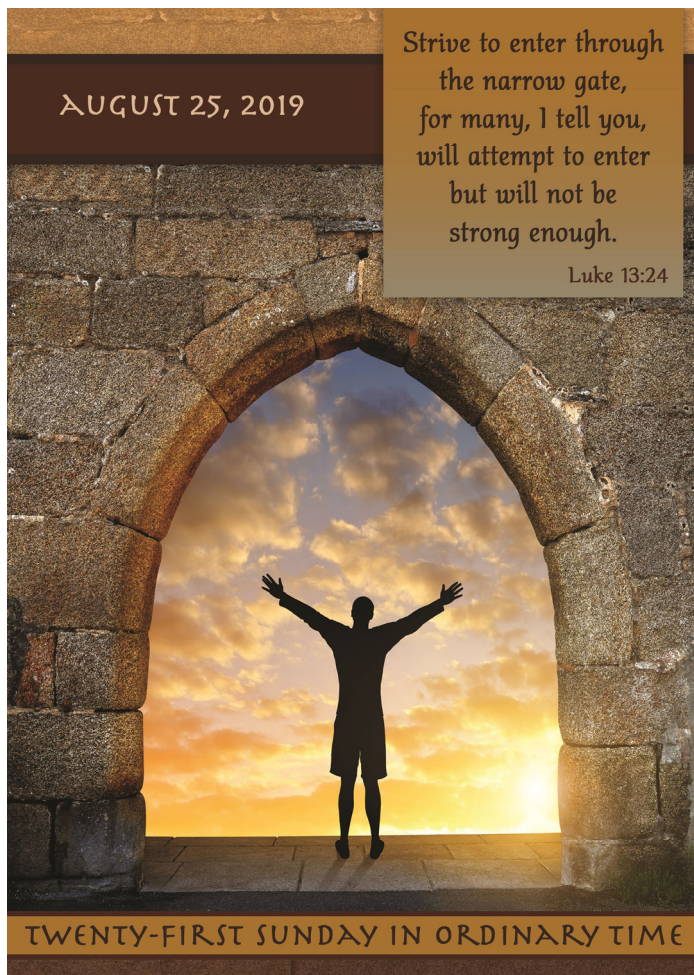


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE

is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 10:00AM to Noon

Closed: Wednesday, Thursday,

Saturday and Sunday

These days and times may vary. Refer to the Week Ahead Schedule inside or call the office.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).

THE RITE OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann). Communal Celebrations during Advent & Lent. Anytime by request.

VOTIVE CANDLES are \$3.50 each to light. Place money in donation box next to the candles.



Thank you! We raised \$2,765.00 on Tuesday, August 13th—Erie Gives Day. Thank you to all who donated and supported their parish. Again thank you to everyone who donated on Erie Gives Day! Same time next year!

Looking Ahead...



Labor Day,

Monday, September 2nd

- ◆ **Rectory Office is closed.**
- ◆ **Watch the bulletin for the Mass Schedule**

FIRST SATURDAY: Join us on Saturday, September 7th for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. All are welcome.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 24th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Joseph Zielinski by Diane Zielinski
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, August 25th: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Carolyn Mikolajczyk by Isabel Abbato
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— Walter Spichiger by
 Kowalski Family
 11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Tom & Janet
 Clancey
 All Parishioners Livings and Deceased

Monday, August 26th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Children
 12:05 pm (SA) Tom our Son by Mom & Dad (Mark & Ann)

Tuesday, August 27th: St. Monica

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Bernard Graf by Cathedral Prep Class of 1958
 12:05 pm (SA) Carl Snider by Dorothy and Family

Wednesday, August 28th: St. Augustine

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) John & Bessie Weber by Vicki Weber
 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebauer by Bev Vento

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

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members of The
 Berdis Family by Sr. Kevin Berdis OSF
 12:05 pm (SA) Special Intentions of Mickey & Kaya
 Pohl

