

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

November 10, 2019

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE KING OF THE WORLD
WILL RAISE US UP
TO LIVE AGAIN FOREVER.
- 2 MACCABEES 7:9 -



Please join us for our **Annual Parish Christmas Party!**
Saturday, December 7th,

at the Third Street Polish Falcons. 6-10PM. Buffet Dinner. Join us for an evening of good food and good friends. Invite your friends and family too! Dinner and 50/50 tickets **are now on sale** at all Masses or in the rectory office.



Giving Tree Plans are in place to sponsor the Giving Tree for Needy Seniors again this year. Look for more information in the coming weeks. GECAC was extremely grateful for the generosity and support from the parish last year. Many of us saw first-hand how your generosity made such a difference in the lives of many!

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Saint Casimir Church

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Saint Ann Church

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Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

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).

Monday, November 11, 2019

Veterans Day



God's Blessings and Thank you to all who served our county.



November is the month of the Poor Souls and National Vocation Awareness Month. Remember to pray each and every day for all of the poor souls, family and friends, for the seminarians in our diocese and for an increase in all religious vocations.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 9th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Deceased Members of the Bolla Family by Rick & Ron Bolla
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, November 10th: Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Friends, Enemies, Relatives of Jim and Darlene Davis
- 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass**
Amy Farnen (feast) by Victor & Ruth Kowalski
- 11:00 am (SC) Ted Mazur by Family
- 11:40 am (SC) Baptisms of Cameron Stull and Theodore Nicholas Irwin

Monday, November 11th: St. Martin of Tours and Veteran's Day

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Raymond Lojewski by Estate
- 12:05 pm (SA) All Veterans Living and Deceased

Tuesday, November 12th: St. Josaphat

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Joe Zielinski by Pat & Norb Kaczmarek
- 12:05 pm (SA) Marie Dzuricky by Thomas Dzuricky

Wednesday, November 13th: St. Frances Xavier

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Helen Mae Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Thursday, November 14th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Joan Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by Dr. Tony Berdis

Friday, November 15th: St. Albert the Great

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Alex & Eugenia Stodolski by Grandson, Don Barnes
- 12:05 pm (SA) Henry Hart, Anniversary by Hart Family

Saturday, November 16th: St. Margaret/Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Eileen Gilmore, Anniversary by Family
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 17th: Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Deceased of the Szabo & Tomczak Families by Lou Szabo
- 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) Fran Kierzek by Linn Wasielewski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) All Veteran's Living and Deceased
- 2) All Veteran's Living and Deceased
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Johanna Berdis by Dr. Tony Berdis
- 2) Living & Deceased Officers & Members of The Slovak National Club

St. Casimir's

- 1) Henry Hart by The Hart Family
- 2) All Veteran's Living and Deceased

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Mr. Peter West who celebrated his birthday on November 2nd!

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday (11/10)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.
- Monday (11/11) Veteran's Day, a Federal Holiday.** Rectory office is closed.
- Tuesday (11/12)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.
- Wednesday (11/13)** Rectory office is closed.
- Thursday (11/14)** Rectory Office is closed.
- Friday (11/15)** Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.
- Saturday (11/16)** 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.
- Sunday (11/17)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

The November Schedule was not available on the day of publication of this bulletin.

