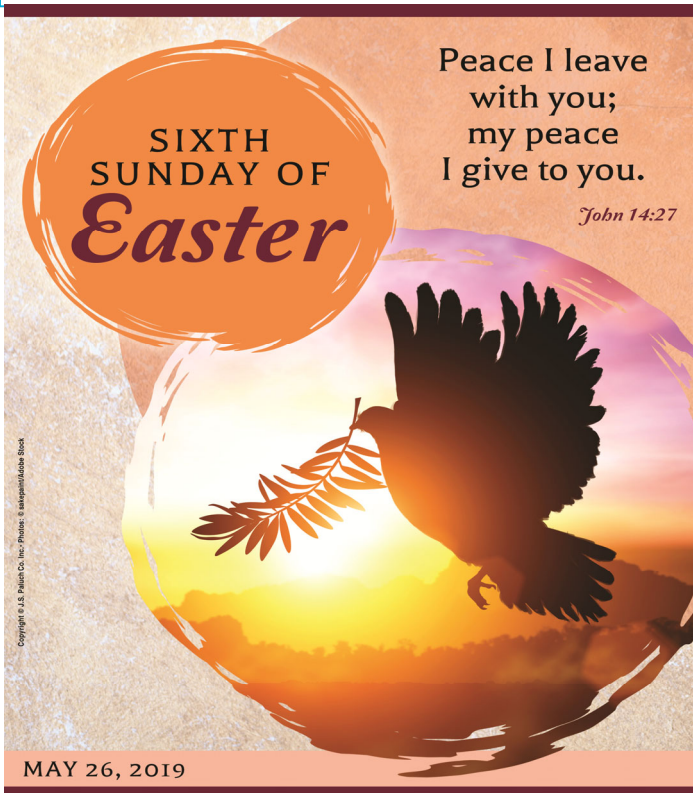


# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Holy Family Church, Saint Ann Church, and Saint Casimir Church



**SIXTH  
SUNDAY OF  
Easter**

Peace I leave  
with you;  
my peace  
I give to you.

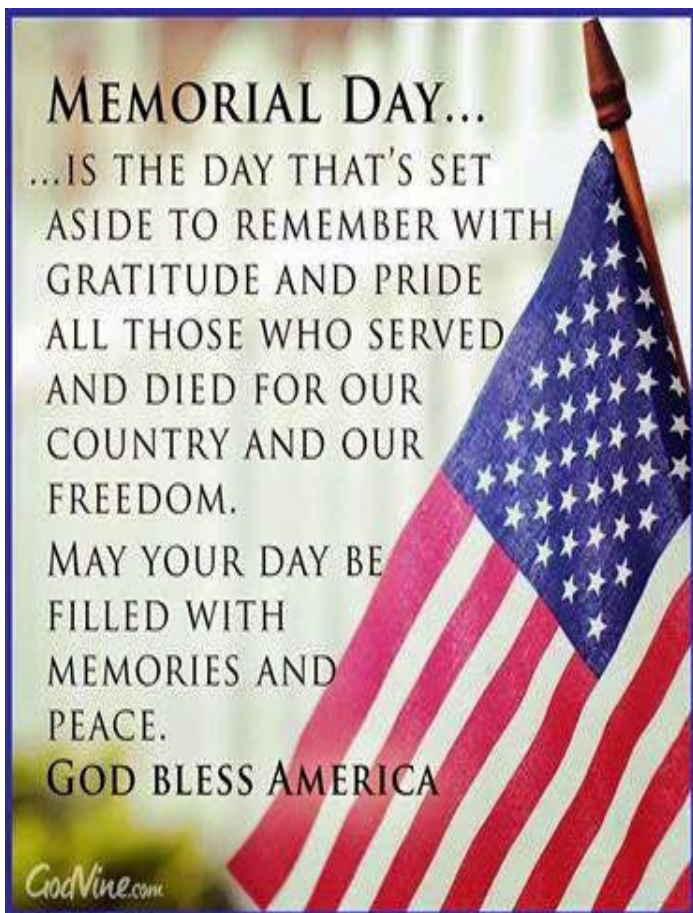
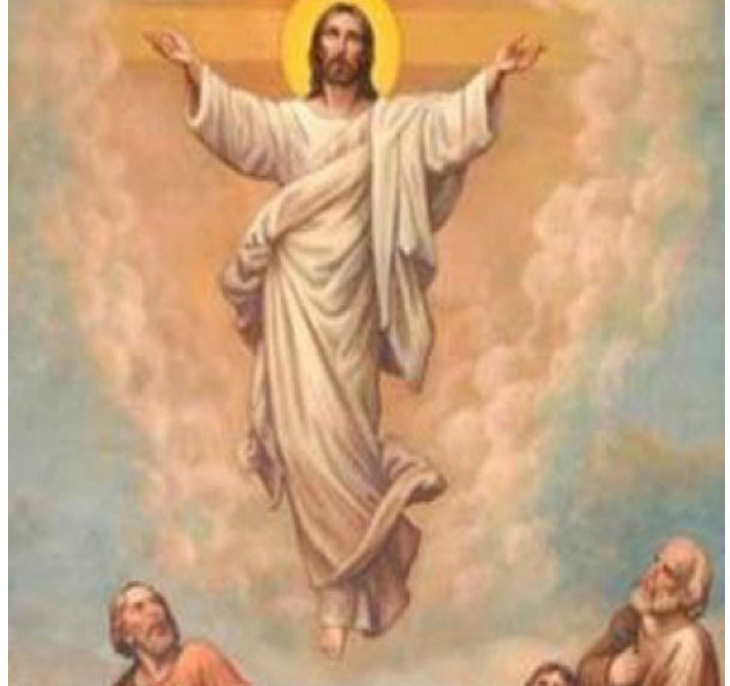
*John 14:27*

