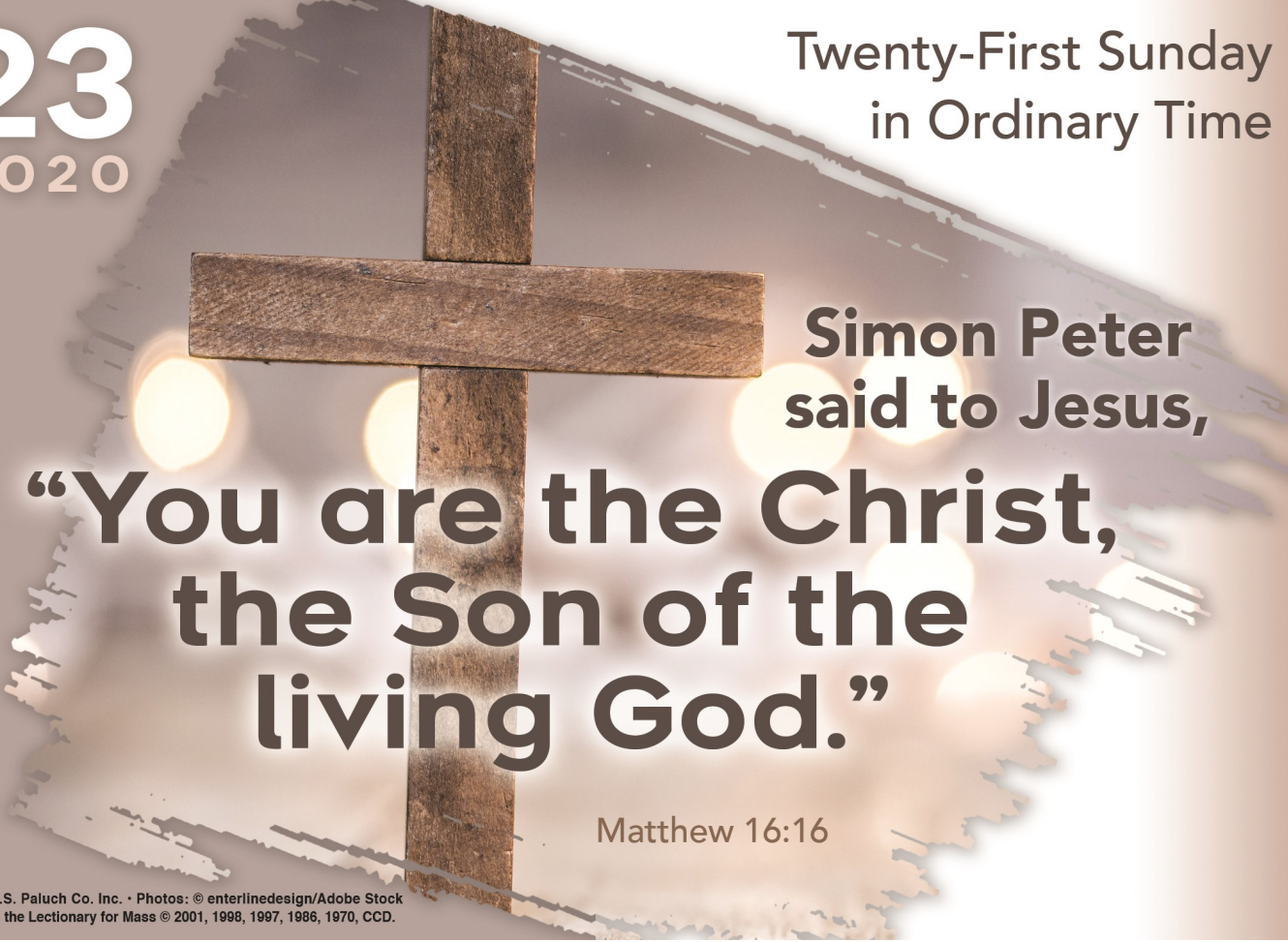


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

AUGUST
23
2020

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Simon Peter
said to Jesus,
**“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

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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)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Masses open to the public

The 12:05PM Daily Mass at Saint Ann's.

