

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

ASH WEDNESDAY



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE
is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday & Friday: 10:00AM to Noon

Tuesday: 10:00AM to Noon

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Friday: 10:30AM to Noon

These days and times may vary.

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).

PARISH OFFICE: Mrs. Pat DeVore, Pastoral Ministry & Religious Education; Ms. Mary Hickin, Religious Education (814-920-7525), Mrs. Caroline Larson, Office, Mrs. Helen Gangemi, Bookkeeper.

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.

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Rectory/Business Office

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Saint Casimir Church

629 Hess Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Saint Ann Church

921 East Ave. * Erie, PA 16503

Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

TAKE ME TO WORSHIP!

Ash Wednesday, March 6th ~ Lent Begins

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

Lenten Practices, Regulations and Observances

Ash Wednesday, All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

Gorzkie Zale and Benediction

(Please note change in day and time.)

2PM Sunday Afternoon during Lent at
St. Casimir's Church.

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent

1PM St. Ann's Church.

6PM at St. Casimir's Church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday's during Lent

Before and After the 12:05PM Mass at St. Ann's Church.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY~ MARCH 3RD

2019 Catholic Services Appeal. Envelopes are in your
monthly packets or available in each of our churches.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

The relics of Saint Casimir will be venerated and applied at all Masses this weekend, March 2nd and 3rd.

First Saturday, March 2nd: Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Fr. Donald and Living & Deceased of the Berdis Family by Sister Kevin Berdis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 3rd: Eighth Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Sally R zodkiewicz, Anniversary by Daughters and Families
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:** Margaret & Robert Shanta by Vento Family
- 11:00 am (SC) Ron Turbaczewski by wife and family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, March 4th: Saint Casimir's Feast Day

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Mikolaj Wodecki, Anniversary by daughter Caroline
- 12:05 pm (SA) William Palkovic, Anniversary by Delphine and Family

Tuesday, March 5th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Norbert Sulecki by Patty & Frank Mazzaresse and Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Cieslak & Lewis Families by Ed & Linda Cieslak

Wednesday, March 6th: Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins

*Ashes Blessed and Distributed at all Masses
(A Day of Fast and Abstinence)*

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski OFM by The Widomski Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Good Health for Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom
- ➔ 5PM (SC) Helen Dolak by Christine Visosky

Thursday, March 7th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by Dr. Tony Berdis

Friday, March 8th: Friday after Ash Wednesday

A Day of Abstinence

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) All Souls in Purgatory
- 12:05 pm (SA) Our Mother of Sorrows by Dolores Justka
- 1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Theodore R zodkiewicz, Anniversary by daughters and families
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 10th: First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) Stanley, Chris and Viola by Mary Ann and Jerry Anuszkiewicz
- 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) Ignatius & Bernice Szymula by Catherine Jankowski
- ➔ 2:00 pm (SC) Gorzkie Zale & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Fr. Don Berdis by Priests of OMOS
 - 2) Fr. Ron Gmerek by Priests of OMOS
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Walter and Irene Burenko by the Family
- 2) All Souls in Purgatory

St. Casimir's

- 1) Theresa Juchno by Barb Juchno
- 2) Helen Dolak by Friends

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (3/3) 2019 Catholic Service Appeal ~ "Commitment Sunday" 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. The relics of Saint Casimir will be venerated and applied at all Masses

Monday (3/4) Saint Casimir's Feast Day. Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Tuesday (3/5) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (3/6) ASH WEDNESDAY. A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Rectory Office is closed. Refer to Mass Schedule for today's Masses.

Thursday (3/7) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (3/8) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Before and After the 12:05PM Mass (SA). Stations of the Cross 1PM (SA) and 6PM (SC).

Saturday (3/9) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).

Sunday (3/10) First Sunday of Lent. Daylight Savings Time begins. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.



