

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 4th: Fourteenth Ordinary Sunday and Independence Day

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)
Halina Roman, Anniversary by Michael & Jean Boston
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Donald & Jean Purcell by Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Joseph Maciejczyk, Anniversary by Christine Visosky

Monday, July 5th: Saint Anthony Zaccaria and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

Tuesday, July 6th: Saint Maria Goretti

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) John Prez by wife Charlotte and Family

Wednesday, July 7th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Mary Bolla, Anniversary by Rick and Ron Bolla
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Matthew Niebauer by The Vento Family

Thursday, July 8th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Joseph S. Krkoska and Joseph M. Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcom

Friday, July 9th: Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Larry Berdis

Saturday, July 10th: Weekday

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)
Mary Lou Wieczorek by Frank & Shelly Wingerter
No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, July 11th: Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)
Josephine Federowicz by Theresa Kalinowski
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Dennis Krumpke by Victor Kowalski Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the Widomski Family by Rick and Ron Bolla

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
 - 2) James Berdis by Loretta Laniewicz
- Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Jacqueline May Dylewski, Anniversary by Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi
- 2) Dick (birthday) and Liz May by Helen, Sam and Andrew Gangemi

St. Casimir's

- 1) Special Intentions of Rev. John Detisch by Ethan Schattner
- 2) All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory Report is unavailable at the time of publication.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$11,850.00

Paid: \$11,055.00

Thank you! We are getting closer and closer to our goal! Thanks to everyone who has sent in their Pledge/Payment. There is still time to send in your pledge/payment for the 2021 CSA. Simply use the CSA envelope in your monthly offertory envelope packet or you may pick one up in the back of church.

Remember every dollar we reach above our goal stays right here in our parish.

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

Thank you for keeping the home fires burning!

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the
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* God Bless America *
* Happy 4th of July *
* Independence Day *

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

As we celebrate our country's independence let us say a prayer of thanks for the freedoms with which God has blessed our country. May you and your families have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July.

Prayer for Independence Day

On this Independence Day we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased with a very high price. Our freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for our freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help us to live life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give us the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen

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Do We Get it?

It is interesting how the townspeople in this week's Gospel stereotyped Jesus to fit their own mold.

"Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given to him?" They just couldn't get beyond the familiar details about Jesus such as his occupation and his relatives to believe that he was more than this.

While they did ask the right questions, they asked them with the wrong attitude. They took offense at Jesus and did not understand who he was. Based on their [on-the-spot assessment](#) of his social status, family background, education, and profession they judged Jesus as a fraud and were not able to accept him as someone from God. They found Jesus to be just too much for them.

At times, we too behave like the townspeople – we judge and stereotype others and place limitations on them based on our own on-the-spot assessment.

How many of us heard that "we can't do that" when "that" was winning a prize, getting selected for a special job, going to college, or any other significant goal or achievement in life? While we attempt to ignore the negative comments of others these disabling statements have a way of creeping under our skin so that we recite the limits to ourselves. We must be careful not to be quick to label others and we must always be aware of what we say to those we encounter. For many people growing up, labels and disabling comments can foster a lifetime of underachievement. If God gives all of us freedom to succeed, who are we to limit each other?

So, do we ever find Jesus to be too much for us? Do we try to refashion Jesus to fit our own image of him – do we remain stubbornly attached to our biases and totally miss out on the splendor and wisdom that Jesus reveals to us?

Jesus knows not limits and never rejects us – we only choose to reject him. Although the attitude expressed by his hometown folks prevented Jesus from healing and ministering to them, it didn't seem to harm his ability to heal and minister to others. Jesus invites each of us, on a very personal level, as a friend, to follow him, to get involved in his life and most importantly to let him get involved in ours. We must look beyond the stereotypes of others as well as those we have of Jesus. Then will we recognize his saving power at work in our lives.

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