

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, January 31st: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Eugene & Eva Bonanno by  
Anna & Justin Bonanno  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Agnes Oldakowski by Family

### Monday, February 1st: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Helen Mae Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters

### Tuesday, February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Susan Abbott by The Vento Family

### Wednesday, February 3rd: Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

*Congregational Blessing of the Throats*  
(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Aloise Ropelewski, Anniversary by Sisters  
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Amy & Owen Farnen,  
Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski

### Thursday, February 4th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Philip J. Pochatko by Family

### First Friday, February 5th: St. Agatha

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession  
11:30 am (SA) Confessions  
12:05 pm (SA) Special Intentions for Emerson Vento,  
birthday from Family

### First Saturday, February 6th: St. Paul Miki

8:30 am (SA) Confessions  
9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother Mary  
*No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions at St. Casimir*

### Sunday, February 7th: Fifth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions  
9:00 am (SC) Confessions  
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Rev. James T. O'Hara by  
The Fisher Family  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Louise, Ann, Therese, Mary, Vic, Frank,  
Joe, and Al Adamczyk by Loving Children,  
Nephews and Nieces

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) James Berdis from Ann Marie Figurski  
2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Family by Kulig Estate  
2) Special Intentions of Fr. John Malthaner

### St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends  
2) Special Intentions of Our Priests and Deacon

## FINANCIAL REPORT ~ 2020

*Offertory for Jan. 24, 2021: \$2,763.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

**2020 Goal: \$21,446.00**

**Report As of January 30th**

**Pledged Amount: \$17,820.00 Paid Amount: \$17,510.00**

We did not reach our goal for 2020.

We were \$3,626.00 short.

The Diocese of Erie has set the date of  
February 14th to begin the  
2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Our 2021 Goal is \$20,164.00

Your monthly offertory envelope packet  
contains a 2021 CSA envelope. Feel free to  
use this envelope or you may pick one up in  
the back of church.

*Please remember during this time you may drop  
your weekly offertory and other contributions in the  
mail slot at the rectory office or mail them to the  
rectory office.*

The parish office is located at  
913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the  
Publication Date, Saturday, January 30, 2021

## **FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Septuagesima Sunday (Latin Mass)**

Parishes in Erie County will once again be opening their doors for “**The Light is On for You,**” a special night of Lenten confessions. The opportunity for confession on this evening will be made available in our parish at **St. Ann** church on Wednesday, February 24 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

**First Saturday** is this week. Mass will be at St. Ann church at 9:00 am on February 6.

### **22:32 Men’s Conference offers in-person and Zoom format**

The eighth annual 22:32 Men’s Conference, typically offered to hundreds of men at one location, will be held Feb. 27 at separate parishes in the Diocese of Erie. Men will gather at their own parishes in small groups to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The half-day event still features acclaimed Catholic speakers and witness stories that may be heard via Zoom beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. With the cooperation of pastors, Mass and confessions may still be available before or after the formal presentations. For more information about hosting the conference at your parish or for your men’s group, contact Dave Wayman at [taichiguy@icloud.com](mailto:taichiguy@icloud.com) or 814-397-2809.

The **2021 Catholic Services Appeal** will be conducted throughout our diocese on February 14. The CSA is the annual fundraising campaign of the Diocese of Erie to support the work of the church. I humbly ask you to help our parish meet our CSA goal. I am already overcome with gratitude for all you already do to support our parish, especially in light of the difficult times of the past year. As an individual parish, we are called to help our diocese to serve the faithful throughout Northwest Pennsylvania. Through your support of the CSA, the Diocese of Erie can evangelize, educate, serve, proclaim the Word, celebrate the sacraments and give hope to thousands. Your support of the CSA makes this important work possible. Anything received above our goal of \$20,164 will stay in our parish and be used toward addressing some of our most pressing maintenance needs. Please know that funds donated to the CSA are used immediately to support the good works of the church and that no CSA funds have been or will be used to defray expenses related to the sexual abuse scandal.

### **Our Source of Authority!**

For the most part we are accustomed to knowing authority as defined according to its source. A king, for instance has “inherited authority” by virtue of having been born into a royal line. The president of a corporation exercises “delegated authority” which comes from the board of directors. A professor in a university has “achieved authority” based on years of academic preparation, research and experience. In each case the source of authority is outside the person who holds the power to rule a kingdom, run a business, or teach a class. In our Gospel this week, the people responded to Jesus as one with authority after he taught them and then cast out the “unclean spirit.” Jesus’ authority that we hear about in our Gospel is radically different than the authority that was just described. Jesus **IS** the source of authority and he refers to no source of authority beyond himself. At one time in our lives most of us have either questioned authority or perhaps even rejected it. And we too are challenged by our own demons and temptations from the evil one. The Good News of the Gospel does not exclude a confrontation with the devil, in fact it is the very test of authority which we all struggle with. However, when we invoke the authority of Jesus Christ in our lives there is often a violent, convulsive confrontation with the evil one who wants so much to possess our souls and rule our lives, and he comes out of us. This Gospel is more than about Jesus’ teaching and deeds. It is about us being taken in by who Jesus is - the one who teaches with authority, who destroys evil, and who is “the Holy One of God” among us and within us. The Holy One who acts with compassion and whose authority liberates. Our challenge is not only to know him but to fall in love with him.



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