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MAY 26, 2019

## **The Ascension of the Lord**

*A Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday May 30, 2019*



**MEMORIAL DAY...**  
...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET  
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH  
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE  
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED  
AND DIED FOR OUR  
COUNTRY AND OUR  
FREEDOM.  
MAY YOUR DAY BE  
FILLED WITH  
MEMORIES AND  
PEACE.  
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### **Saint Casimir Church**

629 Hess Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

### **Saint Ann Church**

921 East Ave. \* Erie, PA 16503

### **Holy Family Church**

913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

**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).

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 25th: Vigil Mass**

- 3:30pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00pm (SC) Helen Dolak, birthday by Family  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, May 26th: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Children and Grandchildren

9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:**  
Rita & Frank Sr. Vento by Family

11:00 am (SC) Robert Smith by wife Julie

**Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day**

- 7:00 am (HF) No Mass
- 8:00 am (SC) Stanley Kownacki, Anniversary by The Ropelewski Family

➔ 10:00 am (SA) Fr. Donald Berdis, Anniversary by The Berdis Family

**Tuesday, May 28th: Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Theresa Wawrzyniak by Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Johanna Berdis by son Larry Berdis

**Wednesday, May 29th: Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Halina Roman by John & Evelyn Lorei
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

4:00pm (SC) NO Vigil Mass for the Holy Day

**Thursday, May 30th: The Ascension of the Lord**

***A Holy Day of Obligation***

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Bob Merski, Sr. by The Merski Children and Grandchildren
- 12:05 pm (SA) For a return to the Catholic Faith
- ➔ 6:00pm(SC) **Latin Mass:** Patrick & Nickey Horwath by Family

**Friday, May 31st: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Stanislaus Widomski, OFM by Rick and Ron Bolla
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

**First Saturday, June 1st: Vigil Mass**

- 8:30am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00am (SA) Intentions of Our Lady of Fatima
- 3:30pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00pm (SC) Stanley & Helen Wodecki by ken & Charlene Wodecki  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, June 2nd: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 am (SC) Robert Hart, Birthday by Hart Family
- 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) Robert Merski, Sr. by Frank & Jean Abate

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

- 1) Living & Deceased of the Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla
- 2) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

- 1) Fr. Donald Berdis, Anniversary by The Berdis Family
- 2) Bob Merski, Sr. by The Merski Family

**St. Casimir's**

- 1) Edward & Sabina Santor by Norbert Sulecki
- 2) Raymond Draszkiwicz by wife Audrey and Family

**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**

**Sunday (5/26)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Monday (5/27) Memorial Day.** Rectory office is closed. Mass times today 8AM and 10AM. Please make note of the Mass times today.

**Tuesday (5/28)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

**Wednesday (5/29)** Rectory office is closed. NO 4PM Vigil Mass for the Holy Day.

**Thursday (5/30) The Ascension of the Lord. A Holy Day of Obligation.** Refer to Mass Schedule for today's Masses. Rectory office is closed.

**Friday (5/31)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

**First Saturday (6/1)** Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass. (SC). Diocesan Special Second Collection for International Needs at the 4PM Vigil Mass.

**Sunday (6/2)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Diocesan Special Second Collection for International Needs at all Masses. Rectory office is closed.

**FIRST SATURDAY:** Join us on Saturday, June 1st for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. Fr. Gallina will be our celebrant. All are welcome.





### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Happy Sixth Sunday of Easter on this Memorial Day Weekend! It's the Fifth Sunday after Easter in the traditional Latin Rite. Welcome everyone and a very special welcome to all visitors with us today. Thanks for being with us and I hope you enjoy your visit and Happy Memorial Day! † Thanks to one and all for your greetings and best wishes for Easter, my birthday and 53rd ordination anniversary (most of those years spent right here in the neighborhood) isn't God good! Thanks for everything! † The Card Party on Wednesday, May 22nd, was a big success. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend and to all who bought tickets for the many prizes. The name of the winners will be announced from the altar. Thanks to **Eileen Ropelewski** and the Rosary ladies for all of your hard work! Same time next year? † We are deeply grateful to all who contributed in anyway in making our celebration of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and Mother's Day so special and memorable again this year. Alleluia † The Easter edition of "The Word Among Us" is available today at all Masses. Remember that this edition contains all of the Masses for Easter and the Easter Season in addition to a meditation for each day. Pick up your copy free of charge. † Thanks to **Deacon Jerry Sobrowski and his wife Denise** for the new signs at Holy Family. Two signs for the office and one for the driveway between the church and school. Well done! Hopefully they will do the trick! † Our thanks to our volunteer ground's keeper, **Mr. Mike Fiscus!** Mike spends countless hours working around all three of our churches and he knows what he is doing! He is truly God's grounds keeper! He will be around more as the weather improves. Thanks **Mike!** Everything looks real good! † The annual collection for our elderly, ill, and retired diocesan priests in good standing, The Good Shepherd Collection, kind of got lost in the shuffle this year. Many who make large donations in past years missed the collection this year and I don't think this happened on purpose. But it's not too late. We can't forget the Good Shepherds who never forgot us! Please consider a special donation for the Good Shepherd Collection if possible if you have not done so already and I thank you for your sacrifices and generosity! Special Good Shepherd envelopes were in your monthly packets. God will not be outdone in generosity! These priests have given to the diocese a total of **3000 YEARS** and we are so grateful! Please be as generous as possible. † Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates from every level of education. Gannon graduated on May 11th and Mercyhurst on May 12th. If you know of anyone we should recognize, please drop their name in the basket with school and date of graduation. † Don't forget the CSA! We still need your pledge if you have not made yours yet. Even a one time donation will help. Pitch in and help us make our goal! † Thanks for joining us today for worship! Come back again and soon! Happy Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and enjoy the weekend. The Lord has risen from the dead as he said he would! May our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Savior bless and keep us all! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### ***FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY***

**Welcome!** To Kyle Jackson who is our newest Altar Server. Kyle recently received his First Holy Communion and felt a strong calling to serve in this special ministry at the altar. Special thanks to **Cameron Schroeder** who trained Kyle. Let us encourage our young people to participate in the life of the church and serve in our ministries!

**Do not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled:** All of us have faced moments of indecision and turmoil in our lives and often we have wished that God would send us a clear sign about what we are called to do. During these times it can be easy to feel that God has left us alone to fend for ourselves – that we're left on our own with no clear direction. Our readings today assure us we are not alone, that we have not only God, but also the Church, and the people around us to give us guidance and support when we need it. We just have to be open to the different ways the Holy Spirit operates in our daily lives. In our Gospel Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be with us if we stay close to God, if we listen to God's word and allow God to make his dwelling in us. Even though Jesus is not physically with us any more (in his human form), his Spirit remains with us to guide us to the truth. It is the Holy Spirit who dwells in us that speaks to our hearts, during our prayer and when we are open to receiving his message. How do we know that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us? One way is to stay close to God through daily prayer, Scripture reading and the sacraments. Another way is to set aside some time in the evening to review the day to see how God was working in that day – where we received special blessings, where we were effective in our Christian discipleship and where we might have failed. Through this daily practice of examining our lives, we can more easily see where God has speaks to each day. It may be through prayer, the words or action of a family member or colleague, or many other ways. We just have to assure our hearts are open to receive the message. So as we near the Pentecost, let us remember that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, longs to speak God's word to us and guide us – we only have to be open to receiving it and being led where we are guided!

**Pray for the Success of our 100<sup>th</sup> Novena to St. Ann!**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Anne Goodrick, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, 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 Draszkievicz, 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 Wieczorek, 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 Wieczorek, John & 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, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, 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, APRIL 28, 2019**

4PM MASS \$1,056.00

8AM MASS \$1,329.00

9:30AM LATIN MASS \$601.90

11:00AM MASS \$759.00

TOTAL \$3,745.90

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

Have you made your pledge/payment? Any and all contributions will help us reach our goal and we need your help to do this. Can we count on you? The CSA envelopes were mailed to all homes in the parish packet and additional envelopes will be available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection.

**CSA 2019 as of May 15, 2019**

**Pledged: \$13,384.00 Paid: \$10,214.00**

Thank you keeping the home fires burning!

Remember you Parish in you will.

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOU WILL.**

The current Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Ministry Schedule (May-July 2019) is available. Copies are available in the sacristy at St. Casimir's and are available for you to pick up after Mass. If you provided your email address Helen Gangemi did email a copy to you on May 15, 2019, check your inbox.

**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.*