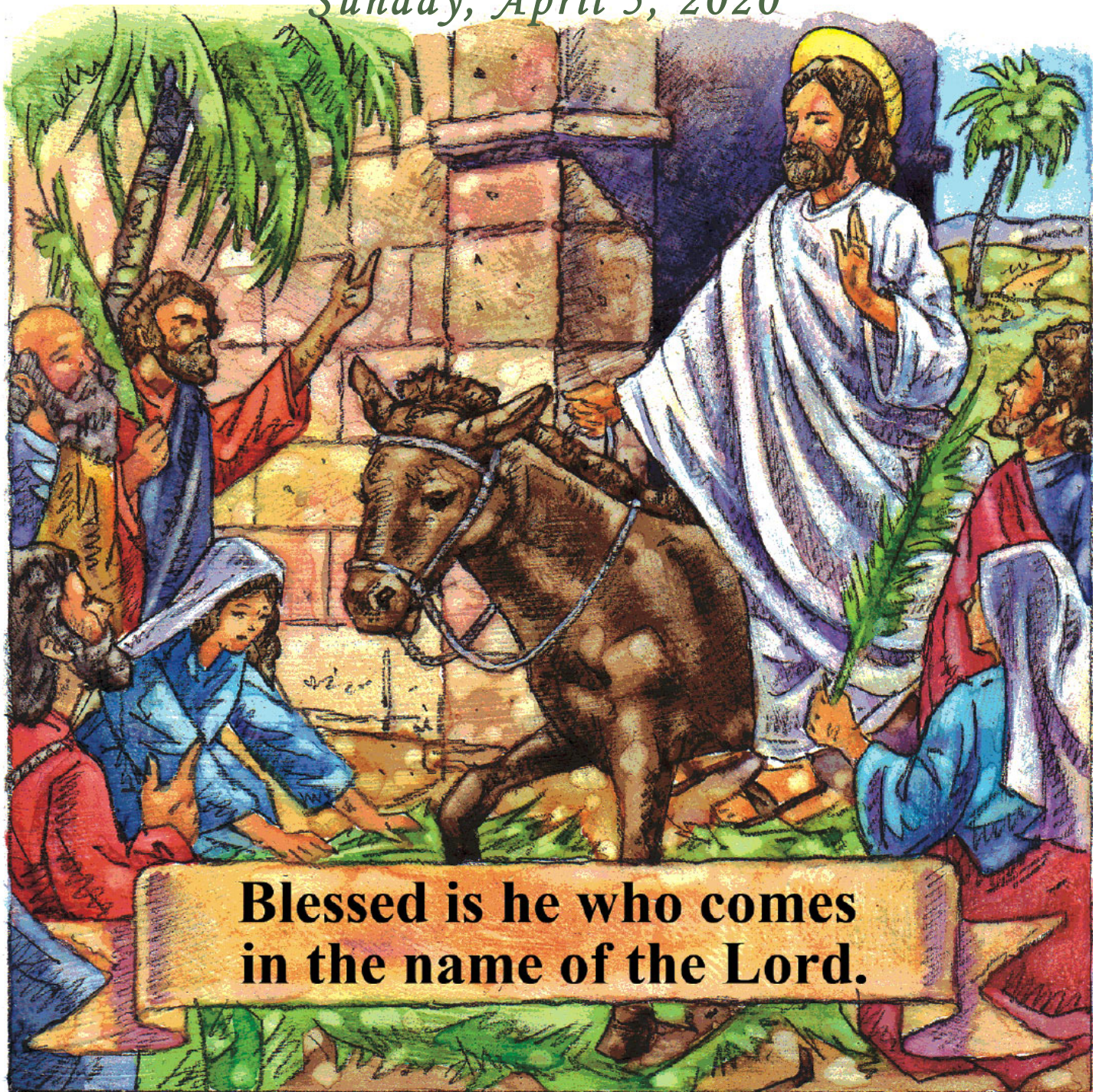


# *Our Mother of Sorrows Parish*

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
*Sunday, April 5, 2020*



**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

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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, April 4th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Robert V. Carter, Sr. by wife Lottie on their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

(SC) Jean B. Bargielski, Anniversary by Daughters  
(SC) Brooklyne Shambaugh by David & Anna Dieteman  
(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by Neighbors & Friends  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, April 6th: Monday of Holy Week

(SC) All of our Priests by Mickey Pohl  
(SA) Norbert Ropiecki, Anniversary by Delphine & Family

Tuesday, April 7th: Tuesday of Holy Week

(SC) Richard Bolla & Rick & Ron Bolla  
(SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by St. Ann's Guild

Wednesday, April 8th: Wednesday of Holy Week

(SC) Alexander & Eugenia Stodolski by Don Barnes  
(SA) Fred Schenker by wife Rosalie

