

# Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 4th: Twenty-Third Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Robert Kowalewski, Birthday by Bob Demchak

### Monday, September 5th: Weekday/Labor Day

→ 9:30am (SA) Confessions  
→ 10:00am (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

### Tuesday, September 6th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) James Berdis by wife Barbara and Family

### Wednesday, September 7th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Walter Harrison, Anniversary by Rose Marie Bargielski

### Thursday, September 8th:

#### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) Habas, Kulig and Laszewski Families by The Kulig Estate

### Friday, September 9th: St. Peter Claver

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

### Saturday, September 10th: Weekday

Private (SA) Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

### Sunday, September 11th: Twenty-Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Rev. James T. O'Hara by A Friend  
10:30 am (SC) Confessions  
11:00 am (SC) Phil Stahon by Family

### Monday, September 12th: The Most Holy Name of Mary

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) In memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by St. Ann's Guild

### Tuesday, September 13th: St. John Chrysostom

11:30am (SA) Confessions  
12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of the Ropelewski Family

### Wednesday, September 14th:

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

## THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Lois Stockton, Anniversary by Kathy & Lew Boucher

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

### St. Ann's

- 1) William and Eva Jant by Family
- 2) Michael and Anna Pochatko by Family

### St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday Offertory ~ Aug. 28, 2022: \$1,998.00  
Erie Gives 2022: \$3,830.29

### Income and Expenses for August 2022

Income: \$17,022.36  
Expenses: \$11,853.42  
Difference: \$5,168.94

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$10,296.00      Paid: \$8,141.00

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 your CSA contributions or Mass requests on the same check as your offertory. Separate checks, please. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish mailing address remains 913 Fulton St., Erie, PA 16503 until further notice.

We need to finalize a few important items before changing the mailing address to the new office location. Thank you.



**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH MAILING ADDRESS IS: 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503**

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Holy Family Church, 913 Fulton St. \* Erie, PA 16503**

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

## From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

A very special **welcome to Brother Lucian Blain** of the **Brothers of the Sacred Heart**. The Brothers staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries and Brother Lucian will speak at Mass today asking for your prayers and financial assistance for the benefit of schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. As always, thank you for your generous support!

As announced last week at mass, we have been approached by several parties interested in purchasing the Holy Family property. This includes the former convent, Holy Family School, and possibly the rectory building. **Holy Family Church is currently not for sale.** Our finance and pastoral councils have both consented to continuing talks with these parties. The interested parties have recently toured the facilities and have expressed a desire to renovate the buildings, which are in a state of disrepair and use them for educational purposes. These facilities have not been used on a regular basis for several years and the parish is no longer able to afford the expense of maintaining them. We will keep you up-to-date as talks progress and we learn more.

Join **Deacons Denis Coan and Matt Ochalek**, deacon assistants at Erie's St. John the Baptist and Holy Rosary parishes, respectively, as they answer questions about our Catholic faith at a special event called **Cocktails with Clergy**. The event will be held Sept. 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Bar and Grill, E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Avenue, Erie. Heavy *hors d'oeuvres* and a cash bar will be available. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the event.

The **Our Lady of Peace Boy Scout Troop #59** is collecting new and gently used shoes of all types and sizes (no rollerblades or ice skates) to raise funds for an opportunity to attend the Boy Scout National Jamboree next summer. Shoes must be in pairs, soles/heels intact, no rips or tears. Drive-thru donations will be accepted at the OLP Scout House on the OLP campus, 2401 W. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Erie, on Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 between 6:30 and 8 p.m. Please direct questions to Leann Williams at 814-881-5690.

All men and women parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are welcome to join the **St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary**, an organization established in 1945 to provide spiritual support to young men who have chosen a life of sacred service. The first meeting of the auxiliary this year is Sept. 13, beginning with a Mass at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blyd., Erie, followed by a brief meeting. Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month. Seminarians attend the meeting so that auxiliary members have a chance to meet and visit with them. Participation in the auxiliary is not demanding, but the mission is fulfilling. For information, contact Kathy Holland at 814-440-3406.

### **Meeting the demand.**

In this week's Gospel Jesus lays out some very radical and nonnegotiable demands for discipleship: *If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.* On the surface this seems to be a pretty harsh demand until we put the words in proper context. The Aramaic word for "hate" really means "to love a great deal less." Jesus means that if God and his kingdom are of all-consuming importance, then all other loves are far less by comparison.

Jesus is not asking us to act without justice or compassion, rather he is asking that we become committed disciples of his and not distant followers. What Jesus commands is prioritizing him as the source of our life, and as its ultimate end. It is making our love for him the ordering principle of everything else we do. For without him, nothing else matters.

We all know that love requires sacrifice. Jesus knew that and he also knew that his life on earth would end at the cross. So, for us to be his follower and disciple we must be willing to follow his way of love and be prepared to lay down our own lives on a daily basis. This is the way of love – to sacrifice our own wills and desires for the good of the other.

That does not mean giving up or turning our backs on our families or loved ones. Discipleship demands discernment. It demands that we examine our lives and remove what is in the way of our relationship with God – what is preventing us from loving him completely!

Where is guilt getting in our way? Do we feel guilty about saying no to something that may not be good or right for us? Are we hanging on to our past?

Are our lives consumed with the "tyranny of the urgent" where everything is important and we have to get it all done in a day, leaving time for nothing else, much less our relationship with God?

All of us have responsibilities that are important. We have work and families, organizations we support and people who depend on us and we try to fulfill all our duties properly. This is part of living a good, Christian life. But, the more we rid ourselves of the unnecessary clutter in our lives the more we free ourselves to meet the demand of discipleship.

The demand that calls us to love our families and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but most importantly to love God above all else.