

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 22nd: Third Ordinary Sunday

Diocesan Second Collection for Faith Communication

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

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

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

Monday, January 23rd: Day of Pray for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Harriet Gallagher by The Theresa Juchno Family

Tuesday, January 24th: Saint Francis de Sales

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Betty Wasielewski by Ray Wasielewski

Wednesday, January 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Therese, Paul and Keith Kaval and Catherine Sitter by Jean Wroblewski

Thursday, January 26th: St. Timothy & St. Titus

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Health & Healing for Monica Palkovic by Mom and Family

Friday, January 27th: Saint Angela Merici

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Eugenia Hodas, Anniversary, January 23rd by Christine Visosky

Saturday, January 28th: Saint Thomas Aquinas

Private (SA) John Roman by Dr. Hal Angeloff

Sunday, January 29th: Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Billy King by Melissa King and Families

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas, Anniversary January 15th by Kathy Rzodkiewicz

Monday, January 30th: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Stephen Waterford by H. Lee

Tuesday, January 31st: Saint John Bosco

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) The deceased members of The Ropelewski Family by Estate

Wednesday, February 1st: Weekday

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Family by Paul & Lisa Galla

2) Sister Audrey Berdis, OSB, Anniversary by Family
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) For all parishioners Living and Deceased

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

St. Casimir's

1) Barbara J. Juchno by Ann Juchno

2) Habas, Kulig & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Offertory: \$1,346.28

Expenses

January 2023 National Fuel

Holy Family: \$2,145.02

St. Ann's: \$1,027.59

St. Casimir's: \$2,118.83

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2022 Goal: \$31,397.00

Pledged: \$11,141.00 Paid: \$9,741.00

Thank you to all who have Pledged or Paid their 2022 CSA. Please make your pledge today!
CSA 2022 is winding down. Please complete your 2022 CSA pledge today. Thank you.

→ Please issue a **separate check** for
→ CSA Contribution and 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** has been officially changed. **The Parish Office address is 630 Hess Ave., Erie, PA 16503.** The mail slot is on the south side of St. Casimir's Church right at the end of the handicap ramp. All mail and other correspondence should now be sent or dropped off at 630 Hess Ave. Office hours are by appointment only.



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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

Today's **Second Collection** is the 2023 Help Spread the Faith Communication collection that provides the tools necessary to keep you informed about what is happening in the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States and here in northwest Pennsylvania.

You are invited to a **special sale** that will be held on Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29 in the **Holy Family School Gymnasium**. Saturday's sale will be from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday's hours are Noon until 2:00 pm. There will be items from the Holy Family School, Convent, and Rectory on display in the Gymnasium for your review. All sales are final and any item that cannot be taken the same day must be removed by February 6, 2023. Michael Kuzma is coordinating Saturday's sale and Bob Merski will facilitate the sale on Sunday. To create a lasting legacy, funds generated from this sale will be used for the creation of a Holy Family Scholarship Fund to assist families from our parish with Catholic School Tuition. This sale **is for parishioners and alumni ONLY**. It will only be held on these dates.

Sale of the Holy Family school, convent, and rectory is progressing. The attorneys for both parties are drawing up the articles of agreement and once finalized they will be presented to Bishop Persico for approval. I will keep you posted on the progress.

There will be a **pastoral planning** meeting for the priests and deacons in the East Erie Deanery this Thursday at St. Mark's Catholic Center. I will let you know if anything significant transpires.

This past week, St. Ann Church was filmed by WQLN for an upcoming episode of Chronicles. The show will air on WQLN PBS on **Thursday January 26** and is also available on PBS's streaming app called passport. Currently they are producing a two-part episode called **Houses of Faith: Beyond the Brickwork**. The episodes portray the history of some of Erie's churches, the role that faith played in shaping Erie, and the role religion plays in its future.

People for Life are hosting the **Erie March for Life** on Jan. 28 from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The march begins at Perry Square in downtown Erie. Visit www.peopleforlife.org for more information.

Holy Rosary and St. John the Baptist parishes in Erie are hosting a **chili and soup cookoff** on Feb. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the new Mercy Center for Women Anchor Community Center, 1012 East 28 St., Erie. Taste some of the best chili and soups in town. Vote for your favorite. The cost is just \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages five to 15 and under five is free, with a family rate of \$25 for families of four or more. For more information call Pat Fronzaglia at 814.440.1987 or the parish office at 814.456.4254.

Holy Trinity Church in Erie is hosting a **cash bingo on Feb. 5 at the Polish Falcons Club**, 431 East 3rd St., Erie. Doors open at 12 p.m. with bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Admission is \$25 which includes one pack. Additional packs cost \$5. Call 814.456.5300 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins are welcome.

Light one candle

The Christophers, a Christian inspirational group has a very popular and distinctive motto: "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." When we think about it, in a power outage a candle certainly shines much brighter than it does in the light.

In our first reading this week the prophet Isaiah gives us the image of a shining light, a sign of God's presence and his infinite mercy. We hear echoes of Isaiah's words in our gospel as Jesus goes to the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, land of the Gentiles which was considered a land of darkness to the Jews of that time.

Fittingly it is here in a region of darkness where Jesus begins his saving work, allowing his light to shine brightly, reminding us that God wants all of us to see "a great light."

The symbol of light not only symbolizes God's presence and his infinite mercy, it also represents who we are to be – the light of Christ to the world.

At our baptism our parents and godparents received a candle that was lit from the Paschal Candle and were addressed with these words: "Receive the light of Christ! This light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He or she is to walk always as a child of the light. May he or she keep the flame of faith alive in his or her heart."

It is now our responsibility to safeguard that light and to bring it into the world especially to all who are in darkness. We do that by following Jesus' way of life and his teachings even when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable to do so. Just as lighting a candle can dispel darkness, the light of Christ that we carry can dispel the darkness of sin and confusion, indifference and selfishness, greed and despair.

Living in darkness is not a fate, it is a choice. Each of us have the opportunity every day, to bring the light of Christ to darkness to light up our lives and the lives of those around us. How will we do it this week?