9:30 AM Sunday Latin Mass at Saint Casimir's and

11:00 AM Sunday Mass at Saint Casimir's

Saturday, August 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Public Mass or Confession

(SC) Halina Roman by Kelly & Demaris Edwards

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, August 23rd: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confession

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Donald & Jean Purcell by Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Merski Family

Monday, August 24th: St. Bartholomew

(SC) Mary & Joe Pohl by son Mickey and Family

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Ropecki by Delphine Palkovic and Family

Tuesday, August 25th: Sts. Louise & Joseph Calasanz

(SC) Frank Ferraro, Jr. by sister in law Lottie

Ann Marie Ropelewski by sisters Eileen & Liz

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Joseph E. Hartman by Nieces

Wednesday, August 26th: Weekday

(SC) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Mother

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Floyd Hyatt, M.D. and Roseanne Hyatt

Thursday, August 27th: St. Monica

(SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by husband Larry

Friday, August 28th: St. Augustine

(SC) Nancy Sobrowski & Jerry & Denise Sobrowski

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Rev. Sam Tiesi TOR by Mickey Pohl

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

No Public Mass or Confession

(SC) Rev. Mike Scanlan TOR by Mickey Pohl

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, August 30th: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confession

Living & Deceased of the Carney,

Rectenwald, Breen, and Rabe Families

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Souls In Purgatory by Brother Paul

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Jamie Vento by Vento Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) In Thanksgiving by Fr. John Paul Kuzma OFM Cap

2) Johanna Berdis by Family

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

St. Ann's

1) Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

2) Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann

St. Casimir's

1) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Mother

2) Health & Healing for Fr. Dan Prez by Mother

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 ~ 2020

Collection Report for Aug. 4th: \$3,854.00

Latin Mass Collection for Aug. 2: \$660.17

Saint Ann Novena for Aug. 4th: \$2,636.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of August 15th

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$13,142.00

Paid Amount: \$11,497.00

We are getting there! We are now \$8,304.00 away from our goal! And with your help we can reach our goal!

Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

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

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Deborah Smolinsky,

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,

Friends & Benefactors

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.

May they rest in peace.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th Sunday after Pentecost in the traditional Latin Rite. Please offer your Mass and prayers again today for all suffering from the Covid-19 virus and for good health and healing for all parishioners, neighbors and friends of our parish. Let's continue to pray for one another! † Bishop Persico has continued his dispensation from the Sunday Masses and Holyday Mass obligation! Shelter in Place, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Holy, Stay Home if you can and pray privately! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. †Msgr. Gerald Koos, Father Jerry Priscaro, Father Joseph Gregorek, Father James Power, Deacon Jerry Sobrowski, and your Pastor Father James T. O'Hara remember all of you each day at the altar. We remember all of your intentions and your special needs! †Bishop Persico has extended Deacon Jerry Sobrowski's assignment to our parish for another three years. Alleluia! Thanks to Bishop Persico and Deacon Jerry! What would we do without him? It's great to have Deacon Jerry and his wife Denise with us! We deeply appreciate all that they do for us and we look forward to another three years of their service! They are a blessing! Keep them in your prayers! †Thanks again to all who send their collection envelopes by mail or to 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. †We will be back in Church soon and our meetings, programs, and activities will begin again. This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your prayers. Your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Your support will save the day and help us re-open soon for public Masses, Sacraments, meetings, gatherings, services, classes, etc. Don't Give Up the Ship! †Thanks to all who were able to send a donation for our parish on Erie Gives Day. Our total came to over \$7,000.00 and we are grateful. We will give you the exact total when we receive the check. Thanks for everything! †We recently distributed over \$1,500.00 worth of food through our parish food pantry. Praise the Lord! This did not cost your parish anything. It was all paid by government grants! Thanks to Mike Kuzma, II and wife Elizabeth, the Kuzma Kids, John Wolfe and other volunteers! We now distribute food every other Friday! †Please keep Father Dan Prez in your thoughts and prayers. †Noon Masses at St. Ann's are open to the public Monday thru Friday with Confessions before and after the Mass. No public Mass on Saturday yet and just the Latin Mass on Sunday at 9:30AM with Confessions at 9:00AM and the 11:00AM Mass starting with Confessions at 10:30AM. We hope to return to our complete schedule soon. Keep up those prayers. †Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Catherine Jankowski who celebrated her 99th last week. Sto Lat! Catherine is Donna Turbaczewski's mother! †Stay Calm, Stay Safe, Stay Home! God bless us all!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Readings for Sunday, August 23rd - 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Isa 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Matt 16:18

Latin Mass - 12th Sunday after Pentecost : 2Cor 3:4-9 and Lk 10:23-37

Cancellations ... Due to restrictions in place and safety concerns over the spread of the coronavirus, our Polka Mass and Christmas Party are cancelled this year. We look forward to having these events return in 2021.

