

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

MARCH 29, 2020

## Fifth Sunday OF LENT

Jesus said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if they die,  
will live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



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Saint Ann Church

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Holy Family Church

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### *Lenten Practices, Regulations and Observances*

All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. Good Friday is a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

**BISHOP PERSICO SUSPENDS ALL PUBLIC MASSES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

*All Lenten Services have been cancelled.*

Nut Rolls, Poppy Seed Rolls, Apricot Rolls and Pierogi Sales have been cancelled!



**FIRST SATURDAY: CANCELLED FOR APRIL 4TH.** Please continue to pray for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and for all of your family and friends. We hope to see you on Saturday May 2nd for our First Saturday services.

**The information in this bulletin is accurate as of the  
publication date, Saturday, March 21, 2020.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**BISHOP PERSICO SUSPENDS ALL PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

*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.

**Saturday, March 28th: Lenten Weekday**

(SC) Helena Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Christine and Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, March 29th: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

(SC) John A. Rzomp by Denise Santi

(SC) Colette Wisinski by Edwards Family

(SC) Louise Grolemond by Grolemond Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Monday, March 30th: Lenten Weekday**

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Family

(SA) Good Health for Fr. Jerry by Fisher Family

**Tuesday, March 31st: Lenten Weekday**

(SC) Halina Roman by Don & Barbara Matson

(SA) Living & Deceased Members of the

Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

**Wednesday, April 1st: Lenten Weekday**

(SC) Helen Pochatko by Sister Kevin Berdis

(SA) Fred Schenker by Family

**Thursday, April 2nd: St. Francis of Paola**

(SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski OFM,

Anniversary by Rick & Ron Bolla

(SA) Deceased Members of the Jant Family

**First Friday, April 3rd: Lenten Weekday**

*A Day of Abstinence*

(SC) Dr. Debra Monde, Anniversary by mother Charlotte and Prez Family

(SA) Charles Chase, Anniversary by wife and family

**First Saturday, April 4th: First Saturday Services**

(SA) Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima

**Saturday, April 4th: Palm Sunday**

(SC) Robert V. Carter, Sr. by wife Lottie on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

(SC) Jean B. Bargielski, Anniversary by daughters

(SC) Brooklyne Shambaugh by David & Anna Dieteman

(SC) All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

1) Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima

2) Intentions of Fr. Jerry Priscaro by Fisher Family

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

**St. Ann's**

1) Joseph Pochatko by Spouse

2) Charles Chase by Spouse

**St. Casimir's**

1) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski by Family

2) Improved Health for Fr. Dan Prez

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Msgr. Daniel K. Arnold,

Charles A. Chulak,

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,  
Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.*

*May they rest in peace.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**The rectory office is closed until further notice.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

**BISHOP PERSICO SUSPENDS ALL PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday in the old Latin Rite.—Until further notice the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday afternoon) has been dispensed for the faithful in the Diocese of Erie due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All public Masses have been cancelled, Saturday/Sunday and weekday Masses included. The priests will continue to offer the Masses privately. †Remember the following Lenten Regulations: 1) Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. Daily Mass (when available) is particularly encouraged. Our weekday Masses (*when we are able to continue them*) are Monday through Friday at 8AM at St. Casimir's and 12:05PM at St. Ann's when possible. Confessions before and after Mass at St. Ann's when possible. 2). Good Friday is a day of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. 3) Good Friday is also a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On this day those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal and two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted but milk and fruit juices are allowed. Where health or work is affected, the law does not apply. We hope you make a good Lent! †A special schedule will be published for Holy Week, please stay tuned! †Continue to remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers. As you know **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. Thank you for all you have done for **Father Dan** in past weeks and we will keep you posted. †Congratulations and Best Wishes to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club. †The 2020 CSA appeal began on Sunday, February 23rd. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledge today if you have not done so already. Drop your envelopes in the basket, when available, or mail them directly to the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest PA. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund any expenses or settlements of the diocese related to the PA Grand Jury investigation on clergy sex abuse. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. Any amount that you could afford to pledge and give would be acceptable. We are now a little over a third of the way to our 2020 goal. Thanks to all of you!! †What are you doing for Lent? Jesus died on the cross for you! What can you do for him this Lent? Make a Good Lent! Peace and Blessings to all of you! Stay Healthy! Thanks for everything!

### ***FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY***

#### **Take Care of Yourselves and Stay Close to Jesus!**

How quickly things can change. In a short time we have moved from the normal routines of our daily lives to our current state of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. While things may appear to be bleak and dark, we do know with certainty that God is with us and the light of Christ will penetrate this darkness. History has shown that as a society we have faced many challenges and threats yet one thing has remained constant; we haven't been alone. As people of faith we have turned to God and have united our suffering with that of our Lord Jesus Christ and he has comforted us and given us strength. These times are no different - we need to turn to God now more than ever!

The decision by our bishop to cancel all masses was very difficult but necessary. One that I and our priests agree with as your safety is our primary concern. While we cannot worship and celebrate the Mass together, one thing does not change: we are still a parish community united with each other through our baptism. We can remain in communion through prayer, reading scripture, silent meditation, or whatever form of prayer that is most suitable to us.

Please be sure to take care of yourselves and to especially follow the instructions we have all been given by our government agencies. Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. Let us pray for continued wisdom for our leaders, for the health care workers and everyone on the front lines fighting against this pandemic. Do not forget to pray for all those in the world that are also affected by this virus. Please know that I am constantly praying for your health and safety. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and may you feel his peace and consolation!

*Deacon Jerry*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**

4:00 PM Mass \$502.12

8:00 AM Mass \$437.67

Latin Mass \$600.00

11:00AM Mass \$826.00

Candles \$140.64

**TOTAL \$2,506.43**

**PARISH EXPENSES**

February 2020 Water & Sewer \$696.93

**EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES**

**NOTICE:** TODAY, Sunday, March 29th is the **LAST** day to submit your Easter Flower Envelopes to be included in the list of donors! Wishing each and everyone a Blessed, Safe and Happy Easter. Thank you, Helen Gangemi

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020**

*As of March 17, 2020*

**Goal: \$21,446.00**

**Pledged Amount: \$8,327.00**

**Paid Amount: \$4,462.00**

We can reach our Goal! I know we can with your help! All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. You still have time to make your pledge. You may use the 2020 CSA envelope that was included in your monthly packet or extra envelopes are available in our churches.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM**

*You may also use this form to update your telephone numbers, address, name, etc.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Cell \_\_\_\_\_

New Registration  Want Envelopes

Change of Name

Change of Address  Change in Phone Numbers

*Please drop this information into the Collection Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.*



**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, 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, Thomas Kaiser, 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, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, 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, Marianne Nicholl, 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.*

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**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), 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.*

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