*Remember before you retire Saturday evening (March 9th) to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour. Day Light Savings Time begins. We Spring Forward!*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Quinquagesima Sunday in the Latin Rite. Blessings and Graces, Peace and Joy to all of you! †Again today, as always, we ask you to pray for vocations and today we ask for prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. We need more as you know so well. Please keep all of our students for the priesthood in your thoughts and prayers. †Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Masses and Blessed Ashes are scheduled for 8:00 AM and 5:00PM at St. Casimir's and 12:05 during the noon hour at St. Ann's. The rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow the Mass at St. Ann's. On Fridays during Lent in addition to our regular weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is scheduled for 6:00PM at St. Casimir's. Also on Friday's during Lent the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before and after the 12:05PM Mass and Stations of the Cross at 1PM at St. Ann's. The traditional Polish Lenten Devotion, the *Gorzkie Zale* will begin on the first Sunday of Lent, March 10th at 2:00PM, at St. Casimir's. Please note the change from previous years. The Gorzkie Zale is celebrated completely in the Polish Language. † Anyone celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary this year (2019) please notify the parish office. We will then call the diocese and make arrangements for you to receive a certificate from the Bishop. Please call the church office for more information. †Our 100th Solemn Novena to Good **Saint Ann** will be held this year during the month of July at St. Ann's Church. **Redemptorist Father Kevin MacDonald** will return again this year to direct our novena. † Many of you like the popular booklet of prayers and meditations "The Word Among Us" The February edition may be found in the back of our churches. Each booklet contains meditations for the entire month plus all of the prayers for the Masses for the entire month. We will also have an edition for the entire Lenten Season. Be sure to pick up your copies this weekend. †**Drs. Tom and Lisa Walters** are happy to announce that a court of honor will be held for their son, **Nicholas Jude Walters**, on Saturday, March 16, 2019, when he will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by Boy Scout Troop 37 of the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations **Nick**! We are very proud of you! **Nick** follows in the footsteps of **Daniel Kowalski**, son of **Victor and Ruth Kowalski**, who became an Eagle Scout last year around this time. Congratulations to all! †**Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak** has sent the following information concerning the very popular Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Stanislaus Parish, 516 E. 13th St., Erie, PA. Dinners are scheduled for Fridays, March 8 and 22 and April 5, from 4-7PM. Cost is \$10/adults, Children 6-12/\$5 and under 5/Free. Take outs/\$10.25. Check out the flyer in the vestibule of the churches. **Msgr. Urbaniak** writes: "Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family and friends." †**Father James Power** will be with us again on Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00PM for the rosary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Following the church service a pot luck dinner will be held in the lower church followed by a presentation by **Father Power** and a discussion for all who can stay. All are welcome! No charge of any kind but if you would like to bring a covered dish to share at the meal, you may but it's not required. Join us for the pre-Lenten get-together! †Thank you for all that you did for your parish, your churches, and your priests and deacon throughout the year! Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices! What a joy to be with you and working and praying with you and for you and for the honor and glory, and love of our God. Peace, Gladness and Many Blessings to all!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Beware of Scams! All of us have been approached by scam artists whether it is on our phone or by email, or both! Recently many individuals in the Diocese of Erie, including myself, received an email from a scam artist claiming to be Bishop Persico and requesting financial help in the form of gift cards. In this age where personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, clergy and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request (including an email or text message) for such information or a request for financial assistance (including the purchase of gift cards of any type), exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request. Be Safe out there!

As Lent Approaches This Week. Let us attempt to make our Lenten penance more than just mere practices. It is far better to do a little well than to take on a whole lot and in the end having failed to deepen our relationship with God and others. The question we might ask ourselves on Holy Saturday shouldn't just be whether we succeeded in not eating our favorite food or if we were successful in getting to Mass everyday (although these practices are commendable), rather the question should be whether or not we have discovered God in a new and more life-giving way. Our dying to self during Lent brings us to springtime of new life in God who is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment." Let's make this the best Lent ever!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Maryann Marchant, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, 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, Leo Laskowski, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, John & Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Bob Merski, Sr., Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, 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 Golemund, 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.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends and Benefactors

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. May they rest in peace.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

4:00 MASS \$978.00

8:00 MASS \$818.00

9:30 LATIN MASS \$677.42

11:00 MASS \$1,183.00

CANDLES \$55.50

LENTEN BOXES \$53.51

TOTAL \$3,765.43

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Commitment Sunday—March 3, 2019

Commitment Sunday for the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal is today, March 3rd. By supporting this Appeal we as a diocese can offer to those who are in need the services which no single parish can afford. The Appeal envelopes will be mailed to all homes in the parish packet and additional envelopes will be available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection.

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Faith Formation News...

*Elementary: March 3, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary.

*Middle, high school, Confirmation: March 10 ~ 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the St. John Rectory.

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 (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.