

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



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June 7, 2020

Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace
will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

A Short Prayer to the Holy Trinity in Time of COVID-19

Heavenly Compassionate Father,
These days we have to keep our distance
from each other
Please don't you be distant from us.

Jesus our Lord, Savior and brother,
These days we cannot visit each other
Please come to our homes and visit us.

Holy Spirit of Healing,
These days we are fearful of each other's
breath
Please breathe on us your calming presence.

Amen

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OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

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).

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish has delayed our re-opening our churches for public Masses at this time.

Note: Each Mass intention will be remembered within the daily private Mass our Priest celebrate.

You may also keep each Mass intention in your daily prayers.

First Saturday, June 6th: Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Fatima by Mickey Pohl

(SC) Frank & Dorothy Palkovic, Anniversary by Tom & Marlene and Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 7th The Most Holy Trinity

(SC) Bernard & Jean Bargielski by daughters

(SC) Frank & Dorothy Edwards by Edwards Family

(SC) Frances Sundy by Children

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 8th: Weekday

(SC) All Sick and Shut-ins

(SA) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl

Tuesday, June 9th: St. Ephrem

(SC) Anne Marie Ropelewski by Family

(SA) More Vocation to the Priesthood, Deaconate and Religious Life

Wednesday, June 10th: Weekday

(SC) Edward Widomski, Anniversary by Rick and Ron Bolla

(SA) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club

Thursday, June 11th: Saint Barnabas

(SC) Our Priests by Marge Rabe

(SC) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

Friday, June 12th: Weekday

(SC) Our New Priests by Donor

(SA) Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom

Saturday, June 13th: Vigil Mass

(SC) Monica Sorenson by Family and Friends

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 14th: The Most Holy Body and

Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

(SC) Class of 2020—All Levels of Education

(SC) Richard Davis, Jr. by Kowalski Family

(SC) Ron Turbaczewski by Family

All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Come Holy Spirit by Mickey Pohl

2) Joe Krkoska by Don & Judy Halcom

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

St. Ann's

1) Improved Health for Mary Lou Wiczorek

2) Monica Sorensen by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Wanda Habas by Habas Family

2) Special Intentions of the Prez Family

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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello, Stephany Agnello, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

The rectory office remains closed until further notice.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for May 12, 2020

Collection \$3,354.00

Easter \$10.00

TOTAL \$3,364.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

As of May 30, 2020

Goal: \$21,446.00

Pledged Amount: \$10,140.00

Paid Amount: \$7,160.00

We continue to grow! Thanks to you!!!
We are still \$11,306.00 away from our goal and we could use your help to reach it. Together we can do it! Simply send in your 2020 CSA pledge/contribution and watch our numbers grow.

PARISH EXPENSES

Erie Water Works: \$491.96 (May 2020)

Telephone: \$328.28 (May 2020)

Please remember during this time you may drop your weekly offertory in the mail slot at the rectory office or mail your offertory to the rectory office.

The rectory office is located at

913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Reopening our Parish for Public Masses

Given concerns for the safety and health of everyone, as well as our current inability to comply with the required protocols, we have delayed re-opening our churches for public masses. In the next several weeks we will meet with Pastoral Council and re-assess our ability to comply with the restrictions and protocol and re-evaluate our status on June 30.

Our priests and the majority of our parishioners are in the high- risk category defined by the CDC. As the behavior and spread of the virus continues to remain unpredictable, it is still too risky to gather – even with social distancing practices in place.

The protocol for re-establishing public masses as outlined by the Bishop is very demanding and complex. To meet this protocol will require a core group of volunteers willing to be at all masses. The decision to re-open is also optional and the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day masses still remains in effect. Several parishes in our diocese as well as other areas of the country have chosen to delay re-opening for public masses. If you wish to view the protocols or Bishop Persico's town hall meeting, you will find a link at our website www.motherofsorrowerie.org or at the website for the diocese www.ErieRDC.org.

Our Mass and Sacraments are the very heart of our faith and who we are and we all miss them dearly. It is our hope and prayer that we will all be safely worshipping together in the near future.

