

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday and the Solemn Closing of the Private Novena on the Feast of Good St. Ann and Joachim

Thank you to everyone who made the 101st Saint Ann Novena to Good Saint Ann at home this year. We look forward to our 102nd Novena next year.



† Good Saint Ann, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request! †



Good Saint Ann, Pray for Us!

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Saint Casimir Church

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Holy Family Church

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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).



Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 ~ 8am to 8pm

A Great Day to Support Your Parish

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Thank you for your support to your parish. Your prayers, donations, and monetary contributions help keep us alive and well and proud to continue our work, in serving our Lord, here on the East Side!

You can make your support stretch even a little farther by donating to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish by selecting Holy Family Catholic Church on Erie Gives Day, *Tuesday, August 11, 2020*. The event runs for 12 hours between 8AM and 8PM. On this day only, The Erie Community Foundation will match a percentage of each donation that you make to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish by selecting Holy Family Catholic Church when you donate through www.eriegives.org.

Thank you for your continued support!
REMEMBER on August 13th, 2018
from 8AM to 8PM

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

The 12:05PM Daily Mass, at Saint Ann's, will begin on Monday, July 27th. Refer to Deacon Jerry's article for more information.

Saturday, July 25th: St. James/Vigil Mass/Novena Day #8

- (SA) All Making the Saint Ann Novena at Home
- (SA) Habas, Kulig, Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- (SA) Betty Milslagle by Jean Deniziak
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 26th: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday/Saints Ann & Joachim—Close of the St. Ann Novena

- (SA) Living & Deceased of the Zielonis Family by Caroline Zielonis

9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass ~ Catherine and Thomas Dodson by Edwards Family

- (SA) Eric Irons by sister-in-law Lottie Carter

Monday, July 27th: Weekday

- (SC) For the needs of our Parish by Bob & Karen Mazur
- 12:05 pm (SA) In Thanksgiving for the Graces & Blessings of the 101st Saint Ann Novena

Tuesday, July 28th: Weekday

- (SC) Kevin Siembida by Sue & Dave Oldakowski
- 12:05pm (SA) Donald & Jean Purcell by Family

Wednesday, July 29th: St. Martha

- (SC) Wanda Habas & Deceased Relative and Friends by husband Joe
- 12:05pm (SA) Ted & Sally Rzodkiewicz by Daughters & Families

Thursday, July 30th: St. Peter Chrysologus

- (SC) In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Favors of St. Ann Novena
- 12:05 pm (SA) Monica Sorenson by Family and Friends

Friday, July 31st: St. Ignatius of Lovola

- (SC) All Mother's & Father's Day Intentions
- 12:05 pm (SA) Intentions of Charlotte Prez by Friends

First Saturday, August 1st: Vigil Mass

- (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
- (SC) John & Cecilia Walach by Tom, Marleen and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, August 2nd: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday

- (SC) Joseph & Mary Berdis by James & Barbara Berdis
- 9:30 AM (SC) Latin Mass ~ Anna Kowalski by Mom & Dad
- (SC) Lottie & Harry Turowski by daughter Lottie Carter
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.*

Thanks To: The group from the 9:30 Traditional Latin Mass who worked so hard to prepare the church to meet and maintain the protocols for resuming public masses. Due to the work of Chris Lyons, Ruth Kowalski, Jonathan Edwards, and Tim Clint we were able to flawlessly resume this Mass. Also thanks to all who attended for following the protocols and helping to maintain a safe worship environment and to Father Power for being there to celebrate the Mass.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home
- 2) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home
- 2) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home

St. Casimir's

- 1) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home
- 2) For all who made the Saint Ann Novena at home

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (Germany), Austin Agnello, Stephany Agnello, 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.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

The rectory office remains closed until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for June 29, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$1,526.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of July 15, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$11,571.00

Paid Amount: \$9,771.00

We are still \$9,875.00 away from our goal and we could use your help to reach it. Together we can do it! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

