

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 15th: Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Rev. Daniel Prez by Loving Mother
Charlotte Prez

Monday, January 16th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Charles Chase by Family

Tuesday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Kathryn Majersky, Birthday by Marlene
Lucas

Wednesday, January 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Birthday, Jan. 20th, by
Christine Visosky

Thursday, January 19th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Harriet Gallagher by The Theresa Juchno
Family

Friday, January 20th: St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek,
Anniversary by her children, Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard,
Mark and Mary

Saturday, January 21st: St. Agnes

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

Sunday, January 22nd: Third Ordinary Sunday

Diocesan Second Collection for Faith Communication

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Doris Kuhar by Jerry and Denise
Sobrowski

Monday, January 23rd: Day of Pray for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Harriet Gallagher by The Theresa
Juchno Family

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & 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) For all parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Fr. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek

St. Casimir's

- 1) For more vocations to Religious Life
- 2) Protection of all Unborn Children

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Offertory: \$2,453.50

Catholic Communication: \$76.00

Christmas: \$60.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$11,141.00 Paid: \$9,741.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022
CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in
the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope
in the offertory basket, or mailed to the office at
630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.

→ Please issue a **separate check** for

→ CSA Contribution

→ Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contributions or
Mass requests on the same check as your offertory.
Separate checks, please. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The **parish mailing address** has been
officially changed. **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 should now be sent or dropped off at
630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.



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

Website: 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

From Bishop Persico:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, From the earliest days of my tenure as bishop of the Diocese of Erie, I have been committed to strong communications. While I am the shepherd of this diocese, all of us are on this journey of faith together. That's why I continue to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed about what is happening with the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States and here in northwest Pennsylvania. This is no small effort, given the changing media landscape. We strive to reach you whether you prefer to read Faith magazine, receive the weekly Diocese of ErieE-news in your email or find us through social media. This requires interacting on a variety of platforms in order to reach different audiences. Thanks to your generous support of the annual Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, all of these options and more remain available to you, free of charge. We have a small but dedicated team of communications professionals not only working to share important information, but also to write and promote stories that inspire. People tell us they pass these stories along or discuss them with family and friends — a great way to begin conversations that open doors and hearts. Please help me continue this essential outreach by participating in the **2023 Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection** scheduled for the weekend of January 21- 22. Sincerely in Christ, The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Bishop of Erie

Plan to attend the **50th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.**, on Jan. 20. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on the evening of Jan. 19 at 11 p.m. and return at approximately 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 21. For more information call 814.882.1333 or 814.459.1333 or go online to www.peopleforlife.org/january2023.

Beginning in 1970, a number of states and cities made **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday**, Jan. 15, a holiday. Dr. King is well-known for his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech where he detailed his dream of a life without racism or segregation. He advocated for peaceful protests, once stating, "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." In 1983, Congress declared a federal holiday for Rev. King and set the annual observance for the third Monday of January.

People for Life are hosting the **Erie March for Life** on Jan. 28 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The march begins at Perry Square in downtown Erie. Visit www.peopleforlife.org for more information.

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of St. Mark and Mt. Calvary parishes in Erie for a **Holy Hour for vocations on Jan. 21** at 3:15 p.m. at St. Mark Church, 695 Smithson Ave, Erie. Please call the office at 814.899.3000 or email: office@smmc.church with questions.

Holy Trinity Church in Erie is hosting a **cash bingo on Feb. 5 at the Polish Falcons Club**, 431 East 3rd St., Erie. Doors open at 12 p.m. with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes one pack. Additional packs cost \$5. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins are welcome.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a **Eucharistic Revival Mission** in conjunction with the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Erie on Jan. 22-24 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 West 38th St., Erie. All are welcome.

Finding Jesus

In this week's Gospel we find John the Baptist telling his disciples about Jesus. Some of the future apostles had originally been John's disciples and were with him on the banks of the Jordan helping him to baptize, when he first pointed out who Jesus was. But when they heard John's testimony about Jesus it sparked their interest and they went to meet the Lord for themselves.

So, we see from the beginning that Jesus chose to use the testimony of those who believe in him to draw others to know him. Think about it if John had kept quiet about what God had shown him, his disciples might have never found Jesus. Likewise, Christ is counting on us to introduce him to others.

Whether they are aware of it or not, every human being is looking for and needs to know Jesus. Some people are seeking physical healing. Some are looking for purpose in their life or guidance for specific decisions. Some are starving for love or forgiveness or encouragement. Still others may not realize that Jesus is the deepest answer to their restless hearts.

How will all these people find Jesus? Through each one of us! We are called to testify to who Jesus is by our words and by our deeds, to spark the interest in others so they want to meet the Lord for themselves.

Knowing all the doctrines of our faith is admirable, but living out our creed through our daily commitment of service to God and our neighbor is what gets others to find Jesus. We are the ones who are sent to tell others who Jesus is - the One whose life, death, and resurrection has transformed the world.