

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish



Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 17th: Fifth Sunday of Lent/St. Patrick's Day

Private (SA) Irene Smerick by Paul, Ann, and Matthew Krauza

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) In memory of Walter F. Baran by Kathy Mays and Kyle Jackson

Monday, March 18th: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford
Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Tuesday, March 19th: Saint Joseph

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Barbara Juchno, Anniversary by Dave and Colleen Dombkowski

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Wednesday, March 20th: Lenten Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Thursday, March 21st: Lenten Weekday

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) David K. Wienczkowski by Mary Ann Williams

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

Friday, March 22nd: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

11:00am (SA) Eucharistic Adoration

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Julia Borczon Mack by Gloria Palmer

1:00pm (SA) Rosary, Stations of the Cross followed by
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 23rd: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Private (SA) John Paul Pinette by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, March 24th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Private (SA) James Berdis by Caroline Larson

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00am(SC) In memory of Walter F. Baran by Charlotte Prez

Monday, March 25th: Monday of Holy Week

11:15am (SA) Confessions

12:05am (SA) Special Intentions of Stephen Waterford

Praying the Rosary follows Mass

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) For a Holy Lenten Season
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Blessings and Guidance to all parishioners and parishes in the Diocese of Erie
- 2) Health & Healing of all Sick and Shut-ins

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Sunday Offertory: \$871.00

Fuel Offering: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$75.00

Good Friday: \$15.00

Easter: \$25.00

Saint Ann Oil: \$20.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2024 Goal: \$35,165.00

Pledged: \$4,315.00

Paid: \$2,990.00

\$30,850.00 to go to reach our goal ~ can you help?

Please issue a **SEPARATE** check for your CSA.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

The deadline for Easter Flower Envelopes to be included in the listing of donors is today, Sunday, March 17, 2024.

GECAC Grocery Collection

Thank you for helping. Please return your full grocery bag to St. Casimir's. Groceries pick up dates are March 17 and 24.



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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

A **Pastoral Planning Meeting** is scheduled for April 11 at St. Mark Center at which time the final plan for Erie County will be released. Our parish representatives will attend this meeting and we will keep you updated.

We were notified by our supplier which is also the premier supplier for **palm fronds** for most of the churches in the United States that many **palm orders are in jeopardy due to a slow growing season** this year because of drought. We have been told that we may receive our entire order, or a partial order depending on how much palm can still be harvested between now and next week. They are doing their best, but given the crop, they are limited.

The Light is on for You. Confessions will be heard on March 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the following churches: All Saints, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross in Fairview, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (5:00 -6:30 pm), Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of the Lake in Edinboro, St. Boniface, St. Francis Xavier in McKean, St. George, St. Gregory in North East (5:00 -6:30 pm), St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist in Girard, St. Julia, St. Jude the Apostle, St. Lawrence in Albion, St. Luke, St. Peter Cathedral.

Holy Week Schedule at St. Ann's: Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm, Confessions 6 pm to 6 50 pm, Benediction of Blessed Sacrament and Procession of Eucharist in Church following Mass, Praying of Rosary follows along with Confessions from 8:15 pm until 10 pm. Church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration until 10 pm. Good Friday the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 11 15 am, Confessions heard from 11 am to 11 50 am. Service is at 12 pm with Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion, Rosary, Stations of the Cross. Confessions heard again following Stations of the Cross. Church will remain open until 4 pm.

St. Stan's Parish in Erie is hosting a take-out only **Lenten fish dinner** on March 29 from 4 to 7 pm (or until sold out).

Please join Deacon Dave Jacquell and the parishioners of **St. Mark and Mt. Calvary** parishes in Erie for a **Holy Hour for the National Eucharistic Revival** on Saturday, March 23 at 3:15 pm at St. Mark Church, 695 Smithson Ave., Erie. Questions? Please call the office at 814.899.3000 or email: office@smmc.church.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 8880 Main St., McKean, invites all to join them in **celebration of both the Annunciation and the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8.** (The Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated liturgically on April 8 because March 25 falls during Holy Week.) The event begins with praying the Office of Readings at 1 pm.

