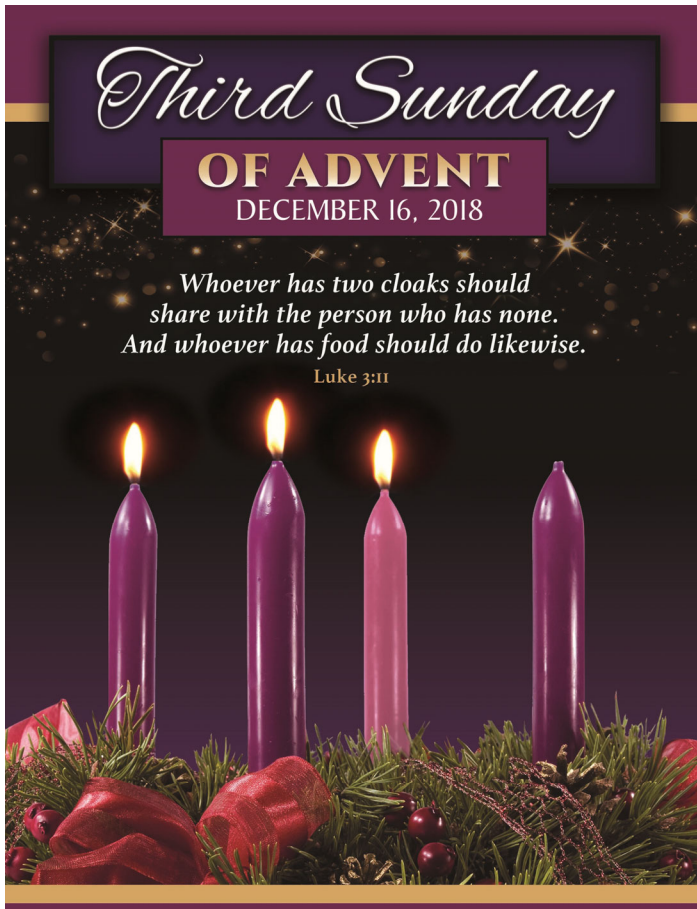


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Rectory/Business Office

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PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara
DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00AM to Noon
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: Closed

*These days and times may vary. Refer to the
Week Ahead Schedule inside or call the office.*



Third Sunday of Advent. The third candle will be lite at all weekend Masses. Join us during the advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Make a good Advent!

The traditional **CHRISTMAS WAFERS, THE OPLATKI**, are blessed and available for you to pick up. Your **generous** offering helps cover the cost of preparing and making the wafers available for you. Please place your contribution in a plain envelope marked Oplatki/Christmas Wafers. You may also obtain Oplatki in the back of St. Casimir's Church or at the rectory office during regular office hours.



Have you taken your ornament?! There is still time to pick your ornament or two off the Giving Tree to help the many elderly individuals, who live right here in our neighborhood. Your kindness and gift will give them a Happy Christmas. No Names will be provided just items they wish for, such as gift cards, a warm blanket, pajamas, slippers, etc. Please take one or maybe two ornaments off the tree. Instructions may be found next to the tree. Thank you!

December 16th Faith Formation Classes: Middle, high school, Confirmation: Dec. 16 ~ 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at St. John rectory. NO CLASSES on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30. If you have any questions, please call Mary Hickin at 920-7525.



Help us decorate
the church for
Christmas

Help us get ready for Christmas! All are invited to stay following the 11:00 Mass today, **Sunday December 16** to decorate the church for Christmas. We will hang wreaths, set up the trees as well as the Nativity. A light lunch of soup, salad and rolls will be provided! Plan to join us to share some fellowship and Christmas Spirit.



