

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 15th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Diocesan Special Second Collection for International Needs

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of the Osiecki and Wodecki Families by Family

Monday, May 16th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Paul and Mary Naguszewski by Jerry and Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

Tuesday, May 17th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Thomas Prez

Wednesday, May 18th: St. John I

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of May Lou Wiczorek by Joann Calabrese

Thursday, May 19th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek, Birthday by husband Bob Skrypek

→6:00pm (HF) Holy Hour

Friday, May 20th: St. Bernadine of Siena

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by loving Mother

Saturday, May 21st: St. Christopher Magallanes

Private (SA): Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by the Kulig Estate

Sunday, May 22nd: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Private (SA) Joseph Santillo by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Family and Friends of Loretta Baran

Monday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Leo and Sharon Swigonski and Family

Tuesday, May 24th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Barb and Dave Danylko

Wednesday, May 25th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jean Wroblewski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob Skrypek

2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

2) All Mothers, Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Information was not available at the time of publication.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$7,743.00

Paid: \$5,308.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Working together we can reach our goal! Thank you for your love and support of your parish.

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

Please issue a separate check for your CSA contribution. Please do not include it on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Diocesan Special Second Collection for the International Needs Collection will be collected today, Sunday, May 15, 2022. Envelopes for this special collection are in your monthly packets. Thank you in advance for your support of the International Needs Collection.



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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Today's second collection is the **Collection for International Needs**. This collection provides us with the opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in need, especially those in war-torn areas.

All are invited to participate in a **Holy Hour** on Thursday, May 19 at Holy Family Church. Each week prayers are offered for Vocations and the needs of the world.

The Altar Society at **Sacred Heart Parish** in Erie is hosting its **69th annual spaghetti dinner** on May 22 from noon to 5 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church auditorium, 816 W. 25th St. Drive-through only. The cost for dinner is \$13, and a quart of meatballs and sauce is \$8. Take a chance on four theme baskets, valued at \$250 each, and a 50/50 raffle.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host its first ever drive through **Chiavetta's Barbeque Chicken Dinner** on Sunday, May 22 from Noon until 4:00 pm. All orders must be made in advance and pre-paid. The deadline for orders is today, Sunday, May 15. The price is \$12. Order at www.olmc-erie.org or call 814-825-7313, Ext. 1.

Remaining in his love!

All of us are familiar with the Golden Rule: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. Even non-Christian religions or those who practice no religion subscribe to it. In other words, treat others as you would expect to be treated. We can all agree that it is very reasonable and practical, and makes good sense. Even Jesus seems to endorse it! But as we hear today, Jesus calls us to a higher standard or way of thinking – one that is not just in keeping with human expectations, reason and demands, but one that aligns with God's ways.

In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus gives us a new commandment, one that will take commitment, perseverance and self-giving on our part even when it might not seem practical or even sensible. We are told today that we are to love as he loves.

Note that Jesus calls it a commandment, not an option but a mandate for every Christian: *As I have loved, so you also should love one another*. Measure for measure, our behavior in all aspects of our life must strive to be Christ-like, not merely reasonable or convenient but modeled on Christ.

So how does Jesus love us and what does it mean to have Christ-like love? We have only to look upon the cross to see unconditional and self-giving love that is poured out for each one of us in the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ. Throughout the Gospels, we see this love exemplified in Jesus' words and actions in the way he encounters sinners, heals and liberates the sick, faithfully preaches the word and is faithful to the Father in all things.

Christ's love is so much richer and fuller than mere human love. And it is this love that we are called to imitate in all its fullness, its faithfulness and, even at times, its impracticality.

Yes, Jesus sets a new command for his disciples and for us and he also give us the means to fulfill it: through his example (as he says in the passage), and in the sending of the Holy Spirit later to help us. The very credibility of the Christian message depends on our witness and how we live out that commandment of love.

Today, as we ponder his commandment Jesus has given us, it would serve all of us well to ask ourselves whether love is at the heart of our lives. And keeping in mind that we can do all things with God's help, let us commit to love of God and love of neighbor. To serving others lovingly, speaking lovingly and forgiving abundantly.

May we always remain in his love and may we always share that love with each other.