

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 28th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Brad Madara by wife & children  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski, OFM,  
Anniversary from Rick and Ron Bolla

### Monday, March 29th: Monday of Holy Week

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Helena Maciejczyk, Anniversary by  
Christine Visosky

### Tuesday, March 30th: Tuesday of Holy Week

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Good Health & Healing for Monica  
Palkovic from Mom and Family

### Wednesday, March 31st: Wednesday of Holy Week

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla  
5:30pm (SC) Richard Davis, Anniversary by Mr. and  
Mrs. Vic Kowalski

### Thursday, April 1st: Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday Service—Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*Adoration follows both Services*  
5:00pm (SC) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by  
Kulig Estate  
7:30 pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Mary Ann Shade  
and Family

### Friday, April 2nd: Good Friday-Passion of the Lord

#### *A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

No Masses Today  
Good Friday Service with Communion—Passion of the Lord  
11:45 am (SA) Rosary  
12:05 pm (SA) Good Friday Service  
1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross  
1:00 pm (SC) Good Friday Service  
6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 3rd: Holy Saturday

No First Saturday Mass (moved to April 10th)  
1:00 pm (SC) Blessing of the Easter Food & Baskets  
8:30 pm (SC) The Great Easter Vigil offered  
for Rev. James T. O'Hara

### Sunday, April 4th: Easter Sunday

#### **The Resurrection of the Lord**

Private Mass Intention:  
Jean B. Bargielski, Anniversary by Daughters  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Edward Kowalski,  
Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and  
Lisa Galla

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

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

### St. Ann's

1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

### St. Casimir's

1) Lucille Murawski by Victoria and Andrew  
2) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson, Pat DeVore,  
and Charlotte Prez

## Holy Week Schedule

Please pay close attention to our Holy Week  
Schedule (refer to Masses for the Week) for the  
times and locations of our services, confessions,  
stations, and Masses.

*Wishing you a blessed Holy Week  
and a very happy and holy Easter season.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory for 3/21/2021: \$2,127.00

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$10,587.00      Paid: \$5,542.00

We are a little more than half way to our goal! \$9,577.00  
remains to hit our goal of \$20,165.00. We can do it with  
your help! Please send in your Pledge/Payment today.  
Simply use the CSA envelope in your monthly packet or  
you may pick one up in the back of church.  
With your help we can go over the top!!!! Remember every  
dollar over our goal remains right here in our parish.

*Please remember during this time you may drop  
your weekly offertory and other contributions in the  
mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the  
rectory office.*

The parish office is located at  
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

*Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!*

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the  
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## ***FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD***

You are invited to join us for a **Holy Hour** that will be held at **Holy Family Church** on Tuesday, March 30 from 5pm to 6pm. There will be time for silent prayer, meditation and public recitation on the rosary.

It was just a short year ago that we closed our churches to public masses and worship was restricted to live-streaming. Thankfully this year we will be able to observe Holy Week in person, yet we still must be mindful of the protocols such as wearing masks, social distancing, and washing/sanitizing hands. In an effort to maintain a safe worship environment there will be some modifications to the Holy Week Liturgies. Today, the blessed palms will be distributed after mass and you may pick them up as you leave. On Holy Thursday the procession at the end of Mass will be only with the priest or deacon. On Good Friday veneration of the cross will take place **after** the service and everyone is asked not to touch the cross but to simply bow or genuflect in front of it. In spite of the minor restrictions, let's make this a true Holy Week!

The **Easter Vigil Mass** will be celebrated at St. Casimir Church on Saturday evening at 8:30 pm. This is the most important Mass in the Catholic Church as Catholics throughout the entire world will celebrate this most holy of nights, in union with Jesus Christ and with all of their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. The Vigil is very rich in symbolism and Word and encompasses all that we believe as Catholic Christians. It is also an evening where new members are welcomed into the church although we have none from our parish this year. Please consider participating in this very holy and unifying experience.

Starting today, Palm Sunday, the diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at the website listed below. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but they are open to everyone. The website will include prayer resources relevant to all ages, including people who live alone and young families. Have a blessed Holy Week. <https://www.eriecd.org/holyweekathome.htm>

### **Staying True to Jesus!**

This week as we meditate on the events surrounding the Passion of our Lord, one of the most stunning scenes is Peter in the courtyard.

Peter, warming himself by the fire and concerned for his own safety denied Jesus and, swore falsely in order to capture a moment of warmth and acceptance from the world while fracturing his relationship with the Lord. When he realized what he had thrown away, how he turned against his Friend, he had nothing left to do but to be blinded by his tears never to forget this moment of shame.

Today we live in a world that often makes us squeamish about our commitment to Jesus Christ. Many are eager for the world's approval and often they buy it even at the price of denying that they know our Friend, Jesus the Christ. We must never forget how much our relationship and communion with Jesus changes us and identifies us. Peter learned this the hard way – he did not deny a doctrine, rather he hurt a relationship.

Jesus reminds us that as his disciples, as Christians we are called to be outstanding in those controversial, inconvenient situations in the world that cause us to call our whole commitment to Christ in doubt. As we enter into this most holy and sacred time of the year, let us take time to examine our relationship with Jesus, and vow never to deny it like Peter did.

Let's focus on being grateful for the gift of faith by which our lives are immeasurably blessed and resolve to always demonstrate our faith by following the teachings of Jesus in all areas of our lives. Let's treat people the way we would want to be treated, and share our faith with others so we too are faithful witnesses to the teachings of our Lord.



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