

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 8th: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Dorothy M. Oldach by Bobby and Karen Mazur

### Monday, May 9th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) William & Eva Jant by Daughters

### Tuesday, May 10th: St. Damien de Veuster

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Patricia Parmarter, Anniversary by Aunt Caroline

### Wednesday, May 11th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Caroline Larson

### Thursday, May 12th: Saints Nereus and Achilleus

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

→6:00pm (HF) Holy Hour

### Friday, May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Nancy Tate and Kitty Harrington

### Saturday, May 14th: Saint Matthias

Private (SA): Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Paul Gostomski

### Sunday, May 15th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Diocesan Special Second Collection for International Needs*  
Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Special Intentions of the Osiecki and Wodecki Families by Family

### Monday, May 16th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Paul and Mary Naguszewski by Jerry and Mary Ann Anuszkiewicz

### Tuesday, May 17th: Easter Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Thomas Prez

### Wednesday, May 18th: St. John I

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In memory of May Lou Wiczorek by Joann Calabrese

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

1) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla  
2) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

### St. Ann's

1) In memory of Anna (birthday) and Edward Winschel by Estate  
2) All Mothers, Living and Deceased

### St. Casimir's

1) Rev. James T. O'Hara, Birthday by Parishioners  
2) All Mothers of the Wodecki Family by Caroline Larson

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*CORRECTION—Sunday, April 24, 2022: \$2,430.00*  
(Please note the 4-24-2022 collection was incorrect in last weeks bulletin. Please excuse the typographical error.)

**Sunday, May 1, 2022:**

*Offertory: \$4,099.00*

*Good Shepherd Collection: \$378.00*

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**2022 Goal: \$31,397.00**

**Pledged: \$7,743.00      Paid: \$5,308.00**

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Working together we can reach our goal!

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 your CSA contribution. Please do not include it on the check for your offertory.

**Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!**

Diocesan Special Second Collection for the International Needs Collection will be collected on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Envelopes for this special collection are in your monthly packets. Thank you for your support of the International Needs Collection.



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**DEACON ADMINISTRATOR:** Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

**Happy Mother's Day** to all the women in our lives who are or who are like a mother to us. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love.

The **Mother's Day Carnations**, provided by People for Life, will be available after Mass today. Your donation of \$2 per carnation (\$6 for 10) will help support prolife educational programs and activities right here in northwestern Pennsylvania.

We took in \$378 last Sunday for the **Good Shepard Collection** for the needs of retired priests. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a second collection next Sunday for **International Needs**. This collection provides us with the opportunity to broaden our charitable horizons by reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world. This annual collection, to be taken up throughout the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 14 and 15, is a combination of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Catholic Relief Services Collection and the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. It offers a concrete way for us to help those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, children who go to bed hungry and who cannot attend school, and immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope, as well as those who are persecuted for their faith and those who wish to study for the priesthood, but do not have the means to do so. The collection gives us the means to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own, from Africa to the Middle East to Eastern Europe.

All are invited to participate in a **Holy Hour** on Thursday, May 12 at Holy Family Church. Each week prayers are offered for Vocations and the needs of the world.

Our **Knights of Columbus** council has joined all the other councils in Erie and Crawford Counties to conduct a **Baby Bottle fundraising drive** to benefit the Women's Care Center of Erie's goal of purchasing a mobile ultrasound van. This medically equipped vehicle will visit rural areas, as well as our five local Universities to provide valuable lifesaving services. In 2021, the K of C provided an ultrasound machine to the Care Center, and in less than a year 63 previously abortion bound women chose life for their unborn children, after viewing them on this state-of-the-art machine. While this is certainly an achievement, we are now focusing on helping to raise \$250,000 to purchase a mobile ultrasound van. If the K of C along with other entities are able to achieve this goal, the K of C Supreme council in Connecticut will pay the entire cost of the mobile ultrasound machine, amounting to about \$45,000. Baby bottles will be distributed as you leave church on **Mother's Day**. If you are financially able, we ask that you fill them with change, currency or checks and return them on **Father's Day**. All proceeds will go to the purchase of the mobile ultrasound van.

### **We are in good hands!**

Most of us are familiar with this slogan of one of the major insurance companies: "You are in good hands with..."

Today we receive the assurance that we are all in good hands as we are presented with one of the best known and most loved images of Jesus: The Good shepherd. It is only in John's Gospel that Jesus calls himself the good shepherd.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded the risen Jesus promises to never abandon us, never stop guiding us and never allows us to be taken over by another power. Rather, he takes us by the hand, holds us firmly and lovingly, and leads us to the fullness of life - communion with him in the loving hands of the Father.

The Good Shepherd calls each one of us to trust him, to have faith in him, and follow him. Often that becomes a little frightening because we don't know where he is taking us or what he might ask of us. Sometimes when he takes us through strange places we become like sheep, we get lost or tangled up in the brush or a fence.

The tragedies and challenges we experience in the world are not signs the Good Shepherd has abandoned us. Violence, persecution, and unrest, unfortunately have always been part of our human condition. What we do know is that evil does not win. We are not taken over by another power. No matter what we face, Jesus, the Good Shepherd is our center and he will lead us to the "springs of life-giving water, and wipe away every tear."

Jesus calls us to listen to his voice, to follow his lead as our Good Shepherd and to trust the direction he has shown for our lives. The Good Shepherd asks us to give our lives for the good of others and to live Gospel values even when they are in opposition to what others want of us. And for that the Good Shepherd promises to be with us always, to always guide us and never abandon us.

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