

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 24th: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday Novena Day 7

Private (SA) No Private Mass
8:30 am (SA) Special Intentions of Charlotte Prez, on her
99th Birthday July 22nd by Family

NO Confessions or Mass today at SC
11:00 am (SA) The Deceased Members of The
Ropelewski Family

Monday, July 25th: Saint James/Novena Day 8

8:30am (SA) Anita Lewis by Bill Renner
NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)
7:00pm (SA) Special Intentions of Beverly and Frank
Vento, Wedding Anniversary by Family

Tuesday, July 26th: Saints Joachim and Anne/Novena Day 9

Closing of the 103rd Novena to Good Saint Ann
8:30am (SA) Steve and Florence Uhrmacher by Family
NO Afternoon Confessions or Mass (SA)
7:00pm (SA) Betty Milslagle by Jean Deniziak

Wednesday, July 27th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by
Rosemary Ritter

Thursday, July 28th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal
Angeloff

Friday, July 29th: Saint Martha

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Stephen Wodecki, Anniversary by sister
Caroline

Saturday, July 30th: St. Peter Chrysologus

Private (SA) Dr. Allan J. Wintner by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, July 31st: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Norman Borczon by G. Palmer
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Habas, Kulig, Laszewski Families by
Kulig Estate

Monday, August 1st: St. Aphonisus Liguori

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) All Veterans, Living and Deceased by Jean
Wroblewski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family 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) For all attending the 103rd Annual St. Ann Novena
2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friends

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
2) Health and Healing for all our sick and shut-ins

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, July 17, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$1,294.00

National Needs Collection: \$283.80

St. Ann Novena ~ July 18-July 21 : \$1,944.67

Expenses

Penelec—July 2022: \$623.12

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$9,364.00 Paid: \$6,259.00

\$22,033.00 Away from Reaching Our Goal.

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022
CSA. Please make your pledge today!

CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or available in
the back of the church. You may drop your CSA envelope
in the offertory basket, or mail it to the office at 913
Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503.

Please issue a **separate check** for

➔ CSA contribution

➔ Mass Intentions

Please do not include them on the check for your
offertory. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

The **103rd Annual Novena to Good Saint Ann** continues through Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at
Saint Ann's Church, 931 East Ave., Erie, PA.

ERIE GIVES day is Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 8AM to 8PM. Please consider supporting Our Mother of
Sorrow Parish on Erie Gives Day. As always, select Holy Family Church to support our parish.

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all the visitors who are attending the **103rd Annual Novena in honor of Good St. Ann**. Morning and evening sessions have been well attended and **Fr. Phil Dabney, CSSR** has inspired us all with his preaching. The Novena concludes on Tuesday, July 26, with a reception after both sessions.

Oil that has been blessed by the relic of St. Ann is available in the back of the church. Please consider a \$5 offering to help cover the cost. Also available is an explanation describing the use of the oil. There are candles in the front of the church at the shrine to St. Ann available for an offering of \$3.50.

Fr. Dabney has placed information on the Redemptorists in the back of church. There is a form where you can sign up for their electronic newsletter and there is also a wonderful prayer book by Alphonsus Liguori that you are free to take. Fr. Dabney asks that you read the newsletter that is on the table but do not take it with you as there are not enough for everyone.

The **126th annual Frenchtown ham/chicken dinner** will be held July 31 at St. Hippolyte Church, located on Route 27 just seven miles east of Meadville. Dinner will be served from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (or until sold out). There will be festival games, a gift auction, quilt/afghan raffle, 50/50 raffles, a country store and a grand prize drawing of \$2,000. Proceeds benefit St. Hippolyte Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

We are still growing!

Sir Edmund Hillary was the first person to climb Mount Everest. On May 29, 1953, he scaled what was then the highest known mountain -29,000 feet straight up. He was knighted for his efforts and many may even remember the American Express Card commercials he made as a result of the fame he gained from the climb. It was his book, High Adventure, that really opened up Hillary's true experiences. In the book he writes that "in 1952 I started up the mountain on my first attempt and failed. A few weeks later I was asked to address a group in England and was received with a thunderous applause. The audience was recognizing my attempt at greatness but I saw myself as a failure because I had not reached my goal. I moved from the microphone, walked to the edge of the platform from which I was speaking, made a fist and pointed at a picture of the mountain and said in a loud voice, "Mount Everest, you beat me the first time, but I'll beat you the next time because you've grown all you are going to grow but I am still growing." Sir Hillary, faced with insurmountable circumstances achieved his goal through persistence.

All of us face the trials, tribulations and setbacks in this journey of life here on earth and often it feels like we are trying to climb Mount Everest, a daunting and difficult endeavor. Occasionally, just like Sir Hillary, we don't overcome our obstacles the first time and it seems easier to just give in and accept our failures as the inevitable consequences of life.

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday give us a good lesson in persistence and growth. In our Gospel Jesus tells us that we must be persistent in our prayer and he goes so far as to show us how to pray. But he went beyond just giving us words to teach his disciples and us what prayer really is: seeking God's presence in our lives and what God really wants for us.

Don't we all at one time or another all feel our prayers are not answered or God isn't listening. Jesus teaches us that prayer is more than asking for something, it is the search for God and his divine presence in our lives – it is about allowing ourselves to grow in the divine love that God instills in us.

In our Gospel the disciples realize that there is something more to their relationship to Jesus - something only he can reveal to them. As they watch Jesus pray, they begin to grow in their awareness of who Jesus is and they recognize their own vital need to pray. They learn that they cannot know Jesus Christ completely until they pray like him - and with him.

So, it goes with us! As we persist and grow in our prayer, we know God because we discover that spending time talking about God is not a substitute for talking with God.

The answers to our prayers do not always look like what we expect and when Jesus asks who would give a scorpion instead of an egg, or a snake instead of a fish, our first thought is "No one would ever do that." The scorpion or snake are actually answered prayers, as God answers prayer according to His will, not ours.

When we pray "Give us each day our daily bread," we are the man in the Gospel knocking on the door of his neighbor. God hears us, even if we get discouraged.

Today, let us shake our fists at the Mount Everest in our lives, those obstacles that hold us back from being the person God wants us to be. As we pray the Our Father, let us knock on the door and present our cares and concerns to God and resolve to do so over and over again knowing our persistence will pay off.

Our mountains are no longer growing, but we are.

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Prez who celebrated her 99th Birthday on Friday, July 22nd. Sto Lat!

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