

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church

ASH WEDNESDAY



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH BUSINESS OFFICE is located at 913 Fulton Street, Erie, PA 16503.

Office Hours

Monday, and Tuesday 10:00AM to Noon
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Friday: 10:30AM to Noon
These days and times may vary.

OUR MOTHER OF SORROW PARISH STAFF:

PASTOR: Father James T. O'Hara

DEACON ASSISTANT: Deacon Jerome T. Sobrowski

ASSISTING: Msgr. Gerald Koos (Retired); Msgr. Robert Smith (Retired); Father Jerry Priscaro (St. Ann), Father Joseph Gregorek (Retired).

PARISH OFFICE: Mrs. Pat DeVore, Office; Mrs. Caroline Larson, Office, Mrs. Helen Gangemi, Bookkeeper.

THE RITE OF PENANCE: Sat. 3:30 p.m. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Friday 7:30 a.m. (St. Casimir). First Saturday 8:30 a.m. (St. Ann). Communal Celebrations during Advent & Lent. Anytime by request.

VOTIVE CANDLES are **\$3.50 each to light**. Place money in donation box next to the candles.

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Saint Casimir Church

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Holy Family Church

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Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th ~ Lent Begins
ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.

Lenten Practices, Regulations and Observances

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.

*Please refer to the Mass Schedule for
dates and times of the
Special Lenten Services.*

*Gorzkie Zale and Benediction
Stations of the Cross
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020
COMMITMENT SUNDAY~ February 23rd is
commitment Sunday for the 2020 Catholic
Services Appeal. Envelopes are in your monthly
packets or available in each of our churches.
Thank you for your continued support!**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 22nd: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl and Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, February 23rd: Seventh Ordinary Sunday

CSA 2020 Commitment Sunday

- 8:00 am (SC) Monica Sorensen by The Sorensen Family
- 9:30 am (SC) ***Latin Mass***

The Soul needs of Catharine Ann, all Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Pillitteri, Howard and Kearney Families by Dr. Cerami
11:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased of the Hart Family
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, February 24th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Casimir Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters and Brother
- 12:05 pm (SA) Jay Peeso by Laura Johnson

Tuesday, February 25th: Weekday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Officers & Members of The Slovak National Club
- 12:05 pm (SA) Marlene Andrasciak by Bev Vento

Wednesday, February 26th: Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins

Ashes Blessed and Distributed at all Masses
(A Day of Fast and Abstinence)

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Living & Deceased Members of the Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 12:05 pm (SA) Norbert Figurski by Jim DeAngelo
- 4:00 pm (SC) Peaceful repose of the soul of Sister Geraldine Kasper, OSF

Thursday, February 27th: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Joe & Mary Pohl by Mickey & Family
- 12:05 pm (SA) Louise Jorgensen by Lori Duska

Friday, February 28th: Friday after Ash Wednesday

A Day of Abstinence

- 7:00 am (HF) Private Intentions
- 8:00 am (SC) Speedy recovery for Sister Rose Kuzma, OSF
- 12:05 pm (SA) Health & Healing for Joe Krkoska by Judy and Don Halcom
- 7:00 pm (SC) Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 29th: Vigil Mass

- 3:30 pm (SC) Confessions
- 4:00 pm (SC) Caroline Baran, Anniversary by daughter Loretta
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 1st: First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am (SC) Lucille Murawski by Paul & Lauren Greb
- 9:30 am (SC) ***Latin Mass***
John Campbell by Latin Mass Community
- 11:00 am (SC) Sister Geraldine Kasper, OSF by Sisters of Saint Francis
All Parishioners Living and Deceased

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

- 1) Living & Deceased of the Galla & Walach Families by Lisa & Paul Galla
- 2) Living & Deceased of The Slovak National Club
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

- 1) Pat Hart by Mickey Pohl and Family
- 2) Monica Sorensen by The Family

St. Casimir's

- 1) Norbert Figurski by wife Marlene
- 2) Health and Healing for Fr. Dan Prez

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Sister Geraldine Kasper,
Service Men and Women, Parishioners,
Friends & Benefactors
Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the deceased.
May they rest in peace.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday (2/23) Catholic Services Appeal 2020 Commitment Sunday. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Monday (2/24) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Tuesday (2/25) Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Wednesday (2/26) ASH WEDNESDAY. A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Rectory Office is closed. Refer to Mass Schedule for today's Masses.

