

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 23rd: Thirtieth Ordinary Sunday

#### *Diocesan Second Collection for World Mission Sunday*

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Janet Turowski

### Monday, October 24th: St. Anthony Mary Claret

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Louise Berdis

### Tuesday, October 25th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Charles Chase, Wedding Anniversary by  
Charlotte and Family

### Wednesday, October 26th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Ronald Lubak by daughter Darlene Stadler

### Thursday, October 27th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

### Friday, October 28th: Sts. Simon and Jude

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Christine Brower Krolczyk by Mother  
and Family

### Saturday, October 29th: Weekday

Private (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

### Sunday, October 30th: Thirty-First Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Anita Lewis by Mary Ann Lurnoff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by  
Kulig Estate

### Monday, October 31st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

### Tuesday, November 1st: All Saints Day

#### *A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Deceased Family Members of  
the Cieslak and Lewis Families by Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Cieslak

→4:00pm (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Stanley Janikowski by Judy and Don Halcom

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

2) Prayers for more vocations to religious life

### St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Stanley & Jane Lipinski by Caroline Larson

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ OCTOBER 16, 2022

*Sunday Offertory: \$1,658.50*

*World Mission Sunday: \$30.00*

Today, October 23rd the Diocesan  
Special Collection for Mission Sunday.

### Expenses

*New Missalettes: \$670.88*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

*2022 Goal: \$31,397.00*

*Pledged: \$10,944.00      Paid: \$8,999.00*

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**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**

Today we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of **World Mission Sunday**. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in our collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Kellog** who recently went home to the Lord. Kathleen was the aunt of **Rod Showers**. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

The **East Erie Deanery Pastoral Planning** group met this past Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Boniface Church. The presentation was primarily centered on reacquainting those who attended with the process of Pastoral Planning. There was additional discussion on how parishes in the East Erie Deanery would begin to collaborate on Religious Education and Faith Formation followed by a question-and-answer session. Our parish was represented by Rod Showers, Bob Mazur, Helen Gangemi, and Fr. Jerry Priscaro. I will keep you updated as the planning process unfolds and expands.

GECAC has asked us to collect **Winter Coats for the less fortunate**. Cards are available in the back of church that contain the name, age, size, and color preference for the needy person. If you are unable to do a coat you may donate a blanket and socks. Please place your donations on the tables in the back of church. Collection dates are today Oct. 23 and next Sunday, October 30 after the 11:00 AM Mass.

The **East Side Neighborhood Watch** group led by Fr. Jerry Priscaro will be meeting this Thursday, October 27 at St. Ann Church Social Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The **Latin Mass Community** at St. Hedwig Church invites everyone to their annual **Fall Dance** on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. The donation will be collected at the door. Enjoy an evening of family fun and fellowship featuring John Meluch, MC and Fun Dance Instructor. There will be Polkas, Reels, Line, Square, Round and Swing dances along with games, a Chinese Auction, and contests. Each family is asked to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share and beverages (iced tea, lemonade and water) will be provided.

The **2022 Joan of Arc Ministries Women's Conference** (formerly called Catholic Women's Fellowship), *RESTORE*, will be held on Nov. 5 at North Catholic High School, 1617 Route 228, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, 16066. The event includes talks by Heather Khym from the Abiding Together Podcast, Katie Prejean McGrady from Sirius XM radio, and Father Joe Freedy. Join together with hundreds of women for Eucharistic adoration, confession, a time of prayer devoted to Our Lady, and a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Bishop Mark Eckman. Ticket price of \$50 includes breakfast and lunch.

### **Tax Collector or Pharisee?**

Reflecting on this week's Gospel, we can ask ourselves: "Am I more like the tax collector or am I more like the Pharisee?" In all likelihood most of us are not totally like the Pharisee or tax collector which means we can learn a great deal from both.

The tax collector gives us a lesson in humility. Now when Jesus asks us to be humble, he isn't telling us to give up our self-confidence, to walk around with our head bowed, or that we have to go after those who choose to be in the spotlight or seek congratulations for their accomplishments. What he is asking us to do is to acknowledge our own weaknesses, our reliance on God's mercy and to serve God with enthusiasm and to treat those with different economic and social positions the same as God treats them - with the same love and mercy we receive. Jesus favors the heartfelt prayer of the tax collector over his many supposedly righteous deeds and words of the Pharisee because Jesus felt that only the tax collector was being sincere in what he prayed.

On the other hand, it is easy for us to fall into the same trap that snared the Pharisee and look down on others who we presume to be less than us.

Simply doing religious practices is not enough, simply coming here every week is not enough. We must allow what happens here to turn our hearts to God and that means acknowledging and accepting that God is in control.

Being humble means giving God credit for our success, thinking of others more highly than ourselves and doing good for the sake of good rather than for our own gain.

Being humble means moving from an it's all-about-me philosophy into an it's all about you philosophy. To forget about seeking the spotlight and instead be content helping others even though God may be the only witness to our actions.

Instead of helping a friend because we know our friend will speak highly of us to others, we help because of the true joy we find in helping.

So, in our Gospel the Pharisee asks for praise. The tax collector gives it. The tax collector asks for mercy because he needs it. The Pharisee shows no mercy because to him it is just for the weak.

So, how would the people in our lives describe us? As a tax collector or as a Pharisee?