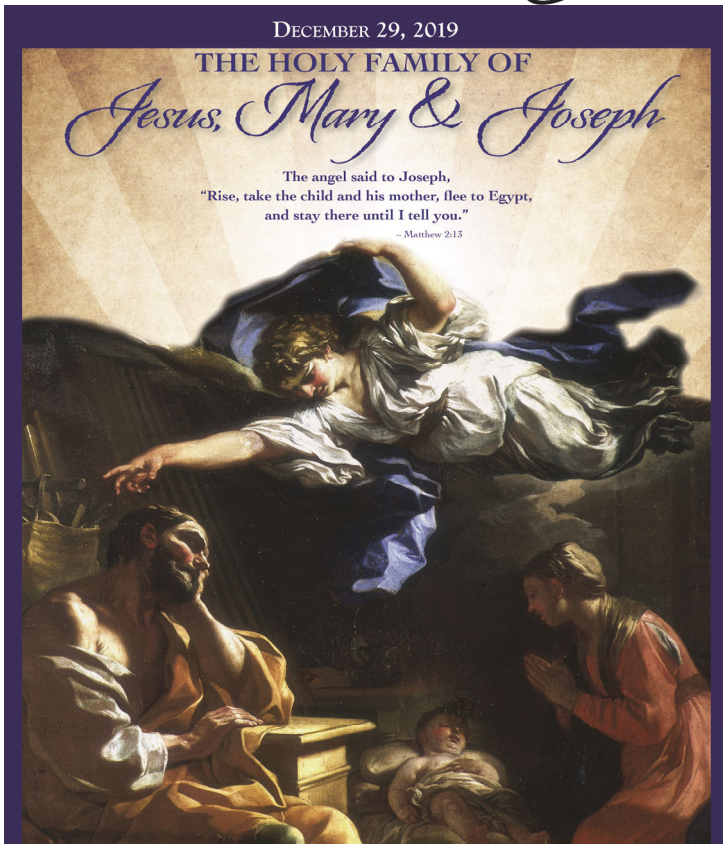


# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF

*Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

The angel said to Joseph,  
"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,  
and stay there until I tell you."  
— Matthew 2:13

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### Saint Casimir Church

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### Saint Ann Church

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### Holy Family Church

913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).

*Wishing you a very Happy and Blessed New Year!*



### New Years' Mass Schedule

All Masses will be  
at St. Casimir's Church.

Tuesday, December 31st,

Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st, New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00, 9:30 (Latin) and 11:00 AM



Sunday, December 29, 2019—Feast of  
The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph. Join us at 11:30AM for Mass  
(note NO 11AM Mass at SC) at Holy  
Family Church. All are welcome.

Wednesday, January 1st  
is a Holy Day of Obligation ~ The  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of  
God. Refer to Mass Schedule for our  
Holy Day Masses.



**FIRST SATURDAY:** Saturday, January 4th. Please  
join for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's  
Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at  
8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. All are welcome.

JANUARY 1, 2020  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, December 28th: Holy Innocents/Vigil Mass**

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) John Wisniewski by Sister-in-Law Angie  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, December 29th: Feast of the Holy Family**

- 8:00 am (SC) Marie Dzuricky by Mike & Linda Kuzma  
 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass**  
 John Campbell by Latin Mass Community  
 11:00 am (SC) NO Mass  
 → 11:30 am (HF) *Feast of The Holy Family*  
 Living & Deceased Relatives and Friends  
 of The Berdis Family by Family & Friends

**Monday, December 30th: Sixth Octave of the Nativity**

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass  
 8:00 am (SC) Helena Roman by Tom & Judy Palucki  
 12:05 pm (SA) Bertha Wiernicki by Karen Dodson

**Tuesday, December 31st: Seventh Octave of the Nativity**

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass  
 8:00 am (SC) John A. Rzomp by Jim & Darlene Davis  
 12:05 pm (SA) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Michael  
 Marchini

**→ Holy Day Vigil Mass**

- 4:00pm (SC) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Evelyn  
 Buczynski

**Wednesday, January 1st: Solemnity of Mary***A Holy Day of Obligation*

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass  
 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of the Osiecki &  
 Cieslak Families by Family  
 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass** Deceased Relative & Friends  
 of Mary Sue Musica  
 11:00 pm (SC) Johanna Berdis by Dr. Tony Berdis  
 12:05 am (SA) NO Mass

**Thursday, January 2nd: Sts. Basil and Gregory**

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass  
 8:00 am (SC) Joseph Visosky, Birthday by Christine  
 and Family  
 12:05 pm (SA) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl & Family

