

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 28th: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Michael Mazza by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Nancy Sobrowski by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Monday, August 29th: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) All Bishops and Priests, living and deceased by Jean Wroblewski

Tuesday, August 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Gladys Jechna by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Wednesday, August 31st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Thursday, September 1st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

First Friday, September 2nd: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

First Saturday, September 3rd: St. Gregory the Great

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) Michael Lucas, Wedding Anniversary by John and Pat Stano

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

Sunday, September 4th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Robert Kowalewski, Birthday by Bob Demchak

Monday, September 5th: Weekday/Labor Day

→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions

→ 10:00am (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Tuesday, September 6th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Family

Wednesday, September 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Walter Harrison, Anniversary by Rose Marie Bargielski

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) Prayers for more vocations to Religious Life

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek

2) Special Intentions of all who helped with the new parish office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Offertory: \$1,660.00

Church of Latin America: \$189.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,297.00 Paid: \$8,142.00

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

- 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 and thank you!

♥ I wish to thank each and everyone who helped move of the parish office to St. Casimir's. From the designers, carpenters, electricians, movers, special gifts, and donations to help defray to cost of the move, I thank you. Blessings to you all, Helen Gangemi

PLEASE NOTE: The parish mailing address remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until further notice. We need to get a secure mailbox, at the new location and work with the US Post Office to make the change in address.

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Due to the moving of the parish office we had to finalize this week's bulletin article early. I will catch you up next week on anything that happened at the Pastoral Council and the East Erie Deanery Planning meetings.

All parish **mail will still be received at the 913 Fulton Street** address until we are able to work out mail delivery for the new location. The phone number for the office remains the same. Thanks for your patience during this transition.

A very special thank you to **Bob Mazur, Tom Duska, and Mike Kuzma** for preparing the space downstairs for our parish office. Bob designed the structure and built it along with Tom. Mike did the wiring and helped facilitate the move itself. I was amazed at the speed by which the structure went up!

Thanks again for your support of the **Baby Bottle** benefit for the Women's Center that was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Our parish collected \$1,268.12 toward the total of \$108,356 collected from all participating parishes. A special thanks to **Rod Showers** for leading this effort and **David Dombkowski** for his help.

The **Benedictines for Peace** in Erie will celebrate the fifth anniversary of their monthly **Silent Peace Walk** on Aug. 29 from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at 345 E. 9th St., the neighborhood where the Benedictine Sisters have lived and worked for more than 160 years. A social time with light refreshments, beginning at 6:15 p.m., will precede the Silent Peace Walk. The social will be held in the playground area of the nearby St. Benedict Child Development Center. In case of rain, the social will not be held, but the Silent Peace Walk will proceed. These walks are a simple practice to promote peace and unity in the world. All are welcome.

All men and women parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are welcome to join the **St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary**, an organization established in 1945 to provide spiritual support to young men who have chosen a life of sacred service. The first meeting of the auxiliary this year is Sept. 13, beginning with a Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, followed by a brief meeting. Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month. Seminarians attend the meeting so that auxiliary members have a chance to meet and visit with them. Participation in the auxiliary is not demanding, but the mission is fulfilling. For information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406.

People for Life is arranging bus transportation to the **2nd Annual PA March for Life** in Harrisburg on Monday, September 19, the first day of the fall legislative session. The bus will leave Erie at 5 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. The event includes a Rally on the front steps of the State Capitol Building at 11 a.m. and a March around the Capitol complex at 12 p.m. Time to visit the Capitol Building and meet with state legislators will be available after the March. Seats are only \$30. For more information call (814) 882-1333 or email: office@peopleforlife.org. Online registration is available at www.peopleforlife.org. Seating is limited; please register as soon as possible.

How humble are we?

When we hear that someone is humble, how does that strike us? Does the image of a super-hero come to mind, or do we automatically think of someone who may have low self-esteem? Yet, humility is a virtue for which we all should strive. Our role models of humility can be found in specific people such as athletes, parents, public figures, a spouse, religious leaders or maybe a friend, to name a few. These people possess a confidence in themselves that brings out their best selves, usually for the benefit of others. Mother Teresa, for example, was determined to do all she could for the poor and dying in India and eventually throughout the world. It was her sense of humility that enabled her to recognize and use her God-given gifts for others. Being humble is far from having low self-esteem – it is the opposite.

In our Gospel Jesus using the parable of a wedding banquet to give us a lesson in what it means to be humble. We've all been at an event where there is assigned seating. And haven't we all at one time or another tried to switch our seats to be closer to someone important? Jesus, however, wants us to realize that status is an illusion. For that matter, he tells us to do the opposite by sitting at the lowest place. Doing so will bring us the greatest reward.

On an even more personal level, Jesus teaches us to place others higher than ourselves. We are called to serve one another, and we can't serve others if we consider ourselves better than them. Claiming the highest seat reveals our pride and can lead to embarrassment if another arrives more worthy of our place. Taking our place at a low position also allows our heavenly host, the Lord, to "raise us" higher than we place ourselves. Jesus tells us: "the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus, who exemplifies authentic humility, wants us to be humble like him.

In a society that constantly promotes me-centered messages it is easy to fall into the trap of comparing ourselves with others - deciding that we're better than they are, or others are better than us. Either way, comparing ourselves with others is a mistake. Only God, who reads the human heart, can make true and wise comparisons.

Jesus is not asking us to forgo success in life, it is ok to be proud of what we do but not to a point where we see ourselves as better than others.

So perhaps the most obvious message for us today is to try to substitute humility for pride in our lives. But how? By praying for it. Praying to recognize it, praying for the gift of it as virtue, and praying to be open to its challenges. By doing so each of us will have our rightful seat at our Lord's banquet.

Please be patient with us as we move the parish office over to St. Casimir's. A lot of work goes into moving and setting up the new location. Things may be backed up for a short period of time and we will get organized and back up to full speed as soon as possible. Thank you!

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, August 22, 2022