Friday, August 30th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Clarence & Mary Zielinski by Diane
 Zielinski
 12:05 pm (SA) Sister Vivian, SSJ by Mickey Pohl

Saturday, August 31st: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Marian Kaluzny by Maurice Kaluzny
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 1st: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Edwin Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and
 Brother
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— The Soul needs of Catharine
 Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami,
 Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami
 11:00 am (SC) Sandra Buffalari by Len Kierzek
 All Parishioners Livings and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Bernard Graf by Prep Class of 1958
 2) Special Intentions of Mickey & Kaya Pohl
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
 Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) In Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann Novena
 2) In Thanksgiving to Good Saint Ann Novena

St. Casimir's

1) Rita Sulecki, Birthday by husband Norbert
 2) Leo & Mary Osiecki by sister Caroline

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (8/25) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
 Latin Mass (SC). Mission Sunday, special second
 collection at all Masses.

Monday (8/26) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (8/27) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (8/28) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (8/29) Rectory Office is closed.

Friday (8/30) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Saturday (8/31) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil
 Mass. (SC).

Sunday (9/1) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
 Latin Mass (SC).

Monday (9/2) Labor Day. Rectory office is closed.
 Refer to Mass schedule for today's Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Aug. 24th (Vigil Mass) 4:00 PM

Lector: Kathy Mays
 Altar Server: Loretta Baran
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink

Sunday, Aug. 25th

8:00 AM

Lector: Dianne Connors
 Altar Server: Eileen Ropelewski
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors

11:00 AM

Lector: Russell Robison
 Altar Server: Cameron Schroeder
 Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Mazur & Amy
 Schroeder

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
 Friends & Benefactors
*Our deepest sympathy to the families
 and friends of the deceased.*

Seventh Annual Retreat ~ Saturday, August 24, 2019

Sponsored by The World Apostolate of Fatima, Erie Division
 Saint Ann's Church, 921 East Ave., Erie, PA
 Retreat Master: Rev. Father Jerry Priscaro
Reservations Required contact 814-790-2046
 The day begins at 9:30AM with Mass at 4:00PM



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, 11th Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. Peace and Joy be with all of you! †Today is Mission Sunday in our parish. We welcome **Father Andrew**, a missionary from Africa who will be with us today and speak at all Masses. The special second collection today goes to **Father Andrew** to help with his work in Africa and his Missions. Please be as generous as possible. †Thanks to all who sent in food and special treats to help us make it through the nine days of the 100th St. Ann Novena! †Congratulations to **JMere Norman** who was recently baptized, made his First Confession and made his First Holy Communion last Sunday. **JMere** will be a 9th grade student at Cathedral Prep in the fall. †**Father Kevin MacDonald** is back in Erie this month conducting two retreats for Deacons and **Deacon Jerry** and his wife **Denise** did attend. **Father Kevin** enjoyed the 100th Annual St. Ann Novena and all who attend and everyone enjoyed him. He will be back with us at St. Ann's in the future but we just don't know when! I invited him to come next year but he's not sure if he is free to come. He will let us know! †**Bishop Lawrence Persico** has called for a day of prayer in the diocese on the Feast of Our Mother of Sorrows, September 15, 2019, to pray for the victims of the clergy abuse scandal. We will pray for this intentions at all Masses that Sunday and our churches will remain open for private prayer and meditation. The Bishop writes "we need to pray for the victims/survivors. We need to pray for healing and purification of our churches. We need to pray for the many good and holy priests who continue to serve us faithfully. We need to pray that our own faith will be strengthened." Thank you **Bishop Persico** for this opportunity. We will follow your directions! † We are all grateful to **Bishop Persico** for the Mass and Rosary Procession last Saturday, August 17th. The Mass, Procession, and Reception were held at St. Casimir's. Everything was sponsored by the Legion of Mary. Thank you for your help! †**Father Jerry Priscaro**, the Diocesan Director of the Blue Army of Fatima, will conduct a retreat at St. Ann's on Saturday, August 24th, from 9:30AM o 4:45PM. The program will include lunch. Please call **Father Jerry** at 814-790-2046 for more information. †Congratulations and Best Wishes to the brand new **Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Ferguson** who were married at St. Ann's recently. The new **Mrs. Ferguson** is the former **Lauren Wiesen**. Please keep them in your prayers. †The Polish Festival, Zabawa, continues at Holy Trinity Church today from Noon until 5PM. Please call 456-0671 for more information or check the posters in the vestibules of the churches. Lots of food and Polish music and dancing! †Thanks for being with us today! It's always good to see you! Enjoy the end of the summer weather. Keep Cool! Let's continue to pray for one another!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Greetings from Father Kevin McDonald...Father Kevin passes along his best wishes to everyone in our parish. Denise and I were away on retreat last week and he was our presenter. Father Kevin has fond memories of the time he spent with us at the St. Ann Novenas and hopes to be able to return to the Erie area in the future.

