

# *Our Mother of Sorrows Parish*

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*February 24, 2019*



Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together,  
shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.

*Luke 6:38*

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

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara  
DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski



**FIRST SATURDAY:** Join us on Saturday, March 2nd for 9AM Mass and Adoration at St. Ann's Church. The morning will begin with the Rosary at 8:15AM and 8:30AM Confessions. Fr. Gallina will be our celebrant. All are welcome.

### *Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES ON MARCH 6TH

Ash Wednesday, All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those ages 18 to 58, inclusive.

  
Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 23rd: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Lou & Della Batkiewicz by Family—  
Tim and Al Klugiewicz  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 24th: Seventh Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Casimir Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and Brother  
Richard Burke by wife Judy
- 9:30 am (SC) *LATIN MASS*: Mr. & Mrs. Owen J. Farnen, Jr. by Kowalski Family
- 11:00 am (SC) Msgr. Stephen Meko by Bob E. Merski

Monday, February 25th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Fr. Donald Berdis and Living & Deceased members of The Berdis Family by Sister Kevin Berdis
- 12:05 pm (SA) Sr. Vivian SSJ by Mickey Pohl

Tuesday, February 26th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Wanda Habas by husband Joseph
- 12:05 pm (SA) Special Intentions of Atty. & Mrs. Paul Pohl

Wednesday, February 27th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Deceased Members of the John & Sophie Sulecki Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Eastside Federation of Social Clubs

Thursday, February 28th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intention
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of the Huzar Club
- 12:05 pm (SA) Living & Deceased of the Slovak National Club

First Friday, March 1st: Weekday/World Day of Prayer

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Michael Kuhar by Carol Larson
- 12:05 pm (SA) Our Mother of Sorrows by Dolores Justka

First Saturday, March 2nd: Vigil Mass

- 8:30 am (SA) Confessions
- 9:00 am (SA) In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima
- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Fr. Donald and Living & Deceased of the Berdis Family by Sister Kevin Berdis  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 3rd: Eighth Ordinary Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Sally R zodkiewicz, Anniversary by Daughters and Families
- 9:30 am (SC) *LATIN MASS*: Margaret & Robert Shanta by Vento Family
- 11:00 am (SC) Ron Turbaczewski by wife and family  
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

*The relics of Saint Casimir will be venerated and applied at all Masses the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd.*

**Monday, March 4th: Saint Casimir Feast Day**

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Msgr. Stephen Meko by Bob E. Merski
- 2) Health & Healing for Bob Merski, Sr. by Family  
Our Mother of Sorrows: Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Our Priests by Marge Rabe
- 2) Msgr. McBride by Marge Rabe

St. Casimir's

- 1) John & Sophie Sulecki by Larry & Bernard
- 2) St. Joseph Altar—Special Intention

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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 Japan), and David Kraut  
*Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list.*  
*Thank you for your service to our country.*  
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday (2/24)** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.
- Monday (2/25)** Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.
- Tuesday (2/26)** Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.
- Wednesday (2/27)** Rectory Office is closed.
- Thursday (2/28)** Rectory office is closed.
- First Friday (3/1)** Rectory office is open 10AM to Noon.
- First Saturday (3/2)** 8:30AM Confession (SA) and 9AM First Saturday Mass (SA). Rectory office is closed. 4PM Vigil Mass (SC).
- Sunday (3/3) 2019 Catholic Service Appeal ~ "Commitment Sunday"** 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed. The relics of saint Casimir will be venerated and applied at all Masses

**OUR BELOVED DEAD**  
 Service Men and Women, Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors  
*Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased. May they rest in peace.*



### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

Welcome everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Septuagesima Sunday in the Latin Rite. Blessings and Graces, Peace and Joy to all of you! †Again today, as always, we ask you to pray for vocations and today we ask for prayers for our diocesan seminarians/students for the priesthood. We need more as you know so well. Please keep all of our students for the priesthood in your thoughts and prayers. †Anyone celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 60th wedding anniversary this year (2019) please notify the parish office. We will then call the diocese and make arrangements for you to receive a certificate from the Bishop. Please call the church office for more information. †Our 100th Solemn Novena to Good **Saint Ann** will be held this year during the month of July at St. Ann's Church. **Redemptorist Father Kevin MacDonald** will return again this year to direct our novena. **Father Kevin** comes from Woburn, Massachusetts and was ordained a Redemptorist Priest in 1991. He was with us last year and so many of you asked that he return this year for number 100! So be it! He will do it and we are all delighted! **Father Kevin** is a very interesting person. Before entering the Redemptorist Order he spent seven years playing professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. After ordination to the priesthood he has served in the Caribbean, Wesley, Dominica, St. Lucia and in Boston at the famous Mission Church, and New York City. He is currently assigned to Sacred Heart Church in New Smyrna Beach, Florida and serves as a Redemptorist Missionary going from parish to parish conducting novenas, missions, retreats, and various other preaching assignments. **Father Kevin** will be with us for the entire 100th Saint Ann Novena beginning July 18, 2019. We are blest! †Many of you like the popular booklet of prayers and meditations "The Word Among Us" The February edition may be found in the back of our churches. Each booklet contains meditations for the entire month plus all of the prayers for the Masses for the entire month. We will also have an edition for the entire Lenten Season. Be sure to pick up your copies this weekend. †**Drs. Tom and Lisa Walters** are happy to announce that a court of honor will be held for their son, **Nicholas Jude Walters**, on Saturday, March 16, 2019, when he will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by Boy Scout Troop 37 of the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations **Nick!** We are very proud of you! **Nick** follows in the footsteps of **Daniel Kowalski**, son of **Victor and Ruth Kowalski**, who became an Eagle Scout last year around this time. Congratulations to all! †**Msgr. Bernie Urbaniak** has sent the following information concerning the very popular Lenten Fish Dinners at St. Stanislaus Parish, 516 E. 13th St., Erie, PA. Dinners are scheduled for Fridays, March 8 and 22 and April 5, from 4-7PM. Cost is \$10/adults, Children 6-12/\$5 and under 5/Free. Take outs/\$10.25. Check out the flyer in the vestibule of the churches. **Msgr. Urbaniak** writes: "Come enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner with your family and friends." †Thanks to all of you for being with us for this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. †**This year the traditional Polish Lenten Devotion, The Gorzkie Zale, moves to Sunday afternoons at 2:00PM. All services consist of Lenten Lamentations and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The first in the series of Lenten Devotions begins on the First Sunday of Lent, March 10th, at 2PM.** Plan now to attend and bring your family and friends. †The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, February 25th, at 5:30PM at Ricardo's on East Lake Road (where else?) for a Dutch treat dinner meeting. All members of the K of C are invited to attend along with any men who might be interested in more information about joining the Knights. Please call Deacon Jerry Sobrowski if you would like to attend. Thank you for all that you did for your parish, your churches, and your priests and deacon throughout the year! Thank you for your cooperation, your thoughtfulness, and kindness and unending sacrifices and prayers! What a joy for all of us to be with you and working with you and for you and for the honor and glory of our God. We are ever-mindful of and ever-grateful for all of you. Let's continue to pray for one another. God has given us another day! Another Week? Another year? Let's use everyday wisely because some day will be our last. Peace, Joy, Happiness and Many Blessings to all!

### ***FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY***

**Knights of Columbus Gathering on February 25th:** Current members and those interested in becoming members of the Knights of Columbus along with their wives or significant others are invited to a social gathering at Ricardo's at 5:30 pm on Monday evening, February 25. The purpose of this gathering is to welcome potential members and allow current members to get to know each other better in a casual atmosphere. There will also be a planning discussion on the future of the Our Mother of Sorrows section. Everyone attending will be able to order dinner off the menu. It will be "Dutch Treat." If you plan on attending please contact Fr. Jerry Priscaro at 464-6913 or me at 464-3157.

**St. Ann's Novena – 100 Years!** This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our St. Ann Novena. It is still a few months away but the planning has started in order to make this important milestone in our parish history special. The committee working on the Novena is planning to put together a keepsake booklet commemorating the 100 years. If you have photos or other information from past Novenas or church history that you would like to share with us please give them to Fr. Jerry Priscaro or myself. Make sure you put your name and contact information on the back or identify them in some way so we can get them back to you. Also, is photography one of your hobbies or do you know of someone who enjoys photography and would be willing to help capture some of the moments at the Novena? If so please let myself or Fr. Jerry know. Stay tuned for more on the Novena! It is not too early to start praying for its success!

**The Beatitudes.** The beatitudes are the heart of Jesus' preaching. They tell us to love our enemies and love our neighbor. At the core of this sermon is Jesus' teaching on love that is characterized by forgiveness and generosity. These are characteristic of the Christian life. They offer us hope in the midst of trials and tests and help us to see the fullness of our lives as God has designed them. Blessed are we who trust in the Lord and follow his way!



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, John Wolfe, Ted Mazur, 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, Margret 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 Wieczorek, 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, Leo Laskowski, Lottie Carter, Agnes Priscaro, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, John & Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Bob Merski, Sr., Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Carolyn Mikolajczyk, 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 McMahan, Lillian Kolbas, Joyce Mueck, Carol Reynolds-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.*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

4:00 MASS \$660.50

8:00 MASS \$809.00

9:30 LATIN MASS \$486.25

11:00 MASS \$1,447.00

CANDLES \$165.00

TOTAL \$3,567.75

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2019**

**Commitment Sunday—March 3, 2019**

Commitment Sunday for the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal will be March 3rd. By supporting this Appeal we as a diocese can offer to those who are in need the services which no single parish can afford. The Appeal envelopes will be mailed to all homes in the parish packet and additional envelopes will be available in the back of the Churches for those who wish to place their contribution in the Sunday collection.

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL!**

**Faith Formation News for Feb. 24th:**

\*Middle, high school, Confirmation: Feb. 24 ~ 1:00 – 2:30 pm in the St. John Rectory.

\*Elementary: March 3, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Holy Rosary.

**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.*