The Divine Life within Us!

What is the one thing that is done at least three times during mass?

We make the sign of the cross and we do it to recall our baptism and also to remind us of the presence of the triune God or the Trinity - the God to whom we belong. On Trinity Sunday we celebrate one of the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity: The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit - three distinct, divine coequal persons in one God. Even for the Church, the Trinity is considered a mystery. There are aspects of it we will never fully grasp while we are on this side of heaven, yet it is something that we hold as revealed truth.

While the Trinity is a theological mystery it is not a puzzle for us to solve. While we may never comprehend its totality, we do experience its presence and accept its reality. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that God himself is an external exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and he destines for us to share in that exchange.

The Trinity dwells in us and it began at our baptism. It was the words and water (I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit) that brought us into the family of God and, gave us the new name Christian, and initiated us as members of this community. We were raised to the dignity of sharing in divine life and carrying out the work of God here on earth.

It is the Trinity's divine life that is in us that enables us as weak human beings to carry out the work of God. Just as the three persons of the Holy Trinity are perfectly united in a oneness of love, we are called to live in ever-greater love and unity with God and one another. Each of us lives out that external exchange of love here on earth by loving others, doing good for others, being persons of integrity, by continuing to be good disciples of Jesus.

How different the world would be if every Christian lived out the divine life within us and followed the examples Jesus gave us: Patience, kindness, determined love, and attention to the needs of those around us in all circumstances. Think about what happens when we step outside of ourselves and engage in an act of love with others, especially strangers. Their sense of joy and being loved is dramatically increased – and so is ours!

St. Augustine spent twenty years writing about the Trinity yet he summed up the heart of the Church's belief in this one simple statement: "If you see charity, you see the Trinity."

When we make the sign of the cross, or when we say the "Glory Be" let us make it a true prayer to the Holy Trinity to serve as a model for how we are to live. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are perfectly united in a oneness of love, when we make the sign of the cross let it be a prayer and also a promise. A promise that we will endeavor to continually to live in ever-greater love and unity with God and one another.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Dianne Connors, Michael Burenko, Charlotte Prez, 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, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, 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, 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, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, 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, 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, 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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Trinity Sunday Everyone! The Bishop has continued the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and also the Easter Duty Obligation because of the medical emergency caused by the coronavirus crisis! Stay Home, Shelter in Place, Protect Yourself and your family, stop the spread of the coronavirus! Pray for the day when we can all get together again. Praise the Holy Trinity. † Please join us in the Act of Contrition: *O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee. I detest all of my sins because of thy just punishments but most of all because I have offended you my God who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.*

† And now we invite you to make a spiritual communion: *My Jesus, I firmly believe that you are really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above things and I hope and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come now spiritually into my heart and soul. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you and your Sacred Heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. I pray through Christ our Risen, Triumphant, and Victorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.* † Congratulations to our brand new priests **Father Kevin Holland** and **Father Joseph Petrone**. They were ordained by **Bishop Persico** for the Diocese of Erie in a private ceremony last week. Pray for their faithful service to the church in Erie. Ad Mulos Annos! † Congratulations again to all of our graduates from every level of education. We are proud of all of them! † I thank the members of the **Kuzma Family, John Wolfe** and **Mike Fiscus** who have worked hard on the grounds of all of our buildings. Everything looks good and we're ready for summer...almost. † Thanks to those who keep sending collection envelopes by mail or dropping them in the mail slot at the rectory! You help us pay the bills which never stop! This is a difficult time for all of us! I know that the Lord appreciates your sacrifices and your reward will be great both in heaven and here upon the earth! Thanks for everything! † **Father John Paul Kuzma** will celebrate his 5th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood and complete his 5 year assignment to Saints Peter & Paul Parish in Philadelphia at the same time, June 6th! **Father John Paul** has received a new assignment in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be going to Boromeo Seminary as an advisor and spiritual director to the Franciscan Seminarians! More information as it becomes available. † Stay Safe! Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Hope to see all Soon! Take good care of one another!