

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 30th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Diocesan Special Second Collection ~ Good Shepherd*

Private (SA) Lee MacMillan by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

### Monday, May 1st: St. Joseph the Worker

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Marlene Andrascik from The Vento Family

### Tuesday, May 2nd: St. Anthanasius

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Jean Deniziak by Joe and Holly Guzowski

### Wednesday, May 3rd: Saint Philip and St. James

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Angela Helsley by son Kevin Helsley

### Thursday, May 4th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

### First Friday, May 5th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by Daughters

### First Saturday, May 6th: Easter Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions

9:00am (SA) David Blum by The Vento Family

Private: Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, May 7th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Private (SA) Joseph Borczon by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of the Osiecki and Wodecki Families by Family

### Monday, May 8th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

### Tuesday, May 9th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

### Wednesday, May 10th: Saint John of Avila

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt Caroline

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and 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) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek
- 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of all parishioners
- 2) Health and Healing of our Sick and Shut-ins

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*April 16, 2023: \$1,481.50*

*Divine Mercy Mass on April 16, 2023: \$1,140.00*

*April 23, 2023: \$3,132.50*

## Expenses

Plant maintenance and care April 2023: \$1,110.45

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

*2023 Goal: \$35,165.00*

*Pledged: \$6,403.00*

*Paid: \$4,703.00*

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

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

## PLEASE USE OUR CORRECT ADDRESS!

**The Parish Office address is**

**630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.**

The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp.  
All mail and other correspondence is to be addressed to and mailed to or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave.  
Office hours are by appointment only.

*The Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection will be collected today, Sunday, April 30, 2023*

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*



**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS: 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503**  
**814-452-4832 phone**

Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

**Saint Casimir Church, 630 Hess Ave., Saint Ann Church, 931 East Ave.,  
Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503**

**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski**

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

There are no Pastoral Planning updates to report since the release of Bishop Persico's letter last week. As things develop and information becomes available, I will pass it on. I expect there will soon be coverage about the recent announcements in the local media. To stay current on the planning process visit: [www.eriecd.org/planning.html](http://www.eriecd.org/planning.html).

Our annual **collection for retired priests** will take place TODAY. We ask that all the faithful of the diocese to prayerfully consider a financial gift to the Good Shepherd Collection, to assist us in the caring for our current and future retired priests. This collection offers you a way to show your gratitude for their many years of dedication and faithful service to the people of God in the Diocese of Erie.

Our **Knights Council** has joined together with 23 other Knights Councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct our annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. It will **benefit the Women's Care Center** of Erie's goal of purchasing a new, state of the art **Ultrasound Machine** to replace and older unit at one of their other locations. Your donations will also be used to offset the operating costs of the Ultrasound Van that was purchased from the 2022 fundraiser. Last year through your contributions, \$119,000 was collected toward the cost of the Ultrasound Van. The Knights of Columbus Supreme based in Connecticut donated an additional \$59,000 to cover the entire cost of the Ultrasound Machine for the Van. We will be distributing Baby Bottles and optional donation envelopes as you leave church the weekend of May 6-7. Bottles and envelopes will still be available in the vestibule following that weekend. We ask that you fill the bottles with your coins, cash, or checks and return them by the weekend of June 10-11. Paper currency or checks may be put in the envelopes that can be placed in the collection baskets or dropped off at the Parish office. Please make all checks payable to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your time and we pray that you will join us in our continuing efforts in saving the lives of the unborn.

Congratulations to **M. Kaden Davis** on making the Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Preparatory School for the second term of the 2021-22 scholastic year. We are proud of you!

**Blessed Sacrament School** in Erie is hosting a **games of chance event on May 12** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Geiger Hall, 2510 Greengarden Blvd. Use the 26th St. entrance. The cost is \$35.00 for 10 games and three special games with prizes ranging from \$100 cash to \$50-\$100 gift cards. The grand prize is \$500. Additional games are available for purchase. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.eriecatholic.org/bss](http://www.eriecatholic.org/bss), at the school or the parish office. All proceeds will benefit Blessed Sacrament Advancement Scholarships. Must be at least 18 years old to attend.

Join the **Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Mercy Council 11144** for its 28th annual golf and sports raffle and casino night on May 12 at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd., Harborcreek. The event benefits youth activities at the parish. Doors will be open from 6-11 p.m. Prizes include cash, sports gear and more. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

### **We Need the Good Shepherd!**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday as John's Gospel gives us what is perhaps the best known and most loved image of Jesus: The Good Shepherd. It is only in John's Gospel that Jesus calls himself the good shepherd.

So, what makes a shepherd good? For starters he is different from the hired hand who is in it mainly for the paycheck. A good shepherd goes beyond the job description, the minimum requirements of the job. A good shepherd's work is truly an act of love. A good shepherd protects his sheep, leads them to safety, feeds them, helps them to grow. Jesus our Good Shepherd does all of this for us and even more – he leads us by his voice and gives us his very own life so that each one of us may have life.

But Jesus gives all of us a challenge today – he asks each of us to be good shepherds and to take care of his flock on earth. To be more than hired hands – to go beyond the job description and to imitate Jesus, the Good Shepherd – to lead lives that are loving and caring, faithful and trustworthy, patient and understanding. So how well are we taking care of the flock Jesus has entrusted to us – are we good shepherds? "Do we shepherd his earth and treat it with care, or are we hired hands who feel no sense of ownership?" Do we shepherd his people and lead them to good pastures, or do we run away and worry only about ourselves? Do we lay down our lives for others by truly listening to others and not clinging to our own opinions? "Do we look upon everyone, the whole human race, as members of one flock, or do we look upon others as rivals, enemies?" "Do we gather ... or do we scatter?"

Jesus promises us his continued care and protection and tells us why we can rely on him as the Good Shepherd. He seeks only our good while protecting us from the "thieves and robbers" which are in the form of the daily challenges we face.

Jesus our Good Shepherd can be found in our daily lives such as in health care workers whose work is done out of love for many people they serve. Or perhaps in teachers who go the extra mile to assure the success of that one troubled student. The Good Shepherd is in each one of us, as we strive to take care of those around us.

So, rest assured that no matter how this life challenges us Our Good Shepherd doesn't give up on us. He goes beyond the job description and takes ownership of his flock and is always there to lead us to better ground.

Jesus the Good Shepherd takes ownership of his flock and does not give up on us. Can we say the same for us?