

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 28th: Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Dennis Krumpke from Victor Kowalski Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the Bolla Family by Rick and Ron Bolla

Monday, March 1st: Lenten Weekday

- (SA) Private Intention: Caroline Baran, Anniversary by daughter Lorretta
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Theodore Visosky, Birthday by Christine Visosky

Tuesday, March 2nd: Lenten Weekday

- (SC) No Public Mass and Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Sally Rzdokiewicz, Anniversary by Daughter and Family

Wednesday, March 3rd: St. Katharine Drexel

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Frank Vento, Sr. by Vento Family
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*—Thomas & Anne Kightlinger by Anna & Justin Bonanno

Thursday, March 4th: St. Casimir

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confession
11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Rose Marie Skrypek by husband Bob Skrypek

First Friday, March 5th: Lenten Weekday

A Day of Abstinence

- 11:30 am (SA) Confessions
12:05 pm (SA) Mikolaj Wodecki by daughter Caroline
1:00 pm (SA) Stations of the Cross follow Mass & Rosary
6:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross

First Saturday, March 6th: Lenten Weekday

- 8:39 am (SA) Confessions
9:00 am (SA) Intentions of Our Blessed Mother
4:00 pm (SC) *No Public Vigil Mass or Confessions*

Sunday, March 7th: Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
9:00 am (SC) Confessions
9:30 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Shirley Amendola by Sharlene Guzy
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Halina Roman by Richard Kasza

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

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

St. Ann's

- 1) Edward Wiczorek, Anniversary by Children, Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

- 1) Fr. James T. O'Hara by Parishioners
- 2) Mikolaj Wodecki by daughter Caroline

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory for February 21, 2021: \$2,633.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$4,752.00 Paid: \$2,056.00

The 2021 CSA Campaign began last weekend with Commitment Sunday and we are off to a good start, lets keep going! 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 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
Publication Date, Saturday, February 27, 2021

GECAC has asked Our Mother of Sorrows Parish to participate in a Toilet Paper and Paper Towel collection for the elderly and less fortunate right here in our area. The collection will run for the next two weekends, March 7th and March 14th. You may drop off your donations in the collection box in the back of St. Casimir's Church. Thank you in advance for your continued support and donation.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Feast of Saint Casimir is on March 4

St. Casimir, born of kings and in line to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their governments. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. Casimir made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He died of lung trouble at 25 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania. Casimir is patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Attention Lectors

If you are interested in resuming your ministry and are willing to read at the 11:00 am Sunday mass, please contact Michelle Schroeder by email at: michelleschroeder227@yahoo.com. At this time only lectors for the 11:00 am mass are being scheduled. An additional weekend mass will be added in the future as more people return to church and the public health environment improves.

On Wednesday, March 17th, the Feast of St. Patrick, at 5:30 pm, there will be a **Solemn High Latin Mass** at St. Casimir. **Fr. William Barron** will be the celebrant, **Fr. Ian McElrath** will be the deacon, and **Fr. Joseph Petrone** will be the subdeacon. This is only the second time in the last 50 years a Solemn High Mass has been celebrated in the Erie Diocese. The previous Solemn High Mass was celebrated in our parish approximately two years ago.

It is Good that We are Here!

This week Jesus gives us a glimpse of how the whole human race will be transformed and all creation will become bright and luminous with the presence of God. In this account of the transfiguration, we get a preview of what human beings look like with God's spirit running through them.

The transfiguration also sets the stage for the Passion of Christ to unfold right before the disciples, to prepare them and strengthen their resolve to endure what was coming.

Lent is our time to prepare and strengthen our own resolve and to allow our spiritual lives to become transformed. It is a time for growth and a call for us to move on and accept new challenges and experiences.

So, what do we look like with the spirit of God running through us? Perhaps the simplest answer this side of eternity, is that we become more like Christ by following his commands and teachings, and behaving as he would.

In the Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples to "Rise and do not be afraid" and he has the same command for us. To help us in our dark times Jesus gives us transfiguration moments of light and grace, mountaintop experiences that help get us through times of turbulence. That is why we make this deliberate effort each year to challenge and disrupt our comfortable patterns of behavior by detaching ourselves from things we don't need or by making needed changes in our lives.

Through it all, our ultimate end is to be with Jesus in the heavenly realm sharing in his glory. To become transfigured and to have the spirit of God running through us. It is good that we are here!



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