

# *Our Mother of Sorrows Parish*

*Holy Family Church, Saint Ann Church, and Saint Casimir Church*



FIFTH  
SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

MAY 19, 2019

I, John,  
saw a new heaven  
and a new earth.

*Revelation 21:1*



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## *Blossom Time Card Party*

*Sponsored by Saint Casimir Rosary Society*

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

6:00PM

Saint Casimir's Social Hall

629 Hess Ave., Erie, PA (corner of Hess Ave. and Atkins St.)

◆ Luncheon ♣ Raffles ♥ Door Prizes ♠ Chinese Auction ◆

*Donation: \$7.00 Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.*

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, May 18th: Vigil Mass**

3:30pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00pm (SC) Michael Kuhar by Charlotte Prez  
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, May 19th: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am (SC) Florence Szabo by son Louis  
 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:**  
 Richard Davis, Jr., Birthday by Ruth and  
 Victor Kowalski  
 11:00 am (SC) Alfred Jankowski by Family

**Monday, May 20th: Easter Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Mother's Day Intentions  
 12:05 pm (SA) Elizabeth Hart by the Hart Family

**Tuesday, May 21st: Easter Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Kevin Allen, Anniversary by Family  
 12:05 pm (SA) Joseph Zielinski by Erie Insurance  
 Workplace Team

**Wednesday, May 22nd: Easter Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the Baran and  
 Mikoda Families by Loretta Baran  
 12:05 pm (SA) Wallace and Anne Shirey by The Vento  
 Family

**Thursday, May 23rd: Easter Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald Berdis, Ordination  
 Anniversary by Berdis Family  
 12:05 pm (SA) Stephen Ferko by Maurice Kalusny

**Friday, May 24th: Easter Weekday**

7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions  
 8:00 am (SC) Leo Laskowski by Holy Name Society  
 12:05 pm (SA) Health of Joseph Krkoska by Don and  
 Judy Halcom

**Saturday, May 25th: Vigil Mass**

3:30pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00pm (SC) Helen Dolak, birthday by Family  
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

**Sunday, May 26th: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Children and  
 Grandchildren  
 9:30 am (SC) **LATIN MASS:**  
 Rita & Frank Sr. Vento by Family  
 11:00 am (SC) Robert Smith by wife Julie

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Holy Family**

1) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club  
 2) Mother's Day Intentions  
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
 Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

1) Mother's Day Intentions  
 2) Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Casimir's**

1) Helen Dolak by The Latta Family  
 2) Leo Laskowski by Holy Name Society

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,  
 Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the  
 deceased. May they rest in peace.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday (5/19)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin  
 Mass (SC).

**Monday (5/20)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

**Tuesday (5/21)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

**Wednesday (5/22)** Rectory office is closed. 6PM  
 Blossom Time Card Party (SC).

**Thursday (5/23)** Rectory office is closed.

**Friday (5/24)** Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

**Saturday (5/25)** Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil  
 Mass. (SC).

**Sunday (5/26)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin  
 Mass (SC).

**Monday (5/27) Memorial Day.** Rectory office is closed.  
 Mass times today 8AM and 10AM. Please make note of  
 Mass times.

*Wednesday, May 22nd: Blossom Time Card Party at  
 6PM in the St. Casimir's Social Hall.*

*Invite your family and friends to this fun filled evening.  
 Get your tickets today!*

☞ Please remember to notify the rectory office or  
 use the form in this bulletin to notify us of a change  
 in your address or telephone number. This helps us  
 keep in touch. Also, please note it may take 2 to 3  
 mailing cycles before our offertory envelope  
 provider updates your mailing address. Thank you  
 for your help in keeping our records up to date.





### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Fifth Sunday of Easter! It's the Fourth Sunday after Easter in the traditional Latin Rite. Welcome everyone and a very special welcome to all visitors with us today. Thanks for being with us and I hope you enjoy your visit! †Congratulations and Best Wishes today to **John and Dolores Campbell** who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary! **Father Joseph Campbell** was home from South Korea to join in the celebration. **Father Jim** came from Coudersport and many of the children and grandchildren from all over the world were present. Keep **John and Dolores** in your thoughts and prayers. †Belated Congratulations to **Tim and Cathy Merski** who are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We're a little late with this greeting but with everything else going on we're glad we didn't miss it. The actual day for **Tim and Cathy** was Mother's Day this year. Best Wishes **Tim and Cathy** and many happy returns. †The big Card Party is coming on Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00PM in the St. Casimir's Social Hall. We hope to see you there. Lots of raffles and prizes and a delicious lunch. Hope you can attend. Don't forget the 50/50 and you don't have to attend the party to win the 50/50. Please bring your own cards or games and come prepared for a real good time! †We are deeply grateful to all who contributed in anyway in making our celebration of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, and Mother's Day so special and memorable again this year. Alleluia! †**Dan Dabrowski** was confirmed by **Bishop Persico** recently. Congratulations **Dan** and thanks for filling in ushering when needed. We can always count on you. †The Easter edition of "The Word Among Us" is available today at all Masses. Remember that this edition contains all of the Masses for Easter and the Easter Season in addition to a meditation for each day. Pick up your copy free of charge. †Thanks to **Deacon Jerry Sobrowski and his wife Denise** for the new signs at Holy Family. Two signs for the office and one for the driveway between the church and school. Well done! Hopefully they will do the trick! † The annual collection for our elderly, ill, and retired diocesan priests in good standing, The Good Shepherd Collection, was taken up earlier this month. If you were unable to contribute you still have time. Simply place your Good Shepherd envelope in the collection basket. Please be as generous as possible and I thank you for your sacrifices and generosity. Special Good Shepherd envelopes were included in your monthly packets. At the present time we are blessed with 44 retired priests in our diocese. Eleven still have diocesan assignments and are serving beyond their retirement years. The ministry and service these priests have given to the diocese totals 3,000 years and we are so grateful! This month with the Good Shepherd Collection we have the opportunity to assist our retired senior priests with their health care costs and long term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire our retirement fund must be capable of meeting their needs. Please be as generous as possible. † You may return your mite boxes, rice bowls, Lenten sacrifices at your convenience. Thank you for your generosity. † Congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates from every level of education. Gannon graduated on May 11th and Mercyhurst on May 12th. If you know of anyone we should recognize, please drop their name in the basket with school and date of graduation. † Welcome to all visitors who are with us today! †Thanks to **Mr. Tim Clint** for polishing all of the brass at St. Casimir's including the cover of the baptismal font and the followers on the candles. †Card party is coming May 22nd at 6PM. Get your tickets today! You need not be present at the party to win the 50/50. †Don't forget the CSA! We still need your pledge if you have not made yours yet. Even a one time donation will help. Pitch in and help us make our goal! †Today is your pastor's 53rd ordination anniversary. **Msgr. Koos, Msgr. Gerald Orbanek, and Father Tom Fialkowski** share this day with him. Keep us in your prayers. **Fr. Joe Gregorek** will celebrate his 54th anniversary on May 31st. **Fr. Jerry Priscaro** celebrates his 26th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this year. Congratulations one and all! †Thanks for joining us today for worship! Come back again and soon! Happy Easter! Rejoice and be glad! The Lord has risen from the dead as he said he would! May our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Savior bless and keep us all! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

#### **As I Have Loved You!**

In today's Gospel passage from John, Jesus gives us a new commandment, one that will take commitment, perseverance and self-giving on our part even when it might not seem practical or even sensible. We are told that we are to love as he loves.

Note that Jesus calls it a commandment, not an option but a mandate for every Christian: "As I have loved, so you also should love one another." Measure for measure, our behavior in all aspects of our life must strive to be Christ-like, not merely reasonable or convenient but modeled on Christ. Now that is quite a demand!

Jesus also give us the means to fulfill this commandment: through his example (as he says in the passage), and in the sending of the Holy Spirit later to help us. We are not set up for failure, for the very credibility of the Christian message depends on our witness and how we live out that commandment of love.

It would be wise for all of us to re-read this Gospel, reflect on it and ask ourselves whether Christ-like love is at the heart of our lives. Knowing that we can do all things with God's help, let us commit ourselves to love of God and love of neighbor, to serve others lovingly, speak lovingly and forgive abundantly. For a Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.

**Pray for the Success of our 100<sup>th</sup> Novena to St. Ann!**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Monica Sorensen, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, Jennifer Galla, Diane Pavlik, Linda Krause, Douglas B. (father) and Douglas B. (son), Elizabeth Sliska, Gregory Wright, Tom Duska, II, Frances Birchard, Mary Ann Palkovic, Thomas Sisca, Fritz Gingenbach, Marlene Lucas, Mary Lou Wieczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, John & Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Bob Benim, Fr. John Murray C.Ss.R., The Wienczkowski Family, Eileen Fulton, Jane Singleton, Eloise Conley, Lorraine Oster, Al Klugiewicz, The Clara Jong Family, Thomas Lucas, Rose Kowalski, Rosemarie Dzialo, Mark McMahon, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, Dannielle Bizzarro, Ed Hart, Hank and Dorothy Oldach, Sister Grace Cermak, and all others in need of our prayers. Pray for all of them!

*Please call in with names that should be added or removed from this list. Remember you are our only source of information, hospital, nursing homes, etc. do not provide us with any information. Thank you.*

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), Sterling and Connor Vahey, Nicole and Jamie Keller (in Iraq), David Hawkins, Nick Torres (in Afghanistan), Bryan Spadaccio, Jennifer Smolinsky, Gregory Merski, Thomas Kaiser, Daniel Kidd (in Japan), and David Kraut  
*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list.*  
*Thank you for your service to our country.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019**

EASTER VIGIL MASS \$784.00

8AM MASS \$1,587.00

9:30AM LATIN MASS \$1,142.11

11:00AM MASS \$1,114.00

GOOD FRIDAY \$154.00

CANDLES \$162.50

TOTAL \$5,778.61

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

Have you made your pledge/payment? Any and all contributions will help us reach our goal and we need your help to do this. Can we count on you? The CSA envelopes were mailed to all homes in the parish packet and additional envelopes will be available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection.

**CSA 2019 as of May 7, 2019**

**Pledged: \$13,284.00 Paid: \$9,734.00**

Thank you keeping the home fires burning!  
Remember your Parish in you will.

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOU WILL.**

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW  
PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM**

*You may also use this form to update your telephone  
numbers, address, name, etc.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home and Cell)  
\_\_\_\_\_

- New Registration  Want Envelopes  
 Change of Name  
 Change of Address  Change in Phone Numbers

*Please drop this information into the Collection  
Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.*