

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 7th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Private (SA) Joseph Borczon by Family  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of the Osiecki and  
Wodecki Families by Family

### Monday, May 8th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

### Tuesday, May 9th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Barbara Berdis and  
Children

### Wednesday, May 10th: St. John of Avila

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt  
Caroline

### Thursday, May 11th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by  
Caroline Larson

### Friday, May 12th: St. Nereus and Achilleus

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Joe Carnecky by Mickey Pohl

### Saturday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima

Private: Jerry Blavat by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### 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) Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family  
and Rod Showers

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
- 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) Special Intentions of Bev Vento, Birthday by Friends
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Helen, Sam and  
Andrew Gangemi
- 2) To All Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers

## FINANCIAL REPORT

April 30, 2023

Offertory: \$1,489.86

Good Shepherd Sunday Collection: \$162.00

Gift from Slovak National Club: \$600.00

### Monthly Expenses for April 2023

Income: \$20,444.30

Expenses: \$14,387.95

Difference: \$6,056.35

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$6,413.00

Paid: \$4,733.00

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!*



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS: 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503  
814-452-4832 phone

Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

Saint Casimir Church, 630 Hess Ave., Saint Ann Church, 931 East Ave.,  
Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

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

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of **St. Mark and Mt. Calvary** parishes for a **Holy Hour for Pastoral Planning** on May 13 at 3:15 pm at St. Mark Church, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Call the parish office with questions at 814.899.3000 or email: [office@smmc.church](mailto:office@smmc.church).

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. Your donations will also be used to offset the operating costs of the Ultrasound Van that was purchased from the 2022 fundraiser. Last year through your contributions, \$119,000 was collected toward the cost of the Ultrasound Van. The Knights of Columbus Supreme based in Connecticut donated an additional \$59,000 to cover the entire cost of the Ultrasound Machine for the Van. We will be distributing Baby Bottles and optional donation envelopes as you leave church the weekend of May 6-7. Bottles and envelopes will still be available in the vestibule following that weekend. 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.

Staff at a **Diocese of Erie** parish recently received an email from a **scam** artist claiming to be their pastor, requesting financial help 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.

**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](http://www.eriercd.org/relics.html).

**Blessed Sacrament School** in Erie is hosting a **games of chance event on May 12** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Geiger Hall, 2510 Greengarden Blvd. Use the 26th St. entrance. The cost is \$35.00 for 10 games and three special games with prizes ranging from \$100 cash to \$50-\$100 gift cards. The grand prize is \$500. Additional games are available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.eriecatholic.org/bss](http://www.eriecatholic.org/bss), at the school or the parish office. All proceeds will benefit Blessed Sacrament Advancement Scholarships. Must be at least 18 years old to attend.

Join the **Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144** for its 28th annual golf and sports raffle and casino night on May 12 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek. The event benefits youth activities at the parish. Doors will be open from 6-11 p.m. Prizes include cash, sports gear and more. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

### **Jesus is the way!**

From ancient times philosophers have summed up the human condition as a quest to answer three fundamental questions: What should I do? What can I know? What can I hope for?

In our Gospel this week Jesus answers these questions, not merely with doctrine, but with his very person by telling us that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

“I am the way” can translate into: What should we do? Jesus tells us: Follow me! Do what I have done.

“I am the truth” means: what can we know? The truth is eventually we can know everything, but it requires more than just shifting the intellectual sands of this world. When we have faith, we come to know Jesus who is the truth, the secret behind the workings of the whole universe and the yearnings of the human heart.

“I am the life” means: what can we hope for? In Jesus, we can hope for and expect the fullness of life that we long for. Jesus is the bread of life, the light of the world, a ray of hope in our darkness. When we long to satisfy our heart’s deepest needs it is our faith that leads us to seek the face of Jesus and leads us to the place, he has prepared for us. To seek anything else will lead to a dead end.

In our gospel the apostles were tense and troubled, and Thomas asks Jesus “How can we know the way?” We often ask the same question perhaps in a different way – often we will ask “How can we get to God?” Jesus reassured the apostles by inviting them to believe in him, to trust him and he does the same for us, as he promises us a place in his Father’s house.

So, “How do we get to God” is really the wrong question because God finds us – he searches us through his son Jesus Christ. Are we willing to let him change our lives?

We have been given the answers to the deepest questions of life because we have come to know Jesus and he is not the endpoint of our search. Rather, he is the beginning of our adventure – his is our way, our truth, our very life.