

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 6th : Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall Back—Clocks go back 1 hour
Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Dorothy M. Oldach by Bobby & Karen Mazur

Monday, November 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of the
Ropelewski Family

Tuesday, November 8th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Rev. James T. O'Hara,
Anniversary by Staff

Wednesday, November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Thursday, November 10th: St. Leo the Great

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Marlene Andrascik, Anniversary by The
Vento Family

Friday, November 11th: St. Martin of Tours

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph and Helena Maciejczyk, Wedding
Anniversary by Christine Visosky

Saturday, November 12th: St. Josaphat

Private (SA) Kathryn Majersky by A Friend

Sunday, November 13th : Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Bonnie Baker McCall by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Bob and
Karen Mazur

Monday, November 14th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Fred and Marion
Granville, Wedding Anniversary
by David Granville and Family

Tuesday, November 15th: St. Albert the Great

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of the
Ropelewski Family by Estate

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Anniversary by Parishioners
- 2) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) All deceased U.S. Military
- 2) Military Veterans, Past and Present

St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Prayers for more vocations to religious life

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ OCTOBER 30, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$2,368.60

Campaign for Human Development: \$67.00

World Mission Sunday: \$21.00

Christmas Flowers: \$41.00

Expenses

National Fuel (November): \$2,343.94

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,960.00 Paid: \$9,120.00

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

**We are \$20,437.00 away from 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
- 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**
remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until
further notice.



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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

November is traditionally the month to pray for our deceased loved ones. The “**All Souls**” donation envelopes we have received with the name of your loved ones who have passed away are being kept in the sanctuary for the entire month of November to remember your loved ones in prayer. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

We have received a **verbal offer to purchase** the Holy Family school, convent and rectory for \$300,000 with an option to purchase the church for an additional \$100,000 if it is ever offered for sale. The offer has been accepted and approved by our Pastoral and Finance Councils and is now awaiting the approval of Bishop Persico, the Diocesan College of Consultants, and the Diocesan Office of Finances. Once approvals have been received the name of the buyer will be publicly disclosed and sales agreements will be drawn up and reviewed by attorneys for both parties. The buyer plans to renovate the buildings and use them for educational purposes. Until all approvals are received this **remains a verbal agreement** and nothing has been signed. The **church is not for sale** at this time.

Some are asking why work is being done on the roofs at St. Ann when there appears to be other needs in our parish. This work was identified as needed and approved by our Finance and Pastoral councils. Aside from donations we have received the cost for this **work will be covered by funds from the St. Ann Building and Development Fund**. When this account was created it was stipulated by the donors that **the funds were only to be used for St. Ann. No funds from this project are coming from the parish’s general accounts**.

At their next meeting **Pastoral Council** will be evaluating a **plan to disposition the unused items** and furnishings from the Holy Family school, convent, and rectory. This effort is being led by **Bob Merski**. Anyone wanting an item prior to the development of the plan is to request and complete a form from the parish office. Each request will be reviewed by Bob, Pastoral Council and me. No contents are to be removed from any of our buildings without Parish Council’s consent and my written approval.

The 62nd Annual **Our Lady of Mount Carmel feather party** will be held on Nov. 19 at Scheffner Hall, 1531 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. The event will run from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors open immediately following the 4:15 p.m. Mass. Admission is free. The evening will feature free refreshments, tips, instant, bottle raffles, a wine booth, fruit basket raffles and the opportunity to win your Thanksgiving turkey. The evening will conclude with a cash raffle with three prizes awarded: \$1500, \$250 and \$100. For more information, visit www.OLMC-erie.org or contact the OLMC Parish Office at SBerdis@olmc-erie.org.

Opening our eyes to the truth!

In today’s Gospel we find Jesus engaged in another question-and-answer session but this time it is between the Sadducees and not the Pharisees – his usual opponents. Interestingly, the topic of the conversation, is not about marriage, or descendants or even Mosaic Law. It is a debate about resurrection.

The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection, and it is worth noting the occurrence of this encounter is close (two chapters) to the beginning of Jesus’ own passion, death and resurrection.

It’s hard to believe the Sadducees would question and ridicule the idea of the resurrection in the very presence of Jesus whose own Resurrection would be the source of new life for all! It’s enough to make us wonder “how blind to the truth can people be?”

Fairly blind, most of us would agree. We can dismiss the Sadducees are naïve or misguided in their intentions when it comes to their interaction with Jesus. But we cannot argue that they are unique in their failure to see and understand the truth.

Every waking hour we have the opportunity to seek the truth: whether talking with Jesus in prayer or finding God in all things throughout the day in our environment. We may bring our weaknesses and doubts to the encounters, and as such be temporarily blinded to, or refuse to see, the truth before us. But our God, who *is not God of the dead but of the living*, is always there to be found. His desire for us to be in a relationship with him, to believe in him and to have eternal life with him is stronger than any barrier of disbelief that we can erect. But we have to be open to removing those barriers and seeing with the eyes of faith.

We have one thing in our favor that the Sadducees (as yet) did not: we know the resurrected Jesus. Today, in the presence of the one whose own Resurrection gives us new life, let us profess our faith trusting that God will never leave us oblivious to the truth that is in front of us each day.