Christmas Mass Schedule ~ all Masses will be held at Saint Casimir's Church
Monday, December 24th Vigil Masses at 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM.
Tuesday, December 25th Christmas Day Masses at 8:00AM, 9:30AM Latin, and 11:00AM.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 15th: Vigil Mass

- 6:45 am (SC) Early Advent Latin Mass with Fr. James Power as the celebrant
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Edwin S. Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 16th: Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the Szabo & Tomczak Families by Louis Szabo
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS**
Owen Farnen, Anniversary by Victor Kowalski Family
- 11:00 am (SC) Ethel Thomas by Thomas Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, December 17th: Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Stanley & Jane Lipinski by Caroline Larson
- 12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Jean

Tuesday, December 18th: Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald & Living & Deceased of the Berdis Family by Sr. Kevin Berdis
- 12:05 pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

Wednesday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph
- 12:05 pm (SA) Intentions of Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcomb

Thursday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Helen Pochatko by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry Berdis

Friday, December 21st: Late Advent Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Ethelyn Mayer, John Farnum's Mother, by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Mr. & Mrs. R. Dunsmore by Steve Zielonka

Saturday, December 22nd: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Clara & Harry (Pete) Rzomp by Susan & Patrick Rzomp
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, December 23rd: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am (SC) Daniel A. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters & Brother
- 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS** ~ *Celebrant: Fr. James Power Kelly Morando by Anna & David Dieteman*
- 11:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald and Living & Deceased of The Berdis by Sister Kevin Berdis

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Intentions of Mike & Linda Kuzma
 - 2) Fr. Donald & Living & Deceased of The Berdis Family by Sister Kevin Berdis
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Intentions of Jean Wroblewski
- 2) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry Berdis

St. Casimir's

- 1) Christine Krolczyk-Grolemund
- 2) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph

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.
Thank you for your service to our country.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday (12/16) Third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete Sunday.** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses. Decorate church for Christmas after the 11:00 Mass, all are welcome.
- Monday (12/17)** Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.
- Tuesday (12/18)** Rectory office open 10AM-Noon.
- Wednesday (12/19)** Rectory Office is closed.
- Thursday (12/20)** Rectory office is closed.
- Friday (12/21)** Rectory office is closed.
- Saturday (12/22)** Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Lighting of the Advent Wreath at the 4PM Vigil Mass.
- Sunday (12/23) Fourth Sunday of Advent.** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC) with Fr. Power as our celebrant. Rectory office is closed. Lighting of the Advent Wreath at all Masses.

MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are available. Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You can win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available in our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and start joining the winners circle.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Norbert Sulecki,
 Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
 Friends and Benefactors
*Our deepest sympathy to the families
 and friends of the deceased.
 May they rest in peace.*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Today we traditionally use the old rose colored vestments. Come Lord Jesus! We promise to prepare well for your coming at Christmas and at the end of time. Come Lord Jesus, King of Mercy! †The Advent Wreath will be lit again today with three candles burning including the rose colored candle. Come Lord Jesus! †✦ Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance held recently at Third Street Falcons was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to **Brian Martin, Lisa Matera, and Caroline Larson** and all who helped in anyway. The lucky winner of the 50/50 was **Mr. Craig Fournier** who took home \$330.00. Thanks again to everyone for everything. Same time next year? ✦ † The traditional Christmas Wafers the "Oplatki" are available after all Masses this weekend. Your generous offering helps keep this precious custom alive and well. If any remain they can be found in the back of church. †Today, as always we ask you to pray for vocations especially today we ask prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. According to information provided us by the Diocesan Office of Vocations the following are students for the priesthood at the present time: **John Hepinger, Kevin Holland, Joseph Petrone, Brandon Feikles, Benjamin Dagher, Nicholas Fratus, Christopher Wheeler, Jason Koshinske, Cory Pius, Daniel Weaver, Christopher Beran, Luke Dagher, Thomas Whiteford, Garrett Heyn, and John MacKenzie**. Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. †The annual collection for the retirement fund for Sisters and Religious Order Priests and Brothers was taken up at all Masses last weekend. If you were not prepared last weekend you may still add your gift this weekend or at your convenience. Remember the Sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Remember your favorite Sister who gave a lifetime of service to the Lord. In Thanksgiving remember our retired, ill, and aged Sisters and Religious Order Priests and Brothers in your prayers and financial sacrifices. All the Sisters who served in our parishes over the years and those who are native daughters will benefit from this collection especially the Sisters of Nazareth, the School Sisters of St. Francis, The Sisters of Mercy, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. Help our retired, elderly, ill, infirmed, and senior Sisters and religious order brothers and priests will your generous gift at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your help and keep them in your prayers too. †Important Pro-Life dates to remember: January 12, 2019 Pro-Life Breakfast, January 17, 2019 Bus trip to Washington DC, January 26th, 2019 Erie March for Life. We will give you more information as we get closer to these dates. †We were recently remembered in the wills of **Mr. Stanley Lipinski** and **Mr. Ted Jankowski**. Both were longtime members of St. Casimir's and we are deeply grateful for their generosity. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. May they both rest in peace. †Our favorite native son, **Father John Paul Kuzma, OFM Cap.** hopes to join us for the Feastday of the Holy Family on December 30th. He will celebrate the special Mass at Holy Family Church and hopes that many of you will be able to join him. As we get closer to the day I'll give you more information. †You are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will gather immediately following the 11:00 Mass today, Sunday, December 16th. A light lunch will be prepared for all when we finish. Please join us if you can. All are welcome! † Thanks for coming today and thanks for everything! It is the Third Sunday of Advent! Gaudete Sunday. Make a good Advent! Stay close to the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph! Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Help us get ready for Christmas!

