

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2020

*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”* **Matthew 11:28**

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OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).



Wishing everyone a Blessed , Safe and
Happy Holiday weekend.

Happy Independence Day!
Happy July 4th!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has delayed re-opening our churches for public Masses at this time.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate. You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

First Saturday, July 4th: Vigil Mass

INDEPENDENCE DAY

(SC) Joseph Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Visosky Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 5th: Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak
(SC) Richard Liszka by David & Anna Dieteman
(SC) For Religious Freedom by Mickey Pohl
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, July 6th: St. Maria Goretti

(SC) John Prez by wife Charlotte and Family
(SA) Agnes Priscaro by Parishioners

Tuesday, July 7th: Weekday

(SC) Mary Bolla, Anniversary by Rich & Ron Bolla
(SA) For our Religious Freedom by Mickey Pohl

Wednesday, July 8th: Weekday

(SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Family
(SA) Monica Sorensen by Family and Friends

Thursday, July 9th: St. Augustine Zhao Rong

(SC) Joan Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters & Brother
(SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families
by Paul & Lisa Galla

Friday, July 10th: Weekday

(SC) Living & Deceased of The Slovak National Club
(SA) Improved Health for Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom

Saturday, July 11th: St. Benedict/Vigil Mass

(SC) Jerome Sobrowski by Jerry & Denise Sobrowski
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 12th: Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Louis Szabo by Son Louis
(SC) Don & Pat Malinowski by Edwards Family
(SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) All Suffering from the virus
 - 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Charles Chase & Joseph Pochatko by Spouses
- 2) William & Eva Jant by Daughters

St. Casimir's

- 1) Jerome Sobrowski by Jerry & Denise Sobrowski
- 2) Health for Fr. Dan Prez

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

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 9, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$3,632.66

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of June 22, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$11,450.00

Paid Amount: \$9,245.00

We are still \$9,996.00 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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued

Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please offer your prayers today for good health 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. 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 for 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 Home! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. †Unfortunately the Annual Saint Ann Novena will be private this year. Please say the prayers at home and begin on July 18th and continue until the Feast of St. Joachim and Ann, July 26th. All of our priests will join you privately at the altar. We will remember all of you and your intentions. Good Saint Ann, pray for all of us! †Congratulations Father John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap. who has been assigned to the formation team at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. Father John Paul is a native of Holy Family and a graduate of Holy Family School. His new address, as of August 1, 2020, is Borromeo Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Father John Paul has completed his time in Philadelphia and will move to Ohio August 1st. It will be good to have him back in the neighborhood! Welcome home Father John Paul! †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 well. This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and 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 Mass. Until then Msgr. Koos, Father Jerry Priscaro and I continue to remember you and those you love in all of our Masses, prayers, and sacrifices. Stay Safe! Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Happy! Stay Cool! Hope to see all Soon!

†Let us now ask Saint Michael, the Archangel to help all of us! Saint Michael defend us in battle! Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil! May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly host by the divine power cast into hell Satan all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! (3 times).

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Trust in Jesus!

One of the most popular quotes from the writings of St. Augustine is: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God." Isn't that true with most of us? We spend our lives longing to find God, yearning for an encounter with Him. If only we could see his face!

In our Gospel for this week Jesus gives us the secret for satisfying those yearnings – he is asking us to become like children. He is asking us to be childlike and not childish. To be childlike is to be simple – rather than relying on our intellects and achievements, we are to let go of ourselves in the presence of God and let him do his work. To be childlike is to trust. Children really put their trust in those who have been given charge over them.

Jesus teaches us that intimacy with God requires first and foremost trust. We can view this trust in three ways:

Our faith is trusting what has been revealed to us is true.

Our hope is trusting that what God has promised will come about.

Love is trusting that that what he asks us to do we should do.

Trust is about putting our trust in God, and not ourselves. That can be difficult because life places many burdens on us and instinctively we tend turn inward for answers and solutions and try to go at it alone.

In our Gospel Jesus tells us: I will bear your burdens with you. I will walk with you. Hitch your life to me under my yoke and like two oxen plowing a field I will lessen your weariness. To be yoked to Jesus means that we are yoked to his mission – that we live as he lived.

Will life burden us? It most certainly will, but by placing our trust in Jesus we do not carry these burdens alone. In childlike simplicity let us place our trust in Jesus who places on our shoulders his yoke, a freeing relationship of love and care.

St. Ann Novena

Normally we would be anxiously anticipating the start of our annual novena to St. Ann. Unfortunately, as was the case with almost all activities in our community the novena has been cancelled for this year. While we certainly look forward to the novena returning in 2021, this year we can take the time the novena would have taken place to make our own private novena or to engage in some type of prayer that will enhance our spirituality. Let us continue to pray to Good St. Ann to intercede for our special intentions as well as those of our parish and the world.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses.

Given concerns for the safety and health of everyone, as well as our current inability to comply with the required protocols, we have delayed re-opening our churches for public masses. In the next several weeks we will meet with Pastoral Council and re-assess our ability to comply with the restrictions and protocol and re-evaluate our status in the upcoming days. Our priests and the majority of our parishioners are in the high-risk category defined by the CDC. As the behavior and spread of the virus continues to remain unpredictable, it is still too risky to gather - even with social distancing practices in place. The protocol for re-establishing public masses as outlined by the Bishop is very demanding and complex. To meet this protocol will require a core group of volunteers willing to be at all masses. The decision to re-open is also optional and the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses still remains in effect. Several parishes in our diocese as well as other areas of the country have chosen to delay re-opening for public masses. If you wish to view the protocols or Bishop Persico's town hall meeting, you will find a link at our website www.motherofsorrowerie.org or at the website for the diocese www.ErieRDC.org. Our Mass and Sacraments are the very heart of our faith and who we are and we all miss them dearly. It is our hope and prayer that we will all be safely worshipping together in the near future.

From the Pastor's Desk continued on next page...