

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday, September 22, 2019

*Be trustworthy
in all things*



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday & Friday: 10:00AM to Noon

Tuesday: 10:00AM to Noon

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Friday: 10:30AM to Noon

These days and times may vary.

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).

PARISH OFFICE: Mrs. Pat DeVore, Pastoral Ministry & Religious Education; Ms. Mary Hickin, Religious Education (814-920-7525), Mrs. Caroline Larson, Office, Mrs. Helen Gangemi, Bookkeeper.

THE RITE OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann). Communal Celebrations during Advent & Lent. Anytime by request.

VOTIVE CANDLES are **\$3.50 each to light**. Place money in donation box next to the candles.

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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

TAKE ME TO WORSHIP!

Wedding Banns

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Saturday, October 5th

Brigid Clint and John Patterson

Monday, September 23rd ~ Autumn Begins



FIRST SATURDAY: Join us on **Saturday, October 5th 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 21st: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Chester & Angela Osiecki by Diane Zielinski
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 22nd: Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Marie Dzuricky by Family
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— Walter Spichiger by
 Kowalski Family
 11:00 am (SC) Robert Merski, Sr. by Children and
 Grandchildren
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) For the special intentions of our Priests,
 Staff Members and Volunteers
 12:05 pm (SA) Stephanie Vento, Birthday by Vento
 Family

Tuesday, September 24th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Marie Dzuricky by Grandchildren
 12:05 pm (SA) Special Intentions of Nancy Wauthier by The
 Vento Family

Wednesday, September 25th: Weekday

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Bernard Graf by Class of 1958
 12:05 pm (SA) John Niebauer by Bob & Stephanie
 Koshinskie

Thursday, September 26th: Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Joseph D. Rovnak by Michael & Linda
 Kuzma
 12:05 pm (SA) Thomas Vento, Birthday by The Vento
 Family

Friday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul

7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
 8:00 am (SC) Helena Roman by Krystina & Ludwig
 Medeksze
 12:05 pm (SA) Helen Dolak by the Dolak Family

Saturday, September 28th: Vigil Mass

3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
 4:00 pm (SC) Michael Kuhar by Judy Czarkowski
 All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, September 29th: Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Sunday

8:00 am (SC) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph
 9:30 am (SC) Latin Mass— Amy Farnem, Birthday by
 Victor and Ruth Kowalski
 11:00 am (SC) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Jacqueline Dylewski, Birthday by daughter Helen,
 Sam and Andrew Gangemi
 2) Marie Dzuricky by The Family
 Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred
 Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) All of our Priests by Marge Rabe
 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Casimir's

1) Deceased Members of the Sulecki Family
 2) Alexander & Eugenia Stodelsky by Don Barnes

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 (9/22) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
 Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (9/23) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Tuesday (9/24) Rectory office open 10AM to Noon.

Wednesday (9/25) Rectory office is closed.

Thursday (9/26) Rectory Office is closed.

Friday (9/27) Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.

Saturday (9/28) Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil
 Mass. (SC).

Sunday (9/29) 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM
 Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Sept. 21st (Vigil Mass) 4:00 PM

Lector: Kathy Mays
 Altar Server: Loretta Baran and Kyle Jackson
 Eucharistic Ministers: Eric and Maureen Fink

Sunday, Sept. 22nd

8:00 AM

Lector: Dianne Connors
 Altar Server: Eileen Ropelewski
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors

11:00 AM

Lector: Russell Robison
 Altar Server: Cameron Schroeder
 Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Mazur & Amy
 Schroeder



