

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, July 17th: Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday

*Diocesan Second Special Collection—National Needs*

Private (SA) Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Mike Sorek and Ann Giannelli

**PLEASE NOTE: NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE BEINGS JULY 18TH**

### Monday, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis

#### Saint Ann Novena Day 1

8:30am (SA) Czerwinski Family by Family

NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)

7:00pm (SA) Joseph Pochatko by Family

### Tuesday, July 19th: Weekday/Novena Day 2

8:30am (SA) Kelly Lanutti by Dr. Hal Angeloff

NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)

7:00pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

### Wednesday, July 20th: St. Apollinaris/Novena Day 3

8:30am (SA) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski

NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)

7:00pm (SA) Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family

### Thursday, July 21st: St. Lawrence of Brindisi/Novena Day 4

8:30am (SA) Deceased Members of the Soder Family by Florence Brower

NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)

7:00pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek, 64th Wedding Anniversary by husband Bob Skrypek

### Friday, July 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene/Novena Day 5

8:30am (SA) Special Intentions of Connie Minichelli

NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)

7:00pm (SA) Lois Stockton by Kathy & Lew Boucher

### Saturday, July 23rd: St. Bridger/Novena Day 6

Private (SA) No Private Mass

8:30am (SA) Robert Shanta, Anniversary by Vento Family

♥10:00am (HF) Swigonski and Gowdry Wedding

4:00pm (SA) Rick, Madison and Zachary Zimmer by Dan Zimmer

### Sunday, July 24th: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday

#### Novena Day 7

Private (SA) No Private Mass

8:30 am (SA) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez, on her 99th Birthday July 22nd by Family

NO Confessions or Mass today at SC

11:00 am (SA) The Deceased Members of The Ropelewski Family

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Rose Marie Skrypek, 64th Wedding Anniversary by husband Bob Skrypek

2) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) Deceased Members of the Pochatko Family

2) Deceased Members of the Hartman & Jant Families

### St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez, on her 99th Birthday July 22nd by Family

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Sunday, July 10, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$2,457.50*

### June 2022 Income and Expenses

Income: \$11,865.07

Expenses: \$11,927.83

Difference: - \$62.76

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**2022 Goal: \$31,397.00**

**Pledged: \$9,364.00**

**Paid: \$6,259.00**

**\$22,033.00 Away from Reaching Our Goal.**

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

Please issue a **separate check** for

→ CSA contribution

→ Mass Intentions

Please do not include them on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

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

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is proud to announce the **103rd Annual Novena to Good Saint Ann**. The novena begins July 18th through July 26, 2022 at Saint Ann's Church, 931 East Ave., Erie, PA.

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**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski**



## **From the Desk of Deacon Jerry**

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Redemptorist Priest **Fr. Phil Dabney, CSsR** who will be our preacher for the **103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Novena in honor of Good St. Ann**. We are thrilled to have him with us and are looking forward to his preaching.

The **Daily Mass schedule** for the St. Ann's Novena is Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26. The **Weekend Mass schedule** is Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm and on Sunday, July 24th at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Wednesday, July 20th religious articles will be blessed. On Friday, July 22nd the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. Saturday and Sunday a special blessing will be given to children. On the Feast of Sts. Ann & Joachim parents and grandparents will receive a special blessing.

Please note the change in the daily and Sunday mass schedules during the Novena. There **will be no 11:00 am Mass at St. Casimir on Sunday, July 24 and no weekday 12:05 pm Mass at St. Ann's**.

It is hard to believe this is the 103<sup>rd</sup> Novena in honor of Good Saint Ann. A few years ago I was talking with Father O'Hara and he was hoping we would get to the 100<sup>th</sup>. Here we are at 103 and well on our way to 200. We look forward to seeing everyone come out – please invite your family and friends.

A special **thank you** to Fr. Jerry Priscaro and all who worked so hard with the preparations for this year's Novena. Thanks also to those who have done the preliminary planning for the first stage of the parish office move. We can't do it without you!

Plans are being finalized for the move of the Parish Office to St. Casimir and work is expected to begin before the end of this month. Help is still welcomed, if you are ready and willing to lend a hand, please **contact Karen Mazur at 814-882-8656**.

There was a **pastoral planning meeting on July 12th** for the pastors in our deanery. We welcomed the new pastors in the Deanery and reviewed our previous actions to date. There was a lot of discussion on how our parishes can continue to collaborate on Faith Formation and Outreach as well as working together on liturgical events such as Stations, Adoration, etc. We are planning to get our parish representatives involved in the planning process soon. Briefly discussed was how to restart the talks on our facilities as well as the future of our parishes. I told the group that there is a considerable amount of anxiety among many people I have spoken to over the uncertainty of the future. As new plans develop, I will share them with you. Please continue to pray for our Deanery and our parish as we continue to move forward in this process.

The **Collection for National Needs** will be taken today. This collection affords the opportunity for Catholic communities who have the means to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home and will be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to **Bob Merski** on being selected to attend the 2022 Emerging Legislative Leaders Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. The program which concluded on July 14 was designed to increase collaboration between the parties and increase effective legislating by learning to work across the aisle. First and second-term leaders who were identified by their peers as future leaders in their fields were selected for the program.

The **126<sup>th</sup> annual Frenchtown ham/chicken dinner** will be held July 31 at St. Hippolyte Church, located on Route 27 just seven miles east of Meadville. Dinner will be served from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (or until sold out).

**Choose the Better Half! ...** Luke's gospel gives us several examples of the active role that women played in salvation history. Today hospitality is one of the focuses in this short passage. Jesus is visiting the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus and they have very different ideas about how Jesus should be welcomed into their home. For Martha, he is an important guest, and she feels it is necessary to prepare a feast. Mary senses that Jesus will not be with them much longer and she doesn't want to leave his feet for even a moment. Martha is stunned that Jesus sides with Mary and she feels that Mary should be serving the guest, not wasting time at his feet. Yet, Jesus favors Mary as having chosen the better part, if only by making time to be in his presence instead of being distracted by the business of what else needs to be done. What a challenging lesson in discipleship these women give us! We too can become so busy, distracted and overwhelmed with the affairs of daily life that we sometimes find it hard to make time for God. While discipleship often requires meeting physical needs as we see in Martha, Jesus reminds us that discipleship is also about truly being present with and for others. All of us have been with another person who was so preoccupied and distracted that they barely acknowledged our presence, let alone heard what we said. It is only when we are attentive to those we encounter that we can fully respond. It is only when we are attentive to Jesus and choose him over all of our other distractions that we can hear his voice and follow his invitation and command. Following the lesson from the women in our gospel may we continually seek to find a balance between prayer and work, doing all things for God's glory and for the good of others. May we always choose the better half!