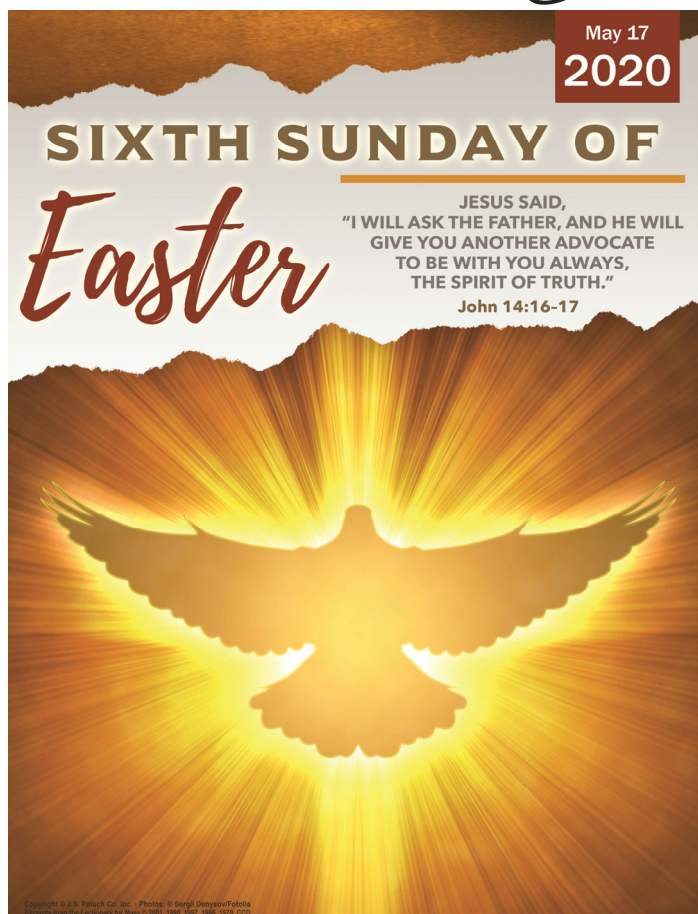


Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

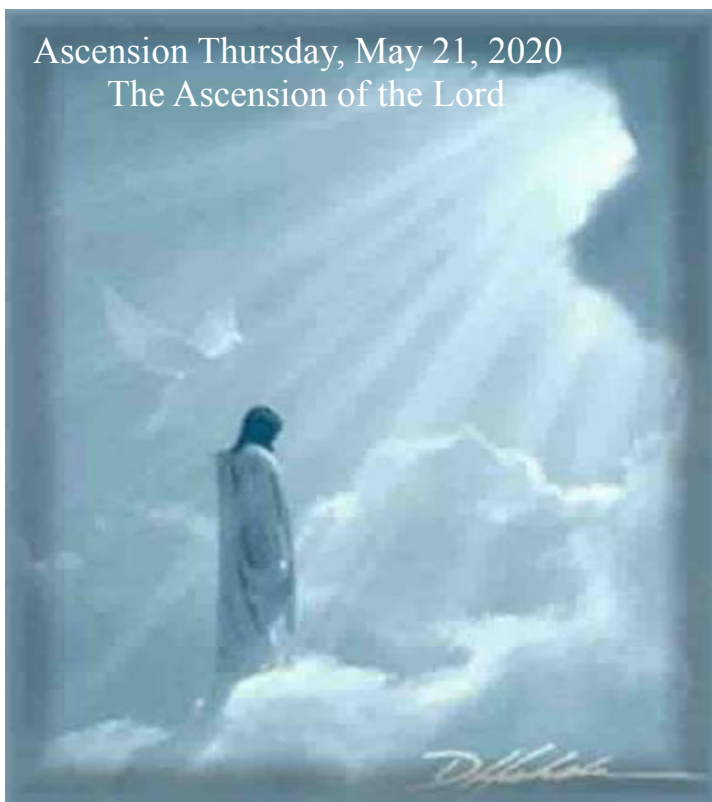
ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).

MONTHLY LOTTERY TICKETS are available. Our Mother of Sorrows Parish sponsors the monthly lottery tickets. \$5.00 per ticket for a month of possible winning. The winning number is based on the 7PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Drawing Number. You could win \$50 or \$100! Tickets are available in our churches and at the rectory office. See ticket for full details. Pick yours up today and join the winners circle.



Keep us informed... If you or a loved one is in or will be going into the hospital or nursing home please let us know. We rely on you to keep us updated. Many times we are unable to obtain this information from the hospital or nursing home. *Thank you.*

Ascension Thursday, May 21, 2020
The Ascension of the Lord



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Bishop Persico has suspended all public Masses and Services until further notice.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate.
You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

Saturday, May 16th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl

Sunday, May 17th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

(SC) Casimir Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters and Brother

(SC) Living & Deceased Relatives of Ng & DuBartell Families

(SC) Bob E. Merski, Birthday by Friends

Monday, May 18th: St. John I

(SC) Lottie & Casimir Twaroski by granddaughter, Lottie Carter

(SA) Elizabeth Hart by Hart Family

Tuesday, May 19th: Easter Weekday

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Christine Visosky

(SA) Louise Grolemond by Sr. Kevin Berdis, OSF

Wednesday, May 20th: St. Bernardine of Siena

(SC) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by Mother and Family

(SA) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club

Thursday, May 21st: St. Christopher Magallanes

The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)

(SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

(SC) Rosemarie Skrypek by husband Bob

(SC) Edward Kowalski by Ruth & Vic Kowalski

Friday, May 22nd: St. Rita of Cascia

(SC) Owen Farnen by Vic & Ruth Kowalski

(SA) Agnes Priscaro by The Priscaro Family

Saturday, May 23rd: Vigil Mass

(SC) Clyde Tompkins by Jean Deniziak

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 24th: Seventh Sunday of Easter

(SC) Viola Andrews by Mickey Pohl

(SC) Mark Dudson by Edwards' Family

(SC) Msgr. John Lucas by Michael & Marlene Lucas

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Bob E. Merski, Birthday by Friends
 - 2) Fr. Donald Berdis, Ordination Anniversary
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob

- 2) Agnes Priscaro by Family

St. Casimir's

- 1) Owen Farnen by Vic & Ruth Kowalski

- 2) Living & Deceased Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.*

THE WEEK AHEAD

The rectory office is closed until further notice.

