

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 3rd: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Linda A. Tarasovitch by Dr. Hal Angeloff

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Fr. Daniel Prez by Bob and Karen Mazur

Monday, September 4th: Weekday and Labor Day

→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions

→ 10:00am (SA) Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek by Carolyn R. Scott

Tuesday, September 5th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Richard Spaeder by Peggy & Roach Hewitt

Wednesday, September 6th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Sister Julia LaPrad by H. Lee

Thursday, September 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Catherine Ann Murphy by Mary and Jim Vogt

Friday, September 8th: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Walter Harrison, Anniversary by Rose Marie Bargielski

Saturday, September 9th: Saint Peter Claver

Private (SA) Special intentions of Eliza Vento, 4th Birthday, by The Vento Family

Sunday, September 10th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) Michael Lucas by Jim and Sue Carpenter

Monday, September 11th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by Charlotte and Beverly

Tuesday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Roy Lowrance by H. Lee

Wednesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Tom Damico by The Juchno Family

Thursday, September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) For Eternal Salvation of all People by Jean Wroblewski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

St. Ann's

1) William & Eva Jant by Family

2) Michael & Anna Pochatko by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Special Intentions of Eliza Vento on her 4th Birthday by The Vento Family

FINANCIAL REPORT—August 27, 2023

Sunday Offertory: \$1,412.10

Church in Latin America: \$20.00

Assumption: \$20.00

Catholic Education: \$25.00

Income/Expenses ~ August 2023

Income: \$9,868.22

Expenses: \$9,860.59

Difference: \$7.63

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023 Goal: \$35,165.00

We are \$28,191.00 away from our goal!

Can you help?

Pledged: \$6,974.00

Paid: \$6,944.00

Thank you to all who have pledged/paid their support to the 2023 CSA.

Happy to report an increase this week-Thank You!
Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS: 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503
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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. * Erie, PA 16503**

DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Dear Friends in Christ,

The **preliminary plan** for restructuring parishes in Erie County was presented by Bishop Persico and the planning committee at a meeting at St. Mark Center on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. Included with this bulletin is a copy of the plan, key definitions to assist in understanding some of the terminology, and a form for you to provide feedback.

If the plan remains in place as it exists today our parish will merge with St. Stanislaus Church in Erie and our three churches: St. Casimir, St. Ann, and Holy Family would become secondary churches. This means there would no longer be Sunday or Holy Day masses at any of these churches and all Sunday masses would be at St. Stan's, the designated parish church. Note that St. Ann's and Holy Family are already secondary churches under our current parish arrangement.

As noted, this is a **preliminary plan** and you are encouraged to provide feedback to the diocesan planning committee using the enclosed form or online at www.eriercd.org/planning.html. **All feedback must be received by September 29** and if using the hard copy, send to the address at the end of the form. **Please do not send the forms to the parish office.** The timeline for the process is:

1.) The Preliminary plan is unveiled on August 29, **2.)** Feedback on the preliminary plan surveys is due September 29, **3.)** Bishop Persico brings the final plan proposal to Presbyteral Council at the end of November, **4.)** Adjustments to the proposed final plan are finalized and brought to Presbyteral Council for final review in February 2024, **5.)** The final plan is made public in April 2024, **6.)** The final plan is implemented in June/July 2024.

Considering the decline in mass attendance and the dwindling number of available priests it is evident that doing nothing is not an option. While change can be unsettling, we do not face it alone as Jesus walks this path with us, leading us to new beginnings.

As we embark on this journey let us pray to Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows that she may intercede with her Son to give us the wisdom to discern, and the courage to do what God is calling us to. Please know that you remain in my daily prayers. Peace, Deacon Jerry

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola: O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen.

The **29th Annual Rosary March** will be held at St. Peter Cathedral on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm. For those unable to march, the rosary will be recited in the church while the march is taking place. For more information call John Walsh at 814.868.1100.

The **2023 Catholic Education Collection** will take place on September 17. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our dioceses. Through your support, our children, and their families, both young and old, will be led to greater faith.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Erie will host a **Blue Mass** on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at the church, 1626 W. 26th St., Erie, to honor public safety personnel. The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico will preside. Mass is open to the public, and first responders are encouraged to attend in uniform. A reception will follow in the church's cafeteria.

St. George Parish in Erie will host a prayer service on Sept. 9 following the 8 a.m. Mass to mark the **11th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**. The prayer service will be held at St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie, and will last for approximately 45 minutes. Contact the parish office at 814.866.7532 for more information.

Join **St. Stanislaus Parish** for a **garage sale** on Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will take place at 517 E. 12th St., Erie. Don't miss out on the chance to find some treasures.

St. Francis Xavier Parish in McKean is hosting a **free study on Jesus and the Eucharist** as part of the Eucharistic Revival. The study is open to all, including Catholics, non-Catholics, youth, and adults. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. (Sept. 18 to Oct. 30) and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept. 20 to Nov. 1) at St. Francis Xavier Church, 8880 Main St, McKean. Attendees are encouraged to come to all sessions, or as their schedule allows, and missed sessions can be caught up online. To sign up or for more information, visit www.stfrancisxaviermckean.org or call Irene at 814.476.7657 ext. 7.

The Little Italy Farmers Market is celebrating ten summers of fresh produce. Sponsored by the SSJ Neighborhood Network and located in a food desert where there are no grocery stores nearby, locals sell their home-grown fruits and veggies to friends, neighbors and all who pass by. The Little Italy Farmers Market is located on West 18th Street in Erie and operates on Mondays from 3 pm to 6 pm through the month of September.