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15th Sunday after Pentecost in the Latin Rite. Peace and Joy be with all of you! † The 2020 Mass Book is now open for your intentions for next year on a first come, first served basis. Please call-in with your intentions and requested dates on Tuesdays or Fridays from 10AM to 12Noon or write out your requests and drop your list in the collection basket. We will do our best to fulfill your request on the exact date requested or as close as possible. Many ask for special dates for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, special feast days, certain saint's days, special intentions, thanksgiving, etc. We will try our best to fulfill your requests. †Fr. Phil Pinczewski and the good people of Blessed Sacrament Parish, 26th & Greengarden, invite all of you to their Fall Festival next Sunday from Noon until 5PM. They will offer all the fun festival food and activities. A \$5,000 grand prize drawing at 5PM. †We thank all who were able to give to the Catholic Education collection last weekend. If you were not prepared last week you may still add to that collection this weekend or whenever you wish. Half of this collection remains with us for Religious Education efforts in our own parish. Thank you for whatever you do to spread the Word of the Lord. †Fr. Mike Polinek, the Diocesan Director of vocations announces a Seminary Visit Day on September 29th from Noon to 3:30PM for all young men in high school who may have thought about the Priesthood. The young men and their parents are invited to attend Mass, have brunch, tour the seminary and attend a conference. If you are interested please RSVP to Father Mike at 824-1200. Father Mike will be happy to talk to you about any questions or concerns. Let's all continue our prayers for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Pray for Father Mike Polinek! †Last week we distributed 60 food baskets through our food pantry! The number increases each week. Thank you for your help by using the Poor Box or the blue envelope in your monthly packets. The families are grateful for your generosity. †St. Stanislaus Church has their annual Parish Day and "Polish Platter Dinner" on Sunday, October 6th in the parish hall on 13th St. †Last weekend we prayed for the victims/survivors of the clergy abuse scandal and for the good and holy priests who faithfully continue to serve their parishes without hesitation. Keep up your prayers. †Enjoy the end of the summer weekend, Autumn begins tomorrow! Keep Cool! Let's continue to pray for one another! Keep the Faith!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Prayer for Our Parish...How many of us are still praying for our parish using the prayer card that was available several weeks ago in the back of the church? Sure, it's easy to forget or get out of the habit! Our prayers are desperately needed not only for the universal Catholic Church but also for our parish. Today as we are just one week removed from our parish feast day now is a good time to re-dedicate ourselves to the prayer. In case yours was lost or you never received one it is reprinted here: *Mother of Sorrow, You who held Jesus in your arms please intercede with your Divine Son in our behalf. Ask Him to help us know one another better, to forgive one another more readily and to love one another more deeply. Help me to be open to the will of Jesus for the future of our Church. Help me to know how I can help your will be done. Amen.* Follow up with your favorite form of prayer such as an Our Father, Hail Mary, Scripture reading, or just silent meditation.

How Do We Use Our Gifts?...Today's Gospel tells a parable of sharp dealing and shady practices – of one who is out to seize any opportunity to improve his lot in life. Think about it, if the unscrupulous steward in the gospel deserved to be removed from his position for squandering his master's possessions, how much more did he deserve to be dismissed for forgiving debts that were not his to forgive? We do know one thing for sure: the steward was acting consistently: he squandered and gave away what was not his. Yet the dishonest steward is commended for being prudent – for acting with foresight. So, the point of today's Gospel is not really about honesty or how to handle another's property. While each of those are desired, Jesus teaches us about something much more serious, our ultimate future and destiny. A future that is ours to enrich or squander with the choices we make every day. Each and every one of us is called to be a steward of the gifts and abilities God has given to us. Along with those gifts we have the choice, we can squander them or we can make a concerted effort to improve these gifts for the glory of God. It is more than money or possessions – it is about sharing the message of the Gospel, through both our words and actions, with those near us: our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Something simple as doing little acts of kindness each day for the good of others. Jesus is not telling us that we should not have money or possessions. He is telling us not to worship false God's and to use our resources, time and talents, not just money in his service. This mission is not always easy. Choosing to serve God and others often places limits on our present way of living. It sometimes comes with pushback and criticism. But, if we stay the course and remain faithful it opens us up to a limitless future – an eternal future in God's eternal dwelling place. Think about the dishonest steward: How would his stewardship have been different if he had acted with this type of zeal and passion all along? How would his stewardship have been different if he had not taken for granted his position and gifts and used them to a positive end? Jesus continually reminds us not to take the gifts we have been given for granted that our lives as Christians consist in a series of ongoing decisions in which we reinforce or undermine our basic choice to follow Christ. How we use our resources can serve as a trustworthy thermometer of our commitment to Christ. Eternal life, then is dependent on two things: we are to be prudent and decisive in this life, and do all we can to obtain eternal life; we are to constantly monitor which God we serve. May we always recognize the great gifts and blessings God has given us by using them for his glory. And may we never wait for things to go wrong as the dishonest steward did, but always strive to act with foresight by knowing which God we serve and doing all we can to obtain eternal life.

This week's spiritual exercise: Re-read today's Gospel and after a period of quiet reflection ask: What talents do I have that I can be using in service to God? What currently is holding me back from using them?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, September 8, 2019

4PM Mass \$851.91
8AM Mass \$593.99
Latin Mass \$534.91
11AM Mass \$558.35
Candles \$138.00
TOTAL \$2,677.16

♥Erie Gives Day 2019 ~ \$2,844.50♥

Thank you to the 13 individuals/families that supported us on August 13, 2019 for Erie Gives Day 2019!

Thank you from the bottom of our heart!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019

No change to report this week. Every donation helps us reach our goal! Big or little it all counts! Help us grow our numbers. If you have not done so please make your commitment today! The CSA envelopes are in your monthly packet or envelopes are available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection. Thanks again!

CSA 2019 as of September 10, 2019

Pledged: \$18,587.00 Paid: \$17,167.00

Thank you to all of our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our family for the deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

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 (Home and Cell) _____

- 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 Dennis Kudlak, Lucille Murawski, Ted Mazur, Anne Goodrich, Monica Sorensen, 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., Frances Kierzek, Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, John Rzomp, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, Bertha Wernicki, 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, Bob Benim, 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 McMahon, 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.