

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 19th: Late Advent Weekday

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's

Sunday, December 20th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass ~ Szabo & Tomczak Families by Lou Szabo

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Carl & Theresa Kuruc and Family by Brother Paul A. Wilson, Ofm

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Shirley Amendola by Cathy & Tim Merski

Monday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jane Marie Minichelli by The Minichelli Family

Tuesday, December 22nd: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Ropiecki from Delphine and Family

Wednesday, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty

(SC) No Public Mass ~ Daniel A. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Emma Marras by The Vento Family

5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of the Latin Mass Community

Thursday, December 24th: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession

12:05 pm (SA) No Public Mass or Confession

Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (SC) Dale Sorensen by Family & Friends

4:00 pm (SA) Michael & Helen E. Ropelewski by Family

Friday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass

9:00 am (SC) No Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of the Latin Mass Community

10:30 am (SC) No Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

Saturday, December 26th: St. Stephen

No Public Masses or Confessions at St. Casimir's
Bob Jurino by wife Marie and Son

Sunday, December 27th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass ~ Stephen Ropelewski, Birthday by The Ropelewski Family

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ In Memory of Millie Kae Theuerkauf by Dorothy Rohall

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Halina Roman by Dolores Vollmer Family

➔ 11:00 am (HF) Feast Day Mass at Holy Family Church
Evelyn Turowski by daughter Janet

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

St. Ann's

1) Rose Marie Skrypak by husband Bob Skrypak

2) Halina Roman by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Mike & Jackie Dylewski by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

2) Lucille Murawski by granddaughter Victoria and Murawski and Andrew Gangemi

FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

Due to early publication deadlines no financial information is available.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

2020 Goal: \$21,446.00

Report As of December 12th

Pledged Amount: \$17,585.00 Paid Amount: \$17,165.00

Thank you we are getting closer to our goal we are now \$3,861.00 away for reaching our goal.

Can we count on you, please! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and CSA contributions in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the rectory office.

The parish office is located at
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503



Thank you for your gifts to The GECAC GIVING TREE

You will make many folks have a jolly and blessed Christmas this year thanks to your very generous donations/gifts to the GECAC Giving Tree. The gifts have been picked up and will be delivered to each person in time for Christmas. Again thank you for your kindness and generosity.

2021 Mass Book ... Please send in your Mass requests along with a separate check to my attention. Remember Masses are first come first served. I will do my best to accommodate your requested dates and times.

Wishing you a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Helen

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, December 12, 2020

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Schedule ... While we are still offering masses, our Bishop's dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses is still in effect. Please consider your personal circumstances before deciding to attend a Christmas mass. If you are not feeling well or are anxious about attending please consider staying home.

Here is our schedule:

Christmas Eve

4 pm at St. Ann Church

4 pm at St. Casimir Church

Christmas Day

9:30 am St. Casimir (Traditional Latin Mass)

11:00 am St. Casimir

Feast of the Holy Family -Sunday, December 27

9:30 am St. Casimir (Traditional Latin Mass)

11:00 am at St. Casimir

11:00 am at Holy Family Church

On **Christmas Eve** in an effort to reduce crowd size there will be two masses at the same time but at different locations. If one church becomes crowded, you may be directed to the other. If you choose to attend on Christmas Eve please be open to attending either church.

If you plan to attend an **11 am mass on the Feast of the Holy Family** and have no church preference please attend at St. Casimir. **If you plan to attend at Holy Family** please call **Mike Kuzma at 814-969-0497** by December 24. This will enable us to estimate the expected crowd. With all the complications surrounding our Holiday this year, one thing remains constant: the Word became Flesh and Jesus comes into our hearts. In spite of the difficulties that we face this year let us pause to seek his presence and love because we know that we will find it. Then, let us share it with one another!

This **Christmas** may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. I am profoundly grateful for the kindness you have extended to me during my time here and for all you have done for me, our priests, and our parish! On behalf of **Msgr. Koos, Fr. Gregorek, Fr. Priscaro, Fr. Power** and myself we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas. May you remain happy, healthy and safe.

Getting to Yes! ... The Scripture passages around Christmas always draw us more deeply into the mystery of God who chose to become one of us. This week our Gospel includes the mystery of a human cooperating in salvation history. God sends his messenger to Mary in order to invite her to become the mother of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. She accepted the invitation and history has never been the same. It is easy to think about this Gospel as a charming story of our lady's total self-giving to God, her willingness to take on a role in his plan of salvation. But this story is much more than a recollection of events that occurred over 2000 years ago, it is our story too. We can learn no greater lesson than how to say yes to God. Mary's yes reversed Eve's no and paved the way for Christ's undoing of Adam's fall. Likewise, God is always inviting us to do his work and to follow his will and sometimes that invitation disrupts our lives. It may be through the voice of conscience, the normal responsibilities and demands of our state in life, or the indication of Church teaching. When we say "yes" we echo Mary and let Christ in our lives. But if our response is "no" or "maybe," we can shut him out. Just like Mary's answer changed the course of history – our answer to God's invitation will change the course of our lives. God gives us the Blessed Mother at Christmas to help us believe in all the impossibilities that the Incarnation overcomes. God does not want us to confront the apparent bleakness and hopelessness of our times alone. Christmas is a time of new beginning, of God breaking the darkness to come into our lives and proving that "nothing is impossible for God."



Wishing you a Blessed and Merry Christmas



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