

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, August 14th: Twentieth Ordinary Sunday

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Caroline Larson

### Monday, August 15th: The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Bob and Irene Naguszewski by Jerry and Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

### Tuesday, August 16th: St. Stephen of Hungary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Michelle Tavani

### Wednesday, August 17th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate

### Thursday, August 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

### Friday, August 19th: St. John Eudes

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Family

### Saturday, August 20th: St. Bernard

Private (SA) Virginia Freda by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, August 21st: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

*Diocesan Second Collection for Church in Latin America*

Private (SA) James Michael Belton by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The Sundry Family

### Monday, August 22nd: Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Living and Deceased members of the Mikotowicz and Antonowicz Families by Jean Wroblewski

### Tuesday, August 23rd: St. Rose of Lima

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Dorothy M. Oldach by Edward Stachewicz and Family

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Prayers for more vocations to Religious Life

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek by Caroline Larson

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Kathryn Majersky by Parishioners

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Sunday, August 7, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$4,724.71*

### Expenses

Commonwealth of PA Boiler Certificates: \$386.16

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

*2022 Goal: \$31,397.00*

*Pledged: \$9,584.00*

*Paid: \$6,544.00*

*\$21,813.00 Away from Reaching Our Goal.*

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 mail it to the office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

Please issue a separate check for

→ CSA contribution

→ Mass Intentions

Please do not include them on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

Next Sunday, August 21st there will be a Diocesan Special Second Collection for the *Church in Latin America*. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this special collection.

**ERIE GIVES DAY** was **Tuesday, August 9, 2022.**

We raised \$3,458.00! Thank you to everyone who supported our parish on Erie Gives Day 2022.

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## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

A special **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported our Parish on **Erie Gives Day** this past Tuesday. We took in \$3,458 before the Community Foundation's match and once the final total is known I will pass it on. Your generosity will help with much needed safety and security improvements at our facilities and offset the cost of moving our parish office.

The **Solemnity of the Assumption** is usually a day of obligation. This year because it falls on a Monday it is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Assumption will be 12:05 pm at St. Ann church.

We will **need helpers to move the parish office** and prepare it for occupancy by the end of the month. There are only a few large items and they will be transported with carts and rollers to minimize lifting. If you wish to help, please contact Mike Kuzma 814-873-4532.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathryn Majersky** whose funeral mass was celebrated on Friday at Holy Family Church. Eternal Rest Grant unto Her O Lord!

Holy Trinity Parish will host **Zabawa**, a three-day celebration of its Polish heritage, on the parish grounds at E. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Reed streets Aug. 26-28. For more information, call 814-456-0671 or go to <https://holyltrinityrc.org/>.

### **From Bishop Persico:**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, The Catholic Church in Latin America is more than ever facing challenges in the work of evangelization. Shortages of resources and pastoral workers, as well as poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. The Collection for the Church in Latin America, scheduled to take place in our Diocese on the weekend of August 21-22, is one way to support them. Your participation in this collection is a meaningful and practical expression of solidarity with people in these regions. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection also assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers. Please be generous toward this collection. Be assured of my own prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ, +Lawrence T. Persico  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie.

### **What He can do for us!**

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year we still pray and reflect on Mary, an ordinary woman who was extraordinarily blessed and privileged to spend her life in the presence of Jesus, to hear his message, and then to be taken into heaven body and soul.

The belief in the Assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition, and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, ex-cathedra statement in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption.

Yet it is more than doctrine, by her Assumption into heaven, we see the power of God and it is the same power that will one day lift us above a world of sin and into the fullness of union with him. In Luke's Gospel reading for this feast, we are given the account of Mary visiting Elizabeth and she offers the hymn of praise and thanksgiving that we call the "Magnificat." We hear of the great things that God has done for Mary. He has lifted up his lowly servant and all the lowly.

We often need to be lifted up over our suffering, pain, sorrow, anger. And when the world gets us down, when we feel pressure to conform to the levels of power and popularity our popular culture imposes on us, all we need to do is turn to our Blessed Mother who is the mediatrix of all graces. That means we can pray for her to intercede for us for anything. History has shown on more than one occasion that our Blessed Mother intervened in and appeared to us in turbulent times. And she will today as well. We need to draw close to her, ask her to give us the heart of her Son and ask her to fill our souls with the hope of future promise!

Mary's Assumption into heaven is more than just a must-believe dogma for all Catholics. It says to the whole world, Christian or non-Christian that Catholics believe in life after life on this earth, and that one day, on a day that none of us knows, our bodies will be resurrected in a glorified state, as was Jesus', and they will join our souls in heaven. It says to the world that God wants us to have what he has already shared with our Blessed Mother.

Mary is our model and our example. Let us strive to follow her example and love God with our whole being. Mary is the sign that says to us "God loves us...See what he has done for me." Just imagine what he can do for us.