Benedictine Sisters of Erie celebrate solar eclipse with spiritual experiences: On Monday, April 8, about one-third of the Diocese of Erie will be in the path of totality for the 2024 solar eclipse. The Benedictine Sisters of Erie plan to celebrate this occasion with several events at the Glinodo Center, 6270 East Lake Road, Erie. Events include evening prayer on 4/7, a **"Between the Dark and the Daylight"** retreat at the monastery, a post-eclipse happy hour and more. For more details and to sign up for one or more events visit: <https://eriebenedictines.org>.

A Grain of Wheat!

During his public ministry Jesus laid down the conditions for being his disciple: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him take up his cross every day and follow me." In our Gospel this week as his passion draws near, Jesus reiterates the conditions for discipleship: "Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

As humans we cling to life and what Jesus asks us in this Gospel goes against our basic instincts. But he is not asking us not to give up our physical lives. Jesus is asking us to do what faithful disciples do and that is to hand over our life by building his kingdom, by serving him and others, and by putting others' needs ahead of our own by dying to self-centeredness.

Dying to self is not always easy and convenient but it always results in some form of growth.

When we give something up for Lent, we may find out that we no longer need it anymore. When we perform works of charity and focus on others instead of ourselves, we may develop stronger relationships. When we give up more time for prayer, we gain spiritual insight direction for our lives.

Jesus showed us about the cost of discipleship by his example. He held nothing back in gaining salvation for us by defeating our greatest enemies of sin, Satan, and death. Jesus asks each of us to do likewise and to make an investment in our salvation by working for it and suffering for it just as he did.

As we near Holy Week, let us turn our focus to Jesus as he approaches "his hour" on the lonesome road to Calvary. Let us join our pain and sufferings with his by bringing him our fears, faults, and failings and let us ask him to renew our faith and set our eyes on the world that is to come, even as we strive to live well in this world.

At the heart of our faith throughout the world is the cross (which is bare), and the crucifix (which is the cross with the body of Jesus affixed to it). Each, in their own particular way symbolize and signify the redemptive action of Jesus Christ.

The crosses and crucifixes that we wear around our necks and that hang in our churches and homes show us just how much God loves us, how much he has always loved us, and his desire for a relationship with us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, perhaps let's spend some time thinking about that. And in doing so, let's also reflect on what, in our own lives, demonstrates how much we love God in return.



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Holy Week Schedule 2024

Holy Thursday, March 28th: Thursday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Saint Casimir's Church Schedule

5:00pm (SC) The Ropelewski Family by Estate

Saint Ann's Church Schedule

6:00pm (SA) Confessions

7:00pm (SA) Agnes Priscaro by Joseph Ricci

Benediction of Blessed Sacrament and Procession of Eucharist in Church following 7PM Mass.

Praying the Rosary follows along with Confessions from 8:15PM to 10PM.

Saint Ann's Church will remain open for Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00PM.

Good Friday, March 29th: Friday of the Passion of the Lord ~ A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday Services —Passion of the Lord

Saint Ann's Church Schedule

11:15am (SA) Divine Mercy Chaplet

11:00am (SA) Confessions until 11:50AM

12:00pm (SA) Good Friday Service with Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross,
Holy Communion, Rosary, Stations of the Cross.

Confessions heard again after Stations of the Cross.

St. Ann's will remain open until 4PM.

Saint Casimir's Church Schedule

1:00pm (SC) Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30th: Holy Saturday

Private: Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

11:00am (SC) Blessing of the Easter Food & Baskets

Saturday, March 30th: The Great Easter Vigil

8:30pm (SC) Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

Sunday, March 31st: Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Hank Oldach by Bob and Karen Mazur