

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 11th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara by A Friend

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Phil Stahon by Family

Monday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Saint Ann's Guild

Tuesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of the Ropelewski Family

Wednesday, September 14th:

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Loved Ones, Living and Deceased by Jean Wroblewski

Thursday, September 15th: Our Mother of Sorrows

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephanie Vento, Birthday and new baby son, George Thomas, born 3-8-2022 by The Vento Family

Friday, September 16th: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph C. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Saturday, September 17th: St. Robert Bellamine

Private (SA) Alice E. Schultz by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, September 18th: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Jackie Mazza by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Rosemary Ritter

Monday, September 19th: St. Januarius

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Knights of Columbus Erie Chapter

Tuesday, September 20th: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chông Ha-sang

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Wednesday, September 21st: St. Matthew

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Anita Lewis by Mary Ann Laumoff

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Prayers for more vocations to religious life

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

St. Ann's

1) Catherine Ann Murphy by Mary & Jim Vogt

2) In remembrance of September 11, 2001 (9/11)

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Offertory ~ Sept. 4, 2022: \$2,234.50

Special Collection ~ Brothers of the Sacred Heart ~ \$298.00

Expenses

As of 9/10/2022 ~ Moving office to St. Casimir's: \$954.66

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,757.00

Paid: \$8,707.00

We have an increase to report!

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 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

→ Please issue a **separate check** for

→ CSA contribution

→ Mass Intentions

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

PLEASE NOTE: The **parish mailing address** remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until further notice.

We need to finalize a few important items before changing the mailing address to the new office location. Thank you.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Thank you for supporting **Brother Lucian Blain** of the **Brothers of the Sacred Heart** plea for assistance at mass last week. We collected a total of \$298 which will provide financial assistance for the benefit of schools and needy students in the countries the Brothers serve. Let us also remember to keep the Brothers and those they serve in our prayers.

At our last Pastoral and Finance Council meetings the motion was approved to proceed with the replacement of the roof on the rectory at St. Ann at a total cost of \$24,200. Costs for this work will be covered from the St. Ann building and development fund, a special account that was created a while ago to address needs specific to St. Ann. No money from the parish's general account will be used. We have also received several donations toward this project.

Today, once again we remember the tragedies that occurred on **September 11, 2001**. 9/11 or September 11 - no matter how you say the date and no matter what time of year you say it, it continues to haunt our memories and stir our emotions. We recall what happened on that day and how we lost something dear to us. The lives of those who died as a result of the tragic events of that day, our sense of security, our peace. A way of life that our young people will never know. For us who remember what happened we also remember the days after – for a period of time we were kinder to each other, we were more patient, we consoled one another, we shared stories, and we prayed and, we saw the mercy of God at work! May we never forget to pray for the victims and families of that tragedy as well as for peace in our world.

St. Boniface, St. John the Baptist, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes invite all adults to attend a viewing of season 1 of **“The Chosen,”** at St. Boniface Church, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, beginning Sept. 22 and continuing every Thursday through Nov. 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. “The Chosen” brings the story of Jesus to life. No matter where you are in your journey with Jesus, this study is for you! Register at https://my.eriercd.org/portal/event_detail.aspx?id=720 or call Deacon Denis Coan at 814-454-2873; Rosanne Jaworski at 814-825-4439; or Sue Berdis at 814-825-7313.

While we were a long way off.

The longer form of our Gospel this week contains one of the most loved and popular stories in the New Testament, that of the Prodigal Son. Each time we hear it we can get caught up in dwelling on the older son's bitterness and resentment. Yet when we think about it for a moment neither of the two sons truly knew how much their father loved them, how generous he was, how he wanted them to have nothing but prosperity and joy. If the younger son had known this, he would have never paid him the insult of asking for his share of his inheritance while his father was still alive. He was basically saying that his father would be of more use to him if he were dead. And if the older son, the one who seemed to do everything right, had known how much his father cared for him he would have not resented the celebration at his brother's return. So, although they lived their entire lives under the same roof, they had not opened up their hearts to the father, instead they closed themselves into their own little worlds of self-absorption.

We can easily do the same – think of how many people who know each other but really don't. Each of us for that matter can fall into the routine of “practicing” our faith, going through all the right motions and doing the right things, but never getting to know God on an intimate and personal level. If we operate this way we run the risk of abandoning the Father, when in reality he wants to give us everything he owns.

In this parable Jesus also reveals the heart of God. “While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion.” No matter what we have done or where we are in life God never stops hoping that we will come to him. He runs to embrace us with the robe of his grace.

We don't know the next chapter in the prodigal son's family saga, all we know is the father's response: he welcomed his son back with great rejoicing. Each of us at one time or another are a long way off, yet our Father always welcomes us back and we are expected to do the same in our relations with each other. If we allow anger, resentment, or jealousy to fester in us (as did the older son in the gospel), we are blocking our ability to grow and we shut ourselves off to the grace of God's mercy.

We must always strive to really know God and we must not fall into the trap of being like the other son mentioned in today's Gospel. As disciples of Jesus there is no room in our lives for bitterness, jealousy or revenge.

God's response when we are “a long way off” is always one of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. That must always be how we respond to each other.