**Friday, January 3rd: First Friday/Christmas Weekday**

- 7:00 am (HF) NO Mass  
 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by St. Casimir Rosary  
 Society  
 12:05 pm (SA) Bertha Wiernicki by Cecilia Fairview Manor

**Saturday, January 4th: First Saturday/Vigil Mass**

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions  
 9:00 am (SA) Our Blessed Mother Mary  
 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions  
 4:00 pm (SC) Joe Zielinski by wife Diane Zielinski  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 5th: Epiphany of the Lord**

- 8:00 am (SC) Paul & Mary Naguszewski by Jerry &  
 Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz  
 9:30 am (SC) **Latin Mass** The Soul needs of Catharine  
 Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami,  
 Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami  
 11:00 am (SC) Ted Mazur, Jr. by Mazur Family  
 All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS****Holy Family**

- 1) Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Stahon
- 2) Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kuzma  
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred  
 Merski by The Merski Family

**St. Ann's**

- 1) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl and Family
- 2) Deceased Relatives & Friends of Larry Berdis

**St. Casimir's**

- 1) Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Anuszkiewicz
- 2) Deceased Relative & Friends of Loretta Baran

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Service Men and Women, Parishioners,  
 Friends & Benefactors

*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.  
 May they rest in peace.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday (12/29) Feast of the Holy Family.** 9AM  
 Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). No  
 11AM Mass today only. 11:30AM Feast Day Mass  
 at Holy Family Church. Rectory office is closed.

**Monday (12/30)** Rectory office is closed

*Please watch Mass Schedule for our New Year's Masses.*

**Tuesday (12/31) New Year's Eve.** Rectory office closed.  
 4PM Holy Day Vigil Mass (SC).

**Wednesday (1/1) New Years' Day—Solemnity of Mary,  
 a Holy Day of Obligation.** Rectory office is closed.

**Thursday (1/2)** Rectory office is closed.

**First Friday (1/3)** Rectory office is closed.

**First Saturday (1/4)** 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM  
 Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

**Sunday (1/5) Epiphany of the Lord.** 9AM  
 Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC).  
 Rectory office is closed.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES****Saturday Vigil Mass—December 28th**

Lector: Loretta Baran  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Loretta Baran & Brian Martin  
 Altar Servers: Brian Martin

**Sunday Masses—December 29th****8AM Mass**

Lector: Eileen Ropelewski  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Sharon Swigonski  
 Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

**11:30AM Mass –Feast of the Holy Family**

Lector: Cameron Schroeder  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Walkiewicz & Amy Schroeder  
 Altar Servers: Karen Mazur



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless all of our holy families. As we think about, honor, and pray to the Holy Family of Nazareth, let's think about families that we have been a part of in the past as children and adults and the family that we now share our lives with as adults and children. May God bless all of our Holy Families. Please join us today as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family with a special Mass at 11:30AM at Holy Family Church. 🌲 Our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance held recently at the Third Street Falcons was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to **Brian Martin, Lisa Matera, and Caroline Larson** and all who helped in anyway. Thanks again to everyone for everything. Same time next year! 🌲 Wednesday, January 1st, is New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of the Church, a Holyday of Obligation. Continue your celebration of Christmas by attending Mass on Holy Family Sunday and New Year's Day in honor of Mary, the Mother of the Church. Begin the New Year by asking for the blessings of Mary and the Holy Family for your family and all the families of the world. Let's start the New Year right! † Thank you for your usual generosity in the collection baskets these past few weeks. This year the entire Christmas Collection will go to our parish for various needs for the good of all. We thank you in advance for your usual generosity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year again to all of you and your relatives and friends as well. † Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of **Mrs. Bertha Wiernicki, Mr. Robert Benim, Mrs. Monica Sorensen, and Mr. Kenneth Cotter** and all who have died in the past month. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. † This week the overnight shelter for the homeless continues at the Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity Community Center, 109 German St. December 18th to January 2nd. Supper and Breakfast the following morning is also served. Spread the word! Just show up! † Young people interested in the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation should consult with **Deacon Jerry Sobrowski** as soon as possible. Classes are now in progress but you may be able to join them. † I want to thank all of you for all of the work that you did as we celebrated Advent and prepared for our celebrations of Christmas, New Year's, and the Feast of the Holy Family. You did well and our celebrations were reverent, prayerful, and meaningful! Thanks again for everything! Stay close to the Christ child, his blessed and holy Mother Mary and his Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Join us next weekend for the Epiphany of the Lord. Blessed, Holy, Healthy, and Happy New Year to all! Let's continue to pray for one another!

### FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

**We Are Family!...**The 1979 Pittsburgh pirates rallied around a theme from a popular song in the late 70's titled "We are Family" They faced adversity and overcame seemingly insurmountable obstacles to win the World Series because they pulled together and really believed they were family. All of us belong to the family of God – so you can say we are family! Our first two readings today present us with the best case scenario of how holy families might live. But realistically many people experience family life otherwise. Many families experience emotional pain or suffering and family members are often regretful and remorseful over past experiences and decisions. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph faced challenges as well hardship and danger in their lives - yet we see in our Gospel they remained open to God's faithful presence and guidance. Holiness is not defined by a perfect life but by a responsive one. Holiness doesn't mean the absence of difficulties and tensions but a willingness to grow in our ability to care for, to forgive, to love, to teach, and to admonish one another. To be holy is to listen to and follow the will of God and to act in the direction of what is right and good for ourselves. Willie Stargell, who was the most popular player on those 1979 Pirates, said after they won the World Series: "There are really no words to put into the way I feel. We had to scratch, we had to crawl, and we did it together because we are family." We will have to scratch and crawl at times. Our challenge going forward is to be like the Holy Family and keep Christ at the center of our lives and our homes. Our challenge is to let the word of Christ dwell in us – to let it guide our decisions and daily lives even if that means swimming upstream and going against the norms of our popular culture or speaking up against injustices. Most of all our challenge going forward is to maintain our relationship with Jesus Christ who loved Mary and Joseph and who was always obedient to the will of his Father. What made the Holy Family a holy family? In spite of the problems they faced, in spite of the fact things were not always perfect they did their best, and remained faithful to God's guidance. May we do the same and in word and deed and let us resolve to keep Christ as the center of our lives. We are family!

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Due to early publication deadlines there is no financial information available for this bulletin.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

Again, please remember any contributions given to the CSA on or after December 4, 2019 may **NOT** be reflected in the December CSA notification you receive from the Diocese. Please **DO NOT** call the rectory about your contribution it has been posted to your account.

***CSA 2019 as of December 4, 2019***

***Pledged: \$20,170.00 Paid: \$19,270.00***

**Remember your parish in your will.**

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR  
END OF THE YEAR GIVING!**

Thank you to each and everyone, our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity. As you consider your year end donations/gifts don't forget to include your beloved parish.

*Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!*

2019 Year End Contribution Statements will be available on or after Jan. 27th. Please sign up to receive your statement.

**INFORMATION UPDATE or NEW  
PARISHIONER-REQUEST FORM**

*You may also use this form to update your  
telephone numbers, address, name, etc.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
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- New Registration  Want Envelopes  
 Change of Name  
 Change of Address  Change in Phone Numbers

*Please drop this information into the Collection  
Basket, or send into the rectory office. Thank you.*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Theresa Reisenweber, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Jennifer Galla, Diane Pavlik, Linda Krause, Douglas B. (father) and Douglas B. (son), Elizabeth Sliska, Gregory Wright, Tom Duska, II, Frances Birchard, Mary Ann Palkovic, Thomas Sisca, Fritz Gingenbach, Marlene Lucas, Mary Lou Wiczorek, Robert Jaskiewicz, Anne Marie Ropelewski, Lucille Rovnak, Simon de la Guerra, Carol Krysiak, Kathy Newhouse, Alice Bock, Lorena Derks, Dawn Statton, Cindy Stasiewski, Dr. Richard Cerami, Peyton Madura, Judy Marini, Austin M., Rose Gray, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wiczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Al Ropelewski, Eugeniusz Szczepura, Fr. John Murray C.Ss.R., The Wienczkowski Family, Eileen Fulton, Jane Singleton, Eloise Conley, Lorraine Oster, Al Klugiewicz, The Clara Jong Family, Thomas Lucas, Rose Kowalski, Rosemarie Dzialo, Mark McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-Wolfe, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, Margaret Barabas, Dannielle Bizzarro, Ed Hart, Hank and Dorothy Oldach, Sister Grace Cermak, and all others in need of our prayers. Pray for all of them!

*Please call in with names that should be added or removed from this list. Remember you are our only source of information, hospital, nursing homes, etc. do not provide us with any information. Thank you.*

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello (in Sicily), Sterling and Connor Vahey, Nicole and Jamie Keller (in Iraq), David Hawkins, Nick Torres (in Afghanistan), Bryan Spadaccio, Jennifer Smolinsky, Gregory Merski, Thomas Kaiser, Daniel Kidd (in Hawaii), and David Kraut  
*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location. Thank you for your service to our country.*