day of the fall legislative session. The bus will leave Erie at 5 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. The event includes a Rally on the front steps of the State Capitol Building at 11 a.m. and a March around the Capitol complex at 12 p.m. Time to visit the Capitol Building and meet with state legislators will be available after the March. Seats are only \$30. For more information call (814) 882-1333 or email: office@peopleforlife.org. Online registration is available at www.peopleforlife.org. Seating is limited; please register as soon as possible.

Holy Trinity Parish will host **Zabawa**, a three-day celebration of its Polish heritage, on the parish grounds at E. 23rd and Reed streets Aug. 26-28. Festivities include authentic Polish foods, bakery items and beverages, live polka music and dancing. A Polka Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. with Bishop Lawrence Persico officiating. A Polish heritage Mass featuring the Holy Trinity choir is scheduled for Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a grand raffle, theme baskets, a festival auction and more. Additional parking and free shuttle service are available from the lot at E. 34th and Ash streets. For more information, call 814-456-0671 or go to <https://holytrinityrc.org>.

How wide is the opening of the gate!

All of us live with the hope that when our time in this world is done we will pass through the narrow gate of heaven and be welcomed by Jesus to eternal life in the Kingdom.

Today our readings tell us that the way through the gate is open to everyone however it requires discipline and focus. Jesus is asking each of us to look at our personal lives and assess where we are on our journeys. What are our priorities, how do we spend our time, and what do we need to change?

As we journey through life we all have a tendency to become entrenched in our day-to-day routines with little time for anything else. But Jesus interrupts us in the midst of those routines calling us through the narrow gate to a new and better way, a new way that is challenging yet many choose not to follow.

One challenge is that of presumption – thinking all we need to do is be a decent person and the gate will be open for us. For that matter we can label ourselves as a Christian on the outside without really making an effort to follow a Christian way of life in our hearts or enter into a committed life-changing personal relationship with Jesus.

Our Gospel for this week challenges us to examine our lives and our relationship with Jesus. We can do that through a series of simple yet thought-provoking questions: What one thing do we want the most in life? What drives our actions, identifies who we are as human beings, and motivates us every day? How does our relationship with Jesus mold us and shape our lives today and tomorrow? What do we need to change and what will we do? Right now? Today? Tomorrow?

None of us want to arrive at the gate only to hear Jesus say: “I don’t know where you are from!” It is Jesus himself who is the way to salvation and fulfillment. We must follow him, know him, and obey his teachings. This is the narrow gate we must pass through. Our challenges and trials are there to strengthen us on our journey.

Our hope and strength is that Jesus himself has shown us the way. He journeyed to Jerusalem and the cross and showed us that at the end of this journey the gate opens to the wide and free space of new life.

So, how wide is the opening of the narrow gate? As wide as the cross. Are we prepared to enter?