

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2002 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, May 22nd: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Private (SA) Joseph Santillo by Dr. Hal Angeloff  
 10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
 11:00 am (SC) Family and Friends of Loretta Baran

**Monday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Leo and Sharon Swigonski and Family

**Tuesday, May 24th: Easter Weekday**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Barb and Dave Danylko

**Wednesday, May 25th: Easter Weekday**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jean Wroblewski

**Thursday, May 26th: The Ascension of the Lord  
 A Holy Day of Obligation**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wieczorek by Joann Calabrese

➔4:00pm (SC) Patricia Heubel by Judy Burke

**Friday, May 27th: St. Augustine of Canterbury**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

**Saturday, May 28th: Easter Weekday**

Private (SA): Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

**Sunday, May 29th: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Private (SA) Joseph Borczon by G. Palmer  
 10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
 11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas, Birthday by Walter and Joann Karloski

**Monday, May 30th: Easter Weekday/Memorial Day**

➔9:30am (SA) Confessions  
 ➔10:00am (SA) Rev. Daniel Prez and Living and Deceased Family Members by Jean Wroblewski

**Tuesday, May 31st: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by John and Judy Stanek

**Wednesday, June 1st: St. Justin**

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
 12:05pm (SA) Jack and Mary Lou Rovnak by Rose Marie Bargielski

**Ascension Thursday—May 26th-A Holy Day of Obligation**  
 12:05PM Mass at Saint Ann's Church  
 4:00PM Mass at Saint Casimir's Church



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**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR:** Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

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

**St. Ann's**

1) Bishop Donald Trautman by Parishioners  
 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

**St. Casimir's**

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek  
 2) Pray for all vocations to religious life

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

Offertory: \$2,979.00

Good Shepherd: \$158.00

International Needs: \$50.00

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

Offertory: \$2,112.00

Good Shepherd: \$35.00

International Needs: \$183.00

**Expenses**

Utility Expenses 4/1/2022 to 5/17/2022: \$10,535.25  
 Self Insurance: \$18,651.00 yearly

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$8,353.00 Paid: \$6,083.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Working together we can reach our goal!

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 your CSA contribution. Please do not include it on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

**Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!**

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 \* **Please note the Mass time for Memorial Day.** \*  
 \* **10:00 AM Mass at Saint Ann's Church** \*  
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## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

**Thank you** for supporting the Mother's Day Flower Sale that was sponsored by People for Life. They took in \$265.

Please continue to pray for victims and their families of that tragic shooting that took place in Buffalo. While we continue to grope for solutions to end this type of violence, we must never stop seeking the help of our Lord.

The next steps in the **East Erie Deanery Pastoral Planning Process** will involve the formation of four possibilities group: Faith Formation, Evangelization/Outreach, Finance, and Physical Plant/Infrastructure. Each working group will be made up of parishioners from across the East Erie Deanery. The main task of the groups will be to set goals and they will consist of individuals who have vision and gifts for dreaming of "what could be." There will also be four planning groups formed. The difference between the two bodies is the former is charged with envisioning possibilities and the latter is charged with taking those visions and tempering them with reality: future demographics, financial variables, locations and conditions of the buildings, seating capacity, and availability of clergy. Bob Merski will represent our parish as the lead for the Faith Formation group.

**Speaking of reality**, we are all aware of the challenges facing our diocese and parishes such as the priest shortage, reduced attendance, reduced offertory income, and older buildings with pressing maintenance needs. Few parishes are spared from these problems however smaller ones like ours are really starting to feel the pinch. The weekly bulletin will begin to include a little more financial information so that you are more aware of our income and our expenses. One of the larger expenses for this month was for our Property, Liability, and Worker's Comp insurance that we are required to maintain. Our annual cost for this insurance is \$18, 651 and we pay it in three installments. This month we paid \$7,460. In September we will pay \$5,995 followed by a payment of \$5,595 in December. Last month one of our larger expenses was a gas bill of \$4,000 for one of our facilities. To put it in perspective our monthly income in a good month is around \$7,000 on average and that is also starting to show signs of decreasing. We are not alone as many parishes in Erie are in similar or worse circumstances. Our Finance and Pastoral Councils have been meeting to address these issues. Please continue to pray for the Church and for our parish.

**Staying safe from scams.** In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information including a request for gift cards of any type exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

The Altar Society at **Sacred Heart Parish** in Erie is hosting its **69<sup>th</sup> annual spaghetti dinner** today May 22 from noon to 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church auditorium, 816 W. 25th St. Drive-through only. The cost for dinner is \$13, and a quart of meatballs and sauce is \$8. Take a chance on four theme baskets, valued at \$250 each, and a 50/50 raffle.

### **Peace be with you!**

Think for a moment about the last time we felt a deep sense of peace in our hearts. How long did that time of tranquility last? Often, we wonder is it possible to have lasting peace or to feel abiding security in our spirits. As humans our hearts are always in search of peace. We seek the joy of knowing that we are loved unconditionally and we long for the strength and opportunity to love fully in return. We search for certainty and meaning and the assurance that our lives have a mission with eternal consequences.

In our Gospel Jesus gives the gift of peace to his apostles. He knows what is going to happen to him, what will happen to his disciples, and what will happen to the Church. But he not only knows what will happen, he is in charge of it. He says "Peace, I give you." This is the first time we hear this word on the lips of Jesus in the Gospel of John and it will go on to become one of the most important words we hear from him in the resurrection appearances.

The Greek word for "peace" Eirene means to "bind together" something that has been broken or disjointed. The peace Jesus bestowed on his apostles and offers to us is more than the absence of conflict or anxiety, but a deep abiding peace that allows us to live in friendship with God, in tranquility, and confidence. A peace that enables us to not be afraid in the face of turmoil and adversity.

The disciples were afraid – they didn't want Jesus to leave them and they had no idea what to do next. Yet Jesus told them "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." He assured them, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything. They would never have to go at it alone! Nor do we - Jesus has our backs!

So, the peace Jesus gives is not absence of strife or contention, but the fruit of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. It means that no matter what happens to us we will find, in Jesus, comfort and light that will protect us from being troubled or afraid. It is knowing that if we believe and turn to him, Jesus will make his home in our hearts.