Thursday (2/27) Rectory office is closed.

Friday (2/28) Day of Abstinence. Rectory office is open 10AM-Noon.

Saturday (2/29) 3:30PM Confessions and 4PM Vigil Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

Sunday (3/1) First Sunday of Lent. 9AM Confessions (SC). 9:30 AM Latin Mass (SC). Rectory office is closed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass—February 22nd

Lector: Kathy Mays
Eucharistic Ministers: Eric & Maureen Fink
Altar Servers: Kyle Jackson & Loretta Baran

Sunday Masses—February 23rd

8AM Mass

Lector: Dianne Connors
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Kuzma & Dianne Connors
Altar Servers: Eileen Ropelewski

11AM Mass

Lector: Russell Robison
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Mazur & Amy Schroeder
Altar Servers: Cameron Schroeder



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome Everyone as we celebrate the Mass for the Seventy Sunday in Ordinary Time, Quinquagesima Sunday in the Tridentine Latin Rite. †This weekend the homeless shelter is at St. Joseph's Community Center until February 26th and then it moves to St. John the Baptist. Supper and Breakfast is served at each location. No one should be on the street on these cold nights. The homeless are fortunate to have these shelters! Pass the word. †

Special prayers are requested for **Franciscan Sister Geraldine Kasper** who was involved in an auto accident recently. **Sister Geraldine** passed to her eternal reward and was buried from Mount Assisi Motherhouse in Pittsburgh on Friday, February 14, 2020. May she rest in peace. **Sister Rose Kuzma** continues to recover from her involvement in the same accident that took **Sister Geraldine**. Please keep both of them on your prayer list. †Remember **Father Dan Prez** in your prayers as well. **Father Dan** has some serious medical problems and needs prayers. **Father Dan** will go to Cleveland for medical treatments. Keep up the prayers. We will keep you posted. †**Father James Power** will offer the Latin Mass on the Feast of **Saint Casimir**, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6:30PM. It will be a Solemn High Mass with **Father William Barron** and **Father Ian McIlwraith** joining **Father Power** on the altar. A reception will follow the Mass with light refreshments thanks to the Latin Mass Community. Join us! †The traditional Polish Lenten Devotion, the Gorszkie Zale, will begin on Wednesday, March 11th at 7PM with parts one and two. Please join us. †Thank you again for supporting the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. We made our goal and had a few dollars left over for some parish projects. The 2020 appeal will be conducted throughout our diocese today, February 23rd. New envelopes are included in your monthly packets. Please make your pledges today Sunday, February 23rd and drop your envelopes in the basket. The CSA is the main source of support for projects and services of the diocese which serves parishes and the wider community in Northwest Pennsylvania. Our diocese does the work of Christ and needs our help to continue this important work. **Bishop Lawrence Persico** has assured us that donations to the 2020 CSA will not be used to fund the legal expenses of the diocese related to the Pennsylvania grand jury investigation on clergy sex abuse or to provide settlements for sexual abuse victims. The CSA is to help the diocese fulfill its' mission to evangelize, educate, serve and proclaim the word and celebrate the sacraments. Any amount that you could afford to pledge and give would be acceptable. We will remind you from the pulpit. Let's support our Bishop and the Diocese of Erie! †**Bishop Persico** visited the Barber Center on December 17, 2019 and told hundreds of people gathered there that **Dr. Gertrude Barber** would be a candidate for Sainthood in the Catholic Church. **Dr. Barber** was a life member of St. Ann's Parish, where she participated in Mass and received her sacraments and graduated from St. Ann's School. We now pray for her intercession and ask for her blessing and favors. †The Pastoral Council will sell Pierogi after the Ash Wednesday Masses and then every Sunday during Lent. The cost per bag (6 pierogi) is \$5.00. We thank the Parish Council for doing this for the needs of our parish and your convenience. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and next Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. Make a Good Lent! Peace and Blessings.

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON JERRY

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians!...We are honored to host, for two weeks, the icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians that is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It travels nation-wide to spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world. The icon was created by Italian iconographer Fabrizio Diomedi and depicts the Blessed Mother with the Child Jesus over her heart, spreading her protective mantle around a representative gathering of recent Christian martyrs including one of the six priest-members of the Knights of Columbus who were killed by the Mexican government in the first half of the 20th century. The four crosses represent an "ecumenism of blood" among martyrs of Roman and Eastern Catholicism, as well as those of Coptic, Armenian, Syriac and Orthodox traditions. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them. We will pray for these intentions with a special prayer at all Sunday masses while the icon is here.

