

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 10th: Fifteenth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Galla and Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Jerome Sobrowski by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

Monday, July 11th: St. Benedict

11:30 am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) End of Abortion by Jean Wroblewski

Tuesday, July 12th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by The Juchno Family and Rod Showers

Wednesday, July 13th: St. Henry

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Wally & Evelyn Turowski by daughter Janet

Thursday, July 14th: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Dolores Dombkowski by Theresa Juchno and Family

Friday, July 15th: St. Bonaventure

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Julia Visosky, Birthday, July 16th by Christine Visosky

Saturday, July 16th: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Private (SA) Linda Ray by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, July 17th: Sixteenth Ordinary Sunday

Diocesan Second Special Collection—National Needs

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) In Memory of Fr. Daniel Prez by Mike Sorek and Ann Giannelli

Monday, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis

Saint Ann Novena Day 1

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

8:30am (SA) Czerwinski Family by Family

11:30am (SA) NO Confessions

12:05pm (SA) NO Mass

7:00pm (SA) Joseph Pochatko by Family

Tuesday, July 19th: Weekday/Novena Day 2

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

8:30am (SA) Kelly Lanutti by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:30am (SA) NO Confessions

12:05pm (SA) NO Mass

7:00pm (SA) In memory of Eileen Ropelewski by Estate

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

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

St. Ann's

1) Charles Chase and Joseph Pochatko by Spouses

2) William & Eva Jant by Daughters

St. Casimir's

1) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, July 3, 2022 ~ Offertory: \$2,609.00

Expenses

Diocesan Assessment for Catholic School Support
July Quarterly Installment for 2022: \$6,964.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$9,364.00

Paid: \$6,259.00

\$22,033.00 Away from Reaching Our Goal.

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 them on the check for your offertory. Thank you.

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!



Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is proud to announce the **103rd Annual Novena to Good Saint Ann**. The novena begins on Monday, July 18th through Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Saint Ann's Church, 931 East Ave., Erie, PA. Plenty of free parking. All are welcome.

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DEACON ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Mr. Jerome T. Sobrowski



From the Desk of Deacon Jerry

The 103rd Annual Novena in honor of Good St. Ann will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church, Erie PA from Monday, July 18th thru Tuesday, July 26th. Redemptorist Priest Fr. Phil Dabney, CSsR will be the guest preacher. **Helpers are needed on Saturday, July 16th** to wipe down tables and chairs in the downstairs social hall and to give the restrooms a good cleaning and plenty of restocking.

Daily Mass schedule for the St. Ann's Novena is Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26. **Weekend Mass schedule** is Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30 am and 4:00 pm and on Sunday, July 24th at 8:30 am and 11:00 am. Wednesday, July 20th religious articles will be blessed. On Friday, July 22nd the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. Saturday and Sunday a special blessing will be given to children. On the Feast of Sts. Ann & Joachim parents and grandparents will receive a special blessing. Please note there **will be no 11:00 am Mass at St. Casimir on Sunday, July 24.**

Congratulations to **M. Kaden Davis** for making the 2021-2022 Honor Roll at Mercyhurst Preparatory School.

The **Collection for National Needs** will be taken July 17. It affords the opportunity for Catholic communities who have the means to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. This collection is a Combination of two other collections: The Catholic Home Mission Appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. The Black and Indian Mission Collection, helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials and ministry training. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home and will be greatly appreciated.

We need help preparing the space at St. Casimir where the parish office will be moved to. The work will involve moving the current contents to another storage space and then doing a general clean-up and painting as needed. If you are willing to assist in this effort, please **contact Karen Mazur at 814-882-8656**. Once volunteers are in place a day will be scheduled to start the work. We are expecting to have the office moved and functioning by the end of August or sooner. We also need help painting the concrete church steps at Holy Family. They look weathered and are in desperate need of attention. The church is still used on occasion for baptisms, weddings and funerals with a wedding scheduled there for July 23. If you are willing to help please contact **Mike Kuzma at 814-873-4532**.

Pastoral Council met this week to continue discussions on the future of the parish given the shortage of priests, declining church attendance, and reduced income. Specifically, we are evaluating the best course of action to address Holy Family School and the former convent. One option discussed was to put both structures up for sale. Both structures have been vacant for almost 6 years and will require a significant investment to make them useable. We also discussed the need for a new roof on the rectory at St. Ann Church. **NO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE** on the sale or disposition of any of our properties without first consulting with the parish community.

Go and do Likewise! ... The Good Samaritan is one of the most loved and recognized parables in the Gospels. It is so popular that it has gained recognition and is cited even in non-Christian circles. This is understandable considering the notion of radical generosity is one of those ideals that most religious traditions preach. So, what would you say is the difference between the Good Samaritan and the two religious leaders who passed the man left half-dead by the robbers? Most of us would probably say the leaders put the law above the needs of the victim, while the Samaritan responded with mercy and compassion. But isn't treating others with compassion also a part of the law of God? What is more distinctive was the two religious leaders deliberately kept their eyes and hearts closed to the man in need by walking on the other side of the road – maybe out of fear that they would have to do something and be inconvenienced from their own plans to take part in rituals. Perhaps, if they had dared to walk directly past the man, they, too, would have been moved with compassion and thus fulfilled the law of love of neighbor. The Samaritan treated the victim as his neighbor, while the priest and Levite did not. This week our Gospel message calls each of us to examine our conscience and think about all that we do each day, while asking ourselves whether or not we are indeed loving God and neighbor absolutely and completely. Do the responsibilities of our daily lives cause us to walk directly past those we encounter who are in most need? This well-known story of the Good Samaritan was Jesus' response to the question: *And who is my neighbor?* In other words, what are the limits to my obligation? Jesus never answers that question. Instead, he tells a story about what it means to *be* a neighbor. We can easily become overwhelmed by the many needs of people in the world. In many cases, God is not asking us to go to the ends of the Earth to respond to those needs. Often, a brother or sister living nearby has special needs that we can meet. Do we have the courage of the Good Samaritan to approach our nearby brother and sister in need, look into his or her face, and respond out of mercy and compassion? If we can do that, then we are truly a neighbor to the one in need – and we are fulfilling the law of God. Jesus is the one who finds us lying mortally wounded along life's way. By no merit of our own, but simply because of his infinite compassion, Jesus comes to our aid. He binds up our wounds, offers forgiveness in the sacraments of baptism and penance, and gives us his holy word and the wine of his love in the Eucharist. So, today, in humility and gratitude for all Jesus has done for us and continues to do, let us resolve not to remain indifferent to the needs of those lying by the side of the road. Let us *Go and do likewise* by showing mercy and love to those we meet, our neighbors!