

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 9th: Baptism of the Lord

Private (SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of Kimberly Ann  
Angeloff by her husband Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Monday, January 10th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and  
Lisa Galla

### Tuesday, January 11th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by  
JoAnn Calabrese

### Wednesday, January 12th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The  
Juchno Family and Rod Showers

### Thursday, January 13th: Saint Hilary

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Dolores Shanta by The Vento Family

### Friday, January 14th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Charles Chase, Birthday by The Family

### Saturday, January 15th: Weekday

Private (SA) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
Sunday, January 16th: Second Ordinary Sunday  
Private (SA) The Deceased Members of The Ropelewski  
Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas, Anniversary by Mary  
Ollinger

### Monday, January 17th: Saint Anthony

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and  
Lisa Galla

### Tuesday, January 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Joe & Collette  
Vahey

### Wednesday, January 19th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Frank Hodas, Birthday, January 20th by  
Christine Visosky

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Casimir "Mike" Dylewski, Birthday by daughter  
Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
- 2) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Friend

### St. Casimir's

- 1) All Parishioners Living and Deceased
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ronald Gmerek

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, December 19th: \$2,155.95

Christmas: \$2,403.00

Sunday, December 26th: \$7,603.59

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,981.00

Paid: \$13,516.00

*Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

2021 Contribution statements will be mailed to everyone who received one last year. If you wish to receive your 2021 contribution statement please call the rectory office at 814-452-4832 and leave a message for Helen. Statements will be mailed to you on or before January 31, 2022. Thank you.

**Reminder**—Any changes to your offertory envelopes do take time...our envelope provider takes up to 3 to 4 months to make the requested change. Example: changes I requested today, 1/9/2022, will not be reflected on your offertory envelopes until April. Please be patient and know that I have made your requested change. Thank you, Helen



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry The Baptism of the Lord

A group will be meeting to take down the **Christmas decorations** after the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, January 9. They would appreciate help!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen “Jean” Deniziak**, whose funeral was at St. Casimir on Friday. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed January 18<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a time when Christians all around the world are reminded to pray for closer communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as for greater union with all of God’s creation. As we embark on this special time of prayer and reflection, let us do so with grateful hearts, thankful for the many blessings that shine in our lives every day and ask God to bring us closer to one another in love and Christian Unity.

**First Fridays for Families planned throughout 2022.** Join Blessed Sacrament Parish, 1626 W. 26<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, for First Fridays for Families to help better connect with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Every First Friday in 2022, beginning Jan. 7 and continuing through Dec. 2, 2022, there will be a guided Eucharistic Adoration program geared toward children of all ages and their families. Each Adoration begins at 6 p.m. For questions, contact Jen Durney at [jdurney@bserie.org](mailto:jdurney@bserie.org).

**The 44th Annual ProLife Breakfast** is Saturday, January 15, at the Bayfront Convention Center. The guest speaker is Rachel Bovard. Rachel has worked for three U.S. Senators, and the National Journal named her one of the “Most Influential Women Under 35 in Washington. She is currently the Senior Director of Policy at the Conservative Partnership Institute. The event begins at 9:00 am. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$12 for children ages 3 - 12, and children under 3 are free. Free childcare with fun activities will be available. To make a reservation, visit [www.PeopleforLife.life](http://www.PeopleforLife.life).

**The Annual March for Life** in Washington, DC is Friday, January 21. The bus will leave Erie Thursday, January 20, at 11:00 pm and will return Saturday morning, January 22, around 1:30 am. The cost is \$60 per seat. To reserve a seat, please call 814-882-1333 or 814-459-1333 or by emailing [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org). For more information, visit [www.Facebook.com/MarchForLifeBusTrip](http://www.Facebook.com/MarchForLifeBusTrip).

**The Erie March for Life** is Saturday, January 29, beginning at 11:00 am. The event will begin at Perry Square in downtown Erie and will conclude by 12:30 pm following a brief program. Please arrive by 10:45 am to participate. For more information, please call 814-882-1333, email [office@peopleforlife.org](mailto:office@peopleforlife.org) or visit [www.PeopleforLife.life](http://www.PeopleforLife.life).

**Remembering Our Baptism! ...** How many of us remember our Baptism? How many of us know exactly what day it was on? Baptism is sometimes remembered as or thought upon as something that happened a long time ago, that was very private and it made us Catholic. But it is much more than that – it was the beginning of a life-long journey where we began to grow as members in the Body of Christ.

I recall reading about a Pope who was interviewed shortly after he was enthroned and was asked ‘I suppose that was the most important day of your whole life?’ ‘Oh no,’ said the Pope, the most important day of my life was the day of my Baptism! Our Baptism was also very special and perhaps the most important day of our life. It was on that day we were given the meaning and purpose for how we are to live the rest of our lives.

Just as Jesus emerged from the water with a mission and purpose, so too did we emerge from our Baptismal waters with a mission and purpose to follow Christ. Our baptism was much more than a ceremony that lasted a few minutes - it was the beginning of a lifelong journey of a new life in Christ, opening the door to eternal life.

At our Baptism our parents and godparents made a promise and accepted the responsibility of raising us in the faith. As adults it is our responsibility to maintain and nurture our faith by staying true to our call to discipleship placing Christ as the center of our lives.

Our baptism call is often difficult with many responsibilities. Whether we are called to be students, teachers, parents, or whatever our call may be, we are commissioned to live good Christian lives on a day-to-day basis by being kind, generous, forgiving, and understanding of others. Now is a good time to pause and reflect on our Baptism call and commitment. Are we following Jesus and living our lives dedicated to his teachings?

Today, as he does each day, Jesus looks on each of us and says “You are my beloved, on you my favor rests and I love you very much.”