

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 14th: Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private (SA) Julia Borczon Mack by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Family and Friends of Loretta Baran

Monday, May 15th: Saint Isidore

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Roy Lowrance by H. Lee

Tuesday, May 16th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

Wednesday, May 17th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and Rod Showers

Thursday, May 18th: The Ascension of the Lord

A Holy Day of Obligation

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by St. Ann's Guild

➔ 4:00pm (SC) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

Friday, May 19th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Peter, Antoinette, and Steven Mancuso by daughter and sister Deloris Olson

Saturday, May 20th: St. Bernardine of Siena

Private: Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, May 21st: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Special Collection ~ International Needs

Private (SA) Norman Borczon by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by loving Mother

Monday, May 22nd: St. Rita of Cascia

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder, Birthday by Chris Falk

Tuesday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Stephen Waterford by H. Lee

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Jackie May Dylewski and Dolly Gangemi by Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

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

St. Ann's

1) Rose Marie Skrypek, Birthday by husband Bob Skrypek

2) Health and Healing of Dr. Hal Angeloff by Sam and Helen Gangemi

St. Casimir's

1) Barbara J. Juchno by Judie & Peter Pentz

2) To All Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 7, 2023

Offertory: \$2,442.004

Good Shepherd Collection: \$50.00

Expenses

Annual Copier Contract = \$842.40

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$6,448.00 Paid: \$4,898.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

PLEASE USE OUR CORRECT ADDRESS!

The Parish Office address is
630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.

The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp.

All mail and other correspondence is to be addressed to and mailed to or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave.

Office hours are by appointment only.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

GECAC has invited us, Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, to participate in their "Spring" clean-up collection. Items will be distributed to the many needy families at the end of May. Items requested are Laundry Pods, Dryer Sheets, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, All Purpose Cleaner and Disinfected Wipes. For your convenience bags are available in the back of church. Please return you donations on May 21st or 28th. Items will be picked up after the 11AM Mass. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy project.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Ascension Thursday, May 18 is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Thursday masses are at 12:05 pm at St. Ann and 4:00 pm at St. Casimir.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and to all women who are like a mother to us. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

There are no **Pastoral Planning** updates to report this week. To stay current on the planning process visit: www.eriercd.org/planning.html.

The annual **Collection for International Needs**, will be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on May 21. This collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands. As members of the worldwide Catholic family, we can be proud of the Church's outreach to our fellow brothers and sisters of the human family. Believers and non-believers alike know first-hand of the generosity of Catholics the world over.

The **104th annual Novena to St. Ann** will be held from July 18 – 26, 2023 at St. Ann Church. Our guest speaker this year is Passionist Priest Father Francis Landry from St. Ann's Shrine in Scranton, PA. Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Saturday Masses at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Sunday Masses at 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

The **new roof was put on the St. Ann rectory** this week. All costs were covered by donations and funds from a special St. Ann Building and Development account. This account was established several years ago for the sole purpose of covering repairs and improvements to St. Ann Church and the rectory. **No funds were used from the Parish's general account.** A special thanks to all who donated toward the new roof.

Our **Knights Council** has joined together with 23 other Knights Councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct our annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. It will **benefit the Women's Care Center** of Erie's goal of purchasing a new, state of the art **Ultrasound Machine** to replace an older unit at one of their other locations. We ask that you fill the bottles with your coins, cash, or checks and return them by the weekend of June 10-11. Paper currency or checks may be put in the envelopes that can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the Parish office. Please make all checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your time and we pray that you will join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.

All Saints Parish in Waterford is sponsoring a **luncheon and gift auction** on May 21 from 1-4 p.m. at 11264 Rt. 97 N., Waterford. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the parish's various ministries.

A **relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** — author of the Eucharistic Miracle website as well as the first millennial to be beatified — will be available for veneration at several locations in the Diocese of Erie beginning May 23. In addition, a relic of **St. Manuel González García**, known as the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle, will be included in this event offered as part of the national Eucharistic revival. All are invited to take advantage of this inspirational opportunity before the relics leave the United States to continue their global tour in the coming weeks. Find dates, locations and times for public veneration at www.eriercd.org/relics.html.

Keep My Commandments!

In our Gospel this week, we are with Jesus and his Apostles in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. With only hours to live, Jesus speaks of what is going to happen to him, the cross, the resurrection, his ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Then he tells his Apostles and us plainly: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." So what does it mean to keep Jesus' commandments? It means much more than reducing our faith to a set of rules to follow and a checklist of actions to accomplish. It means that we follow Jesus' way of life – a life characterized by deep care for others. A life of love!

This call to love Jesus by following his commandments by loving and caring for our neighbors is challenging. To truly love another human being requires much from us. Keeping the commandments means much more than pray, pay, and obey – it means that each of us love and care for our neighbours.

One way we can keep Jesus' commandments is by living in hope. Even in our current times, when things seem so uncertain and difficult, we can dare to hope. Hope, prayer, and love for one another is what has enabled people over the centuries to endure difficulties and trials in the darkest moments.

The witness of hope amid life's challenges can be a powerful message. If we want to see the love of Christ in action, what it means to keep his commandments, all we need to do is turn to the examples of love and kindness that people are extending to each other.

Our Gospel challenges each of us to move beyond fear, skepticism, disillusionment, and perhaps hopelessness – thinking there is nothing we can do. We are not alone - Jesus did not abandon us to carry out this ministry of love without support. He sent his Spirit to abide with us.

Our world is starving for the love of Christ and much of it does not even know it. It is longing to hear the words Jesus shared with his apostles. It is yearning for hope and where will it come from? Each of us must do more than just "follow the rules." We must bring the hope and love of Christ to others in any way we can, no matter how large or small.

As Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote, "Christ has no body on earth without us." So, if we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?