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

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

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued

Today is the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Solemn Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim! Please offer your prayers today in Thanksgiving for all of the graces and blessings bestowed upon us during the Saint Ann Novena and for good health and healing for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish, for an end to the Covid-19 virus, for all who are suffering because of the virus, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of all especially those who made the 101st annual Novena to Saint Ann, privately this year due to the virus. Let's continue to pray for one another! †Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also the Easter Duty Obligation to all in the Erie Diocese because of the medical emergency caused by the coronavirus crisis! Stay Home, Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Holy and pray privately! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. †It was with great sadness that we announced that this year's novena was private. We asked you to say the prayers at home and invite your family and friends to join you. All of our priests joined you privately at the altar. We remembered all of you and your intentions. Msgr. Gerald Joseph Koos, Father Jerry Priscaro, Deacon Jerry Sobrowski, and your Pastor Father James T. O'Hara joined you each day of the novena privately at the altar. We will remember the intentions of all making the novena at home! Good Saint Ann, pray for all of us! †Thanks again to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory! You know how much we need your help, both spiritual and financial during this difficult time. You help us pay the bills which never end and you keep us alive and you keep us alive and well. †We will be back in Church next year at this time for our 102nd annual novena and the planning has already begun. This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your prayers. Your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Your support will save the day and help us open soon for public Masses and Sacraments. Good Saint Ann, Pray for us! Amen! †We are all invited today to St. Hippolyte Church in Frenchtown for their annual Chicken or Ham Dinner which is a drive-thru this year. Call the rectory in Frenchtown for more information. †Belated Happy Birthday to Charlotte Prez! She celebrated last week! Happy birthday and Sto Lot to Charlotte! †Congratulations to Nick Walter and Kaden Davis, both on the Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Prep! We are all proud of both of you! †Stay Calm, Stay Healthy, Stay Home! Hope to see all of you soon! Happy Saint Ann's Day! Blessings to all of you!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Daily Mass to resume at St. Ann ... The 12:05 pm daily Mass at St. Ann will resume on Monday, July 27. All State, Local, and Diocesan protocols, such as mask wearing, social distancing, etc. must be followed. Mass will be held from Monday through Friday each week. Confessions will be heard at 11:30 am on each day. Welcome back!

Resuming Sunday Masses – Help Needed ... We are considering resuming the 11:00 am Sunday Mass sometime in August. In order to do so we need volunteers willing to help maintain the protocols specified by the Bishop for resuming Sunday masses. This would entail monitoring the doors and assisting people with any questions when they arrive, helping people find seats while maintaining social distance, and wiping down the used pews and high-touch surfaces after Mass. If you are willing to help please contact me at 464-3157.

True Treasure ... The readings for this week offer insight into what constitutes real treasure. In our first reading God promises Solomon that he will fulfill any request. *Ask something of me*, God says to Solomon, *and I will give it to you*. God gives Solomon an incredible gift, the freedom to have exactly what he asks for. And with that freedom, Solomon asks for something that pleases God. Rather than asking for more wealth, power or glory he asks for an understanding heart, a gift that will help him discover true and lasting treasure. In the Gospel parable the first man is a day laborer plowing his employer's field and he finds a pottery jar filled with gold and silver coins. He realizes that this unexpected find can change his life, giving him the first financial security, he has ever known. He also realizes the law of the day said that buried treasure belonged to the person on whose property it was found. So he makes his employer an offer for the field. When his offer is accepted, the man is overjoyed. The purchase has cost everything he has. The treasure which is now his, however, is worth far more. The merchant is different – he is seeking treasure. One day, walking through the market, he sees a pearl so large and flawless, that it takes his breath away. Buying it will mean the sacrifice of all he owns. He doesn't care, because he has found perfection and no price is too high to pay. "God's kingdom is like that," Jesus is saying. Neither of these two men thinks for a minute of the sacrifice he is making. Both think only of the joy of their new possession. This joy is not self-serving rather a feeling of euphoria. What are we seeking and what do we value? Too often we see many who spend their entire lives searching for all the wrong things. We know that we must pay a price to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ? We know that sometimes that price is high. That may mean selling what we have – our own self-serving interests, our egos, our stubborn attachments to our opinions or anything else that prevents us from seeing God's kingdom in our midst. When we think only of the cost of discipleship, we make our religion grim and forbidding. In these two little parables, Jesus is emphasizing not the cost, but the greater reward. As followers of Jesus Christ, we know that discipleship can have its costs. But we know also that it brings joy. It was the hope of possessing the treasure of great value that directed the actions of Solomon, the laborer, and the merchant before they possessed anything. May we always seek wisdom so that through hope and the confidence of our faith we live each day of our lives seeking true treasure - the joy of the kingdom where we will live forever and ever.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, Charlotte Prez, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, 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 Wiczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, 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, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Eugeniusz Szczepura, 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, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, 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.



PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

Glorious Saint Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, I humbly ask you to take my following request under your special protection.

(mention your intention)

Please recommend it to your daughter Mary and present it before the throne of Jesus so that He may grant my request. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day seeing my God face to face, and with you, Mary and all the Saints, praising and blessing Him to all eternity. Amen

Good Saint Ann, Mother of Mary who is our life, our sweetness and our hope, pray to her for us, and obtain our request. (3 times)

The 101st annual Novena to Good Saint Ann has been private this year due to the COVID-19 Virus. Today, July 26th, we close our 101st Novena to Good Saint Ann. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Novena at home.

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REMEMBER on August 11th, from 8AM to 8PM ONLY, select Holy Family Catholic Church from the list on www.eriegives.org!