

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

Thirteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

Whoever gives only a cup
of cold water to one of
these little ones
to drink because the
little one is a disciple —
amen, I say to you,
he will surely not
lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



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Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).



**Wishing everyone a Blessed, Safe and
Happy Holiday weekend.**

**Happy July 4th!
Happy Independence Day!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has delayed re-opening our churches for public Masses at this time.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate. You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

Saturday, June 27th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Julia Visosky, Anniversary by Christine and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 28th: Thirteenth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Al Ropelewski by Caroline Larson
(SC) Margaret Shanta by Vento Family
(SC) Fr. Donald Berdis and Deceased of The Berdis Family by Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 29th: Sts. Peter and Paul

(SC) For all suffering from the virus by Mickey Pohl
(SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Tuesday, June 30th: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

(SC) Lottie Turowski by daughter Lottie Carter
(SA) Freedom of Religion by Mickey Pohl

Wednesday, July 1st: St. Junipero Serra

(SC) Betty Wasielewski by Joe Habas
(SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Thursday, July 2nd: Weekday

(SC) Good Health for Eileen Ropelewski
(SC) Father's Day Intentions

First Friday, July 3rd: St. Thomas

(SC) Richard Bolla, Anniversary by Rick & Ron Bolla
(SA) Agnes Priscaro by Ladies Guild

First Saturday, July 4th: Vigil Mass

INDEPENDENCE DAY

(SC) Joseph Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Visosky Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 5th: Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak
(SC) Richard Liszka by David & Anna Dieteman
(SC) For Religious Freedom by Mickey Pohl
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Jacqueline Dylewski, Anniversary by Helen, daughter, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
 - 2) Living & Deceased Officers & Members of the Slovak National Club
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) All suffering from the virus
- 2) All Father's Day Intentions

St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez
- 2) Intentions of the Legion of Mary

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Father Leo Duschek, Theresa Kuzma Taft, Richard Ropiecki, Service Men and Women, Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors
Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. May they rest in peace.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (Germany), Austin Agnello, Stephany Agnello, Sterling and Connor Vahey, Nicole and Jamie Keller (in Iraq), David Hawkins, Nick Torres (in Afghanistan), Bryan Spadaccio, Jennifer Smolinsky, Gregory Merski, Thomas Kaiser, Daniel Kidd (in Hawaii), and David Kraut
Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location. Thank you for your service to our country.

THE WEEK AHEAD

The rectory office remains closed until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for June 2, 2020

TOTAL COLLECTION \$2,336.82

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of June 16, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$11,450.00

Paid Amount: \$9,245.00

Thank you we had an increase in pledges/payments! We are now only \$9,996.00 away from our goal and we still need your help to reach it. Together we can do it! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

PARISH EXPENSES

General Office Expenses: \$1,382.83 (June 2020)

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

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK continued

Today is the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please offer your prayers today for good health for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish, for an end to the COVID-19 Virus, for all who are suffering because of the virus, and for the spiritual and temporal needs of all. Let's continue to pray for one another! †

We regret to announce the passing of **Theresa Kuzma Taft**, a member of the Kuzma Family of Holy Family. Theresa was a graduate of Holy Family School and the daughter of **Joseph & Anna Kuzma**. She was a sister of **Sister Rose Kuzma** and **Mike Kuzma I**. Due to the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic services were private and for the family. May she rest in peace. We also regret to announce the passing of **Richard Ropiecki**, brother of parishioner **Delphine Palkovic**, former manager of Holy Family School's cafeteria. May he rest in peace! We just learned of the death of Divine Word **Father Leo Duschek**, a former professor at St. Mark's Seminary and the Divine Word Seminary in Girard. Father was a supply priest at St. Casimir's in the 60's and 70's while he was at St. Mark's. May he too rest in peace. † **Bishop Persico** has continued his dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also the Easter Duty Obligation to all in the Erie Diocese because of the medical emergency caused by the coronavirus crisis! Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Home! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. † Congratulations **Father John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap.** who has been assigned to the formation team at Borromeo Seminary in Wickliffe, Ohio. Father John Paul is a native of Holy Family and a graduate of Holy Family School. His new mailing address as of August 1, 2020 is Borromeo Seminary, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092. **Father John Paul** has completed his time in Philadelphia and will move to Ohio August 1st. It will be good to have him back in the neighborhood! Welcome home **Father John Paul!** † Thanks again to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or those who bring them to the mail slot at the rectory! You know how much we need your help during this difficult time. You help us pay the bills which never end and you keep us alive and well. This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Stay Safe! Stay Happy! Stay Cool! Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Hope to see all Soon!

† Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle! Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil! May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly host by divine power cast into hell Satan all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! (3 times).

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Extraordinary Lessons in Ordinary Time! ... Here we are, into the 13th Sunday in ordinary time. Have you ever thought about Ordinary time - what it is and why we have it in the Church calendar? Because of the connotations of the term "ordinary" in English, it is not uncommon for many to assume that Ordinary Time refers to the parts of the Church year that are unimportant. But nothing could be further from the truth. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church—the period where we have no big feasts or celebrations. It is a time for spiritual growth and a time for us to really deepen our commitment to living as Jesus taught us. Our readings selected for Ordinary Time are intended to provide us lessons on what it means to be a Christian and follow Jesus in our daily lives. This week in our Gospel from Matthew, Jesus gives us a candid teaching on the importance and demands of discipleship and what it means to follow him. As he sends the Apostles out to preach, he reminds them that they can expect hardship and a variety of responses to their preaching. Yet they are not to be afraid of whatever might happen, for they will never be without his care and love. Making the choice to follow Jesus, and then living it fully, is difficult and challenging – even Jesus acknowledges this. To follow him means that we must deny our deep-seated tendencies toward self-sufficiency and self-indulgence in favor of obedience and self-governance. Yet Jesus never asks us to give more than he has already given. When we put God first, when we serve God before all else, we are rewarded with the promise of eternal life. In the days and weeks ahead, especially in the midst of the challenges we face in our world, community and our lives, may we let that promise inspire and strengthen our commitment to be faithful disciples and to bring others to Christ. Let us use the extraordinary lessons of Ordinary time for spiritual growth and a deepening our commitment to live as Jesus taught us knowing full well that we too will never be without his care and love.

St. Ann Novena Cancelled ... Due to the current restrictions in place and the risks associated with gathering in crowds, the annual St. Ann Novena has been cancelled for this year. We look forward to having the Novena next year and hope to make it special considering what has happened this year. Please continue to pray to Good St. Ann to intercede for your special intentions as well as our parish.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, Charlotte Prez, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Jennifer Galla, Diane Pavlik, Linda Krause, Douglas B. (father) and Douglas B. (son), Elizabeth Sliska, Gregory Wright, Tom Duska, II, Frances Birchard, Mary Ann Palkovic, Thomas Sisca, Fritz Gingenbach, Marlene Lucas, Mary Lou Wiczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Fr. John Murray C.Ss.R., The Wienczkowski Family, Eileen Fulton, Jane Singleton, Eloise Conley, Lorraine Oster, Al Klugiewicz, The Clara Jong Family, Thomas Lucas, Rose Kowalski, Rosemarie Dzialo, Mark McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Dannielle Bizzarro, Ed Hart, Hank and Dorothy Oldach, Sister Grace Cermak, and all others in need of our prayers. Pray for all of them!

Please call in with names that should be added or removed from this list. Remember you are our only source of information, hospital, nursing homes, etc. do not provide us with any information. Thank you.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses.

Given concerns for the safety and health of everyone, as well as our current inability to comply with the required protocols, we have delayed re-opening our churches for public masses. In the next several weeks we will meet with Pastoral Council and re-assess our ability to comply with the restrictions and protocol and re-evaluate our status on June 30. Our priests and the majority of our parishioners are in the high- risk category defined by the CDC. As the behavior and spread of the virus continues to remain unpredictable, it is still too risky to gather – even with social distancing practices in place. The protocol for re-establishing public masses as outlined by the Bishop is very demanding and complex. To meet this protocol will require a core group of volunteers willing to be at all masses. The decision to re-open is also optional and the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses still remains in effect. Several parishes in our diocese as well as other areas of the country have chosen to delay re-opening for public masses. If you wish to view the protocols or Bishop Persico's town hall meeting, you will find a link at our website www.mothersorrowerie.org or at the website for the diocese www.ErieRDC.org. Our Mass and Sacraments are the very heart of our faith and who we are and we all miss them dearly. It is our hope and prayer that we will all be safely worshiping together in the near future.

From the Pastor's Desk continued on next page...