Will We Go Through the Narrow Gate?...Can you imagine anything worse than finally meeting Jesus and having him say to us: "I do not know where you are from."

In today's Gospel, we hear words of challenge as Jesus speaks of the narrow gate informing us that not everyone will be strong enough to make it to the other side and inherit the kingdom of God. When Jesus refuses to open the doors to those outside and says, *I do not know where you are from*, he conveys an important message that is underscored in Matthew's Gospel: *Whatever you fail to do for one of these my least ones, you failed to do it for me* (Mt 25:45). Jesus is telling us that he will only recognize and welcome us once we have set aside our differences and welcomed and cared for the stranger in our midst. In order to do this we must constantly examine how we live our lives and how we treat one another – especially when the only one who can see us is God. Jesus never said that it would be easy, hence his description of the gate as narrow. We are called to diligently endeavor to follow Christ within our state in life and to the very best of our ability. The sacrament of reconciliation is a very useful tool in this area. It gives us a quiet moment when we can reflect on how we conduct ourselves across the spectrum of the roles we fill in our discipleship, and our striving for holiness. We can gain pardon from God for where we have fallen short, and gain insight on where we can improve or what habits must change to create wholeness between our beliefs and actions. In addition, we will gain the grace necessary to recognize issues where they arise and be able to take corrective action. It will take effort, but partnered with God in this way, we cannot help but succeed in entering the narrow gate. The key for us is to get through that gate before the door is locked. In other words, we are to hear and respond to the word of God now, not tomorrow. We are to continue to deepen our relationship with Jesus and get to know him in new ways each day. This way, when our time comes and we meet Jesus we will be judged as worthy of entering into eternal life in heaven and he will say: "Well done my good and faithful servant!"

Our spiritual exercise this week: Each day spend quiet time in prayer with Jesus and ask ourselves: How well do I know Jesus? What would he say to me if we met know? Am I ready to go through the narrow gate?

Continue to Pray for Our Parish!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Marie Dzuricky, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkiwicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, 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 Wiczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, 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, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, 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, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), 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 Japan), and David Kraut
Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list.
Thank you for your service to our country.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, August 11, 2019

4PM Mass \$2,295.00
8AM Mass \$790.00
Latin Mass \$1,315.08
11AM Mass \$552.36
Candles \$51.50
TOTAL \$5,003.94

PARISH UTILITY EXPENSES

Erie Water Works (3rd Quarter) \$692.52
Penelec June 24-July 22 2019 \$823.28

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

A tiny increase to report this week, Thank you! Every donation helps us reach our goal! Big or little it all counts! Help us grow our numbers. If you have not done so please make your commitment today! The CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or envelopes are available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection. Thanks again!

CSA 2019 as of August 6, 2019

Pledged: \$18,527.00 Paid: \$16,882.00

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW
PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM**

You may also use this form to update your telephone numbers, address, name, etc.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Home and Cell)

New Registration Want Envelopes

Change of Name

Change of Address Change in Phone Numbers

Please drop this information into the Collection Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.