

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, March 26th: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Bob & Karen Mazur

### Monday, March 27th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Helena Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Christine Visosky

### Tuesday, March 28th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Stephen Waterford by H. Lee

### Wednesday, March 29th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph Pochatko by Family

### Thursday, March 30th: Lenten Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tippy Pohl by Mickey Pohl

### Friday, March 31st: Lenten Weekday/ A Day of Abstinence

11:00am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The end of all Abortion, Miscarriage and Starvation by Jean Wroblewski

12:30pm (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

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

### First Saturday, April 1st: Lenten Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Betsy Guelcher by Diane Neubauer

Private (SA) Beth Matthews by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, April 2nd: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Charlotte Prez

### Monday, April 3rd: Monday of Holy Week

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

### Tuesday, April 4th: Tuesday of Holy Week

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Barb Juchno by Tom Kurpiewski

### Wednesday, April 5th: Wednesday of Holy Week

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Jant Family by Family

## 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) For all parishioners Living and Deceased

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

### St. Casimir's

1) Richard Burke by Dave & Colleen Dombkowski

2) Good Health for Fr. Joseph Gregorek by Loretta Baran

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Offertory: \$1,239.00

Easter Flowers: \$140.00

## Expenses

City of Erie Tax—Stormwater Fee 2023: \$799.68

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$6,887.00

Paid: \$3,797.00

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal is well under way. Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

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.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Judy Halcom for the generous donation of a roll of stamps. These will come in very handy. *Thanks Judy!*



**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

The annual **St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party** will take place on April 20 at 6 p.m. in the St. Mark Catholic Center gym, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. A light meal will be served and there will be many prizes. The event generally sells out, so call Betsy before April 10 for reservations at 814.504.2720.

There is a **Pastoral Planning** meeting this Thursday, March 30 at St. Mark Center on Grandview Blvd. The meeting is from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and will be attended by representatives from parishes in Erie. A group from our parish will also be attending and I will keep you updated on any developments.

Bishop Lawrence Persico, together with the priests of the Diocese of Erie, will celebrate the annual **Chrism Mass** on April 3 at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. During the Mass, the holy oils to be used for sacraments will be consecrated and blessed for distribution to the parishes of the diocese. The public is encouraged to attend.

On Good Friday, April 7, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give generously to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support means that the Church there can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers.

***Veiling statues and crosses:** Many of us may remember going to church during Lent and seeing all the statues and crosses covered in purple cloth. In contemporary practice in the United States prior to Vatican II, churches were required to veil statues and crosses during the last two weeks of Lent, called Passiontide. Some parishes expanded that time frame to include the entirety of Lent, even though this was not the intent of the practice.*

After Vatican II, the practice of veiling statues and crosses, if done at all, was left up to the decision of each country's conference of bishops. Most recently with the revised English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, the U.S. bishops have determined the following guideline and placed it in the Roman Missal as a rubric for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

It is important to note two things. First, this is an optional practice. And second, if a parish chooses to observe this practice, statues and crosses cannot be veiled until the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Although Lent is a penitential season, it is not one that restricts us from the veneration of the saints in their images or of the cross in its glory. Rather, the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the final weeks of Lent helps us prepare for the fullness of joy at the Easter Triduum.

Join **St. Francis Xavier Parish**, 8880 Main St., McKean, in an **authentic encounter with Christ** that leads to transformation and sanctification every Tuesday from April 11 to May 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. **The Mysteries of the Rosary Series** integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art and inspiring music. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, the rosary comes alive. To register, visit <https://www.therosaryseries.com/>, "Enroll as a Participant" and join the group using code ABFE6E. For more information contact Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

**Do we believe? . . .** What happens to me when I die, what is on the other side, will I see my loved ones again? These are questions all of us have pondered, especially when we confront our own mortality or the death of someone we love.

Our Gospel gives us a peek behind the mystery of life and death in the form of a scene that is a prelude to heaven and the final resurrection.

Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days when Jesus arrives in Bethany. There Martha and Mary appeal to him: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. As much as she was consumed in grief over her brother's death, she still believes there is a reason to hope. Martha knows that [Jesus will shine a light into her darkness](#) and shows her faith by saying to Jesus: "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus makes the bold claim: "I am the resurrection and the life, Jesus says, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." He then turns to Martha and asks her: "Do you believe this?" The answer to that question defines the life and faith of each of us as believers.

Within today's gospel we find life that is stronger than death. The human reality of death affects Jesus in a way it had never done before. In this encounter he does not simply know death in an abstract way but in the fabric of his human life. He sees his friends mourn, even those who believe that death will one day be conquered. Faced with the loss that physical death brings, Jesus himself begins to cry. Jesus understands our suffering, our sorrows, our grief!

All this human suffering was turned around because of faith. Faith convinces us of Christ's victory over death. Faith in the Resurrection rests on faith in God who is God of the Living. Our Gospel is not just about Lazarus' resurrection, it's about *ours*.

We are reminded it is Jesus who can shine a light into our darkness. With him, we can overcome anything, even death itself. The tomb is empty and our hearts are full. Do we believe this?