

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 5th: Second Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) The deceased Loved Ones of Janet Turowski  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Father Daniel Prez by Sundy Family

### Monday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Sally and Theodore Rzodkiewicz by  
Daughters and Families

### Tuesday, March 7th: St. Perpetua and Felicity

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Theodore Visosky, Birthday March 5th  
by Christine Visosky

### Wednesday, March 8th: Saint John of God

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

### Thursday, March 9th: Saint Frances of Rome

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Leslie and Dale Jennings

### Friday, March 10th: Lenten Weekday/A Day of Abstinence

10:30am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration  
11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Harriet Gallagher by The Theresa  
Juchno Family

12:30pm (SA) Eucharistic Adoration  
1:00pm (SA) Stations of the Cross followed with  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

Private (SA) The Deceased Members of The Ropelewski  
Family

### Sunday, March 12th: Third Sunday of Lent

*Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Ahead*  
Private (SA) Kenneth L. York by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Father Daniel Prez by Chris and Eva  
Misevski

### Monday, March 13th: Lenten Weekday

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

### Tuesday, March 14th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Julia Borczon by G. Palmer

### Wednesday, March 15th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Hartman  
Family by Beverly and Charlotte

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & 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 Eilene & Daryl Clemente
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

### St. Casimir's

- 1) For all parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Health and Healing for all Shut-ins and Sick

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Offertory: \$1,417.05

Ash Wednesday: \$320.00

Gift from Slovak National Club: \$400.00

## Income/Expenses ~ February 2023

Income: \$11,745.14

Expenses: \$13,626.43

**Difference: \$1,881.29**

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$3,505.00 Paid: \$1,825.00

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal began on.  
February 19, 2023, Commitment Sunday.  
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.

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The deadline for Easter Flower Envelopes to be included  
in the listing of donors is Sunday, March 26, 2023.



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

**Raffle tickets** for the benefit of **St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary** will be on sale after the 11:00 am Mass on March 19. One ticket is \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, or 12 tickets for \$10. The top prize is \$1000. Your generosity supports the seminarians in many ways throughout the year. Please pray for more vocations and for all the priests in our Diocese and the young men in the seminary now.

**St. John the Baptist, Holy Rosary and St. Stephen of Hungary** parishes in Erie are hosting a **bilingual healing Mass** on March 10 at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 509 East 26<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. The Mass is a special opportunity to invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, physical and spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. See flier for details.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean** is hosting an **estate planning and wills** information night on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Thomas Hoffman, II, Esq., an expert in estate planning and administration, will explain the ins and outs from a legal perspective. The presentation will be held in the church, 8880 Main St., McKean.

**Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist** parishes in Erie are hosting a **Holy Hour for vocations** to the priesthood each Thursday during Lent from 7-8 a.m. in the Holy Rosary Chapel, 2701 East Ave., Erie. Mass follows at 8 a.m.

**Holy Trinity Parish** in Erie is hosting a **cash bingo** today, March 5 at the Polish Falcons Club, 431 East 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Erie. Doors open at 12 p.m. with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes one pack. Additional packs cost \$5. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins are welcome.

**The St. Luke Knights of Columbus Council 11229** is sponsoring Lenten fish dinners on March 10 and 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Luke Café, 421 East 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. Take out is available. For more information call Marty Drabic at 814.460.6338.

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish** in Harborcreek is hosting a free multimedia presentation, ***Eucharistic Miracles***, by neuropsychologist Dr. Jaci Phillips on March 8 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Barlett Rd., Harborcreek. The event begins after 5:30 p.m. Mass, with soup being served at 6:10 p.m. Jaci will begin her presentation at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

The **Eighth Annual Catholic Women's Conference** will be held on Saturday, March 25, at St. Jude Parish, 2801 West 6th Street, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. The women from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired. The program consists of speaker, Laurel Phelps, and Mass with Bishop Persico. You will enjoy two of life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. The event is \$20, College Students \$10, High School Students \$5, and Religious FREE. For more information or to register visit [www.1:38women.com](http://www.1:38women.com) or call (814) 455-7364.

### **The Spirit of God in us**

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent we hear the account of the transfiguration of Jesus lifting the veil of the mystery of heaven and giving us a glimpse of how the whole human race will be transformed and all creation will become bright and luminous with the presence of God. We get a preview of what human beings look like with God's spirit running through them.

When Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain and reveals his glory and lordship, he is also preparing them. It is soon that we will find Jesus with the same three in the Garden of Gethsemane, suffering his passion and preparing for the cross.

The transfiguration sets the stage for the Passion of Christ to unfold right before the disciples, to prepare them and strengthen their resolve to endure what was coming.

Lent is our time of preparation, a season to strengthen our resolve and to transform our spiritual lives. Each year during Lent we make an effort to challenge and disrupt our comfortable patterns of behavior by detaching ourselves from things we don't need or by taking specific actions, such as attending Mass more often, increasing our prayer time, performing acts of charity, or other actions that allow the spirit of God to run through us.

So what do we look like with the spirit of God running through us? Perhaps the most simplest answer this side of heaven is that we become more like Christ. We follow his commands and teachings and behave as he would. Our transfiguration or transformation occurs in our daily lives.

And we do not go at it alone. Jesus commands his disciples to "rise and do not be afraid" and he has the same command for us. To help us in the dark times Jesus gives us transfiguration moments of light and grace, mountaintop experiences of sort that help get us through times of turbulence. It may be through prayer or Scripture or the sacraments or perhaps through guidance we receive in spiritual direction, that give us a transfiguration moment and help us share in the mercy and glory of God.

Our gospel today reminds us that our ultimate end is to be transfigured and to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm sharing in his glory.. Let's revisit Peter words in today's Gospel: "it is good that we are here." Can we say that about ourselves? How do we look with the Spirit of God running through our lives?