

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 27th: First Sunday of Advent

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas by Agnes Krisch

Monday, November 28th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Patricia Heubel and Richard Burke
by Judy Burke

Tuesday, November 29th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Richard Burke, Anniversary by Dave
and Colleen Dombkowski

Wednesday, November 30th: St. Andrew

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Lawrence Lamond Phillips by Dr. Hal
Angeloff

Thursday, December 1st: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Dolores Dombkowski by Theresa
Juchno and Family

First Friday, December 2nd: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Ron Dombkowski by Holy Name of
Saint Casimir

First Saturday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier

8:30AM (SA) Confessions
9:00AM (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Bob
Demchak

Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal
Angeloff

Sunday, December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent

Private (SA) James Meiser by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Robert Kowalewski by Robert J. Demchak

Monday, December 5th: Advent Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Brzezicki and Bargielski Families by
Rose Marie Bargielski

Tuesday, December 6th: Saint Nicholas

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Charlotte and
Beverly

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek
- 2) Increase in vocations to religious life

St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Special Intentions of Msgr. Gerald Koos

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday Offertory: \$791.50

Christmas Flowers: \$104.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$121.00

Expenses

Self Insurance to Diocese: \$5,595.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$11,025.00

Paid: \$9,465.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022
CSA. Please make your pledge today!

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 630 Hess
Ave., Erie, PA 16503.

- Please issue a **separate check** for
→ CSA Contribution and Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contributions or
Mass requests on the same check as your offertory.
Separate checks, please. Thank you.

ATTENTION: The **parish mailing address** has been
changed with the US Post Office! **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 should now be sent or dropped off at
630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.

Thank you.



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

Website: 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

The **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is a Holy Day of obligation on Thursday, December 8. Mass times are 12:05 pm at St. Ann's and 4:00 pm at St. Casimir.

Once again, we are hosting the **GECAC Giving Tree** in our parish and the tags for the gifts are in the back of the church on the tree. Our generosity supports the needy here in our parish neighborhoods. There are 2 dates that the gifts will be picked up by GECAC, December 4th and December 11th.

We have received the necessary approvals to proceed with the sale of the Holy Family property. Articles of Agreement and Terms of Conditions are currently being drafted for review by attorneys of both parties. Select council members and staff from our parish will also be reviewing these documents when they are available. I will continue to keep you updated as new developments unfold.

Be cautious about sharing personal information. 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 the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

Holy Trinity Church in Erie is hosting a cash bingo on Dec. 11 at the Polish Falcons Club, 431 East 3rd St., Erie. Doors open at 12 p.m. with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes 1 pack. Additional packs cost \$5. In addition to bingo, there will be a 50/50 and door prizes. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins are welcome.

The **Knights of Columbus** of St. Jude the Apostle Parish are hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the parish center located at St. Jude School, 606 Lowell Ave, Erie.

The **Traditional Latin Mass** Apostolate at St. Hedwig Church will hold a **Rorate Mass** by candlelight on Saturday, morning, December 10 at 6:45am.

The **Our Lady of Mercy annual healing service** will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek, on Dec. 5 at 7PM. Everyone needs healing at many different levels and areas of their lives. Please join them for an evening of prayer, music, the laying on of hands and quiet reflection. All are welcome. Contact the parish office at 814-899-5342 with questions.

All are welcome to attend "**The Essence of Christmas,**" a concert on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. presented by Transcendence, the new all-professional choral ensemble at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 West 10th St., Erie.

The **Holy Trinity Parish** education program is hosting its annual **Christmas market** on Dec. 16 from 4-7 p.m. and Dec. 17 from 9AM-Noon at the Holy Trinity Social Center, 650 E. 23rd St., Erie. Orders will be taken from Nov. 5 to Dec. 5. Information and order forms are available at www.holytrinityrc.org or call Liz, 814-722-0015.

Being prepared!

Our journey in preparing for the final coming of Christ is similar to climbing a mountain. The work is hard and long and the climb is tedious and requires spiritual conditioning. During the climb we run the risk of getting stuck on the mountain because it is so easy to get caught up in our daily routine that our vision of anything beyond our immediate concerns tends to be blurred.

The church gives us the season of Advent to help us to keep our vision. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming" or "arrival." For us it is the time of year when we specifically look to the coming of Jesus, first in his coming at his birth to bring us salvation and then his final coming, to end our trials on earth and gather us to him in glory.

It is a time to evaluate our journey on the mountain of discipleship – to step back and look at our lives and evaluate our priorities.

The Advent season doesn't mean we are not to partake of the celebrations and festivities that go along with the approach of Christmas. Advent is to help us keep Christ as the center of our lives. Jesus' warning, "Stay awake!" is not meant to scare us, but rather prepare us by calling us to maintain our vision and make the right choices that prepare us for his coming. Jesus wants us to use the Advent season wisely, not only to prepare for the coming of Christmas, but with prayer, penance and longing for God, to prepare for the coming of Christ, as a baby and as a king.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ let us recognize him in ourselves as well as those around us and respond as he would.