

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 10th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am(SC) Michael Lucas by Jim and Sue Carpenter

### Monday, September 11th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by Charlotte and Beverly

**Communion Services 12:05PM at SA  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**

(Note: the 3 Mass intentions have been moved to December)

### Tuesday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

11:30am (SA) No Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

### Wednesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

11:30am (SA) No Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

### Thursday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:30am (SA) No Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Communion Service

### Friday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Audrey Draszkievicz

### Saturday, September 16th: Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

Private (SA) Eleanor and Alois Klugiewicz by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, September 17th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

*Special Second Collection for Catholic Education*  
Private (SA) Joseph C. and Dorothy J. Angeloff by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00am(SC) Barbara J. Juchno by Christine and John Farnum

**Town Hall meeting following the 11AM Mass today.**

### Monday, September 18th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Patrick and Marilyn Fuhrman

### Tuesday, September 19th: Saint Januarius

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Carolyn R. Scott

### Wednesday, September 20th: Saints Andrew Kim

#### Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

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

### St. Ann's

- 1) William & Eva Jant by Family
- 2) Michael & Anna Pochatko by Family

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Special Intentions of Eliza Vento on her 4th Birthday by The Vento Family

## FINANCIAL REPORT—September 3, 2023

*Sunday Offertory: \$1,296.00*

*Catholic Education: \$40.00*

*Food Pantry: \$40.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**2023 Goal: \$35,165.00**

We are \$25,201.00 away from our goal!  
Can you help?

**Pledged: \$7,309.00      Paid: \$6,979.00**

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

Happy to report an increase this week-Thank You!  
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Diocesan Special Second Collection next Sunday, September 17, 2023 for Catholic Education.

**Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!**

Please join us next Sunday, September 17, 2023 for a "Town Hall" meeting following the 11AM Mass at St. Casimir's Church. Those attending will be given the opportunity to share their input and questions regarding the preliminary plan for reorganizing parishes in Erie County.



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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

All parishioners are invited to a **“town hall” meeting** in the church next **Sunday, September 17** right after the 11:00 am mass. Those attending will be given the opportunity to share their input and questions regarding the preliminary plan for reorganizing parishes in Erie County.

Please remember to provide your feedback on the preliminary plan to the diocese at [www.eriercd.org/planning.html](http://www.eriercd.org/planning.html). **All feedback must be received by September 29.** If you prefer to do it by hard copy there are forms in the back of the church. Otherwise call the parish office and we will get one out to you. The address to send your feedback to is at the end of the form. **Please do not send the forms to the parish office.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Scott Weisen** whose funeral mass was at St. Ann Church on Wednesday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

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 Sept. 16 at 3:15 p.m. at St. Mark Church, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Please call the office with questions at 814.899.3000 or email [office@smmc.church](mailto:office@smmc.church).

The **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary March** will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm. For those unable to march, the rosary will be recited in the church while the march is taking place. For more information call John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

The **2023 Catholic Education Collection** will take place on September 17. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our dioceses. Through your support, our children, and their families, both young and old, will be led to greater faith.

St. Stanislaus Parish in Erie invites you to savor the **Taste of Poland Dinner** on Oct. 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. at the parish hall, 516 E. 13th St., Erie. Enjoy a traditional Polish meal featuring pierogi, sausage, golabki, mashed potatoes and gravy, kapusta, bread and butter. Take-out options are available. Adult tickets are \$15, ages six–12 are \$6, and children under five are free. The event also features czarnina and frozen pierogi for sale, a bake sale, a gift auction, a theme basket auction and a 50/50 raffle.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish** in McKean is hosting a **free study on Jesus and the Eucharist** as part of the Eucharistic Revival. The study is open to all, including Catholics, non-Catholics, youth, and adults. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. (Sept. 18 to Oct. 30) and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept. 20 to Nov. 1) at St. Francis Xavier Church, 8880 Main St, McKean. Attendees are encouraged to come to all sessions, or as their schedule allows, and missed sessions can be caught up online. To sign up or for more information, visit [www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org](http://www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org) or call Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

### **Reconciling with others**

While most of us feel that we approach most issues in our relationships with others with good intent, there are times when conflict will inevitably occur.

What makes conflict difficult is that we often tend to avoid it at all costs. Unfortunately most of the time it does not go away and left unaddressed it can cause deep divisions and fracture relationships. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus provides a guide for addressing conflict and restoring relationships between individuals broken by sin. Most importantly, he establishes the means for restoring wholeness to the body of Christ, the Church.

Jesus is not telling us to avoid or cover up conflict, rather to face it head-on. We are to go to the one who has wronged us directly and speak to that person with goodwill and compassion.

When someone hurts us, it’s so much easier to stew over what this person has done and how they have wronged us than to go and talk to that person. When we are angry or our feelings are hurt, we often desire to get others on our side in order to make us feel better about ourselves and to justify our grievance.

While this may seem easier and safer than directly going to the one who has hurt us, it rarely addresses the conflict and is certainly no way to build a community. Jesus tells us, “If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

In bestowing the power to bind and loose on the Apostles, Jesus instituted the sacrament of penance and reconciliation which is one of the sacraments of healing. In this sacrament, the priest represents Christ – and the Church. When we are reconciled to God in the sacrament, we are reconciled to the Church and the healing power of the sacrament changes us, restoring our ability to forgive and heal as Jesus does.

Jesus also tells us that when two or more agree about anything in prayer, he is with us. Let us pray that our hearts are opened up to inspire us to reconcile all that separates us from one another so that united as the body of Christ we may transform the world.