Annual Parish Christmas Party



Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2019



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. †November is the month of the Poor Souls. Turn in your intentions for the All Soul's Day Masses at your convenience. †November is also National Vocations Awareness Month. Please pray for any increase in Religious Vocations each day this month. **Father Michael Polinek**, the Diocesan Vocation Director, has sent us a packet of information about vocations and the annual vocation's poster with the photo's of our seminarians. Please keep all of them in your daily prayers. The seminarians for the diocese for 2019-2010 are: **Deacons Kevin Holland and Joseph Petrone, Brandon Feikles, Ben Dagher, Nicholas Fratus, Christopher Wheeler, Cory Pius, Daniel Weaver, Christopher Beran, Luke Dagher, Thomas Whitfore, Michael Scanga, Dominic Ellis, and Jared Lichtinger.** Keep all seminarians in your thoughts and daily prayers. †Belated birthday greetings to **Father Leo Gallina**, a retired priest of the Erie Diocese, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. **Father Leo** takes our first Saturday Mass at St. Ann's when able. Happy Birthday **Father Leo!** †Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Mr. Norbert Figurski** who died recently. **Norb** was one of the founders of the Blue Army of Fatima and a promoter of devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. May he rest in peace. †Each month we distribute 70+ food baskets and more during the holidays through our Food Pantry! The number increases each week. Soon we hope to give Thanksgiving Baskets to the needy right here in our own neighborhood. Thank you for your help by using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packets for our food pantry. We will give you more information soon. Stick with us! †Continued wishes to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club as they continue to recover and rebuild after that unfortunate fire that hit their building a few months ago. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. They are good friends and neighbors. †**Father John Paul Kuzma OFM. Cap.** continues his wonderful work in Philadelphia at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 21 South 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. **Father John Paul** is looking forward to spending a few day in Erie over the Christmas holidays. Sent him a Christmas Card! † We will honor our Vets today at the 11AM Mass. Join us as we pray for all Vets and thank them for their service to our country. Monday, Veteran's Day, our office will be closed as we honor our Veterans! † Thanks for everything! Keep the Faith!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Remembering our Veterans... Tomorrow we celebrate Veterans Day in honor of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date. We are blessed to have many veterans in our parish as well as several men and women still serving on active duty. Let us give thanks to God and continue to pray for all of our veterans as well as those still in service to our country.

Seeing the Truth... In today's Gospel we find Jesus engaged in another question-and-answer session but this time it is between the Sadducees and not the Pharisees – his usual opponents. Interestingly, the topic of the conversation, despite initial outward appearances, is not about marriage, or descendants or even Mosaic Law. It is a debate about resurrection.

The Sadducees did not believe in resurrection, and it is worth noting the occurrence of this encounter is close (two chapters) to the beginning of Jesus' own passion, death and resurrection. It's hard to believe the Sadducees would question and ridicule the idea of the resurrection in the very presence of Jesus whose own Resurrection would be the source of new life for all! It's enough to make us wonder "how blind to the truth can people be?" Fairly blind, most of us would agree. We can dismiss the Sadducees are naïve or misguided in their intentions when it comes to their interaction with Jesus. But we cannot argue that they are unique in their failure to see and understand the truth. Not for their time, and not for ours. Every waking hour we have the opportunity to seek the truth: whether talking with Jesus in prayer or finding God in all things throughout the day in our environment. We may bring our weaknesses and doubts to the encounters, and as such be temporarily blinded to, or refuse to see, the truth before us. But our God, who *is not God of the dead but of the living*, is always there to be found. His desire for us to be in relationship with him, to believe in him and to have eternal life with him is stronger than any barrier of disbelief that we can erect. But we have to be open to removing those barriers and seeing with the eyes of faith. We have one thing in our favor that the Sadducees (as yet) did not: we know the resurrected Jesus. Today, in the presence of the one whose own Resurrection gives us new life, let us profess our faith trusting that God will never leave us blind to the truth.

This week's spiritual exercise: Spend some time meditating on the mystery of the Resurrection. Reflect on our lives – where have we put up barriers of disbelief. How can we more clearly see the truth?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, October 27, 2019

4PM Mass \$879.00
8AM Mass \$705.00
Latin Mass \$689.00
11AM Mass \$395.24
Candles \$66.00
TOTAL \$2,734.24

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

Thank you we had an increase this week! Every donation helps us reach our goal! Big or little it all counts! Help us grow our numbers. If you have not done so please make your commitment today! The CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or envelopes are available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection. Thanks again!

CSA 2019 as of October 29, 2019

Pledged: \$19,858.00 Paid: \$18,773.00

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

Friendly Reminder!!!!

When a change is requested on your monthly envelopes, such as an updated address, or when a parishioner passes away and their envelopes need to be discontinued...Please Please Please remember it may take up to 2 to 3 months for this to be done!

Our envelope provider has very strict and rigid deadlines to provide updated information and if that deadline is past it will not be addressed until the next publishing date. **Patience, please!** *Thank you!*

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 & 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.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draskiewicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, 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, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, 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, John 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.

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 Hawaii), and David Kraut
Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location. Thank you for your service to our country.