

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 31. 2024 EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 30th: The Great Easter Vigil

8:30pm (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Hank Oldach by Bob and Karen Mazur

Monday, April 1st: Monday of Easter

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Tuesday, April 2nd: Tuesday of Easter

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Lucia Lee

Wednesday, April 3rd: Wednesday of Easter

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Fr. Wright, Birthday March 8th by The Vento Family

Thursday, April 4th: Thursday of Easter

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by Mertz Muscarella

First Friday, April 5th: Friday of Easter

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jim and Pat Heubel by Family

First Saturday, April 6th: Saturday of Easter

8:30am (SA) Confession

9:00am (SA) George and Mary Strenio by Mickey Pohl

Private: Special Intentions of Sister Irene by Lucia Lee

Sunday, April 7th: Second Sunday of Easter

Private: Sister Elizabeth Ruza, SSJ by David Zero

10:30am (SC) Confessions

11:00am (SC) Audrey A. Bargielski Deegan by Caroline Larson

✦ Sunday, April 7th: Divine Mercy Sunday ✦

Praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary before Mass

1:00 to 2:45PM (SA) Confessions

3:00 PM (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Confessions again following the Mass

Monday, April 8th: The Annunciation of the Lord

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Tuesday, April 9th: Easter Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Ilaria by Lucia Lee

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Special Intentions of Fr. Jerry Priscaro, Birthday March 30th by Parishioners
- 2) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie

St. Casimir's

- 1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$1,112.00

Fuel Offering: \$15.00

Easter: \$30.00

Easter Flowers: \$10.00

Good Friday: \$29.00

Divine Mercy Sunday: \$32.00

Good Shepherd Sunday: \$37.00

Lenten Boxes: \$75.12

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$5,465.00 Paid: \$4,440.00

\$29,700.00 to go to reach our goal ~ can you help?

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

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Divine Mercy Sunday, Sunday, April 7, 2024

Saint Ann's Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 7th. Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Mass.

1PM-2:45PM Confessions. 3:00PM Mass

All are welcome.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

Thank you very much

Thank you to the Slovak National Club Small Games of Chance fund for their donation of \$500.00.

A heartfelt thank you to Judy Halcom for the donation of a roll of postage stamps. They will come in very handy.

Thank you to everyone who donated grocery items to the GECAC Lenten Project: Feed the Poor. As always Our Mother of Sorrows Parishioners were very kind and giving. Your donations will help many of the less fortunate individuals and families right here in our parish and neighborhood.

All of your kindness and support helps Our Mother of Sorrows Parish carry on the work of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You allow us to continue to care for the parish and parishioners. Blessings to all and Happy Easter.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

A special **Thank You** to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for our services and Liturgies for the Triduum and for Easter. It truly was a team effort!

On behalf of **Msgr. Koos, Fr. Priscaro, Msgr. Swoger**, and myself, we wish you and your families a most Blessed and Happy Easter. May the light of Our Risen Lord always shine in your hearts.

In addition to our 11:00 am **Divine Mercy** Mass there will be another Mass at 3:00 pm next Sunday at St. Ann church. Confessions begin at 1:30 pm.

A **Pastoral Planning Meeting** is scheduled for April 11 at St. Mark Center at which time the **final plan for Erie County will be released**. Our parish finance and pastoral council members will also attend this meeting. I will not be able to have the results in the bulletins for April 14 and April 21 as the editions for these weekends will need to be done in advance. In the meantime, I will provide updates on everything at our masses. Through our uncertainty, our disbelief, our anger, or our hurt, ...all our deeply felt emotions... let us remember that God has called us by name and desires to give us a future full of hope.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 8880 Main St., McKean, invites all to join them in **celebration of both the Annunciation and the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8**. (The Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated liturgically on April 8 because March 25 falls during Holy Week.) The event begins with praying the Office of Readings at 1 pm.

Benedictine Sisters of Erie celebrate solar eclipse with spiritual experiences: On Monday, April 8, about one-third of the Diocese of Erie will be in the path of totality for the 2024 solar eclipse. The Benedictine Sisters of Erie plan to celebrate this occasion with several events at the Glinodo Center, 6270 East Lake Road, Erie. Events include evening prayer on 4/7, a **“Between the Dark and the Daylight”** retreat at the monastery, a post-eclipse happy hour and more. For more details and to sign up for one or more events visit: <https://eriebenedictines.org>.

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FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY continued

Staying the Course!

Looking back over the events of this past week in Scripture we saw Jesus had been doing everything he could to reach out to people - rich and poor, everybody. Yet he faced very strong opposition to his teachings and what he was doing. Most people would probably have just thrown in the towel and walked away. But Jesus did not give up and he did not walk away. He would go through suffering and death because he was convinced that this was the path to life. And he did it out of his immense love for each one of us. What happens to us when we face challenges or are confronted while doing what is right? Do we stay the course ... or throw in the towel? We know that Jesus has been there, and with courage and determination, has confronted the same issues we have. Through the events of the past week Jesus gives us 4 lessons on how to do the same and move from Good Friday to Easter.

Lesson 1

“Father forgive them, they know not what they do.”

Forgive those who hurt you. If you were to select 100 people at random and ask them to name the central teaching of Jesus, I am certain most answers would indicate “loving your enemies” and forgiving others. When we practice forgiveness, we express the deep gratitude we have to Jesus for paying the ultimate price to obtain forgiveness for us.

Lesson 2

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Even while hanging on the cross, Jesus still reached out to others and asks us to do the same. We cannot get so caught up in ourselves that we become indifferent to those around us in need. When we reach out to others, we ourselves become whole.

Lesson 3

“Woman, behold your son.”

We need to take care of the people who depend on us. While on the cross, Jesus still looked after the needs of his own mother. We must never let our own suffering blind us to the needs of those who rely on us.

Lesson 4

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Give the hard questions to God. When we feel overwhelmed or abandoned, take it to God. He will be there to take us into the palm of his hand and heal our broken hearts or make sense out of whatever is troubling us. So, go ahead and give the hard questions to God, but be ready and willing to accept his answer.

That brings us to Easter Sunday. The resurrection is not just something that happened long ago or an occasion to have a nice spring holiday. The resurrection is about now, it is a timeless and significant event where Jesus moved from devastating tragedy to an extraordinary triumph. It is our encounter with the risen Lord that moves us from our Good Friday experience to new life and gives us hope - that no matter what happens to us on this earth that if we stay the course and let Jesus into our hearts, we will be OK.

While there is still considerable pain and suffering in the world, the resurrection assures us that above it all there is immeasurable happiness and hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ and in Him alone. Our hope is that if we do not throw in the towel and we stay united to him through faith and grace, we will rise with him and live with him forever in the vast and eternal adventure of heaven.

So, whatever it is you are facing – suffering, peer pressure, doubt, anxiety – take it to Jesus and talk to him about the possibilities in your life.

Stay the course. Do not throw in the towel.

He has risen – Alleluia!