

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 24th: Third Ordinary Sunday

*Second Diocesan Collection for Faith Communication*

- 8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Michael & Candy Kennedy,  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Fr. O'Hara by Charlotte Prez and Family

### Monday, January 25th: Conversion of Saint Paul

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) John Prez by wife Charlotte and Family

### Tuesday, January 26th: Sts. Timothy and Titus

- (SC) No Public Mass and Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Hartman Family  
by Beverly and Charlotte

### Wednesday, January 27th: St. Angela Merici

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Helen E. Ropelewski, Birthday by Daughters  
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Cecelia Recktenwald,  
Birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

### Thursday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Mary Bolla by Rick & Ron Bolla

### Friday, January 29th: Weekday

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Members of St. Ann's Ladies  
Society and Guild

### Saturday, January 30th: Weekday

*No Public Masses or Confessions*

### Sunday, January 31st: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Eugene & Eva Bonanno by  
Anna & Justin Bonanno  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Agnes Oldakowski by Family

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Family by Kulig Estate

### St. Casimir's

- 1) To the end of the Pandemic and Good Health to All
- 2) Our Sick and Shut-ins

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

*Offertory for Jan. 17, 2021: \$2,840.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

**2020 Goal: \$21,446.00**

**Report As of January 19th**

**Pledged Amount: \$17,820.00 Paid Amount: \$17,510.00**

We did not reach our goal for 2020.

We were \$3,626.00 short.

The Diocese of Erie has set the date of February 14th to begin the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

*Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory and other 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 keeping the home fires burning!**

2020 Contribution statements will be mailed to everyone who received one last year. If you wish to receive your 2020 contribution statement please call the rectory office at 452-4832 and leave a message for Helen. Statements will be mailed to you on or before January 31, 2021. Thank you.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, January 23, 2021

## FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Third Sunday after Epiphany (Latin Mass)

Can you believe it is almost time for the Lenten dinners to begin in our surrounding parishes! **St. Stanislaus Parish** will be serving their annual Fish and Pierogi Dinners “**Take Out Only**” in the Parish Hall on Fridays, February 19, March 5 and March 19 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm or until sold out.

**Holy Trinity Parish** will be serving Fish/Pierogi/Potato Pancake Dinners “**Take Out Only**” on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and on Friday, March 12, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Why not plan to take a night off from cooking while supporting our neighboring parishes.

Once again, here are the special directions **Bishop Persico** has provided for the upcoming celebrations for **blessing of throats** and the **distribution of ashes**:

**The Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats:** Bishop Persico directs the blessing be given once, over the entire congregation. If anyone should request an individual blessing after Mass, a six-foot distance should be maintained, both the minister and parishioner must wear a mask, and the candles should not be touched to any person receiving the blessing.

**Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday:** Because of the impossibility of sanitizing one’s thumb between each person, Bishop Persico directs that those who wish to receive the sacramental of blessed ashes receive them using the practice common in many parts of the world of sprinkling ash on the crown of the head. This avoids any physical contact.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Michael Lucas** and **Mary Lou Wieczorek**, both long-time parishioners who recently went home to the Lord. Michael’s funeral was this past Wednesday at Holy Family Church and Mary Ann’s is on Monday at St. Ann Church. Let us all continue to pray for their families so they may know and feel the love of our faith community during these difficult times. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

The **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted throughout our diocese on February 14. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serve parishes and the wider community in northwestern Pennsylvania. Bishop Persico assures us that donations to the 2021 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. Our goal this year is \$20,164. More information will be made available in the next two weeks.

Today’s **second collection** is to help support the **Office of Communication** in the Erie Diocese. The Office of Communication designs public relations strategies and works to maintain good relations with print and broadcast media throughout the 13 counties of our diocese. Thank you for your support and generosity!

**We are Qualified! ...** In our Gospel Jesus approaches his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, with an interesting challenge: to leave their fishing nets and lives and turn their attention toward catching people in the net of God’s love. In some ways, call-ing fishermen to his work seems like an odd choice and yet the skills they possessed for catching fish (patience, perseverance, hard work, ability to weather storms) would come in handy when fishing for people. One thing we can learn from this Gospel is that our faith includes actively following Jesus, even if that means leaving the good things of this world behind. We all long to be happy and we all know self-sacrifice is never easy. Yet we cannot obtain fulfillment by only listening to and acting on our own desires. God longs for us to be happy too! He knows our abilities, and how each of us fits into his grand design for the world. Often, we are called to do something that is challenging and out of our comfort zone. It is at these times we need to remember: God does not always call the qualified, but he always qualifies the called.

Today, pause for a moment and listen as Jesus calls each of us ordinary, everyday people to be “fishers of men” and to use our talents to do his work. How will we respond?



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