

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish



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.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 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!

Lenten Practices, Regulations and Observances

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

Good Friday is a day 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.

Lenten Goodies—Place Your Order Today!

Nut Rolls contact Mike 969-0497.

Pierogi Sale contact Karen 882-8656.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 9th: Vigil Mass**

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

Sunday, March 10th: First Sunday of Lent

All Masses are on Daylight Savings Time ~ Spring Forward

- 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

Monday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl
 12:05 pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek by Skrypek Family

Tuesday, March 12th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald Berdis and Deceased Family by The Berdis Family
 12:05 pm (SA) John & Bessie Weber and Family by Vicki Weber Estate

Wednesday, March 13th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Michael Homansky, Anniversary by Stahon Family
 12:05 pm (SA) Good Health for Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom

Thursday, March 14th: Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph Habas
 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry Berdis

Friday, March 15th: Lenten Weekday***A Day of Abstinence***

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
 8:00 am (SC) Donald Wiertel, Anniversary by Ropelewski Family
 12:05 pm (SA) Cieslak & Lewis Families by Ed & Linda Cieslak
 1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross
 6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 16th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Caroline Baran, Anniversary by daughter Loretta
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 17th: Second Sunday of Lent***SAINT PATRICK'S DAY***

- 8:00 am (SC) Michael Kuhar by Eileen & Anne Marie Ropelewski
 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:** Patrick Hart by The Hart Family
 11:00 am (SC) Walter & Irene Burenko by The Burenko Family
 →2:00 pm (SC) Gorzkie Zale & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**Holy Family**

- 1) Living & Deceased of The Slovak National Club
 - 2) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul Galla
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl
- 2) Vocations to Priest and Religious Life

St. Casimir's

- 1) Helen Dolak by Old Neighbors
- 2) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph Habas

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (3/10) First Sunday of Lent. Daylight Savings Time Begins. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30AM Latin Mass (SC). 2PM Gorzkie Zale and Benediction (SC). Rectory office is closed.

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Friday (3/15) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before and after the 12:05PM Mass at St. Ann's. 1PM Stations of the Cross (SA). 6PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (SC).

Saturday (3/16) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).

Sunday (3/17) Second Sunday of Lent and Saint Patrick's Day. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30AM Latin Mass (SC). 2PM Gorzkie Zale and Benediction (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Pierogi Sale sponsored by OMOS Pastoral Council. Homemade Cheese Filled Pierogis', Bag of 6 for \$5. Place your order today by signing the order form in the back of church or call 882-8656. Pick up available March 10, 17, 24 & 30 and April 7 and 14 in the St. Casimir's Social Hall from Noon to 1PM.

Famous Nut Roll Sale contact Mike Kuzma to order.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the First Sunday of Lent. Blessings and Graces, Peace and Joy to all of you! †God has given us another Lent! Make this your best Lent! Resolve today to keep Lent with the traditional practices of Prayer, Penance, and Alms Giving! Prayer should include the Holy Mass on the weekends and during the week when possible. Confession and Holy Communion along with the Rosary, Chaplet of divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, and other favorite prayers and private practices are recommended. Penance includes fasting, abstinence from meat on Fridays, other acts of private and individual penance. Alms Giving can include the CSA, Lenten Boxes, Rice Bowls, the Poor Box, and any other acts of charity and care for the poor and needy that surround us. Make a Good Lent! †The Diocesan Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited St. Ann's Church last week for prayer and veneration. The statue is moving through the diocese during Holy Lent. All are welcome to visit and pray before the statue. †The rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy follow the Noon masses 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 1PM at St. Ann's and 6PM at St. Casimir's. The traditional polish Lenten Devotion, the Gorzkie Zale will begin today the Frist Sunday of Lent, March 10th at 2PM 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". 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 busy preparing for the court of honor to 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! †Fish dinners continue at St. Stanislaus Parish, 516 E. 13th St., Erie, PA. Dinners are scheduled for Fridays, March 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. Fish dinner are also held at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Mt. Carmel Church, Blessed Sacrament Church, and St. Luke's Church. Pick a good one! † **Mike Kuzma** is taking orders for our nut rolls ready on Palm Sunday. Call **Mike** at 969-0497 to order or for more information. Our parish council is sponsoring a pierogi sale throughout Lent. Call **Karen** at 882-9656 to order or place your order in church. Last day for the sale is Palm Sunday. Home made Cheese Filled Pierogis are sold 6 for \$5. Order today and pay when you pick up your orders. †Thank you for all that you do for our Lord Jesus, your parish, your churches, and your priests, deacon, ministers and all who serve you! 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, Joy, Gladness and Many Blessings to all! Make a Good Lent!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Please Welcome! Our new lectors Joe Malinowski and Paul Roman. Continue to encourage and pray for them as they serve the Lord by proclaiming his word! If you are interested in serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Minister) please see me. Training will be provided.

Special thanks to Michelle Schroeder who always does an excellent job of scheduling our ministers!

Knights of Columbus Update...The meeting at Ricardo's on Monday, February 25 was very productive. In addition to great company and conversation the groundwork was laid for the Knights presence in our Parish. While we are still waiting to acquire the 20 members required for a Council we do have enough to form a Roundtable which is very similar to a Council.

The Mother of Sorrows K of C Roundtable will attend the St. Boniface Council meetings in order to learn more about planning and organizing. Once officers are elected the Roundtable will begin its work in the Parish. Currently they are planning on helping with the Nut Roll sale and other functions with the parish.

Please pray for the success of our Knights! If you are interested in becoming a Knight please contact Fr. Jerry Priscaro or myself.

In the Desert...In our Gospel the devil entices Jesus to give into temptation by saying "If you are the Son of God..." It is true that Jesus is divine, but he is also fully human and he resists the devil's temptations to put aside his humanity and act like God, thus remaining true to himself.

Our forty days in this Lenten desert are about us resisting our temptations and focusing our lives more perfectly on God, thus remaining true to ourselves. The traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to resist the temptations of the devil and to make clear and committed choices that enable us to live more perfectly as God intends us to.

If we haven't already, it is still not too late to think about and pray over our Lenten plans. Let us make these forty days a special time to grow in our relationship with God and with others.

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, Kay Majersky, 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 Wieczorek, 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 Wieczorek, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, 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 17, 2019

4:00 MASS \$687.00

8:00 MASS \$553.37

9:30 LATIN MASS \$720.10

11:00 MASS \$966.00

CANDLES \$168.50

TOTAL \$3,094.97

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Commitment Sunday for the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal was last Sunday, 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 were 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.

CSA 2019 as of February 27, 2019

Pledged: \$1,161.00

Paid: \$626.00

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Faith Formation News...March 10th:

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

*Elementary: March 17, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary.

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.