

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 19th: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

*Special Diocesan Second Collection-Catholic Education*  
Private (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak

by Larry & Dorothi Blout

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Robert Shanta by Vento Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Joe Habas, Anniversary by Tom Yonko and Family

### Monday, September 20th: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön and St. Paul Chōng-Ha-sang

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joe and Catherine Tylkowski by Joe and Martha Stahon

### Tuesday, September 21st: St. Matthew

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

### Wednesday, September 22nd: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob Skrypek

5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Special Intentions of Philis Kenerknecht by her cousin

### Thursday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietreicina

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Catherine "Buffie" Corsale by siblings, Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary

### Friday, September 24th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Vic Federoff

### Saturday, September 25th: Weekday

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

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

### Sunday, September 26th: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) James Berdis by Caroline Larson

8:30 am (SC) Confessions

9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Amy Farnen, Birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kowalski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Repose of the Soul for Stanley Widomski by Rick and Ron Bolla

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Joseph C. Tylkowski, Anniversary by Joe & Martha Stahon  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Catherine "Buffie" Corsale by Siblings, Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary
- 2) Jackie Dylewski, Birthday by daughter Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Fr. Daniel Prez by Christine Visosky
- 2) Leo and Mary Osiecki by Caroline Larson

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory September 12, 2021: \$4,892.40

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,577.00      Paid: \$12,647.00

Diocesan Special Second Collection ...

Today, September 19th, is the special Diocesan second collection for Catholic Education. The Diocese of Erie is asking that you give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both you and old, are led to greater faith. Thank you in advance for your support.

We have partnered with GECAC again for their "Warming Erie" project. The items will be distributed to 187 less fortunate families right here in Erie. GECAC would like to distribute these items in mid-October.

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has agreed to collect towels, **Bath Towels, Hand Towels and Wash Cloths** for this very needy cause. Please bring your donation to the back of Saint Casimir's Church and place them in the collection box that GECAC has provided.

In advance, thank you for your kindness and generosity and being a "Beacon of Hope"!

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, September 18, 2021

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our brothers and sisters in **Haiti** affected by the recent earthquake. We collected \$130 that will help provide much needed relief to this country that has been afflicted by many tragedies over the years.

There will be a **Knights of Columbus meeting** in the parish hall at St. Casimir on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to welcome any new members or anyone interested in the Knights as well as conduct elections for positions. Please join us!

Another **Day of Work** is planned for **September 25** and the sign-up sheets are in the back of Church. One of the goals for this day is to refinish the remainder of the tops of the pew where the coating was removed as a result of sanitizing during the pandemic. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered at our last event – your work made a big difference inside and out!

Our second collection this week is for **Catholic Education**. Without your support, faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of your generosity, many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith.

The Schattner Family invites you to their home for a special afternoon of devotion to **Our Lady of Fatima**. America Needs Fatima's life-like statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be displayed in their home for all to venerate. The Marian program features an inspiring audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group rosary. America Needs Fatima will also display a wide selection of fine religious articles. This will take place 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 29 at 6425 Fair Oaks Circle, Fairview, PA. To RSVP or for more information call 814-838-3897.

**Creative writing class offered at Our Lady of Mercy ...** Writing can be healing. It can assist with decision-making and offer clarity in times of transition. Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek, is hosting a creative writing class on Tuesdays from Sept. 21 to Nov. 2. Suzanne Hudson, who holds a master's in education, will be the facilitator. Classes will be held from 9-10AM in the church conference room. A free will offering will be accepted. Just bring a writing journal and pen. RSVP by emailing [secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org](mailto:secretary@ourladyofmercychurch.org).

**Fundraiser for Women's Care Center ...** Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek, and the Knights of Columbus of St. Gregory Parish, North East, are co-hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, on Sept. 25 from 1-3PM and 3-5PM at the St. Gregory School gym, 136 West Main St., North East. Dine-in or take-out. Tickets are available at Our Lady of Mercy and St. Gregory parish offices and the Women's Care Center, 4408 Peach St., Erie.

**St. Stanislaus Parish** will be hosting "A Taste of Poland" on Sunday, October 10, 2021, From 11:30 AM– 5:00 PM.

**Achieving Greatness ...** Suppose we surveyed a large cross section of the population in the country, or for that matter, here in Erie, and asked: "How would you define greatness?" What do you think the responses would look like? You could almost be assured the answers would include comparisons to the wealthiest, the most powerful, the most beautiful, the most fashionable, and even the athletes and teams with the most wins. Often, we desire what they appear to have – fame and fortune and we use these ideals of success as a standard for what makes our own lives successful. As we see in our Gospel this week, much was the same over 2000 years ago. Jesus is revealing the mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection to the disciples and they just don't get it. They are more concerned about determining who is the greatest and they completely miss Jesus' message. And so, it goes with us – when we get caught up in ourselves, when we measure our greatness in terms of material possessions and what others think, we don't get Jesus' message. Jesus is telling us and his disciples that if we want to be great in his Kingdom, we are not to seek power and prestige, which the culture offers, but peace. If we want to be great, we must put aside jealousy and selfish ambition, and serve the greater good. If we want to be great, we are to give our attention not to the wealthy and powerful, but to innocent and the marginalized. Jesus defines greatness in his kingdom as humility, each of us taking on an attitude that puts the good of others ahead of our preferences. And it's more than just writing a check – it is about dying to self – giving of our time. Changing our hearts and attitudes toward others. By letting go of anything that gets in the way of reaching out to others, our own wants and needs start to change. Gradually our priorities shift from things and possessions, and getting more, to the relationships that are most important and satisfying for us. We learn that the ultimate good in life is the grateful smile, the relieved suffering, the lifting up of the least among us. Jesus isn't telling his apostles or us that we shouldn't strive to be successful in life, to achieve great things but he does point out where true, lasting, fulfilling greatness lies – in loving and serving others as he does for us. Jesus calls each one of us to be great, to dream big things, to do big things, to die to ourselves by serving the least. Then will we have new life and become great in his Kingdom.

How great do we want to be?



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