Thank You... To all who supported our parish on Erie Gives Day to the tune of \$7,436 before the Community Foundation match. This will go a long way to help address needs and make improvements in our parish. We will be meeting with council to prioritize where the funds will be used. Thank you once again, the generosity of our parish is never outdone!

To Paul Roman, Dave Dombkowski, and Rod Showers for volunteering to help us meet and maintain the protocol required to resume our Sunday 11:00 am mass.

We are Rock! ... When we hear the word "church" what first comes to mind? We may think of it as the building down the street or its organizational structure and hierarchy. In this Sunday's Gospel we are challenged to look at 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. Jesus uses people as the foundation of this church and not bricks and mortar. He builds his church out of us, the community of believers and we become the "rocks" of his foundation. So Church isn't something we go to once a week or daily, rather it is an identity that we share as members of the body of Christ by which we were initiated into at baptism. Jesus is telling us that by being church we participate in his identity and mission. Through this shared identity; we rely on each other in our strengths, weaknesses, and in our failures as well as our gifts. This message is especially important today when many of us are not able to physically worship together. We are reminded that regardless of our physical distance, nothing can separate us from the love of God and the identity that we share in Jesus. We are rock! Our church faces many challenges as it has throughout history. We also know that in past times it has prevailed over insurmountable challenges. We can be assured that the church, founded by Jesus with us as its foundation will continue to overcome the challenges it faces today. 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. It will do so because of people like us who share in the identity of Christ. Let us pray that we may continue to strengthen our shared identity with each other, in spite of being separated physically. 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. May each one of us continue to have the desire, energy, and courage to live out and defend the truths of our faith and to build up the church. We are rock!

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, Phil Zukowski, 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 Draszkiewicz, 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 Wieczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, 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 Wieczorek, 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 McMahon, 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.



Thank You!!!

**Erie Gives Day was held on
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

**It was A Great Day to Support Your Parish
*Our Mother of Sorrows Parish***

Erie Gives Day! The Day to Help Non-Profits Grow!

Thank you for your support of **Our Mother of Sorrows Parish**. To all who donated to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish on Erie Gives Day! Your prayers, donations, and monetary contributions help keep us alive and well and proud to continue our work here on the East Side! \$7,436 was donated ... Thank you! We will let you know the final amount once Erie Gives has finalized the numbers.

Our Weekly Bulletin...

As many of you are aware our weekly bulletin is supplied to us by J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. at no cost to the parish. The generous advertisers on the back of the bulletin cover the cost to publish the bulletin.

Recently J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. informed us that our bulletin advertisement is not sufficient to cover the cost of the publication of our weekly bulletin and we are at risk of losing their services. If their services are discontinued then we would need to change the format of our weekly bulletin and possibly turn to in-house publication. J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. offered their services at a yearly cost to the parish of \$5,600.00. A very large expense to the parish. *August 30th will be the last bulletin published by J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.* unless we receive a miracle and we acquire many new advertisers.

This is where we need your help to save our bulletin! We need a lot more advertisers to advertise on our bulletin. If you or someone you know could help us out and advertise please contact the Ad Department at J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. at 1-800-945-6629 and mention you wish to advertise on our bulletin and reference our account #282400. Thank you in advance for all of your support!

We wish to thank the four local businesses and neighbors who have faithfully continued their advertisement on our bulletin.

Trawka's Market, Inc.
712 Payne Ave., Erie, PA 16503

Slovak National Club
902 Hess Ave, Erie, PA 16503

IHOP Restaurants
Erie, PA

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations
Erie, PA

Always remember to thank them for their advertising in our church bulletin.

Remember to mention our account #282400!