

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 28th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Private: Irene Smerick by Paul, Ann, and Matthew Krauza

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Leonard Mankosky, Anniversary by Scott, Paula, and Danica Hilinski

Monday, April 29th: St. Catherine of Siena

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by Meg Merritt Britton

Tuesday, April 30th: Saint Pius V

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

Wednesday, May 1st: Saint Joseph the Worker

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

Thursday, May 2nd: Saint Athanasius

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Burton H. Mustin by Dr. Hal Angeloff

First Friday, May 3rd: Saints Philip and James

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Ilaria by Lucia Lee

First Saturday, May 4th: Easter Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Special Intentions of Nancy Wauthier by The Vento Family

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Julia by Lucia Lee

Sunday, May 5th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez, Birthday, April 23 by mother, Charlotte Prez

Monday, May 6th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Timothy by Lucia Lee

Tuesday, May 7th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Nurses of the Saint Vincent Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1965—Nurses Week

Wednesday, May 8th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Majewski by Knights of Columbus Jesus, Mary and Joseph Council #4071

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Fr. Daniel Prez, Birthday April 23 by mother Charlotte Prez
- 2) For all sick and shut-ins

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00PM Mass at St. Ann's

Divine Mercy: \$1,471.00

Sunday Offertory: \$100.00

Saint Ann's Novena: \$20.00

First Saturday April 4, 2024: \$178.00

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$958.00

Loose Collection: \$54.00

Good Shepherd: \$185.00

Candles: \$15.00

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$522.00

Loose Collection: \$70.00

Monthly: \$20.00

Divine Mercy Sunday: \$30.00

Good Shepherd: \$20.00

Candles: \$94.50

Good Shepherd Collection April 21, 2024: \$306.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,755.00 Paid: \$5,180.00

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FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

The final **Pastoral Plan for Erie County** was released at the **April 11** meeting at St. Mark. A copy of the plan is included with this bulletin. Rather than merging as originally proposed, our parish **will now partner** with St. Stan's Parish. Partnered parishes are two or more parishes that share one pastor as well as other resources, but they continue to exist as distinct parishes. They function in many ways like sister parishes. While they have their own parish church and finances, they share the same pastor, staff and parish office, and one combined bulletin. As of now clergy assignments, **which includes me**, are being evaluated and once they are finalized and announced we can start to begin the transition and work out details. I will keep you up to date as things unfold. You can also visit: <https://www.eriercd.org/planning.html>

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pat Devore** who recently went home to the Lord. Pat gave so much to our parish through her work and various ministries, and she will be missed. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

Congratulations to **Nicholas Walters** who recently received the sacrament of **Confirmation** at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. He took the name **Casimir** as his Confirmation name. Nicholas is the son of Tom and Lisa Walters.

Congratulations also to **Morgan Waite** who is receiving her **First Communion** today at St. Mark the Evangelist Church. Morgan is the daughter of Scott and Sara Waite and the granddaughter of Bob and Karen Mazur.

Father Jerry Priscaro is in Philadelphia this weekend to receive the Father J. Michael McGivney award for his work as chaplain to the Knights of Columbus. Father Jerry is the first person from this part of Pennsylvania to receive this award in 30 years.

Thank You for generously supporting the **Good Shepherd Collection** for retired priests of the Diocese of Erie. You can rest assured your gift is deeply appreciated and will be put to good use. Please continue to pray for all our priests.

National Day of Prayer to be held May 2: The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. Its purpose is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and its families. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. More information can be found at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

All are welcome to attend a **parish mission at St. Agatha Church of the Epiphany of the Lord** Parish, 353 Pine St., Meadville, May 12, 13 and 14. Father Ben Dagher will speak on "Prayer: The Missing Ingredient in our Spiritual Lives." The rosary will be prayed at 6 pm with the main talk at 6:30 pm. Tuesday evening will include a healing Mass followed by an opportunity for individual prayer. After each evening there will be a social in St. Agatha's Center.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024. Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation. **The intention for April 2024:** For women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Stay on the vine!

All of us value our independence and like to do things on our own which can make us reluctant to enlist the input or help from others. This week Jesus' words in our Gospel challenge us to rethink our idea of independence. By telling us "because without me you can do nothing" he brings us to the realization that we cannot "do it all" by ourselves.

Using the vivid imagery of the vine and branches Jesus shows us that our life flows from his and that we are united to him so intimately that his very life flows through our veins.

He goes on further to tell us: "Remain in me, as I remain in you, just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

To remain in Christ we must live as Jesus did: not just in word and speech but also in our actions. Being a branch grafted onto Christ's life is very real and demanding which means we must allow ourselves to be pruned of our bad attitudes and behavior and our self-centeredness so that we can grow and bear new fruit in our lives.

One of the greatest gifts God gives us is the ability to bear fruit – to do something with our lives and to make a difference. By staying dependent on Jesus and remaining on the vine we are given the capacity to build great things, to contribute to noble causes, and to make a difference that will last not only today, but into all eternity.