

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 12th: Thirty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Family

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) John, Birthday and Jean Deniziak by
Dorothy and Cindy Snider

Monday, November 13th: St. Frances Xavier

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph and Helena Maciejczyk, Wedding
Anniversary Nov. 12th by Christine Visosky

Tuesday, November 14th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The Sisters of St. Joseph who taught at St. Ann's
by Mickey Pohl

Wednesday, November 15th: St. Albert the Great

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Loving Mother Kay
Wienczkowski

Thursday, November 16th: St. Margaret of Scotland

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Lucia Lee by H. Lee

Friday, November 17th: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wieczorek by
Patrick and Marilyn Fuhrman

Saturday, November 18th: Weekday

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

Sunday, November 19th: Thirty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Second Collection for Campaign for Human Development

Private (SA) Dorothy and Joseph Angeloff by Dr. Hal
Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Theresa Juchno

Monday, November 20th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David Blum by Lori Krasnesky and Judy

Tuesday, November 21st: Presentation of the Blessed

Virginia Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Diane Niebauer

Wednesday, November 22nd: St. Cecilia

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The health and well being of our families
by Charlotte and Beverly

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) U.S. Military—Deceased
- 2) Military Veterans—Past and Present

St. Casimir's

- 1) For blessings, guidance and peace for all parishioners
and their parishes in the Erie Diocese
- 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT—November 5, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$3,304.50

World Mission Sunday: \$20.00

All Soul's Day: \$41.00

All Saint's Day: \$165.00

Christmas Flowers: \$170.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$50.00

Slovak National Club: \$500.00

November First Saturday: \$96.00

Saint Ann's Building Fund: \$430.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$7,430.00 Paid: \$7,370.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their
support to the 2023 CSA.

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Next Sunday, November 19th, there is a
Diocesan Special Collection for the
Campaign for Human Development.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Christmas Flower list—the deadline is Sunday, December 3, 2023
to have your Christmas Flower envelope included on the listing of
donors. Thank you.

Did you know you can read our weekly bulletin on
our website?

Simply visit www.motherofsorrowerie.org



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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503**

DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Today has been designated by Bishop Persico as a **day of prayer for Pastoral Planning across the Diocese of Erie**. As with every endeavor we undertake, prayer must be at the center of our efforts. While there are many prayers on the planning website, this **Prayer of Thomas Merton** is a good one for our personal prayer:

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Keep up-to-date on Pastoral Planning by visiting www.eriescd.org/planning.html.

There will be a second collection next week for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. The CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low incomes participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.

Celebrate Christmas with *Mysteries of the Rosary* at **St. Francis Xavier Parish** in McKean. Sessions have started and continue through the third week of Advent. Choose from Monday sessions, 6:30 to 8 p.m., or Wednesday sessions, 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Irene Schneider at 814.476.7657 ext. 7 or evangelization@stfrancisxaviermckean.org. Embrace the holiday spirit with contemplation and prayer.

Maria House project invites you to *An Evening of Hope*, a celebration of Father Peterson's 100th Birthday (Nov. 14, 1923 - May 14, 2013) on Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St, Erie. The event will feature *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Son* by Justin LeRoy and Barb Emory, offering a profound mother-and-son perspective on addiction, recovery and healing. Experience firsthand the love of God and learn how the Maria House Project upholds Father Pete's mission. Light refreshments will be served in the church vestibule, post-program. All are welcome to join this inspiring evening.

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquel and the parishioners of **St. Mark and Mt. Calvary** parishes for a **Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival** on Nov. 18 at 3:15 p.m. at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Call the office with questions at 814.899.3000 or email office@smmc.church.

Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie is hosting a **Bible study** that introduces a comprehensive look into the Book of Daniel, exploring faith under challenging circumstances. Registration is set to open in 2024. Sessions are slated for Tuesday evenings, Jan. 9 to March 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., or Wednesday mornings, Jan. 10 to March 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., in the social room at Our Lady of Peace Church, 2401 W. 38th St., Erie. Participation costs \$10, encompassing a workbook and materials.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Ladies' Guild will once again hold a **Christmas Bake Sale**. You can order and pay online at www.olmc-erie.org, call your order in to the parish office at 814-825-7313, or drop off/mail your order. Order sheets can be printed from the website. **All orders must be pre-paid.** The deadline for ordering is **Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 pm** and pick-up will be in Scheffner Hall on Saturday, **December 9 from 3-5 pm** and Sunday, **December 10 from 8:30 am-12:00 pm**. Questions? Call Diane at 814-456-1183 after 4 pm.

Filling our lamps

As we approach the First Sunday of Advent and come to the close of this Church year our readings take on a more urgent and somber tone and we are reminded of the end times. The parable of the wise and foolish maidens provides us a lesson about the importance of preparing to meet the Lord by making wise choices each and every day.

In our Gospel today Jesus cautions us to "stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." He is warning us to prepare to meet him and not to be like the foolish bridesmaids that thought they could get more oil for their lamps whenever they wanted and that the door of the house would always be opened to them. The oil symbolizes the source of light and the fact the wise virgins already had this oil showed their desire to possess the ultimate source of light in their lives, Jesus Christ. They were prepared.

How best can we prepare to meet Jesus? Perhaps it is to follow his basic teachings: about forgiving others, be generous to those in need, be grateful for what we have, doing what we say we are going to do, and not expecting reward for doing the right thing. To prepare means to love God with all our mind, heart and soul, and humbly love our neighbor as ourselves. To stay active in our faith and participate in the sacramental life of the church. To lead a good life with plenty of oil in our lamps.

Our oil is the energy of the Holy Spirit in our lives and represents our capacity to love. As we prepare and wait for his return, may we always imitate Jesus' care and compassion for others, especially the most vulnerable among us. Then will we will be prepared with enough oil to keep our lamps lit, ready to greet the Lord when he arrives.