

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 17th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Special Second Collection for Catholic Education
Private (SA) Joseph C. and Dorothy J. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Christine and John Farnum

Town Hall meeting following the 11AM Mass today.

Monday, September 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Patrick and Marilyn Fuhrman

Tuesday, September 19th: Saint Januarius

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Carolyn R. Scott

Wednesday, September 20th: Saints Andrew Kim

Tae-gön, Paul Chöng Ha-sang

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

Thursday, September 21st: Saint Matthew

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico by The Juchno Family

Friday, September 22nd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Saturday, September 23rd: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Private (SA) Michael Mazza by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, September 24th: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Ann and Carson Engelskirger by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Judie and Peter Pentz

Monday, September 25th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Tuesday, September 26th: Saints Cosmas and Damian

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Caroline Larson and for the living and deceased family members by The Legion of Mary

Wednesday, September 27th: Saint Vincent de Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Rosalie A. Tellers

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Jackie Dylewski, Birthday by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

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

St. Ann's

- 1) Health & Healing for Connie Minichelli by Parishioners
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) For blessings, guidance and peace for all parishioners and their parishes in the Erie Diocese

FINANCIAL REPORT—September 10, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,563.74

Catholic Education: \$30.00

Food Pantry: \$10.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,309.00 Paid: 7,279.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

Happy to report an increase this week-Thank You!
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Diocesan Special Second Collection today, Sunday, September 17, 2023 for Catholic Education.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Please join us today Sunday, September 17, 2023 for a "Town Hall" meeting following the 11AM Mass at St. Casimir's Church. Those attending will be given the opportunity to share their input and questions regarding the preliminary plan for reorganizing parishes in Erie County.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Our Finance and Pastoral Committees invite you to attend a **Town Hall** meeting this Sunday, September 17 in the church following the 11:00 AM Mass. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions and share your concerns regarding the proposed Preliminary Plan for the reorganization of parishes in Erie County and to provide your feedback to the Planning Committee.

Please remember to provide your feedback on the preliminary plan to the diocese at www.eriercd.org/planning.html. **All feedback must be received by September 29.** If you prefer to do it by hard copy there are forms in the back of the church. Otherwise call the parish office and we will get one out to you. The address to send your feedback to is at the end of the form. **Please do not send the forms to the parish office.**

The **2023 Catholic Education Collection** will take place today. Through your support, our children, and their families, both young and old, will be led to greater faith.

Healing Mass - "Are you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them" James 5:14. A Healing Mass with Father Chris Beran will be held on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm at St. George Church, 5145 Peach Street. Worship Music by Harmony's House starting at 6:15 pm and doors open at 5:30 pm. Individual prayers for healing following the Mass.

Join the **Sisters of Saint Joseph** for **Network Celebrity Bartending** on Sept. 22 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the La Nuova Aurora Society, 1518 Walnut St., Erie, for live music by the Breeze Band, over 20 local celebrities behind the bar, gift baskets and games of chance. The proceeds of the night go towards supporting the work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network. Questions can be directed to 814.454.7814.

St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie invites you to savor the **Taste of Poland Dinner** on Oct. 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the parish hall, 516 E. 13th St., Erie. Enjoy a traditional Polish meal featuring pierogi, sausage, golabki, mashed potatoes and gravy, kapusta, bread and butter. Take-out options are available. Adult tickets are \$15, ages six-12 are \$6, and children under five are free. The event also features czarnina and frozen pierogi for sale, a bake sale, a gift auction, a theme basket auction and a 50/50 raffle.

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** Diocesan Division is sponsoring a 29th Annual Diocesan Rosary March to be held on Oct. 8 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral, 230 W. 10th St., Erie. The Rosary March will begin outside the cathedral and proceed to walk approximately one mile around downtown Erie. For those unable to walk outside, the Rosary will be prayed inside the cathedral. The Rosary March will conclude with a prayer service inside the cathedral from 3-4 p.m. with Bishop Lawrence Persico presiding, Fr. Scott Jabo as the guest homilist, Fr. Jerry Priscaro leading the Eucharistic adoration and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mr. Richard Rossi providing the music. Enrollment in the brown scapular will follow at the conclusion of benediction. All priests and laity of the diocese are invited to attend. For more information, contact John Kostrubanic at 814.790.2046 or John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

St. Boniface Parish in Erie will celebrate **Oktoberfest** on Oct. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at the church, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie. The adult-only event will feature craft beers brewed at St. Boniface parish. There will also be music, games and food provided by Brady's Chuckwagon food truck. Come and join our celebration of the harvest feast in German style.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean is hosting a **free study on Jesus and the Eucharist** as part of the Eucharistic Revival. The study is open to all, including Catholics, non-Catholics, youth, and adults. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. (Sept. 18 to Oct. 30) and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept. 20 to Nov. 1) at St. Francis Xavier Church, 8880 Main St, McKean. Attendees are encouraged to come to all sessions, or as their schedule allows, and missed sessions can be caught up online. To sign up or for more information, visit www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org or call Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

Seventy-seven times . . . One of the most central teachings of Jesus is that of forgiving and being forgiven. What does it mean to forgive someone? Or to be forgiven? This week Peter asks the question: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?" For Peter it appears that forgiveness is an obligation. What are the rules? How many times do I have to forgive before I can stop? But Jesus sees it as a matter of love, not duty. Forgiveness must come from the heart, and we must model ourselves after the Father, whose mercy is infinite. As long as our brother or sister repents, we must forgive them. We know in our own lives that the call to be people of forgiveness is not easy. Sometimes it requires all the strength we have to muster up the courage, as well as the words and actions, that must follow. Forgiving does not mean that we endorse or accept the wrong others have done to us, rather it means we no longer harbor feelings of anger and resentment or seek ways of getting even. But when it comes to forgiving others, we must first remember just how forgiving and merciful God is to each of us. If God is so willing to forgive us, even when the debt of our sin is huge, how much more should we be willing to take the right step and forgive those who have harmed or hurt us? A good way to put this into practice is to regularly seek out and receive the sacrament of reconciliation or penance. These are not the times for us to be closed of heart; the world, our communities, and the Church, needs us. We must continue to recognize God's goodness and mercy that is shared with us again and again. Then we will find it easier to forgive others, not just once, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times.