All are invited to stay following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday December 16 to decorate the church for Christmas. We will hang wreaths, set up the trees as well as the Nativity. A light lunch of soup, salad and rolls will be provided! Plan to join us to share some fellowship and Christmas Spirit. For more information please see **Karen Mazur**.

Get in the True Spirit of Christmas!

The **Junior Legion of Mary** will be leading "**An Evening with the O Antiphons**" at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 19 at St. Casimir Church. The evening will consist of prayer, lighting of candles, silence, song and reflection around these special Advent prayers. Please plan on joining us in prayer and to support our young people in this special ministry! Special thanks to **Donna Turbaczewski** for her planning, support, and guidance!

Special Thanks:

To all who participated in our **giving tree** that was sponsored by GECAC. Your generosity was overwhelming and will surely brighten the lives of needy senior citizens right in our neighborhoods. We have shown them the heart of Christ! A special thanks to **Karen Hund, Helen Gangemi** and **Karen Mazur** for coordinating this special effort!

About the O Antiphons:

The "O Antiphons" are a series of seven Advent Prayers developed by Benedictine Monks in the Middle Ages. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies about Jesus and each one begins by beseeching "O" and then addresses Christ using a particular title (Wisdom, Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King, Emmanuel). We often pray these prayers ourselves when we sing the ancient hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The order of each prayer is significant. Starting with the last title in reverse order, the first letter of each (Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia) forms an acrostic: the Latin words *Ero cras*, which speak Jesus' response and promise to us: "Tomorrow, I will come."

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, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Kathy Mays, 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., David & Kelly Sweny, Helen Dolak, 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 McMahon, 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

4:00 MASS \$1,290.04

8:00 MASS \$415.88

LATIN MASS \$529.00

11:00 MASS \$1,507.82

CANDLES \$64.00

TOTAL \$3,806.74

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018

REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 28TH

PLEGGED: \$24,545.00 PAID: \$24,046.00

You still have time to make your pledge/contribution to the 2018 CSA. Simply drop your contribution into the offertory basket! Every donation helps your parish keep the home fires burning.

Envelope are available in your monthly packets or in each of our churches.

Thank you for your continued love and support of your parish, may God Bless you one and all.

Don't forget your parish in your year end giving!

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity. As you consider your year end donations/gifts don't forget to include your beloved parish. *Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!*



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.