Thursday, April 9th: Holy Thursday

(SC) Joseph Zielinski, Anniversary by Family

Friday, April 10th: Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

(SC) Good Friday Services with Holy Communion

Saturday, April 11th: Holy Saturday

4:00pm (SC) NO Mass

(SC) Great Vigil of Easter offered for

John Widomski, Anniversary by Rick & Ron Bolla

Sunday, April 12th: Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

(SC) Geraldine Tomczak by husband Dan & Family  
All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
(SC) Victor & Elsie Mayer by The Edwards Family  
(SC) Living & Deceased Relatives & Friends of Tim and Cathy Merski  
All Parishioners Living & Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey and Family
- 2) Officers & Members of the Slovak National Club  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Diane Neibauer
- 2) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

St. Casimir's

- 1) Johanna Berdis by son Larry Berdis
- 2) Health of Joe Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcom

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.

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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.*  
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THE INFORMATION IN THIS  
BULLETIN IS ACCURATE AS OF  
THE PUBLICATION DATE,  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020.



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord. †Until further notice the obligation to attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday afternoon) has been dispensed for the faithful in the Diocese of Erie due to the coronavirus pandemic. All public Masses for Palm Sunday and Holy Week have been cancelled, Saturday/Sunday and weekday Masses included. The priests will continue to offer the Masses privately. The priests will remember all of you and your special intentions along with the intention listed for the Mass. Please pray for the sick and shut-ins and all suffering because of the virus. Pray for strength, healing, and peace of mind and heart and soul. † Remember the following Lenten Regulations: 1) Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving and other forms of self-denial are recommended most warmly by the Church. 2) Good Friday is a day of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older. 3) Good Friday is also a day of fasting for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. On this day those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal and two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted but milk and fruit juices are allowed. Where health or work is affected, the law does not apply. We hope that you are making a good Lent. †Continue to remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers. Thank you for all you have done for **Father Dan** in past weeks and we will keep you posted. †Congratulations and Best Wishes again to the officers and members of the Slovak National Club. †The 2020 CSA appeal began Sunday, February 23, 2020. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledges today if you have not already done so. Drop your envelopes in the mail slot at the rectory or mail them to the rectory office, 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest PA. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund legal expenses or provide settlements for the clergy sexual abuse in the Diocese of Erie. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. Any amount that you could afford to pledge and give would be acceptable. We are now about halfway to our 2020 goal. Thanks to all of you!! †What are you doing for Lent? Jesus died on the cross for you! What can you do for him this Lent and Holy Week? Make a Good Lent and Holy Week! Peace and Blessings to all of you! Stay Healthy! Courage!

### FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

#### **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!!**

Unfortunately we are again unable to worship together at mass this Sunday due to the restrictions in place that are necessary to protect all of us and to control the current health pandemic. As we enter into our holiest week; it still demands our attention and even more our participation. One way we can participate is to read the scripture selections for mass. Today as we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, we read 2 selections from the Gospel of Matthew, with the second being Matthew's account of the Passion of Our Lord. After reading them we can't help but notice how different the two Gospel passages are in tone and sentiment. In the first account Jesus enters Jerusalem and is the focus of Israel's deepest hopes and dreams. He is greeted with shouts of joy –Hosannas – fill the air as he is acclaimed as the one who comes in the name of the Lord and successor to David. Jesus is given the royal treatment – a carpet of cloaks and leafy branches and the people join in the rejoicing and commotion, swept along in all the excitement. Then all of a sudden, the mood changes. The Passion Narrative announces that the king has been downgraded to a common criminal, condemned and led out for execution. The branches are replaced with whips, spits and choking dust. The colt is gone and instead, Jesus carries a heavy and awkward beam, upon which his broken and bloodied body will be hoisted up in death. The crowd has changed from celebration to execution and the cries of Hosanna have now become crucify him. How quickly the crowd has changed!

Perhaps our question for Holy Week is: where are we in these Gospels? How faithful have we been to Jesus? What have we done to strengthen our faith? How deep is our loyalty to Jesus in a world where faith is so easily mocked and his name so easily abused?

This year, more than ever, it is important as we journey through Holy Week to keep our eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, who is focused, patient, consistent and faithful in doing the will of God. He does not yield to the winds of popularity or give into the power of the crowd or the empty demands of this world. He knows his mission; he is determined to be faithful to the very end. He is obedient to death – even death on a cross.

These trying times offer us opportunity to share in Christ's passion, and by doing so we know that we will ultimately share in his resurrection.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the weekend of March 21-22, 2020**

**There is no financial information to report.**

*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.*

The rectory office is located at  
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**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020**

*As of March 17, 2020*

**Goal: \$21,446.00**

**Pledged Amount: \$8,327.00**

**Paid Amount: \$4,462.00**

No updated information to report. We can reach our Goal! I know we can with your help! 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 mail your pledge/contribution to the rectory office or drop it in the mail slot at the rectory office.

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!*

**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, 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, Thomas Kaiser, 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, 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, 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 McMahan, 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.*