

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 13th: Eleventh Ordinary Sunday

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)

James Berdis, Birthday by wife Barbara and Children

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Victor and Elsie Mayer by
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Edwards

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Halina Roman by Krystyna and Ludwik
Medeksze

Monday, June 14th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Larry Berdis

Tuesday, June 15th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass and Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Repose of Soul for Stanley Widomski by
Rick and Ron Bolla

Wednesday, June 16th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Special Intentions of Francis Vento by
Vento Family

5:30pm (SC) Latin Mass

Souls in Purgatory and Mary Kuruc by Brother Paul
Wilson, OFM

Thursday, June 17th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Theresa Kownacki, Birthday March 22,
by Sisters

Friday, June 18th: Weekday

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05 pm (SA) Joseph S. Krkoska and Joseph M.
Krkoska by Judy & Don Halcom

Saturday, June 19th: St. Romuald

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)

Chester Witkowski by Mickey & Kaya Pohl

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, June 20th: Twelfth Ordinary Sunday/Father's Day

Private Mass with Fr. Priscaro (SA)

Stanley Mack by Family

9:00 am (SC) Confessions

9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Jerome & Nancy Sobrowski
by Jerry & Denise Sobrowski

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Stephen Ropelewski, Anniversary by
Ropelewski Family

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) James Berdis by Florence Adameck

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

St. Ann's

1) Anna Winschel by Tom and Patty Stoffan

2) All Father's Day Intentions

St. Casimir's

1) Special Intentions of Victoria Murawski,
Birthday by Andrew, Helen and Sam Gangemi

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory June 6, 2021: \$3,724.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$11,765.00

Paid: \$9,770.00

Thank you. Only \$8,399.00 away from our goal!
With your help we can make it! 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.

*Please remember 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 annual Emmaus Retreat for priests and deacons will
be held next week, June 21-24, 2021. Please pay
attention to the Mass schedule for any changes in Mass
and Confession times during this time.

No Confessions or Masses at Saint Ann's Church on
Tuesday, June 22, Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday,
June 24. All Mass intentions during this time have been
reschedule. Thank you.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, June 12, 2021

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time – Third Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

A very special **thank you** to everyone who served our Lord last Saturday by participating in our first parish work and planting day. The volunteers spruced up our parish grounds and inside of the church showing a real sense of Our Mother of Sorrows pride. The group on the inside did everything from refinishing pews to cleaning rest rooms and changing light bulbs. There will be a full list of all the volunteers in next week's bulletin.

Bob and Karen Mazur would like to thank everyone who came to beautify our church grounds on Saturday, June 5 by donating plants and flowers and giving their time and talent to create the "Our Mother of Sorrows Peace Garden. We hope you enjoy watching it grow. A beautiful statue of St. Francis has been placed there and a sign will be added soon. Those volunteering outside were: Erik Fink, Paula Hilinski, Danica Hilinski, Susan Kroto, Kathy Mays, Sandy Russell and Kyle Russell.

Volunteer opportunity at Zabawa ... Looking for a great opportunity to help out over the summer and be involved in one of the Erie Diocese's most well attended events? Then Holy Trinity's Zabawa is the place for you! Ten to 12 energetic volunteers (teenagers and up) are needed for each shift to serve food. Shifts are Aug. 27 from 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Aug. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 5:30 to 9 p.m.; and Aug. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign up for as many hours as you'd like by contacting Sarah Schermack at schermack@eriefamilylaw.com. Note that this is an ideal way for high school students to get service hours.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie is sponsoring a parish mission/retreat featuring **Father Kevin MacDonald, CSsR**. The retreat will be held at the church, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, June 12-16 beginning at 7 p.m. each day. Each evening's program will last about one hour and consist of a proclamation of the Word, reflection, singing and prayer. Many of us remember the great reflections Father MacDonald gave when he was in our parish for the last two Novena's to St. Ann.

Telling the Story ...

In his book "A Whole New Mind – Why Right Brainers Will Rule the World" author Daniel Pink devotes a large portion of his book to the importance of telling stories as an effective means of communication.

In this week's Gospel while Jesus continues to explain everything in private to his disciples, he takes a different approach for us. Jesus teaches us in a way that we are able to understand it - he uses stories and creative imagery so that we are able to see how present and active God is in our daily lives.

In the growing parable Jesus reveals two essential truths about living as one of his followers.

First our growth is dependent on God. The power of growth in the "seeds" does not come from the farmer, it comes from the creator. So it goes with us – as our knowledge increases and we become more advanced technologically it is easy to arrive at the false sense that we are in charge of everything. But that is not the case, just as the farmer cannot make a rock grow into a tomato plant, we cannot grow without the transformative grace of God that grows in us.

Second, growth in holiness (life in communion with God) is a gradual process. Unlike the overnight success stories, we hear about our ability to achieve wisdom, joy and virtue comes through a patient and consistent effort to cooperate with God – to be in this for the long haul. But we live in a culture that is built on the shaky foundation of instant gratification and that is why discouragement is one of the devil's favorite approaches. If our prayer life doesn't produce spiritual fireworks right away, if our challenges are not gone overnight, we tend to become disillusioned and back off in our efforts. Our ability to be a full-grown healthy plant that nourishes those around us relies on patience and an unshakable confidence in God.

We can even add a third truth: spiritual growth takes time. Imagine a farmer or gardener standing out in the field and yelling at some recently planted seeds: "Grow faster, grow faster!" Or the same farmer or gardener constantly pulling the plants out of the ground once they are growing to check their roots? Sounds ridiculous but isn't that what we do when we scream at our seeds to speed up their growth.

With these parables what Jesus is really trying to teach us is for us to learn and recognize his voice speaking in our hearts and minds. He wants us to always live in his presence, for us to become the largest of plants and put forth large branches, to make our lives into what God created them to be.



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