Go to Our Inner Hearts!...This week, with Ash Wednesday we begin the season of lent. The ashes that we will wear on our foreheads will serve as a sign that together, as part of a community we are beginning a very sacred time of repentance – of turning back to God. We continue this sacred time of penance with special days of fasting and abstinence called for by the Church. This is an important aspect of Lent, as we, the people of God, turn back to our Father by changing our ways and asking forgiveness. As we celebrate the Sundays of Lent we draw nearer to our celebration of Holy Week and the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. But Lent is also a time for us to going deeper into our own hearts, as well as participating in our liturgies and Lenten practices. Each of us has an area in our own lives that tends to stand in the way of our coming closer to Jesus and to truly follow his way of the cross. Jesus invites us to quiet time, time in the wilderness and the desert of our busy lives, to discover from him what we need to let go of and what we need to practice in order to draw nearer to him and to radiate his life and love to others. As we begin the season of Lent, let us go to our rooms – or to our inner hearts – close the door, and spend time alone with God. Let God speak to our hearts about our particular call to draw closer to him, to turn away from any hindrances in the past, and to follow whatever form of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that will draw us closer to Him.

This week's Spiritual Exercise: What areas in our lives hinder us from becoming the people God intended us to be? What can we do during this Lent to change that?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, February 9, 2020

4:00 PM Mass \$823.00

8:00 AM Mass \$571.00

Latin Mass \$597.00

11:00AM Mass \$755.00

TOTAL \$2,746.00

Thank you for your continued love and generosity to your parish.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2020

Commitment Sunday for the 2020

Catholic Services Appeal is

Today, Sunday, February 23, 2020.

The Diocese of Erie has set our Parish Goal for the 2020 CSA at \$21,446.00. Please help us reach this goal. All funds above and beyond the \$21,446.00 remain right here in our parish. Please make your commitment to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal today by dropping your pledge envelope in the collection basket.

A heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you, to our parishioners, our friends, our benefactors, and our families for their deep devotion to Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and for your continued love, support and generosity.

Thanks for keeping our home fires burning!

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 & 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.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman, Father Jim O'Hara, Msgr. Gerald Koos, Fr. Daniel Prez, Fr. Joseph Gregorek, Fr. John Santor, Msgr. Robert Smith, Deacon Glen Kuzma, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Charlotte Prez, Pat & Gene Maciak, John Maciak, Anne Goodrich, Tom Duska, Sr., Kay Majersky, Maryann Marchant, Karen Antonio, Theresa Juchno, Theresa Zaborowski, Victoria Vargo, Lynn Clint, Sr. Rose Kuzma, Audrey Draszkievicz, Janice Schroeder, Walter Burenko, Jr., Margaret Kuzma, Jim Berdis, Jr. Susan Spadaccio, Eileen Ropelewski, Andrew G., Catherine Jankowski, Margaret Cermak, Robert and Karen Mazur, Thomas Kaiser, Raymond Wasielewski, Mike Lucas, 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, Lottie Carter, Jean Benedict, Jerry Jeroski, Linda Kuzma, Geraldine Tomczak, Mary Wierzbicki, Mary Lepkowski, Michelle Spath, Michael Wieczorek, Dolores Campbell, Paul Martin, Sr., Dolores Osiecki, Betty Miller, William Brennan, Sr. Rose Rovnak, OSF, Sr. Margaret Rovnak, OSF, Dorothy Wright, Jerry Hoydic, Grace Guelcher, Ann Winschel, Marianne Nicholl, Marie Jurino, Joe Habas, Dolores Causgrove, Patricia Mazzaresse, Michael Ryan, Anne Marie Wykoff, Joanne Nelson, Evelyn Buczynski, Jim Heubel, Eugeniusz Szczepura, 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, John Wolfe, Leokadia Bajek, Walter Zaborowski, Louise Grolemond, 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.

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Rev. Joseph Campbell (South Korea), Austin Agnello, Stephany Agnello, 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 Hawaii), and David Kraut
Please call-in with names to be added or removed from this list or change in location. Thank you for your service to our country.
