

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 12th: the Most Holy Trinity

Private (SA) Special Intentions of Beverly Vento and Mara Vento, Birthdays May 8th, by Vento Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Dolores Dombkowski by Theresa Juchno and Family

Monday, June 13th: St. Anthony of Padua

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Geri Kaufmann

Tuesday, June 14th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and Rod Showers

Wednesday, June 15th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Anita Kraut Lewis by Edith M. Coccarelli

Thursday, June 16th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Eileen Ropelewski by Caroline Larson

Friday, June 17th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Joyce Mueck by Delphine Palkovic and Family

Saturday, June 18th: Weekday

Private (SA) In memory of Bishop Donald Trautman, Birthday by Charlotte Prez and Family

Sunday, June 19th: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and Father's Day

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Robert Jurino by wife and son

Monday, June 20th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Knights of Columbus Erie Chapter

Tuesday, June 21st: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Janet Marie Ball by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Wednesday, June 22nd: St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

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

St. Ann's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by A Friend

2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Ronald Lubak by daughter Darlene Stadler

2) Prayers for world peace

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Offertory: \$2,600.00

Expenses

Catholic School Support (April 1, 2022 installment): \$6,754.00

May 2022—Income \$14,436.33 Expenses \$22,356.15
(2 Big Expense Items were Self Insurance to Diocese and National Fuel)

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$8,353.00

Paid: \$6,083.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today! We are \$23,044.00 away from reach our goal. Can you help?

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 your CSA contribution. Please do not include it on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is proud to announce the 103rd Annual Novena to Good Saint Ann. The novena will begin July 18th through July 26, 2022 at Saint Ann's Church, 931 East Ave., Erie, PA. All are welcome and invited to attend.



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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Remember to return your **baby bottles** to church by Sunday, June 19, Father's Day for the Baby Bottle Fundraising Drive to benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie with a goal of purchasing a mobile ultrasound van. This drive is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

All are invited to join us for **Donuts for Dads** on Sunday, June 19, after the 11:00 am Mass. Come and enjoy coffee and doughnuts as well as the company of others. This is being sponsored by our Pastoral Council.

Our **Pastoral and Finances Councils** have been meeting to brainstorm possible approaches to address the needs of our parish's future relative to attendance, income, parish life, the priest shortage, and maintenance of our physical structures. As is the case with many parishes in the diocese and locally, we are experiencing reduced attendance and income while operating costs continue to increase. Additionally, our buildings are in very poor shape and have seemingly insurmountable maintenance needs. While there are no quick and easy answers to our challenges, we want to hear your thoughts and suggestions for our future. Please feel free to contact any of our council members or myself with any ideas. Once we have more clarity of thought and direction, and prior to making any major decisions, we will call a general meeting to share what we know with everyone. I will also keep you updated in this column. Council members are: David Dombkowski, Mike Kuzma Sr., Bob Mazur, Karen Mazur, Bob Merski, Rod Showers, Matt Visosky, and Lisa Walters. We must continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.

Another challenge that is having a strong impact on our parish as well as the entire church is the **priest shortage**. While we had three new priests ordained this year the future looks very challenging. Here is an interesting article **Msgr. Henry Kriegel**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish shared with his congregation. "A new report on ordination to priesthood has been released which contains some interesting information. First of all, the average age of new priests today is 33; when I was ordained in 1970, it was 25 though I was 28 when I was ordained. Sixty percent of newly ordained are Caucasian; 22% are Hispanic/Latino, 11% are Asian and only 4% are African/American. Over 26% of newly ordained in America are foreign born. The most common countries of birth are Mexico, Vietnam, Colombia, Brazil and India. Nine percent were home schooled and only 39% went to a Catholic School. Half of them participated in parish Youth Groups, thirty percent participated in Campus Ministry/Newman Center and 25% were involved in Boy Scouts. Seventy four percent were altar servers, 51% were lectors and 37% were Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Ninety percent said they were encouraged to enter the ministry by someone in their life, most frequently the parish priest, friend or another parishioner. And strangely and sadly, 48% reported they were discouraged from entering the seminary mostly by a family member (not parents) or a friend." Let us continue to pray for and encourage vocations, especially to the priesthood.

Four Eucharistic processions planned for June 19. All are invited to participate in one of four Eucharistic processions scheduled in the Diocese of Erie on Sunday, June 19. Be a part of this national event as we enter into a three-year Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the United States, renewing devotion and belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The processions begin at 1 p.m. at the following locations: St. Peter Cathedral, Erie; St. Bernard Church, Bradford; Catherine of Siena Church, DuBois; Notre Dame Church, Hermitage. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration following the last morning Mass at each site. All processions return to the church to conclude with Benediction. For more information, contact the parishes hosting each procession. For details about the revival, visit www.ErieRCD.org/EucharisticRevival.html.

The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit ... What is the one thing that we do at least three times during mass? We make the sign of the cross and we do it to remind us of our baptism and of the presence of the triune God or the Trinity - the God to whom we belong.

Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate one of the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity: [The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit](#) - three distinct, divine coequal persons in one God. Even for the Church, the Trinity is considered a mystery and there are aspects of it we will never fully grasp while we are on this side of heaven. But it is something that we hold as revealed truth and we profess that belief at every mass during the Creed. Yet while the Trinity is a theological mystery it is not a puzzle for us to solve, and we may never comprehend its totality, yet we do experience its presence and accept its reality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that God himself is an external exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and he destines for us to share in that exchange.

The Trinity dwells in us and it began when we were baptized, it was the words and water (I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit) that brought us into the family of God and, raised us to the dignity of sharing in divine life and carrying out the work of God here on earth.

It is the Trinity's divine life that is in us that enables us as human beings to carry out the work of God. Just as the three persons of the Holy Trinity are perfectly united in a oneness of love, we are called to live in ever-greater love and unity with God and one another. Each of us lives out that external exchange of love here on earth by loving others, doing good for others, being persons of integrity, by continuing to be good disciples of Jesus.

St. Augustine spent twenty years writing about the Trinity yet he summed up the heart of the Church's belief in this one simple statement: "If you see charity, you see the Trinity."

How different the world would be if every Christian lived out the divine life within us and followed the examples of Jesus gave us: Patience, kindness, determined love, and attention to the needs of those around us in all circumstances.