☞ Please remember to notify the rectory office or use the form in this bulletin to notify us of a change in your address or telephone number. [I have noticed many parishioners do not have their phone numbers listed on their accounts. If you can spare a minute to use the form in this bulletin and simply fill in all your current/correct information and mail it in when you mail in your offertory this will be very helpful.] This helps us keep in touch. Also, please note it may take 2 to 3 mailing cycles before our offertory envelope provider updates your mailing address. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), 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 INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN IS ACCURATE AS OF THE PUBLICATION DATE,
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy 6th Sunday of Easter! Please join us in the Act of Contrition: *O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee. I detest all of my sins because of thy just punishments but most of all because I have offended you my God who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.* † And now we invite you to make a spiritual communion: *My Jesus, I firmly believe that you are really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above things and I hope and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come now spiritually into my heart and soul. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you and your Sacred Heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. I pray through Christ our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.* † We miss seeing all of you at the weekend Masses and we can't wait for the day when all of you will be able to join us again for the weekend and weekday Masses. Until then be sure to say your daily prayers especially the rosary and the act of contrition. † Bishop Persico has recently sent us the following protocols: 1) the suspension of all public Masses remains in effect. 2. The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect throughout the diocese. 3. A dispensation from the Easter duty is granted throughout the diocese. 4. Live streaming of Sunday and Weekday Masses should continue wherever feasible. (EWTN broadcasts the Mass three times each day!). 5. Spiritual Communion should continue to be encouraged. These are difficult days for all of us. For you and your families and all of our parishioners, Our Mother of Sorrow's Parish remains committed to the spiritual care of all parishioners and the entire community at large. Although how we do that has changed temporarily, our purpose remains the same. Please be assured of our daily prayers for all of you and our private Masses for your special intentions. † Unfortunately our parish offices must be closed to the public during this time, we will reopen as soon as the emergency situation has ended and we are given permission by both the government and the diocese. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and charity. Stay Calm, Stay Home, Stay Safe! † Pope Francis has asked that we pray the rosary during May to end the virus. Bishop Persico has dedicated our diocese to Mary, Mother of the Church. Pray for an end to the virus! Pray for the health and safety of all! Holy Mary, pray for us! Sincerely in our Risen Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Thank you and God bless and keep all of you!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

We Need to Love One Another! In our Gospel this week Jesus tells us plainly, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." So what does it mean to keep Jesus' commandments? It means much more than reducing our faith to a set of rules to follow and a checklist of actions to accomplish. It means that we follow Jesus' way of life – a life characterized by deep care for others. A life of love!

This call to love Jesus by following his commandments by loving and caring for our neighbors is challenging. To truly love another human being requires much from us. Keeping the commandments means much more than pray, pay, and obey – it means that each of us love and care for our neighbors.

One way we can keep Jesus' commandments is by living in hope. Even in our current times, when things seem so uncertain and difficult, we can dare to hope. Hope, prayer, and love for one another is what has enabled people over the centuries to endure difficulties and trials in the darkest moments.

The witness of hope in the midst of life's challenges can be a powerful message. If we want to see the love of Christ in action, what it means to keep his commandments, all we need to do is turn to the examples of love and kindness that people are extending to each other in the midst of our current situation.

Our Gospel challenges each of us to move beyond fear, skepticism, disillusionment, and perhaps hopelessness – thinking there is nothing we can do. We are not alone - Jesus did not abandon us to carry out this ministry of love without support. He sent his Spirit to abide with us.

Our world is starving for the love of Christ and much of it doesn't even know it. It is longing to hear the words Jesus shared with his apostles. It is yearning for hope and where will it come from? Each of us must do more than just "follow the rules." We must bring the hope and love of Christ to others in any way we can, no matter how large or small.

As Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote, "Christ has no body on earth without us." So, if we do not speak and act for Christ, who will?

Next Steps toward Reopening... There has been much discussion in the past two weeks on the gradual restoration of public worship in our churches and especially how to make the Eucharist available to everyone. Bishop Persico will host a virtual town hall meeting on May 21 at 7 p.m. You will be invited to sign up for the event through Zoom and will be able to submit questions by email for the Bishop. The event will later be posted on Diocese's web site. I will also try to summarize the meeting and comments in a future bulletin for those who were not able to attend and do not have access to the technology to review the summary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for April 21, 2020

Collection \$1,157.91
Lenten Sacrifice (Lenten Boxes) \$49.96
Easter \$403.00
TOTAL \$1,610.87

PARISH EXPENSES

National Fuel (April 2020) \$2,092.74

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.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of April 29, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$9,308.00

Paid Amount: \$5,848.00

We can't reach our goal without you! We are \$12,138.00 away from our goal, can we count on you?! All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. You still have time to make your pledge. You may use the 2020 CSA envelope that was included in your monthly packet and simply mail it in to the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and 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 & 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.*

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, 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 Draszkievicz, 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, Cindy Stasiewski, 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, Marianne Nicholl, 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.