

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 29th: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas, Anniversary January 15th  
by Kathy Rzodkiewicz

### Monday, January 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Stephen Waterford by H. Lee

### Tuesday, January 31st: Saint John Bosco

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of The  
Ropelewski Family by Estate

### Wednesday, February 1st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Thursday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

### First Friday, February 3rd: St. Blaise and St. Ansgar

#### *Blessing of Throats*

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

### First Saturday, February 4th: Weekday

8:30am (SA) Confessions  
9:00am (SA) Lottie Bubrzyk by Chris Maxwell  
Private (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski  
Family by Estate

### Sunday, February 5th: Fifth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Linda Rau by Dr. Hal Angeloff  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by Chris and Eva Misevski  
*Blessing of Throats*

### Monday, February 6th: Saint Paul Miki

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Sue and Jerry Verga

### Tuesday, February 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

### Wednesday, February 8th: St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Larry Santia, Birthday February 9th by  
wife Kathy

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla  
2) Special Intentions for all Sick and Shut-ins  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Special Intentions of Eileen & Daryl Clemente  
2) Fr. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek

### St. Casimir's

1) For all parishioners Living and Deceased  
2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Offertory: \$1,885.50

Catholic Communication: \$80.00

## Expenses

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$11,141.00 Paid: \$10,491.00

No changes to report.

Thank you to all who have supported the 2022 CSA.  
CSA 2022 is winding down. Please complete your 2022  
CSA pledge today. Thank you.

→ 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 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  
addressed to or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave.  
Office hours are by appointment only.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS ADDRESS CHANGE!**



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

Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://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

**Blessing of Throats ...** In celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise, which is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, throats will be blessed on Friday at the 12:05 pm mass at St. Ann and at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Casimir. Saint Blaise was bishop in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

There was a **pastoral planning** meeting for the priests and deacons in the East Erie Deanery this past Thursday at St. Mark's Catholic Center. We continued the discussion on how our Faith Formation programs can best serve the needs of our parishioners. We also opened the discussion on the second phase of pastoral planning and how to address the needs of our faith communities given reduced attendance, the priest shortage, decreasing income, shifting demographics, and other factors. We plan to continue the discussions soon and then reinvolve our parish teams. We do know that change is necessary and inevitable – what we don't know yet is what that change will look like and when it will occur. I will keep you posted.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped set up the **Holy Family School Gymnasium for the special sale** that is being held this weekend. The crew of helpers did an outstanding job and everything was well organized. The sale continues today from Noon to 2:00 pm and is only open to parishioners and Holy Family alumni.

The January/February issue of **Columbia Magazine** contains a feature article on the recent baby bottle fund-raising campaign conducted by our local **Knights of Columbus** for the benefit of the Woman's Care Center of Erie. The center was able to use the proceeds to purchase a mobile ultrasound unit. The campaign was coordinated in our parish by Rod Showers and David Dombkowski. Columbia is the magazine of the Knights of Columbus and can be read online by visiting [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

The communities of **St. Boniface, St. John/Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel** parishes will offer the series **Chosen Two**. The series will begin on Feb. 2 and continue each Thursday through March 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1553 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. Come meet Jesus in a new way through the eyes of the people who walked on earth with him. The series brings the story of Jesus to life. It shows the people he cared about, the problems he faced, and the message he came to earth to give all in a new and compelling way. Sign up on any of the three parish websites or call the parish office at 814.825.7313 ext. #1.

### **Living the Beatitudes**

Strength, assertiveness, and independence are values that our society seems to place high value on. We have been conditioned to stand up for ourselves, appear confident, and never show weakness. Many of us have learned that the person who speaks the loudest often gets what he or she wants the quickest. So is it any wonder that many are looking out for number one, before worrying about others?

Our scripture readings this week offer us good lessons in the importance of humility and how to care for others.

So, what is true humility? It does not mean lack of self-esteem, rather It is trusting in God and giving him credit for everything we have and all we have accomplished in this life. It means acknowledging the incredible strength that comes from honoring God and others above ourselves. It means looking beyond all the cliques, power plays, and social "ladder climbing" and seeing Christ in the face of everyone. Simply stated humility is what God wants for us.

In our Gospel today Jesus gives us the sermon on the mount and the Beatitudes, another chapter in the instruction book for life that God has for us.

The beatitudes tell us what to do and what to become and help us draw the meaning in our lives from our **common** relationship with Christ. It is that common calling that draws us together and reminds us that God loves all of us the same no matter who we are.

How can we put the Beatitudes in practice? By thinking of others more than ourselves. And by looking to Jesus as a model for our life and humility.

While humility is rarely applauded in today's society, Jesus promises us who remain poor in spirit and adhere to his way of life will receive something much greater than human accolades. It is not what we have but who we are, how we live, and how we relate to others that lead us to the ultimate satisfaction; our blessedness as those who dwell in the kingdom of heaven.

Today, let us resolve to live the Beatitudes and in a true spirit of humility turn the way we see the world upside down. Let us become poor in spirit as Jesus is calling us to do. Then we can rejoice and be glad, for our reward will be great in heaven.