

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish



Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3rd: Third Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Timothy by Lucia Lee
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00am(SC) Mikolaj Wodecki, Anniversary by daughter
Caroline Larson

Monday, March 4th: Saint Casimir

11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford
Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Tuesday, March 5th: Lenten Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05am (SA) Jim and Pat Heubel by Family
Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Wednesday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Ilaria by
Lucia Lee

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Thursday, March 7th: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Sister Julia by Lucia Lee
Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Friday, March 8th: Saint John of God

A Day of Abstinence

11:00am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration
11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of George Vento,
2nd birthday by The Vento Family
1:00pm (SA) Rosary, Stations of the Cross followed by
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 9th: Saint Frances of Rome

Private (SA) Tom Rodgers by Mickey Pohl

Sunday, March 10th: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Private (SA) James Berdis by Donna Turbaczewski
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00am(SC) Jerome and Nancy Sobrowski by Jerry and
Denise Sobrowski

Monday, March 11th: Lenten Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions
12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford
Praying the Rosary follows Mass

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Children
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and
parishes in the Diocese of Erie
- 2) For a Holy Lenten Season

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$2,249.00

Fuel Offering: \$150.00

Ash Wednesday: \$57.00

Easter Flowers: \$166.00

Good Friday: \$41.00

Easter: \$33.00

Income and Expense ~ February 2024

Income: \$17,718.32

Expense: \$17,717.95

Difference: \$0.37

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$3,405.00

Paid: \$2,280.00

\$31,760.00 to go to reach our goal ~ can you help?

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

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The deadline for Easter Flower Envelopes to be included
in the listing of donors is Sunday, March 17, 2024.

GECAC Grocery Collection

Thank you for helping. Please return your full grocery
bag to St. Casimir's. Pick up dates are March 17 & 24.



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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

Lenten Schedule at St Ann's: Daily confessions heard 11:15 am until 11:55 am. Daily Mass 12:05 pm with the Rosary prayed after each mass. Fridays of Lent: Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 am to 12:00 pm followed by 12:05 pm mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary will be having its annual Card Party on April 18. **Tickets will be on sale after our 11:00 am Mass today and next week.** The Card Party will be held in St. Mark's Gym, 429 E. Grandview Blvd, on Thursday, April 18 beginning at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:00 pm. A light meal will be served. For reservations call Kathy at 814-440-3406 by April 9. Please pray for the vocations of our seminarians.

Feast of St. Casimir is on March 4

St. Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the enemy; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home. His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. Casimir made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter. He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania. Casimir is patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

Intention for March 2024: For the new martyrs We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world, inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Peace Must Begin with Me' chosen as theme for Catholic Sisters Week 2024

Fifty-two weeks a year, women religious inspire the rest of us as they stand with the poor and immigrants, teach children, fight injustice, heal the sick, share spirituality, empower women, defend the planet, promote peace, create community, offer hope and so much more. Now an official component of Women's History Month, Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8 – 14, 2024, gives us all a time to remember their work, which began in our region in 1852, a year before the diocese was founded. Honor the sisters by reflecting on their theme: "Peace Must Begin with Me."

St. Stan's Parish in Erie is hosting **Lenten fish dinners** on March 15 and 29 from 4 to 7 pm (or until sold out). March 29 is take-out only.

St. Luke Parish in Erie is hosting **Lenten fish dinners** on March 8 from 5 to 7 pm in the St. Luke Café, 421 E. 38th St., Erie.

Lenten fish dinners at **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, 1626 West 26th St., Erie, are scheduled for March 15, 4:30 to 7 pm. Take-outs available or order ahead for curbside pickup at: <https://kofc278.square.site/fish-dinner>.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edinboro, Lenten dinners sponsored by the The Knights of Columbus Council 6191 will be on March 8, 15 and 22. The dinners are available from 4:30 pm until sold out.

Time to turn over the tables!

Isn't it easy to admire the compassionate Jesus? But an angry Jesus armed with a corded whip, driving traders and money changers out of the temple and overturning their tables probably shocks most of us.

Yet the cleansing of the temple was something much more than an angry outburst - it was a symbolic action. In the old Testament Jeremiah took a piece of pottery and broke it to symbolize God's punishment on the people for worshiping idols. It was a way of shaking people out of their complacency.

In today's gospel Jesus spilled some coins, turned over tables, and chased animals to show that the temple would be transformed into a new and more powerful way for God to be present among the people.

The money changers weren't doing anything wrong - they were doing what they were supposed to do, helping pilgrims change their money to purchase animals for sacrifice.

But Jesus used anger in a very healthy and effective way to shake the scribes and Pharisees from their complacency. He was telling them the old Temple would gradually crumble but the new Temple (Jesus himself) would always be with them, and of course us.

These remaining weeks of Lent are a time to turn over the tables in our temples. To examine the areas of our lives and see where we have become complacent and what false idols we rank higher than God. What do we need to "cleanse" to "make room" for God's abundant grace? Knowing that the same God who raised Jesus from the dead can also cleanse and breathe new life into our hearts.