

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ CHRISTMAS DAY**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (SC) Chuck Brower, Anniversary, Husband and Father, Anniversary by Family

### Sunday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord *Christmas Day*

Private (SA) NO Private Mass Today

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Sandra A. Demchak, Birthday by husband Robert J. Demchak, Sr.

### Monday, December 26th: St. Stephen

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Robert Jurino by Wife and Son

### Tuesday, December 27th: St. John

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob Skrypek

### Wednesday, December 28th: The Holy Innocents

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Raymond Draszkiwicz and Family by Audrey Draszkiwicz

### Thursday, December 29th: St. Thomas Becket

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Intentions of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary by Jean Wroblewski

### Friday, December 30th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Christina Theiss and Family

→ 5:00pm(HF) Feast Day Mass for Feast of the Holy Family  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

### Saturday, December 31st: St. Sylvester I

Private (SA) NO Private Mass Today

### Sunday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Private (SA) NO Private Mass Today

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and Rod Showers

### Monday, January 2nd: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Jean Deniziak, Anniversary by Joe and Holly Guzowski

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

- 1) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob Skrypek
- 2) Charles Brower, Anniversary by Wife and Family

### St. Casimir's

- 1) For a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season
- 2) For all parishioners Living and Deceased

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Financial Information was not available at the time of publication.*

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

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

**Pledged: \$11,036.00      Paid: \$9,601.00**

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 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503

- Please issue a **separate check** for
- CSA Contribution
  - Mass Intentions

Please do not include your CSA contributions or Mass requests on the same check as your offertory. Separate checks, please. Thank you.

→→ The **parish mailing address** has been officially changed. **The Parish Office address is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.** The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp. All mail and other correspondence should be sent to or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.



**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS: 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503**  
**814-452-4832 phone**

Website: [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

Saint Casimir Church, 630 Hess Ave., Saint Ann Church, 931 East Ave.,  
Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

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

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

Thanks to all who helped **decorate the church** for Christmas. Your work has brought honor to this special season.

A very special **welcome** to all who are visiting with us to pray today. We hope you return soon!

Our mass for the **Feast of the Holy Family** will be at 5:00 pm this Friday, December 30 at Holy Family Church. We extend a special welcome to Fr. John Paul Kuzma who returns to his home parish to preside at the mass. With Christmas falling on Sunday this year, the Feast has been moved to Friday.

On behalf of Msgr. Koos, Fr. Priscaro, Msgr. Swoger and myself may you have a Merry Christmas. May you remain happy, healthy and safe and be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

### **Remembering our gifts!**

How many of you remember what you got for Christmas last year? Were you able to recall everything? Most of us would probably have to work at recalling everything. Interestingly enough the same thing will happen this year unless we do something different.

Every year we hear how the key to experiencing the true spirit of Christmas lies not in buying or decorating more, but focusing on what matters the most yet we seem to get on the holiday treadmill of business. I think we all want to get off – we sometimes just don't know how.

One way to remember this year's gifts is to think about where they came from. Whether it be from your parents, a spouse, your children, or Santa Claus: these gifts were given to you not out of obligation, but out of the deep love that person has for you. When you think of these gifts in this light they take on a much deeper and memorable meaning.

Such is the case with the gift of the Christmas mystery that we celebrate here today. The gift of God's unfathomable and unconditional love for his creatures, the gift of his Son to bring light and hope and rebirth for all of us.

When we accept this gift, we also accept the responsibility of exchanging more gifts after we leave here. Regardless of our material resources we are all rich in spiritual gifts that we can give. Gifts that will be memorable, gifts that will show our love for others, gifts that will give light and hope to others.

Think of the people you can gift with encouragement, wisdom, mercy, forgiveness, teaching, and many, many others. The best gifts are the ones that are not wrapped in paper. These gifts are probably not like the gifts that you received from those who love you or Santa Claus, but they are very real indeed. And they will not be forgotten.

John's Gospel from the mass for Christmas day reminds us that Jesus is the greatest gift we have ever received. The Word became flesh. God sent his only Son to walk among us and teach us the way to salvation.

By accepting and believing the salvation and identity God offers us in the Christmas mystery our lives become changed and we become blessed and cherished by God in a special way. And when we share these blessing with those in need our gifts have the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is about family and friends, birth and rebirth, memories and moments when memories are made. It is about God's gift to us and our love for each other. The wait is over. Families will gather, gifts will be shared, and food eaten together. What remains? To carry the Spirit of Christmas beyond one day and ponder what new might be born into our lives.

So today, enjoy your gifts to and from each other but most importantly enjoy the wonderful gift of the Christmas mystery that is with you every second of everyday. May it bring you peace, joy, and above all else love, today and every day. Merry Christmas.