

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 27th: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) No Private Mass Today

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

Monday, August 28th: Saint Augustine

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Thomas Murawski by Delphine Palkovic

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

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Wednesday, August 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

Thursday, August 31st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico by The Juchno Family

First Friday, September 1st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

First Saturday, September 2nd: Weekday

8:30 am (SA) Confessions

9:00 am (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Bob Demchak

Private (SA) Health and Healing for Bev Vento by Family

Sunday, September 3rd: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Linda A. Tarasovitch by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by Bob and Karen Mazur

Monday, September 4th: Weekday and Labor Day

→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions

→ 10:00am (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Carolyn R. Scott

Tuesday, September 5th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Peggy & Roach Hewitt

Wednesday, September 6th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
 - 2) Special Intentions of Sister Kevin Berdis, OSF, 60th Jubilee as a School Sister of Saint Francis
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) David K. Wienczkowski by Kathie Hamilton
- 2) Health and Healing of Bev Vento from Family

St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT—August 20, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,442.75

Church in Latin America: \$91.00

Assumption: \$357.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

We are \$28,191.00 away from our goal!
Can you help?

Pledged: \$6,974.00 Paid: \$6,624.00

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

Happy to report an increase this week-Thank You!
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you to **Judy Halcom** for the roll of stamps. Your generosity to the parish is very much appreciated.

Thanks again Judy for your love and support!

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Congratulations to **Sister Kevin Berdis, OSF**. Sister Kevin celebrates her 60th Jubilee as a School Sister of Saint Francis. Best wishes to Sister Kevin and thank you for all of your love and care for Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Holy Family School. If you would like to send Sister Kevin well wishes her address is 1450 Donnan Ave., Bldg. H-12, Washington, PA 15301.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

As I have been sharing in this column for several weeks, a group from our parish will attend a meeting at St. Mark Center on Tuesday August 29. At that time, we expect to learn the details of the **proposed realignment of parishes in Erie County**. Afterwards we will be putting together a communication plan to share what we have learned, including details of the format for the feedback period. Stay tuned! To learn more about Pastoral Planning visit www.eriecd.org/planning.html Please continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, courage, strength, and guidance so we may respond to change with open minds and hearts.

The **29th Annual Rosary March** will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm. For those unable to march, the rosary will be recited in the church while the march is taking place. For more information call John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Heubel whose Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Ann this past Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

Congratulations to **Sister Kevin Berdis, OSF** who celebrates her 60th Jubilee as a School Sister of Saint Francis this month. Thank you, Sister Kevin, for saying yes to God's call and for your ministry and service to the young people of our parish and the diocese.

Thanks to all who supported the **2023 Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Fundraiser**. Our parish contributed \$890.15 and the grand total collected was \$75,311.03.

Holy Trinity Parish is celebrating the final day of its **30th Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage** event today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event showcases authentic Polish foods and renowned Polka bands. Admission is free, with additional parking and a shuttle at E. 34th & Ash streets, Erie.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie will host a **Blue Mass** on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at the church, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, to honor public safety personnel. The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico will preside. Mass is open to the public, and first responders are encouraged to attend in uniform. A reception will follow in the church's cafeteria.

St. George Parish in Erie will host a prayer service on Sept. 9 following the 8 a.m. Mass to mark the **11th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**. The prayer service will be held at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie, and will last for approximately 45 minutes. Contact the parish office at 814.866.7532 for more information.

Did you go to church on Sunday?

Today when we hear the word "church" we often think of it as the building down the street or as institutional - its organizational structure, power, prestige, hierarchy, etc.

Our Gospel this week calls us to view church much differently. Jesus begins with a very straightforward (but difficult to answer) question to his disciples about his identity, and then he reveals how he will build his church. He uses people as the rocks of the foundation of this church and not bricks and mortar. Jesus builds his church out of the community of believers, each one of us who continually acknowledge him as "the Christ" and remain ever faithful to him.

The Church and the role of Peter originated from God. Which means that Pope Francis and his predecessors are the direct successor to Peter through centuries of laying of the hands. We are unique in that we are the only faith that has a leader that traces itself back to this Gospel.

Yet, the Pope is more than a CEO - he is the Vicar of Christ on earth. The Pope communicates truth not as something he has originated, but as the revelation communicated to God by his Church.

The question in the Gospel about the identity of Jesus really goes further! Church is more than something we go to; it is an identity that we share as members of the body of Christ which we were initiated into at baptism. Jesus is telling us that by being church we participate in his identity (as children of God) and his mission. We too are "rock" - the foundation of this church.

What does that mean for us today? It means that through this shared identity, we rely on each other in our strengths, weaknesses, and in our failures as well as our gifts and limitations. It means that gathering here is much more than just going to church - it is being church.

We are all aware of the challenges the Church has faced. That is evident in our diocese and our parish as we await the impending reorganization of parishes in Erie County. We also know the church has prevailed over all challenges and will continue to prevail. In every age the voice of the church has sounded out in defense of human freedom and the truth of Jesus Christ and it will continue to do so amidst the struggles we face today. And it will do so because of people like us - we are "rock!"

So today let us pray for our church. Let us also offer a prayer of thanks for the teaching and guidance that we have through the pope, bishop, saints, and the rich doctrine of the church. Let us pray that each one of us will continue to have the desire, energy, and courage to defend the truths of our faith, to rise above the challenges we face today, and to continue to build up the church.

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