

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 25th: Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday

Novena Day 8

- 8:30 am (SA) Special Intentions of Evan Vieira by Charlotte Prez
- 8:30 am (SC) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of Jamey Martone and Family by Tracy and Steve
- 10:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 11:00 am (SA) Shirley Flak by Charlotte Prez

Monday, July 26th: Saints Anne & Joachim

Novena Day 9

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
- 8:30am (SA) In Memory of Edward Wiczorek by children, Mike, Anita, Diane, Gerard, Mark and Mary
- 11:30am (SA) NO Confessions
- 12:05pm (SA) NO Mass
- 7:00pm (SA) Good Health & Healing for Monica Palkovic by Mom and Family

Tuesday, July 27th: Weekday

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
- 11:30am (SA) Confessions
- 12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by John & Meg Britton

Wednesday, July 28th: Weekday

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
- 11:30am (SA) Confessions
- 12:05pm (SA) Betty Milsagle by Jean Deniziak
- 5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: Mark Dodson by Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Edwards

Thursday, July 29th: Saint Martha

- (SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
- 11:30am (SA) Confessions
- 12:05pm (SA) Joan Ropelewski, Birthday July 9th, by Sisters

Friday, July 30th: Saint Peter Chrysologus

- 11:30am (SA) Confessions
- 12:05pm (SA) Mary Lou Wiczorek by Bob & Karen Mazur

Saturday, July 31st: Saint Ignatius

- Private (SA) Halina Roman by Michael & Jean Boston
- No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

Sunday, August 1st: Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday

- Private (SA) Delores Marcus by Ray Wasielewski
- 8:30 am (SC) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Anna Kowalski, Anniversary by Mr. & Mrs. Vic Kowalski
- 10:30 am (SC) Confessions
- 11:00 am (SC) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla

The **102nd Saint Ann Novena** will end on Monday, July 26th. The Novena is held at Saint Ann's Church, 921 East Ave., Erie, PA with Fr. Denis Sweeney, C.Ss.R.

Blessing of Children/Blessing with Saint Ann Relic on Sunday, July 25th.

Blessing of Parents and Grandparents/Blessing with Saint Ann Relic on Monday, July 26th.

Please pay very close attention to the Mass/Confession schedules for the times and location of all Masses/Confessions during the Novena. Confessions will be heard before and after each Novena Mass at St. Ann's.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put together our 102nd Novena to Good Saint Ann and blessings to all who attended the 102nd Novena. See you next year for 103!

NOTE: Starting today, Sunday, July 25th the Sunday Latin Mass moves, permanently, to 9:00AM with confessions at 8:30AM.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Fr. Ron Gmerek by Friends

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

St. Ann's

- 1) Deceased Members of the Pochatko Family by Family
- 2) Deceased Members of the Hartman and Jant Families by Family

St. Casimir's

- 1) Habas, Kulig, and Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate
- 2) Fr. Dan Prez by Parishioners

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory July 11, 2021: \$4,333.32

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,161.00

Paid: \$11,521.00

Mark your calendars

Erie Gives Day 8/10/2021, 8AM to 8PM

www.ErieGives.org

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FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost in Latin Mass

Our 102nd annual novena in honor of St. Ann continues today and concludes on Monday at 7PM. Redemptorist Father Denis Sweeney's presentations have been encouraging and uplifting. Just what we need especially since we could not gather in person last year. If you haven't had an opportunity to attend, please stop by. Today Masses are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays Masses are at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. with a reception following each mass.

Today is World Day for Grandparents and Elderly ... Pope Francis has established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July. This date was chosen because it is close to the feast day of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. There will be a special blessing for parents and grandparents at our Novena Mass on Monday.

Dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day Masses to end soon ... Just a reminder that Bishop Persico is reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on **Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As always, the obligation does not apply to those with serious illness or health risks, as well as their caregivers.

Women of Grace Apostolate to offer virtual study event ... The Women of Grace Foundational Study has been offered in parishes throughout the Diocese of Erie and beyond. The next study opportunity to engage with women in and out of the diocese is "Mary Queen of Militants," scheduled on the following Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.: Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30. These meetings will be held via Zoom, with facilitator Chris Arnold, regional coordinator with Women of Grace for Western Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Chris at carnold@womenofgrace.com or 717-379-6041.

St. Paul Italian Festival, W. 16th and Walnut streets, Erie, Aug. 6-8. Visit www.stpaulcerie.org or call 814-456-6256.

The 2021 **Diocesan Anniversary Celebration** liturgies for couples celebrating **25, 50, 60 or more years of marriage** will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, August 1, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion, and Sunday, August 8, at St. Jude Parish, Erie. For more information and to register, go to: www.eriescd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html or call (814)824-1210.

5 Loaves and 2 Fish! ... Beginning this week and for the next several Sundays we will be hearing the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. In this week's passage we see that with almost no resources Jesus was resolved to feed the people. When the boy and the apostles hand over their paltry resources to the Jesus they become more than enough to do the job. In fact, when he was done the scraps were more than what he started with. The lesson is very simple: Jesus wants to feed us and he wants us to feed others. He wants to work the same miracle of feeding the hungry crowd and someone has to provide the bread and fish. That someone is us. Our bread and fish come in the form of the talents and gifts we have - some great, some small. But each of us has the ability to use our gifts to feed others and have an impact on this world. Often we think there is little if anything we can do to make a difference.

A while ago I encountered Jessica a young woman who was distraught over a family that she knew had fallen on hard times. The family was in desperate need for some help with medical expenses as well as basic needs. Jessica said "I feel God pulling at my heart telling me I have to do something to help this family." Jessica was 13 years old! She decided to set up a lemonade stand to raise money and as you can guess there were many naysayers. How much do you think you can raise? You need permits to do this sort of thing. No one wants lemonade from a stand, that is so old-school! Jessica's response: "I am doing it anyway! I will put it in Jesus' hands and go for it." She raised in excess of 1500 dollars. She had no corporate sponsors, no one to underwrite her efforts, no marketing plan. Just five loaves and two fish along with her desire and love which she gave to the Lord.

The same goes for all of us as Christian disciples. We look into the world and we may see selfishness, greed that rage in the human heart. We see corruption, hunger, homelessness, and the many other problems we face in life. Don't we all at some time feel overcome by the magnitude of these problems and feel helpless? Of course we do? Can we make a difference? When we hand it over to Jesus you bet we can. Jessica, with the love of Christ raging in her heart did it with only 5 loaves and 2 fish. So can we.

When we put what we have into the hands of Jesus, trusting in him and not just ourselves, then can we hope to make a real difference - in our hearts and in society at large. Every small act of charity and love adds up so eventually there is more than enough for everyone. What we could never achieve on our own, we can immeasurably surpass with God. Jesus is always looking out for us, always keeping an eye out to feed our hungry hearts. He tells us I will feed you with the Bread of Life and I am sending you out to feed others. What will each of us do with our 5 loaves and two fish?



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