

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 5th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak
by Larry & Dorothi Blout
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Anna Kowalski, Birthday by
Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Joseph M. Krkoska, by Judy and Don
Halcom

Monday, September 6th: Weekday and Labor Day

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions
→ 10:00am (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by John and Mary
Britton

Tuesday, September 7th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Rev. Richard Sullivan by Tracy and Steve
Balczon

Wednesday, September 8th: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Catherine Ann Murphy, Birthday by Mary
and Jim Vogt
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Don & Jean Purcell by
Family

Thursday, September 9th: St. Peter Claver

Private: (SC) Walter Harrison, Anniversary by Rose
Marie Bargielski
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and
Lisa Galla

Friday, September 10th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) William and Eva Jant by daughters

Saturday, September 11th: Weekday

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

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, September 12th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak
by Bob and Joan Kowalewski
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of
McKenna Martone by Godmother Tracy Balczon
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and
Lisa Galla

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Philip Stahon by Family
- 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) William & Eva Jant by daughters
- 2) Michael & Anna Pochatko

St. Casimir's

- 1) Fr. Daniel Prez by John J. Gutting
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory August 29, 2021: \$3,134.56

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,566.00 Paid: \$12,571.00

The 2022 Mass Book is now open for your Mass and Candle intentions.

The current Mass schedule will be followed and may be adjusted throughout the year according to Diocesan rules.

- ◆ Mass requests are first come first serve basis.
- ◆ 11AM Sunday are now full.
- ◆ Latin Masses are available.
- ◆ 12:05 PM Weekday Masses are available.
- ◆ The Private Masses, with Fr. Priscaro, will be available for your Mass intention. These Masses are offered on Saturday and Sunday at the convenience of Fr. Priscaro's schedule and are private, no one in attendance.

Send your Mass requests to the rectory office. You may drop your request in the offertory basket, in the mail slot at the rectory or mail them to the rectory office at 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503. Please enclose a separate check for your Mass requests (don't included payment with your offertory or CSA) and please indicate Mass Request on the front of your envelope. Also, please write/print clearly.

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From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

We will offer a **10:00 am Mass at St. Ann's on Labor Day**. Over the past year and a half all of us have come to the realization of how important work is and especially those who perform it. As we enjoy the day with family and friends let us pause for a moment to pray and give thanks for all those who work to help us maintain a normal sense of life and enjoy the things we sometime have taken for granted. **A very Happy Labor Day to everyone.**

Next weekend the Bishops of the United States have asked the parishes to take a second collection to help our brothers and sisters in **Haiti** affected by the earthquake a few weeks ago. Your generosity is most appreciated.

September 15 is the feast of **Our Mother of Sorrows** which is our parish Feast Day. To commemorate the day there will be a Latin High Mass at St. Casimir on Wednesday, the day of the Feast at 5:30 PM at St. Casimir Church. There will also be an outdoor procession and a Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A pot luck dinner follows immediately in the church hall. All are Welcome! Come bring a dish to share! Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church or you can call Ruth at 814-476-1632 or Lynn at 814-572-6638.

Please pray for the soul of **Ann Marie Wykoff** who was buried from Holy Family Church on Thursday, September 2. Let us also pray that her family will find peace and comfort through our Risen Lord.

20th Anniversary of 9-11 ... Twenty years ago, this month we watched in horror as the unimaginable tragedies unfolded at the Twin Towers in New York City, in a field in Pennsylvania, and in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon. Nearly three thousand people were killed on September 11, and it is believed that thousands of first responders have since died as a result of illnesses directly related to their work. Most of us can recall with vivid clarity where we were on that day. We also remember how as a nation we put aside our differences and pulled together while treating each other with kindness, compassion, and understanding. As we remember 9-11, please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who died. Let us also pray for peace in our world—for an end to terrorism and for an end to all violent conflict between nations.

Prayer service planned to remember aborted children ... A prayer service will be held for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on Sept. 18 at noon at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 5711 West Lake Road, Erie. Please meet at the Knights of Columbus pro-life stone at the west end of the cemetery near the infant section. In case of rain, meet at the cemetery chapel. For information about this day, go to www.nationaldayofremembrance.org.

Are we Open? ... The deaf and mute man in this week's Gospel is unable to communicate and in a sense is alienated from the world. By giving his hearing and speech back to the deaf and mute man Jesus is essentially giving the man his very self. Jesus places his finger in the man's ears opening his ears to sound and spits on the man's tongue to loosen it. Then he releases the man from his infirmities, saying: "*Ephphatha! Be opened!*" Jesus challenges us to "be opened," to open our ears to the Gospel message rather than refusing to hear it; to open our lips to proclaiming the Gospel message rather than remaining silent. Most of us would never think about deliberately closing ourselves to the Word. Yet it can happen unconsciously as we allow ourselves to become so busy that our well-intentioned desire to hear and act upon the Word of God gets sidetracked way too easily.

We can remain open to the message of Jesus through the little things in our daily lives such as spending a little less screen time: (TV, video games, social media, our mobile devices), and devoting more of our day to silence and prayerfully meditating on the Word of God. Or we can take time to listen to those in need and pray with them. There are numerous other ways to let Jesus in our lives – we just have to be open to finding them. The deaf and mute man in our Gospel was transformed from alienation to a relationship, one with Jesus the Divine healer. The focus isn't on the miracle but rather that God comes to save us! Just as the miracle released the deaf and mute man from his infirmities, it is through our relationship with Jesus and the opening of our hearts that we too are healed and given back our very selves. Are we open to it?



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