

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Private (SA) NO Private Mass Today

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and Rod Showers

### Monday, January 2nd: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jean Deniziak, Anniversary by Joe and Holly Guzowski

### Tuesday, January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Fr. James O'Hara by Charlotte Prez

### Wednesday, January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph Visosky, Birthday January 2 by Christine Visosky

### Thursday, January 5th: St. John Neumann

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Frank, Birthday and Patricia Burik and Living and Deceased Family by Jean Wroblewski

### First Friday, January 6th: St. André Bessette

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Paul and Mary Naguszewski by Jerry and Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

### First Saturday, January 7th: St. Raymond of Penafort

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Lottie Bubrzyk by Marlene Figurski

Private (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

### Sunday, January 8th: The Epiphany of The Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

### Monday, January 9th: The Baptism of the Lord

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Carol Petrunger

## 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) For all parishioners Living and Deceased

2) Special Intentions of Msgr. Gerald Koos

### St. Casimir's

1) For more vocations to Religious Life

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Financial Information was not available at the time of publication of this bulletin.*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**2022 Goal: \$31,397.00**

**Pledged: \$11,036.00      Paid: \$9,601.00**

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 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.

- ➔ Please issue a **separate check** for
  - ➔ CSA Contribution
  - ➔ Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contributions or Mass requests on the same check as your offertory. Separate checks, please. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **parish mailing address** has been officially changed. **The Parish Office address is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.** The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp. All mail and other correspondence should now be sent or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Blessings, Helen Gangemi, Bookkeeper



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Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski**

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Once again, a very special **thank you** to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Thanks also to everyone who support our parish in the many different capacities throughout the year. Please know you are truly appreciated and we can't do it without you. God Bless you all!

**A Special thanks** also to **Fr. John Paul Kuzma** for being with us to preside at the mass for the Feast of the Holy Family at Holy Family Church. It is always a joy to have him back home to pray with us. Please keep him in your prayers!

A very **Happy New Year** to everyone. As we enter the year with hope and expectation, we also face uncertainty and fear about what the future holds for us. May we find peace knowing our God is a loving God and he does not want us to confront the apparent bleakness and hopelessness of this life alone. None of the circumstances of our lives are beyond the touch of where God can be, beyond God's saving action on our behalf. May you be blessed by God each of these upcoming 365 days and nights and may your new year be filled with the peace and joy of Christ.

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is hosting an **Introduction to Centering Prayer** retreat with Sister Ruth Ann Madera on Jan. 27 to 29 at the Bethany Retreat Center, 1031 Germania Rd., Frenchville. Six additional follow-up sessions will be scheduled throughout 2023. Centering prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares a person to receive the gift of contemplative prayer. Visit [www.bethanyretreatcenter.org](http://www.bethanyretreatcenter.org) to learn more.

### **Pondering!**

What are the things that Mary reflected on in her heart? It was most likely marvelous events such as the angelic message relayed by the shepherds, and painful circumstances such as a birth in the stable. Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus' birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed.

We can be confident that Mary was at peace with the will of God acting in her life. This must have helped her to not feel overly anxious, fretful or distressed at the circumstances surrounding the birth of her child. We know she was filled with faith in God and hope for what the future would hold for her son.

As we approach this New Year, what are we reflecting on in our hearts? As we look back on the past year we too may remember many marvelous events. For many of us there were painful circumstances and we still have it with us or perhaps are having a hard time letting it go. Perhaps most unsettling of all for most of us is this New Year, what will unfold for us?

Mary is calling us to a new beginning. She is beckoning all of us to become "thinkers," to reflect on the unfolding events of our lives to discover the mystery of God's presence and plan for us, to become at peace with the will of God acting in our lives.

For inspiration we have to look no further than the blessing that Lord spoke to Moses and directed to Aaron and the priests. We heard this blessing in today's first reading – asking the Lord to bless us and keep us, that his face may shine upon us, and in his kindness give us peace.

Peace was with Mary because she knew that God was with her. This is such an appropriate blessing for us, as well, as we begin a new year and mark today as a prayer for peace in our own time. It is only when peace reigns in our own hearts that we can extend that peace to others.

Such is also our task during this New Year, to let go of our anxieties from 2022 and give more time to God. To reflect, ponder, and work out our daily yes to God. Only in this way can our New Year truly be "happy".

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.